

I Can See Clearly Now:
Chapter #10

The Prophet Haggai

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Author:

The prophet *Haggai* whose name can be translated as "*Festival*" is considered to be the first *Postexilic* prophet during the time of the *Babylonian captivity*.

The prospect of *Freedom* with the *Promise of Return* to "*The Land of Promise*" and the *Release* from "*Captivity*" would be more than a good reason to have a *Festival*!

The Hebrews would again have a *Holy Temple* and *Hebrew People* need a *Temple* to celebrate a *Proper Hebrew Festival*.

Even though the prophet *Haggai* was advanced in age (thought to be in his late Seventies) he *Encouraged* the Hebrews by working alongside the prophet *Zechariah* who prompted and encouraged *Zerubbabel* and *50,000 Hebrew refugees* to *Reclaim "The Land of Promise"* *Rebuild* the walls of their home and the *Temple of Yahweh*.

This *Old Testament* prophet *Haggai* was a type of "*Barnabas*" an *encourager* whose *Positive* attitude and instructive correction moved the *Faithless Lazy* and *Apathetic* Hebrews to "*Action*" with a "*Renewed*" *Faith* and *Trust* in *Yahweh* and *His Law*!

The Prophecy:

The prophet *Haggai* was chosen by *Yahweh* to deliver *Father God's* call for the Hebrews to "*Repent*" (The turning away from sin) and to "*Inspire*" *The Chosen People* to *Return* and *Reclaim* --- *The land of Promise*!

The first part of *Haggai's* prophecy is a call for the *Hebrews* to *Return* and *Reclaim* their "*God Given*" *Homeland*, then *Rebuild* the *Temple of God* and the walls of their city.

The words of the prophet outline and point out how *Self-Centered* and *Uninspired* the Hebrew people have become during the *Babylonian captivity*.

The Hebrew people's uncomfortable conditions of life caused by the small productivity of the land are the "*Direct Result*" of the *Hebrews* lack of "*Faith*" in *Yahweh* and the "*Failure*" to follow the "*Obligations*" of the *Mosaic Covenant* and *The Ten Commandments*.

The prophet *Haggai* could have easily used this *sinful "Failure"* to *brow beat* the Hebrew people *into submission*!

Because the prophet *Haggai* was "*Inspired*" by *The Holy Spirit* of the "*Triune God*" *Yahweh* he *Encouraged* and "*Inspired*" *The Chosen People* to *Rebuild* their "*Rightful Place*" of *Life* and *Worship* in their own --- *God Given Land*.

The first *Corrective* action needed requires that the Hebrew people must "*Return*" to the land they were taken from and "*Rebuild*" *The House of The LORD*.

After the *Temple* is "*Rebuilt*" the *Temple of The LORD* will be filled with *Yahweh's "Glorious Dwelling"* in the *Temple of Worship*!

Father God's "Shakina Glory" Dwelling in the Temple will bring the "Promised" Blessings and Protection to Yahweh's --- Chosen People!

This next section of prophecy is *Yahweh's* explanation of why the *Hebrew People* have become *sinful* and their *Sacrifices* have become "*Unclean*"!

The *Hebrew* people do not *understand* the "*Pain*" of *Separation* they have caused *Father God* because they have "*sinfully*" *worshiped* other gods in *pagan temples* where their offerings were not offered "*Properly*".

The Hebrews are "*Exiles*" in *Babylon*; their *offerings* and *worship* were not given in *The Temple of The LORD* in the method required by the "*Written Law*" that was recorded in the *Old Testament* books of *Numbers 3:1-13*, and *Deuteronomy 12:1-32*.

As a *Predictable* result of the Hebrews *sinfulness* and "*Uncleanness*" their crop harvests and their material wealth are meager and less than normally expected.

The final section of the testimony of *Haggai* has again given us a look into the "*End Times*" *Events* that have not taken place but will "*Occur*" at the "*Appointed Time*".

This coming *Event* will be a "*Frightening*" time when *Father God* chooses to move this world to "*Repentance*" with --- *His Powerful Hand!*

Yahweh then instructs *Haggai* to tell *Zerubbabel* that because of his *Strength* and *Faith*, he will be "*Blessed*" by *Father God* and given a "*Special Position*" as "*Proof*" of the *Power of The Living Eternal God* --- *Yahweh!*

Haggai 1:1–11 (NLT)

A Call to Rebuild the Temple

On August 29 of the second year of King Darius's reign, the LORD gave a message through the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest.

² *"This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: The people are saying, 'The time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the LORD.' "*

³ *Then the LORD sent this message through the prophet Haggai: ⁴ "Why are you living in luxurious houses while my house lies in ruins? ⁵ This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: Look at what's happening to you! ⁶ You have planted much but harvest little. You eat but are not satisfied. You drink but are still thirsty. You put on clothes but cannot keep warm. Your wages disappear as though you were putting them in pockets filled with holes!*

⁷ *"This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: Look at what's happening to you! ⁸ Now go up into the hills, bring down timber, and rebuild my house. Then I will take pleasure in it and be honored, says the LORD. ⁹ You hoped for rich harvests, but they were poor. And when you brought your harvest home, I blew it away. Why? Because my house lies in ruins, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, while all of you are busy building your own fine houses. ¹⁰ It's because of you that the heavens withhold the dew and the earth produces no crops. ¹¹ I have called for a drought on your fields and hills—a drought to wither the grain and grapes and olive trees and all your other crops, a drought to starve you and your livestock and to ruin everything you have worked so hard to get."*

Comments on *Haggai Chapter #1 1:1-11 (NLT)*

Yahweh "The LORD of Heaven's Army" called the prophet Haggai to deliver a "Divine" Motivational message to Zerubbabel and Jeshua, this message would be a call for "Action"! The Hebrews have been exiles living in Babylon and have become "Domesticated" lazy livestock with no Ambition or Drive for the long hard "Return" to --- "The Land of Promise".

The LORD is always listening Intently to every thought and word of His children; Yahweh has listened long enough to the "Apathetic" Hebrew people making "Excuses" and Putting Off the "Return" to their "Homeland".

Yahweh then asks the "Lazy" Hebrew people why "The LORD of Heavens Armies" sees them living in comfortable homes when His "Holy Place of Dwelling" (The Temple) --- lies in ruins?

*Zechariah 4:6-7 (NLT)**The Rebuilding of The Temple*

⁶ Then he said to me, "This is what the LORD says to Zerubbabel: It is not by force nor by strength, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. ⁷ Nothing, not even a mighty mountain, will stand in Zerubbabel's way; it will become a level plain before him! And when Zerubbabel sets the final stone of the Temple in place, the people will shout: 'May God bless it! May God bless it!' "

Father God then asks the Hebrew people why they are willing to Accept the life of "Exile" servants and slaves of the Babylonians who plant much and harvest --- Extraordinarily Little! Yahweh tells them to think about why after the Hebrews pay taxes to the Babylonians, they have nothing but --- holes in their pockets!

This "Lukewarm" life in "Exile" for the Hebrews is one of just existing in a life of "Mediocrity" because they are under the Righteous Judgement of Yahweh for not wanting to "Honor" Yahweh by "Returning" to The Land of Promise to "Rebuild" His Temple.

The Chosen people of Yahweh can never receive the "Full" Blessing and Protection of Father God in "Babylon", (any foreign land).

This Special Blessing and Protection can only be "Delivered" in the "Holy Land", an incredibly Special Place that Yahweh has set aside for "His Chosen People" to Live and Worship in.

Yahweh will continue to "Limit" the harvest and the wealth of the Hebrew people until they "Return" and "Rebuild" their Homeland and --- "The Temple of The LORD"!

This "Return" and "Rebuilding" of The Land of Promise has already happened once in the time of the Old Testament, and has continued take place in modern times with the "Final Return" of the Remnant of the Chosen People that has begun again in the year 1948 A. D.

*Isaiah 49:8-12 (NLT)**Promises of Israel's Restoration*

⁸ This is what the LORD says:

"At just the right time, I will respond to you.

*On the day of salvation I will help you.
 I will protect you and give you to the people
 as my covenant with them.
 Through you I will reestablish the land of Israel
 and assign it to its own people again.
⁹ I will say to the prisoners, 'Come out in freedom,'
 and to those in darkness, 'Come into the light.'
 They will be my sheep, grazing in green pastures
 and on hills that were previously bare.
¹⁰ They will neither hunger nor thirst.
 The searing sun will not reach them anymore.
 For the LORD in his mercy will lead them;
 he will lead them beside cool waters.
¹¹ And I will make my mountains into level paths for them.
 The highways will be raised above the valleys.
¹² See, my people will return from far away,
 from lands to the north and west,
 and from as far south as Egypt."*

Haggai 1:12–15 (NLT)

Obedience to God's Call!

¹² Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the whole remnant of God's people began to obey the message from the LORD their God. When they heard the words of the prophet Haggai, whom the LORD their God had sent, the people feared the LORD. ¹³ Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, gave the people this message from the LORD: "I am with you, says the LORD!"

¹⁴ So the LORD sparked the enthusiasm of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the enthusiasm of Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the enthusiasm of the whole remnant of God's people. They began to work on the house of their God, the LORD of Heaven's Armies, ¹⁵ on September 21 of the second year of King Darius's reign.

In this section of *Haggai's prophesy 1:12-15;*

The "Power" of Faith that is found in the Biblical Act of "Obedience" has moved the Exiled "Remnant" of Yahweh's Chosen People to Demonstrate with their Action the "Faith" that has been found in the "Encouraging" words of the Holy Prophet of God, Haggai.

This Demonstration by the Hebrew people of their "The Fear of The LORD" (Respect) has been answered by the words spoken in The Eternal Promise of Yahweh --- "I Am With You"!

The Hebrew people have "Reconnected" to the source of their "Power" their Unstoppable Strength is found by understanding the Undeniable Truth, "All" Good Things are a "Gift" from their --- Loving Father God.

The “Return” of this *Forgotten and Missing Biblical Connection* to the *Unstoppable Power of Yahweh* has sparked a new *Motivation and Enthusiasm* in the “Downtrodden” and *Power-Starved* Hebrew people.

Psalm 16:1–4 (NLT)

The Power of Obedience!

- ¹ *Keep me safe, O God,
for I have come to you for refuge.*
- ² *I said to the LORD, “You are my Master!
Every good thing I have comes from you.”*
- ³ *The godly people in the land
are my true heroes!
I take pleasure in them!*
- ⁴ *Troubles multiply for those who chase after other gods.
I will not take part in their sacrifices of blood
or even speak the names of their gods.*

Deuteronomy 7:12–14 (NLT)

The Blessings for Obedience!

¹² *“If you listen to these regulations and faithfully obey them, the LORD your God will keep his covenant of unfailing love with you, as he promised with an oath to your ancestors. ¹³ He will love you and bless you, and he will give you many children. He will give fertility to your land and your animals. When you arrive in the land he swore to give your ancestors, you will have large harvests of grain, new wine, and olive oil, and great herds of cattle, sheep, and goats. ¹⁴ You will be blessed above all the nations of the earth. None of your men or women will be childless, and all your livestock will bear young.*

Haggai 2:1–5 (NLT)

The New Temple’s Diminished Splendor

Then on October 17 of that same year, the LORD sent another message through the prophet Haggai. ² “Say this to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of God’s people there in the land: ³ ‘Does anyone remember this house—this Temple—in its former splendor? How, in comparison, does it look to you now? It must seem like nothing at all! ⁴ But now the LORD says: Be strong, Zerubbabel. Be strong, Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people still left in the land. And now get to work, for I am with you, says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies. ⁵ My Spirit remains among you, just as I promised when you came out of Egypt. So do not be afraid.’

Comments on *Chapter #2 1-5;*

This section of *Haggai's* prophesy is a *Cautionary Warning* for Hebrew people who have *Returned to Rebuild* the walls of their homes and *The Temple of God*.

The Hebrew people must as they *Rebuild* the *Holy Temple of God* always "*Remember*" the "*Splendor*" of *Yahweh*, not the *splendor* of *His* former *Temple*!

The newly *Returned* willing to work "*Remnant*" and the *Hebrew people* who are still living in *Babylon* are told by *Father God* to "*Not Be Afraid*" of enemies --- *Spiritual* or *Physical*.

The *Hebrew People* must *Always* "*Remember*" to find their "*Strength*" in *Yahweh* who is "*The LORD of Heaven's Armies*", *Yahweh* will "*Always*" be with *His* --- *Chosen People*!

The *Timed* and *Fearful* Hebrew people are told *Yahweh's* "*Spirit*" as their *Protective Father God* always *Remains* with them.

His Hebrew Children must not *Fear* they need to "*Trust*" *The One* who brought them out of "*Egypt*" (The slavery of sin), remembering "*Who Yahweh Is*" and "*What*" He has "*Promised*"--- *His Chosen People*!

Psalm 96:2–6 (NLT)

Sing to The LORD!

² *Sing to the LORD; praise his name.*

Each day proclaim the good news that he saves.

³ *Publish his glorious deeds among the nations.*

Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.

⁴ *Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise!*

He is to be feared above all gods.

⁵ *The gods of other nations are mere idols,*

but the LORD made the heavens!

⁶ *Honor and majesty surround him;*

strength and beauty fill his sanctuary.

Psalm 56:2–4 (NLT)

When I Am Afraid!

² *I am constantly hounded by those who slander me,
and many are boldly attacking me.*

³ *But when I am afraid,*

I will put my trust in you.

⁴ *I praise God for what he has promised.*

I trust in God, so why should I be afraid?

What can mere mortals do to me?

Haggai 2:6–9 (NLT)

I Will Bring Peace!

⁶ *"For this is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: In just a little while I will again shake the heavens and the earth, the oceans and the dry land. ⁷ I will shake all the nations, and the*

treasures of all the nations will be brought to this Temple. I will fill this place with glory, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. ⁸ The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. ⁹ The future glory of this Temple will be greater than its past glory, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. And in this place I will bring peace. I, the LORD of Heaven's Armies, have spoken!"

Comments on *Chapter #2*; this part of the prophesy of *Haggai 2:6-9* is once again a look into the *Future*, it is a "Glorious" Peaceful period of time that will come to the *Hebrews* and the *Promised Land*.

When *The LORD* tells us "In just a little while" we tend to think in terms of *our understanding* of time. *Yahweh the Eternal God* is not *Locked Into* a "Time Period" as we are, so we must "Trust" *Father God* and wait on His "Perfect Timing" to take place.

2 Peter 3:8-9 (NLT)

He Is The LORD of Time!

⁸ *But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. ⁹ The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.*

Comments on *Haggai 2:6-9*; we are told in this part of the prophesy of *Haggai* how *The LORD of Heaven's Armies Yahweh* --- "Will Again Shake the Heavens and the Earth"!

The *Royal Title* of "The King of all kings and LORD of all lords" is given to *Jesus Christ* in the *Bible Book of Revelation*, *Jesus Christ* is "LORD" and the second part of --- *The Holy Trinity*.

Jesus Christ is the *physical Flesh and Blood "Man-God"* the *Living* second part of the "Three-Part" *God Yahweh!*

Revelation 19:11-16 (NLT)

Jesus Christ Is --- King of All kings!

The Rider on the White Horse

¹¹ *Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. ¹² His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself. ¹³ He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God. ¹⁴ The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses.*

¹⁵ *From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress.*

¹⁶ *On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords.*

In *Chapter #2 Haggai 2:9* we read how the "Future Glory" of *Yahweh's Temple* will be "Greater" than its past "Glory", and that in "This Place" (*Israel*) *Yahweh* will bring ---"Peace"!

The Holy Temple of Yahweh is and will always be in "The Promised Land" the God Given home of The Chosen People --- The Nation of Israel.

At some point in the Future, "Peace" will fill The Land of Promise then "The True Vine" (The Hebrew people) and the "Grafted in" (Believers) will live in Peace "Singing Praise" to "The Messiah" Jesus Christ and the One True God --- Yahweh.

Jeremiah 33:6–9 (NLT)

Peace!

⁶ "Nevertheless, the time will come when I will heal Jerusalem's wounds and give it prosperity and true peace. ⁷ I will restore the fortunes of Judah and Israel and rebuild their towns. ⁸ I will cleanse them of their sins against me and forgive all their sins of rebellion. ⁹ Then this city will bring me joy, glory, and honor before all the nations of the earth! The people of the world will see all the good I do for my people, and they will tremble with awe at the peace and prosperity I provide for them.

Haggai 2:10–19 (NLT)

Blessings Promised for Obedience

¹⁰ On December 18 of the second year of King Darius's reign, the LORD sent this message to the prophet Haggai: ¹¹ "This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says. Ask the priests this question about the law: ¹² 'If one of you is carrying some meat from a holy sacrifice in his robes and his robe happens to brush against some bread or stew, wine or olive oil, or any other kind of food, will it also become holy?' "

The priests replied, "No."

¹³ Then Haggai asked, "If someone becomes ceremonially unclean by touching a dead person and then touches any of these foods, will the food be defiled?"

And the priests answered, "Yes."

¹⁴ Then Haggai responded, "That is how it is with this people and this nation, says the LORD. Everything they do and everything they offer is defiled by their sin. ¹⁵ Look at what was happening to you before you began to lay the foundation of the LORD's Temple. ¹⁶ When you hoped for a twenty-bushel crop, you harvested only ten. When you expected to draw fifty gallons from the winepress, you found only twenty. ¹⁷ I sent blight and mildew and hail to destroy everything you worked so hard to produce. Even so, you refused to return to me, says the LORD.

¹⁸ "Think about this eighteenth day of December, the day when the foundation of the LORD's Temple was laid. Think carefully. ¹⁹ I am giving you a promise now while the seed is still in the barn. You have not yet harvested your grain, and your grapevines, fig trees, pomegranates, and olive trees have not yet produced their crops. But from this day onward I will bless you."

In Haggai Chapter #2:10-17; we are told about "Sinless Offerings" and why this Spiritual "Cleanliness" must always be a "Requirement" for the Worshipers of Father God.

This Cleanliness "Law" is not only for Worship and Offerings given to Yahweh it also includes the person making the Offering or Worship, they also must be --- "Sinless"!

The Eternal God Yahweh is "Totally" Without sin and God has never known sin He cannot "Accept" Worship or Offerings that are "Contaminated" with sin.

*The other problem the Hebrew people have during the *Babylonian Captivity* is that they are *worshiping* and *making offerings* in temples that are *one or both*, they are "*Pagan*", or places of *worship "Not Located"* in *The Land of Promise* that was given to *Father God's Chosen People*.*

The full Protection and Blessing that Yahweh has "Promised" for the Hebrew people could not be made available to them while they were living in "Egypt" (sin) .

*This "Deadly" Spiritual Condition of the Hebrew peoples "Uncleanness" (unforgiven sin) described in the *Book of Haggai* is an *Especially Important* lesson for all mankind then and now.*

Deuteronomy 11:26–28 (NLT)

The Blessings of Obedience!

²⁶ "Look, today I am giving you the choice between a blessing and a curse! ²⁷ You will be blessed if you obey the commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you today. ²⁸ But you will be cursed if you reject the commands of the LORD your God and turn away from him and worship gods you have not known before.

Thankfully today all sinful mankind can be "Forgiven" of "All" sin and made "Clean", but only if they "Repent" (Turn away from a life of sin) and "Accept" Jesus Christ as their LORD and Savior! It is your True Belief and Faith in Jesus Christ that allows His "Sinless Blood Sacrifice" on the "Cross of Salvation" to make your Worship and Offerings Clean and "Acceptable" at Father God's Holy Alter.

Romans 8:1–3 (NLT)

Life in the Spirit!

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. ² And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. ³ The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)

A Gift from Father God!

²¹ For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

In Chapter#2:18-19 the Hebrew people were told to take Note and Remember December 18th the date when the Foundation Stones for The Temple of Yahweh were placed.

This date in time of the history of the Hebrew people would be the start of a new time of

Productivity and Blessing for the "Returned" Hebrew Remnant.

From this time forward *"The Chosen People"* (The Hebrew People) will *Prosper* when they follow *"The Law"* that was given to *Moses* before they entered *The Land of Promise*.

This *Blessing of Increase and Abundance* for the *"Remnant"* will come to its final *Glorious Climax* when *"The Messiah" Jesus Christ* is sitting on *His Throne* as --- *The King of Israel!*

1 Timothy 6:15 (NLT)

King of Kings!

¹⁵ *For at just the right time Christ will be revealed from heaven by the blessed and only almighty God, the King of all kings and Lord of all lords.*

Haggai 2:20–23 (NLT)

Promises for Zerubbabel

²⁰ *On that same day, December 18, the LORD sent this second message to Haggai: ²¹ "Tell Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah, that I am about to shake the heavens and the earth. ²² I will overthrow royal thrones and destroy the power of foreign kingdoms. I will overturn their chariots and riders. The horses will fall, and their riders will kill each other.*

²³ *"But when this happens, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, I will honor you, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, my servant. I will make you like a signet ring on my finger, says the LORD, for I have chosen you. I, the LORD of Heaven's Armies, have spoken!"*

In *Chapter #2 2:20-22* the readers of the prophesy are told of a *Future* place in time where *"The One True God" Yahweh* will use *His "Powerful Hand"* to *"Correct"* this *sinful Lost world*.

When *Father God* records a *"date in time"* in *His "Holy Word" the Bible* more than once that date and the event that takes place on that date will have a special place in the *"Perfect" Future Plans* of --- *Yahweh*.

This time of the *"Overthrowing"* of the *worldly powers* will happen at some point in the *Future*, their *thrones and kingdoms* will all be --- *Destroyed!*

This day of *Reckoning and Judgement* will come, and it will be the time and day of *Yahweh's "Choice"* according to *His Will*.

At *Father God's "Chosen Moment"* in time the *"Final" Foundation Stones* will be set for *The Temple of The LORD* in *The Land of Promise* --- *Israel*.

This *"Feast of Dedication"* (Hanukkah) will announce the *"Return"* of *"The Messiah" Jesus Christ* as *The King of Kings* and *The LORD* of all mankind.

John 10:22–30 (NLT)

Jesus Claims to Be the Son of God

²² *It was now winter, and Jesus was in Jerusalem at the time of Hanukkah, the Festival of Dedication. ²³ He was in the Temple, walking through the section known as Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴ The people surrounded him and asked, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."*

²⁵ Jesus replied, "I have already told you, and you don't believe me. The proof is the work I do in my Father's name. ²⁶ But you don't believe me because you are not my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, ²⁹ for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

The final section of the prophesy of Haggai Chapter #2 2:23 Yahweh promises to "Honor" Zerubbabel for Returning to Rebuild "The Temple of The LORD", he will be "Honored" by making him --- "a signet ring on my finger".

This "Honor" would make Zerubbabel the Representative of Yahweh wherever and whenever he "Appeared" to Proclaim --- The Glory of Yahweh!

In the Book Revelation 11:3-6 of we are told that in the "End Times" Two Witnesses will have Protection and Power given to them by Father God to cause "Plagues" as they --- Prophesize! The Two Witnesses Will Prophesize to God's Chosen People and the entire Gentile world telling the Unsaved people about "The Messiah" Jesus Christ and "The One True God" --- Yahweh! They will be the "Lamp Stands" clothed in burlap that will bring the Bright Light of "Truth" to a Lost world of sin and Disbelief.

It would not be hard to believe that Zerubbabel "The Holy Prophet of God" who was given the "Honor" of becoming a "Signet Ring" of Yahweh could be called back to the world as one of "The Two Witnesses" that will Represent "The Word of God" in --- The Final Days.

Revelation 11:3-6 (NLT)

The Two Witnesses!

³ And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will be clothed in burlap and will prophesy during those 1,260 days."

⁴ These two prophets are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of all the earth. ⁵ If anyone tries to harm them, fire flashes from their mouths and consumes their enemies. This is how anyone who tries to harm them must die. ⁶ They have power to shut the sky so that no rain will fall for as long as they prophesy. And they have the power to turn the rivers and oceans into blood, and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they wish.