Kingdom Priority 5: Messianic Hope HAGGAT 2:20-23

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Romans 5:1-5

1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character...

Romans 5:1-5

...produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

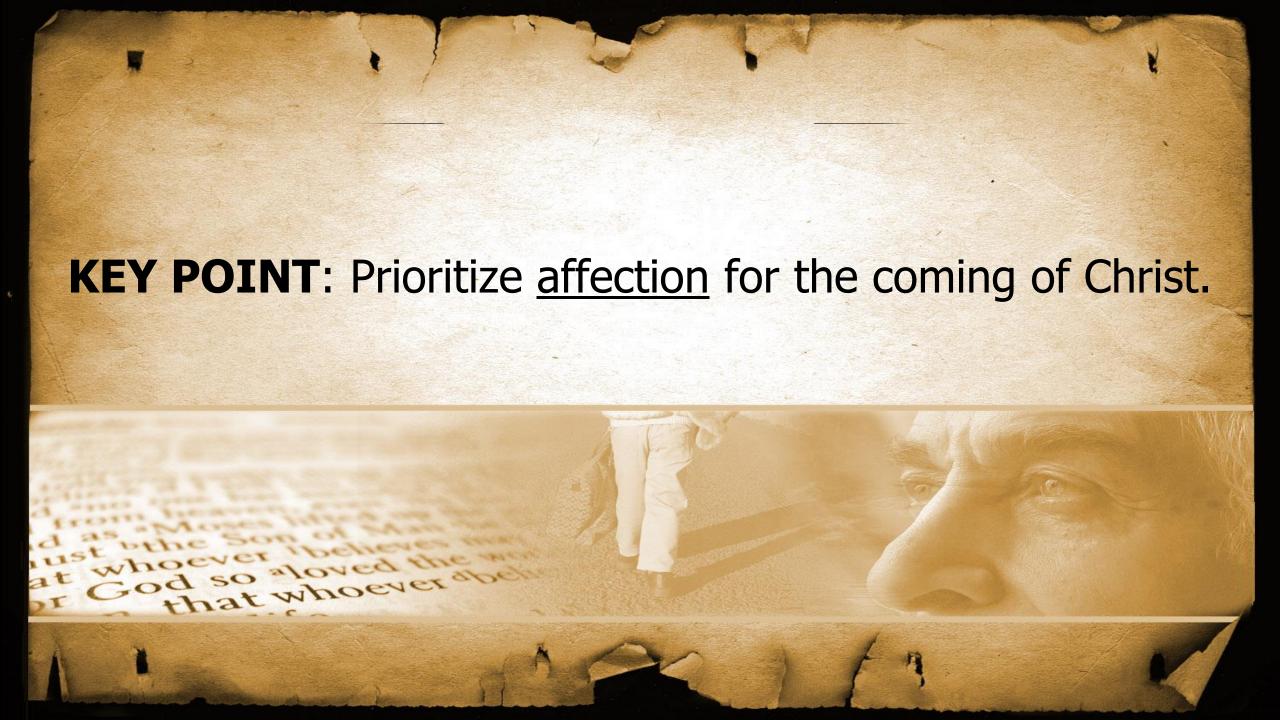
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Outline of Neglect in Haggai

- Neglecting the glory of God's name (1:1-11)
- Neglecting their own obedience to God (1:12-15)
- Neglecting spiritual growth (2:1-9)
- Neglecting to repent (2:10-19)

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Neglecting the Messianic hope (2:20-23)



The Missing Kingdom Priority	Haggai Passage	Year	Month	Day
God's House	1:1-11	2	6	1
Obedience	1:12-15	2	6	24
Spiritual Growth	2:1-9	2	7	21
Repentance	2:10-19	2	9	24
Messianic hope	2:20-23	2	9	24

The Battle of Armageddon

- Near a hill called Megiddo, 60 miles north of Jerusalem
- "the most natural battlefield in the world" (Napoleon)
- "the war to end all wars"

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• Zechariah 12:1-9; 14:1-5; Revelation 16:12-16; 19:11-20

Who Was Zerubbabel?

- Born in Babylon when the Judeans were in captivity
- Father's name Shealtiel; his grandfather: King
 Jehoiachin the last king of Judah before this captivity
- Brought up around royal favor (II Kings 25:29)
- Sent by Cyrus II to Jerusalem and appointed Governor
- Helped construct the Temple

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"My Servant"

- Likened to the "Servant Songs" of Isaiah, which are Messianic
- David called this (II Sam 3:18; I Kings 11:34;
 Ezek 34:23; 37:24-25)

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 Zerubbabel, a part of the Messianic line (Matt 1:12; Luke 3:27)

Jeremiah 24:24-28

24 As I live, declares the LORD, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, were the signet ring on my right hand, yet I would tear you off 25 and give you into the hand of those who seek your life, into the hand of those of whom you are afraid, even into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and into the hand of the Chaldeans. ...

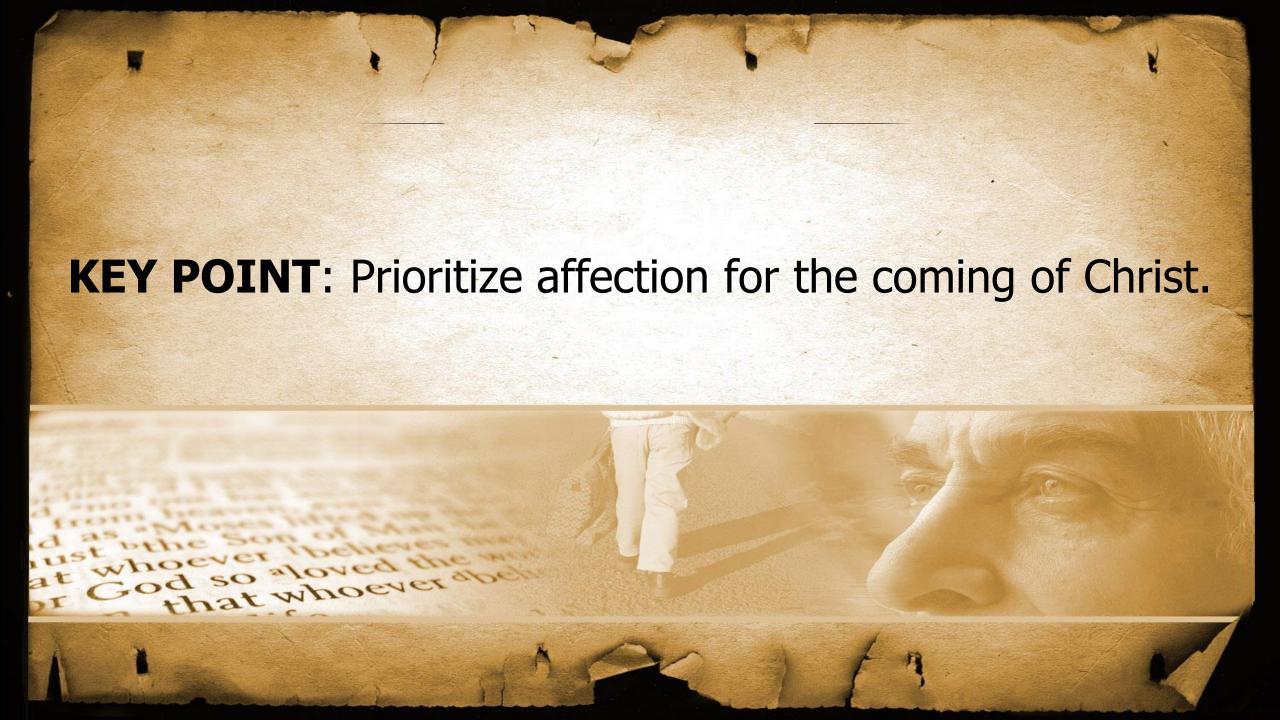
Jeremiah 24:24-28

... 26 I will hurl you and the mother who bore you into another country, where you were not born, and there you shall die. 27 But to the land to which they will long to return, there they shall not return." ²⁸ Is this man Coniah a despised, broken pot, a vessel no one cares for? Why are he and his children hurled and cast into a land that they do not know? ...

What Was the Signet Ring?

- Normally laced around the neck or finger of a king and used to pen letters or sign decrees (I Kings 21:8; Esther 3:10; 8:8, 10; Daniel 6:17)
- Corresponded to the crown; symbolized royalty and authority and power
- Became a Messianic symbol in the O.T.

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* References to the Second Coming

Old Testament
 No less than 1,845 references in the O.T.
 17 of the 39 books reference it

New Testament
318 references in 260 chapters
23 of the 27 books reference it

Hebrews 6:18-20

18 so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. 19 We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, 20 where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Job 19:25-26

25 For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
 26 And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God,

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Job 19:6-12

Job 19:26-27

Trapped animal, obstacles when traveling, king who lost his throne, building that fell down, uprooted tree, one of God's enemies, alone

Hope in a Redeemer