

## **Haggai 2:20-23 – The Lord Reigns!**

**Main Idea of the Text: God is Sovereign in His Judgment of His enemies & Sovereign in His Blessing to His people.**

**The Date: December 18, 520 BC (Verse 20)**

1. The Second Message of the Day
2. Specifically to Zerubbabel, the Governor
3. Implications for All the People
4. Prophecy was on Future Events
5. No Commands, Orders, or Directions Given
6. Only Promises and Grace Given

**God Sovereignly Judges His Enemies (Verse 21-22)**

1. God Acts Alone (Personal Pronoun “I” Used 4x)
2. People, Nation, Governor, & Temple seem Small
3. God Controls All of History for His Purposes
4. Focus on Zerubbabel (v 21) – Governor, Not King
  - a. Son of Shealtiel (**1 Chronicles 3:16-18**)
    - i. Biological Father: Pedaiah
    - ii. Levirate Law: Kinsman Redeemer to perpetuate the name of the deceased
  - b. Pedaiah married the widow of Shealtiel and Zerubbabel was considered Shealtiel’s son
  - c. Lineage Traced to Solomon and David
5. This People is God’s People (**Deuteronomy 7:6-8**)
6. Promises of God to His People
  - a. A Great Nation (**Genesis 12:1-3**)
  - b. An Everlasting Davidic King (**2 Samuel 7:12-13**)
7. I Will Shake the Heavens and the Earth (vv 21-22)
  - a. **See Haggai 2:6-8**
  - b. Brings in Treasures of the Earth
  - c. Establishes God’s Kingdom
  - d. **See Rom 13:1; Daniel 2:20-21; Acts 17:26**
  - e. Defeat His Enemies: Earthly Might and Power – Political, Economic, Military (**Ps 2**)
8. Church Militant (Eph 6:12) → Church Triumphant
9. Points to Jesus’ Second Advent: Comes as King and Judge of the Nations

**God Sovereignly Blesses His People (Verse 23)**

1. Zerubbabel is “My Servant” – Points to King David
2. Zerubbabel is “My Chosen” – Points to King David
3. Isaiah 40-55 – Combination of these two terms throughout point to the coming Messiah
4. God Chose Zerubbabel by His Grace
5. Zerubbabel is Like a Signet Ring
  - a. A Signet Ring:
    - i. Symbol of Kingly Authority (**1 Kings 21:8**)
    - ii. Symbol of Endearment and Fierce Love (**Song of Songs 8:6**)
6. Reversed the Curse of Jehoiachin (**Jer 22:24-26, 30**)
  - a. Jehoiachin is AKA Jeconiah or Coniah
  - b. God Judged Coniah – Sons Never Sat on Throne of David
  - c. Grandson, Zerubbabel – Faithful God Reinstated the Line of David

**Zerubbabel Is A Type Of The Christ To Come**

1. Zerubbabel is in Jesus’ Lineage (**Matthew 1:12-16**)
2. Zerubbabel was a Chosen Servant like Christ
3. Zerubbabel Led God’s People Out of Babylonian Exile – Jesus Delivered God’s People from Sin
4. Zerubbabel Built God’s Temple – Jesus is Building God’s Spiritual Temple, the Church
5. Zerubbabel is God’s Signet Ring – Jesus is the Signet Ring in Whom are Found ALL the Promises of God
6. Zerubbabel is Promised a Shaking of the Heavens and the Earth – At the Cross the Heavens and the Earth Shook, and Will Shake Again at the Second Coming

**Application:**

1. No Reason to Fear Anything (World Events, Wars and Rumors of Wars)
2. BECAUSE Our God Sovereignly Reigns

**“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” (Luke 12:32 ESV)**