

As a result of these activities, Gentiles will come to Jerusalem with the object of their desire, i.e., silver and gold and present it as a gift to the temple (vs. 7a), and by means of this gift (silver and gold), the temple will be beautified and adorned. (vs.7b). The reason this will happen is that the silver and gold belong to the Lord and He disposes of it and bestows it at His will (vs. 8). Therefore, there is no doubt that this will happen. The result of this happening will be that the temple in the future will be more glorious than Solomon's temple so that Solomon's temple would look dingy in comparison to it (vs. 9a). When this does happen, there will be peace in Jerusalem where the temple will be located (vs. 9b). But when will this happen? The shaking of "the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land" and the shaking of "all nations" will happen at the second coming of Christ (cf. Matt. 24:29,30 and Rev. 19:11,13-21). The coming of the Gentiles to Jerusalem with silver and gold to present as a gift to the temple and the beautifying and adorning of that temple by means of that silver and gold will happen after Christ has established His kingdom here on this earth (cf. Isa. 60:5- the word "forces" means "wealth," 6,7, 9,11 - the word "forces" means "wealth," 12,13). At that time there will be peace in Jerusalem where the temple will be located (cf. Isa. 60:18). This agrees with the quotation of Hag. 2:6 in Heb. 12:26,27 where the author of Hebrews says "but now he (God) hath promised, saying, yet once more (in addition to shaking the earth with an earthquake when the law was given at Mt. Sinai) I shake not the earth only, but also heaven (at the second coming of Christ). And this world, yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made (at the second coming of Christ), that those things which cannot be shaken may remain" (one of the things that cannot be shaken is the spiritual kingdom of God which is the church of which the author speaks in the following verse.

#### 5. Effect of the Message

The people continued the work the Lord wanted them to do, namely, to rebuild the temple even though the existing state of the temple didn't measure up to their human expectations. Verse 19 of this chapter makes this clear, for the Lord wouldn't have removed the chastisement He had brought upon them nor promised to bless them with prosperity had they not continued to do the work he wanted them to do, namely, to rebuild the temple.

#### C. Third Message (Hag. 2:10-19)

##### 1. Time of the Message (Hag. 2:10a)

###### a. Year

It was the second year of Darius I (Hag. 2:10a). This would be 520 B.C.