

FREEDOM NEWS

WHERE FAITH MEETS ACTION

Haggai 2:6-7

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NEWSLETTER

UNDERSTANDING THE END TIME SHAKING

We can see all around us that many things are shaking throughout the world. Shaking of governments, shaking in our political parties, shaking in the business world, the financial markets, shaking in the entertainment industry, shaking in the nations as wars break out, shaking in weather patterns with unprecedented floods, hurricanes, fires and earthquakes, shaking in the schools, in our families, shaking in the church world as church leaders have fallen, the very institutions that we have trusted - shaken.

Why is this happening? We can look to the Word of God for our answers to these questions. Thousands of years ago the prophets spoke of the time we are living in.

Haggai 2:6-7 For thus says the Lord of host; Yet once, in 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 says the Lord of hosts.

But you may think, Haggai lived in 520 BC, how can this be connected with the year 2025 that we are living in? The answer to that question is found throughout the Bible as it is a supernatural book filled with prophecies that have already been fulfilled unlike all other writings of other religions. Also, we see in interpreting Bible prophecy that there is often a near fulfillment in the time that the prophet lived and also a far fulfillment for the distant future. We call these dual prophecies. There are other clues such as when certain words are used such **in that day, the day, in the last days** that it is telling us that this involves a far prophecy.

The word shake used in the book of Haggai comes from the Hebrew work RAASH which means to undulate the earth and sky, make to tremble, make afraid.

We see Jesus speaking of shaking in His teaching on end time events in the Gospels:

Matthew 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.

The word shake is found in the Epistles also such as **Hebrews 12:27** And this word, Yet once more, signifies the removing of those things that are shaken as of things that are made that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. This word shaken is from the Greek word SALEUO which means to waver, agitate, stir up, destroy, disturb.

There are other occasions of the use of this same Greek word elsewhere in the New Testament.

Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

Acts 16:26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake so that the foundations of the prison were shaken and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bands were loosed.

We see the use of this word shaken may be a shaking that can be a great blessing as getting filled with the Spirit and speaking in other tongues or getting out of prison and being delivered from being executed. But there is also a shaking that is frightening, it comes suddenly and without warning, causing fear and trembling due to a shaking of the very foundations of the earth. The shaking is also associated with the coming of Jesus.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-2 Now we beseech you brethren by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and by our gathering together unto Him, that you be not soon shaken in mind or troubled neither by spirit or word, nor by letter from us as that the day of Christ is at hand.

There is shaking taking place because the Lord is preparing us for the return of Jesus to the earth. Many are not ready, both sinners and saints, so He is shaking us to cause an awakening in us. He desires us to be ready, are you ready to meet Him? When Jesus appears in the sky to take the church out of the earth, are you ready to meet Him? If you don't know Him, He has provided a way for you through the sacrifice of His Son on the cross. If you are a half-hearted Christian, still living your life as you desire and not as the Holy Spirit has been trying to show you, repent and surrender all of your heart to Him.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Father's Day Cookout - June 15th @ 6 PM

Outdoor Movie Night & Games - June 20th @ 7:30 PM

Speaker - Brad Flook - July 25-27

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