

The Maturing of the Church (Part 22)

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Psalm 33:12 (PT)

Blessed and prosperous is that nation who has God as their Lord! They will be the people he has chosen for his own.

Psalm 33:12 (Amp)

Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He has chosen as His heritage.

Proverbs 14:34 (Msg)

God-devotion makes a country strong; God-avoidance leaves people weak.

- Moses (Government Leader):
 - Joshua (Military General)
 - Aaron (High Priest)
- David (King):
 - Samuel (Prophet)
 - Nathan (Prophet)
 - Abiathar & Zadok (High Priests)
- Uzziah (King):
 - Isaiah (Prophet)

Ezra 4:4-5 (NLT)

- 4 Then the local residents tried to discourage and frighten the people of Judah to keep them from their work.
- 5 They bribed agents to work against them and to frustrate their plans. This went on during the entire reign of King Cyrus of Persia and lasted until King Darius of Persia took the throne.

Ezra 4:4-5 (Msg)

So these people started beating down the morale of the people of Judah, harassing them as they built. They even hired propagandists to sap their resolve. They kept this up for about fifteen years, throughout the lifetime of Cyrus king of Persia and on into the reign of Darius king of Persia.

Haggai 1:1-11 (NLT)

- 1 On August 29 of the second year of King Darius's reign, the Lord gave a message through the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest.
- 2 "This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: The people are saying, 'The time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the Lord.' "
- 3 Then the Lord sent this message through the prophet Haggai:
- 4 "Why are you living in luxurious houses while my house lies in ruins?
- 5 This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: Look at what's happening to you!
- 6 You have planted much but harvest little. You eat but are not satisfied. You drink but are still thirsty. You put on clothes but cannot keep warm. Your wages disappear as though you were putting them in pockets filled with holes!
- 7 "This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: Look at what's happening to you!
- 8 Now go up into the hills, bring down timber, and rebuild my house. Then I will take pleasure in it and be honored, says the Lord.
- 9 You hoped for rich harvests, but they were poor. And when you brought your harvest home, I blew it away. Why? Because my house lies in ruins, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, while all of you are busy building your own fine houses.
- 10 It's because of you that the heavens withhold the dew and the earth produces no crops.
- 11 I have called for a drought on your fields and hills—a drought to wither the grain and grapes and olive trees and all your other crops, a drought to starve you and your livestock and to ruin everything you have worked so hard to get."

Ezra

Haggai

Zechariah

Civil Leaders

Spiritual Leaders

Two Prophets

- Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah
- Joshua, the high priest
- Haggai & Zechariah, who were prophets

1 Timothy 2:1-3 (NLT)

- 1 I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.
- 2 Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. 3 This is good and pleases God our Savior,

1 Kings 3:5 (NLT)

That night the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream, and God said, "What do you want? Ask, and I will give it to you!"

1 Kings 3:9 (NLT)

Give me an understanding heart so that I can govern your people well and know the difference between right and wrong. For who by himself is able to govern this great people of yours?"

Him

His Family

His Decisions

That he gets Godly Council

That he Listens to the Right Voices

Civil Leaders

Spiritual Leaders

Prophets

Ezra 5:2

"Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem: and with them were the prophets of God helping them."

Ezra 6:14

"And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia."

Haggai 1:9b (NLT)

...my house lies in ruins, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, while all of you are busy building your own fine houses.

Haggai 1:12a

"Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the whole remnant of the people obeyed the voice of the Lord their God..."

Zechariah 4:11-14 (NLT)

- 11 Then I asked the angel, "What are these two olive trees on each side of the lampstand,
12 and what are the two olive branches that pour out golden oil through two gold tubes?"
13 "Don't you know?" he asked. "No, my lord," I replied.
14 Then he said to me, "They represent the two anointed ones who stand in the court of the Lord of all the earth."

Zechariah 4:14

"These are the two who are anointed to serve the Lord of all the earth."

"Anointed Ones":

Zerubbabel (the Government Leader)

Joshua (the Spiritual Leader)

- Civil/Government Leaders provide:
 - ORDER
 - Protection
- Spiritual Leaders provide:
 - Moral Clarity
 - Spiritual Insight
 - Worship
- Prophets provide:
 - Direction in the form of
 - Prophetic "Words from the Lord."

Zechariah 4:6

"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty."