



## **Sermon Listening Guide (August 3, 2025)**

**Scripture:** Haggai 2:20-23

**Sermon Title:** "Final Things"

### **First Thoughts**

These verses conclude our Haggai study and give us an opportunity to "Go Deeper."

The final four verses are strong words of encouragement to frazzled people.

### **Redeeming the Past**

In Haggai, the Lord gave them the command to rebuild the temple and surrender their hearts.

Zerubbabel (governor of Judah) is mentioned several times in Haggai.

The book concludes with him lifted out as a major character in the narrative.

In Jeremiah 22, Zerubbabel's grandfather is told none of his descendants will sit on the throne.

In Haggai 2, Zerubbabel is given a future as God's chosen man.

God delights in making things new.

### **Look to the Future**

In verses 21 and 22, God promises to smash the enemies of Jerusalem.

Verse 23 points to Christ's arrival as a descendant of Zerubbabel.

In our New Testament era, we see ourselves as extensions of the prophecy.

Through Christ (and Zerubbabel), we continue the good work of God today.

In Haggai, we learn that ultimately there is something even greater than the temple.

### **Final Thoughts**

As Haggai pleaded with a distracted world, we also try to reach the world for Christ.

In looking back to 520 BC Jerusalem, we should also look ahead to Christ's return.

Do the work of God and surrender to Christ today.