

We will now begin the sixth lecture on Minor Prophets. /Today we will begin with Haggai 2:10.

/Read 2:10. /On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Haggai:

/Here, God taught the Israelites about cleanliness and corruption through the prophet Haggai. /Here, Haggai explained through two examples. /First, a person carried consecrated meat in his garment.

/Yet, if his garment touched bread or stew, wine, oil, or other food, would it still be considered consecrated? /Certainly, it would not remain consecrated. /The consecrated meat in the garment is a holy offering.

/However, because the people disobeyed God's word, their offerings would not be considered holy. /The people formally gave offerings to God. /They were not holy just because they ritually gave offerings to God.

/One becomes holy when he gives offerings to God while he obeys God's word. /In the book of Haggai, the true offering was giving offerings to God while building the temple.

/Next, the prophet asks two questions. /A man touched a dead body and became defiled. /Then what would happen if the defiled man touched bread or stew or other food? /It would become defiled. /Numbers 10:22

/If a man who became defiled by touching a dead body touched something else, it would too become defiled. /This means that if we come in contact with anyone who disobeys God's word, we too would become defiled.

/When we disobey God's word, we become defiled like the man who touched a dead body. /This is one who is dead in faith. /James 2:26 /Therefore, we must obey God's word and worship God.

/Verse 15. /"Now give careful thought to this from this day on--consider how things were before one stone was laid on another in the LORD's temple.

/It says, "Now give careful thought to this from this day on--consider how things were before one stone was laid on another in the LORD's temple." /This meant that they were to think about the days before they began to build the temple.

/When the people stopped building the temple, they went around building their own houses. /When anyone came to a heap of twenty measures, there were only ten. /When anyone went to a wine vat to draw fifty measures, there were only twenty.

/Verse 17. /I struck all the work of your hands with blight, mildew and hail, yet you did

not turn to me,' declares the LORD.

/This happened because God punished them with blight, mildew, and hail. /The people were punished by God and failed before they constructed the temple. /When we do not live with faith, we will fail in our worldly works.

/Verse 18. /'From this day on, from this twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, give careful thought to the day when the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid. Give careful thought:

/On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, God told them to think about the day when the foundation of the temple was laid. /That was the time when the foundation of the temple was laid. /The people prepared materials from June 24. /Then on September 24, they began to lay the foundation of the temple.

/Then God said that he would begin to bless the Israelites. /In verse 19, there was no grain in the barn before they began to construct the temple. /There was no vine, fig tree, or pomegranate.

/There was a famine before the people built the temple. /They received storms and hail as punishment. /They earned wages, but they put them into purses with holes. /They earned money before they built the temple, but they lost money in many places as if there were holes everywhere.

/However, when the people began to lay the foundation of the temple, God began to bless them. /Therefore, it is important that we construct our spiritual temple. /It is important that we grow in faith and grow in spirit.

/Thus, it is important that we obey God's word. /We must build ourselves up. /We must become more and more like Jesus.

/Verse 20. /The word of the LORD came to Haggai a second time on the twenty-fourth day of the month:

/Verse 21. /'"Tell Zerubbabel governor of Judah that I will shake the heavens and the earth.

/Now, God would shake the heavens and the earth. /God said that he would judge the earth and destroy all the enemies of Israel. /God would judge everyone who disrupted the construction of the temple.

/No matter how strong the surrounding nations were, God would destroy them all. /Psalm 20:7, 8. /Therefore, we must not be afraid even if there are many enemies. /The nations of the world will shake.

/When Jesus returns, the sinful world will receive judgment. /Revelation 19:17, 18 /The sinful nations of the world will be destroyed, and only the Lord's church will remain

forever. /The sinful world will receive a fire judgment.

/We will look upon a new heaven and a new earth. /2 Peter 3:10 /2 Peter 3:10 /The outer layer of the earth will melt away. /Still, we will look upon a new heaven and a new earth. /2 Peter 3:13 /In Revelation 18, the humanistic Babylon is destroyed.

/Verse 23. /"On that day,' declares the LORD Almighty, 'I will take you, my servant Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel,' declares the LORD, 'and I will make you like my signet ring, for I have chosen you,' declares the LORD Almighty."

/God would use Zerubbabel. /God said, "I will make you like my signet ring," /and this meant that God would seal Zerubbabel. /God would acknowledge Zerubbabel. /God would compliment him.

/When we build our temple, God will acknowledge us. /Revelation 3:12 /Today, God gives peace and joy to those who construct their spiritual temple. /God compliments us in the amount that we become like God in his image.

/God holds in his arms those who well construct their temple. /We learned about building the temple through Haggai. /Our Jesus is the Temple. /We believers are also a temple that God dwells in. /1 Corinthians 3:16

/We must build our home of faith. /Our Holy Spirit dwells in our hearts, and therefore, we must construct the temple of faith well. /In this way, when we build our temple well, God will give us an abundance of things. /Here we will conclude Haggai chapter 2.

/We will continue with Zechariah. /The book of Zechariah was written by the prophet Zechariah. /Zechariah lived in the same time as Haggai. /The people of Judah returned from Babylon.

/Zechariah was also from a family of priests. /Nehemiah 12:1, 8, 16; Ezra 5:1; 6:14. /Zechariah means, "Jehovah has remembered." /The book of Zechariah speaks most about the Messiah and the revelation of the Last Days from among the Old Testament books.

/There are many visions, prophecies, and symbolic expressions in this book. /There are many prophecies about the Messiah. /There are also various records about the Last Days.

/Zechariah was a grandchild of Iddo. /Iddo. /Nehemiah 12:4, 16 /Zechariah also lived in the same generation as Haggai. /Ezra 6:14 /He recorded this book from 520 BC to 470 BC. /520 BC to 470 BC.

/He recorded chapters 1-8 in 520 BC. /He wrote these in prose. /He wrote these in prose.

/Then chapters 9-14 were recorded in 470 BC. /He wrote these in poetic writings. /Zechariah especially prophesied about the Messiah.

/For example, he writes about the first coming of Jesus in 3:8. /He also prophesied about Jesus' first coming in 9:9, /11:11, /12:10, /and 13:1. /He prophesied about the first coming of Christ. /Zechariah also prophesied about the second coming of Jesus. /6:12 /14:1-21.

/Now, let us look at the contents. /First, encouragement. /1:1-6. /Second, visions. /1:7-6:8. /Third, prophecy about judgment and salvation. /6:9-14:21.

/From another view, it can be categorized as, first, vision about the Messiah's kingdom. / Chapters 1-6. /Second, present commands. /Chapters 7-8. /Third, prophecy about the future. /Chapters 9-14.

/In chapters 1-6, Zechariah prophesies about eight visions. /Then in chapter 7, the people ask about fasting. /Then in chapters 9-14, Zechariah speaks about the coming of the Messiah in the future.

/Then in chapters 9-11, he speaks about how people will reject the Messiah. /Then in chapters 12-14, he speaks about the Messiah's reign.

/We will begin the lecture on chapter 1. /The title of chapter 1 is, "The Four Horns." /First, return. /Verses 1-3. /Second, do not be like your forefathers. /Verses 4-5. /Third, the Lord will judge as he said. /Verse 6.

/Fourth, the prophet's appeal for Jerusalem. /Verses 7-12. /Fifth, promise of Jerusalem's restoration. /Verses 13-17. /Sixth, the four horns. /Verses 18-19. /Seventh, the four craftsmen. /Verses 20-21.

/Read verse 1. /In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Zechariah son of Berekiah, the son of Iddo:

/King Darius is the king of Persia. This is Darius Hystaspis. /Hystaspis. /He reigned over Persia from 522 BC to 485 BC. From 522 BC to 485 BC. /Zechariah lived in the same time as the prophet Haggai.

/Ezra 5:1 /Ezra 6:14 /Nehemiah 12:1, 4, 6 /Zechariah was from a family of priests. /Zechariah began to prophesy from the second year, eighth month of Darius.

/Zechariah and Haggai did as God commanded and told the Israelites to rebuild the temple, and the people obeyed. /They began to construct the temple that they once stopped building. /Ezra 5:1, 2 /Here, the construction of the temple teaches the glorious kingdom of the Messiah.

/Verses 2-3. /"The LORD was very angry with your forefathers. Therefore tell the people: This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'Return to me,' declares the LORD Almighty, 'and I will return to you,' says the LORD Almighty.

/The forefathers of the Israelites sinned against God. /Hence, the Israelites were taken as captives to Babylon for seventy years. /At this time, they had returned from exile. /God said, "Return to me," and this meant that they were to return to God, not only physically, but with sincerity and obey.

/God wanted the people to serve God with all their hearts. /We must wholly return to God. /In order for us to receive the kingdom of the Messiah, we must first repent. /Jesus also said, "Repent, for the kingdom of God is near."

/Verses 4-5. /Do not be like your forefathers, to whom the earlier prophets proclaimed: This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'Turn from your evil ways and your evil practices.' But they would not listen or pay attention to me, declares the LORD. Where are your forefathers now? And the prophets, do they live forever?

/God sent prophets and told the forefathers of the Israelites to turn from their evil ways. /However, the forefathers disobeyed God's commands. /Now, the forefathers were all dead.

/The forefathers of the Israelites disobeyed, and hence, they all died. /Here, God said, "the prophets, do they live forever?" /Prophets cannot live forever. /Therefore, we must listen when prophets encourage us.

/All renown pastors will die when it is time. /Therefore, we must diligently learn God's word before true prophets leave us.

/Verse 6. /But did not my words and my decrees, which I commanded my servants the prophets, overtake your forefathers? "Then they repented and said, 'The LORD Almighty has done to us what our ways and practices deserve, just as he determined to do.'"

/God's word will always be fulfilled. /Now, everything had happened as God said it would. /God said, "Judah will be taken captive to Babylon," and it was fulfilled.

/God also said, "The people will return from Babylon," and it was fulfilled. /Therefore, we must repent and return to God. /Everything happens according to God's word.

/Verse 7. /On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, the month of Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Zechariah son of Berekiah, the son of Iddo.

/God showed Zechariah a vision on November 24 of the second year of King Darius' reign. /Here, there are horses. There is a red horse, a brown horse, and a white horse. /The red, brown, and white horses symbolize angels.

/The "red horse" is the angel that judges the wicked. /Isaiah 63:1-6. /The "brown horse" is the angel that works in many ways. /The brown horse also symbolizes death.

/Next, there was a white horse. /The “white horse” symbolizes the gospel movement and the victory of the gospel. /Revelation 19:11 /The “myrtle trees” symbolize the church. /Revelation 19:11 /Revelation 19:11 /Jesus will ride on a white horse and judge the wicked.

/Verse 11. /And they reported to the angel of the LORD, who was standing among the myrtle trees, "We have gone throughout the earth and found the whole world at rest and in peace."

/The “angel of the LORD” symbolizes Christ. /It also says, “the whole world at rest and in peace.” /The people of the world who stood against God were at rest and in peace. /However, God’s people received hardships.

/Rebuilding the temple was extremely difficult for the people. /Therefore, God would help them construct the temple. /God would have compassion on the cities of Judah. /Jesus would pray for the people of Judah. /Romans 8:34 /He would allow the people of Judah to return from exile. /Jeremiah 25:11

/Verse 14. /Then the angel who was speaking to me said, "Proclaim this word: This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'I am very jealous for Jerusalem and Zion,

/The Lord Almighty would be jealous for Jerusalem and Zion. /God would be jealous of the persecution and sufferings of Judah. /This shows that God loves his people.

/When the believers suffer, God would judge their enemies. /The Lord would acknowledge his chosen people as his greatest possession.

/Verse 15. /but I am very angry with the nations that feel secure. I was only a little angry, but they added to the calamity.'

/The nations that felt secure persecuted believers. /However, they would ultimately receive God’s judgment. /God would temporarily punish Israel, and then God would break the rod of punishment. /Isaiah 14:4, 5 /Isaiah 10:15

/Verse 16. /"Therefore, this is what the LORD says: 'I will return to Jerusalem with mercy, and there my house will be rebuilt. And the measuring line will be stretched out over Jerusalem,' declares the LORD Almighty.

/When the people of Judah returned from Babylon, God returned with them. /When the people constructed the temple, God would be with them. /Then they would be able to build the temple well by God’s grace.

/God would give them abundant grace so that they could build the temple. /God would bless them and give them a good environments to build the temple.

/Verses 18-19. /Then I looked up-- and there before me were four horns! I asked the angel who was speaking to me, "What are these?" He answered me, "These are the horns that scattered Judah, Israel and Jerusalem."

/Here, there are "four horns." /The "four horns" refer to the powers that are against God. /In verse 19, the horns scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem. /They scattered Judah and Jerusalem into all directions.

/The horns symbolize powers like Babylon. /They symbolize powers that persecute the church. /In the times of the early church, Rome persecuted the church. /Today, there are many powers that persecute the church.

/Verses 20-21. /Then the LORD showed me four craftsmen. I asked, "What are these coming to do?" He answered, "These are the horns that scattered Judah so that no one could raise his head, but the craftsmen have come to terrify them and throw down these horns of the nations who lifted up their horns against the land of Judah to scatter its people."

/Here, the "craftsmen" refer to carpenters, masons, ironsmiths, and other experts. /They refer to skilled craftsmen. /They are experts. /These people use hammers. /These craftsmen would ultimately break the horns that scattered the people of Judah.

/In verse 18, there are horns. /The horns are horns that manipulated Judah. /However, in verse 20, there are craftsmen and experts. /These craftsmen would break the horns. /God would send a more powerful craftsman that is stronger than the horns.

/Then he would judge the nations that terrified the Israelites. /For example, God would judge nations like Babylon. /God would also judge those who disrupted the construction of the temple.

/God would bring a stronger one to break the horns. /Today, God ultimately breaks those who persecute the Lord's church.

/We will now begin Zechariah chapter 2. /The title is, "Reconstruction of Jerusalem."
/First, prophecy about the reconstruction of Jerusalem. /Verses 1-5. /Second, encouragement for the people of Judah in Babylon. /Verses 6-9. /Third, the glory of Zion and the peoples of the world will return to God. /Verses 10-13.

/Here in chapter 2, God prophesies that Jerusalem would be rebuilt. /It would be constructed. /Then the wall of Jerusalem would be rebuilt. /Then it will become a place where people can live.

/God helps us. He blocks out the enemies. /Then God would judge Babylon. /Then God would guide the people of Judah in Babylon, so that they could return to Jerusalem.

/Verse 8. /For this is what the LORD Almighty says: "After he has honored me and has

sent me against the nations that have plundered you-- for whoever touches you touches the apple of his eye--

/Those who plundered the Israelites would plunder the apple of God's eye. /Believers are the apple of God's eyes. /Deuteronomy 32:10 /Therefore, anyone who harms believers, harms God.

/Thus, God protects us believers. /Then God's kingdom will ultimately be build. /God's kingdom will be completed through Jesus Christ. /Then many people would be saved through faith in Jesus.

/Vese 13. /Be still before the LORD, all mankind, because he has roused himself from his holy dwelling."

/Here, "all mankind" refer to those who stand against the people of God. /Now, there will come a time when those who disrupt the Lord's salvation movement will be still. /God's holy dwelling will have victory. /The people of Judah will have victory in constructing the temple.

/Then God's kingdom would be completed. /Believers' salvation would be fulfilled. /In this way, God protects believers and he surely saves them.

/Here we will conclude the sixth lecture on Minor Prophets. /Thank you.