

Haggai 1:1-8 + 2:6-7

This Haftarah reading refers to the seven years of famine described by Joseph in Pharaoh's dream.

Haggai 1:6 - "Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes."

The lack of success in sowing and reaping and general failure of all their projects is because they have failed to rebuild the Lord's house, the Temple.

Haggai 2:6-7 - "For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts."

The "desire" here is a plural that means treasure or riches of the nations.

According to the Babylonian Talmud (Yoma 22b), the Second Temple lacked five things which had been in Solomon's Temple, namely, the Ark, the sacred fire, the Shekinah, the Holy Spirit, and the Urim and Thummim.

Yet, **Haggai 2:9** says- 'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says the Lord of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the Lord of hosts."

The "latter temple" was a type of Christ, who referred to the temple of his body:

John 2:20-22 - "This temple took forty-six years to build," the Jews replied, "and You are going to raise it up in three days?" But Jesus was speaking about the temple of His body. After He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this.

The writer of Hebrews refers to the last part of **vs.7** in talking about the unshakeable kingdom of God.

Hebrews 12:26-29 - "Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire."