

# HAGGAI : Kingdom Perspective

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## Study 4: Christ's Unshakable Kingdom

**READ** Haggai 2:20-23 and **LISTEN** to the [sermon](#) by Pastor Craig.

In this fourth and final message from Haggai, Zerubbabel receives a very personal encouragement from the Lord, with the news that a day is coming when God's Messianic King will overthrow the kingdoms of the world and establish His reign forever – and Zerubbabel will be used as a type of Christ to prepare the way for this Messiah. Standing behind this wonderful prophecy is the Lord of hosts who can and will achieve what He has determined for His people and for His glory.

**Big idea:** God's message for His people today is to hold tightly to Christ and serve Him diligently because Christ's Kingdom will prevail.

### Questions:

1. From vv. 20-23 write down as many characteristics of God as you can find that are implicitly or explicitly referred to. What encouragement and comfort do you find from each? Be ready to share these with your group.
2. Read Isaiah 46:8-10. Explain the difference between God's foreknowledge of future events and His ordaining of future events.
3. Write down the list of events prophesied from vv. 20-23. When do you think these did or will occur?

What assurance do you have that those events predicted thousands of years ago, that have not yet occurred will actually happen?

4. The signet ring, in v. 23, refers to the authority someone is granted. Zerubbabel's offspring (Matt 1:12), the Messiah Jesus, was to receive the "signet ring" from God. Identify examples that show Jesus Christ received and wielded the authority of almighty God both in His life, resurrection and ascension.
5. Knowing Jesus has all authority now as king, do you recognize Him as king, or another? If you do, how does His kingship encourage you, convict you or compel you? Read also Matt 28:18-20, John 18:36, and Rev 1:5-6.
6. Read Hebrews 11:13-14 and explain how people before Christ lived in light of God's promises to come. Why is it important to trust God when we die without receiving the things that He promised?
7. As you reflect over the four studies of Haggai, what are one or two new insights received or applications you are now resolved to carry out?

### STOP AND PRAY:

**Confess:** *times you have rebelled against Christ's kingship through anger or control*

**Thank:** *King Jesus for reigning over your life in mercy, wisdom, and love*

**Pray:** *for joy in difficulty, peace in uncertainty, & faith in God to care for your future*