

**See The Big Picture!**  
**Haggai 2:1-23 (page 657)**

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**I can be encouraged because:**

**God's plans are always b i g g e r than my concerns  
(2:1-9)**

God encourages me to...

- Stop c o m p a r i n g. (v 3; cf Ez 3:10-13; Zech 4:10)
- Be s t r o n g because He is p r e s e n t.  
(v 4a; cf 1 Chron 28:10,20)
- Get to w o r k. (v 4b-5; cf Ex 19:4-6; 33:14-17)
- See b e y o n d today. (vs 6-9; cf Ex 19:33-36;  
Zech 14; 9:9-10; Heb 12:26-29)

**My o b e d i e n c e will bring God's blessing today  
(2:10-19)**

- *The Principle:* God cannot bless my s i n f u l n e s s.  
(vs 10-13; cf Lev 22:3-6; Num 19:11-16)
- *The Application:* Religious a c t i v i t y does not make  
my worship a c c e p t a b l e to God.  
(v 14; cf Isa 1:11-20; Ps 51:16-17)
- *The Reality:* Sometimes the c o n s e q u e n c e s of my  
sin must run its course before b l e s s i n g can begin.  
(vs 15-19; cf Ps 119:67; Heb 12:5-12)

**God assures me He will bring greater blessing in the  
f u t u r e (2:20-23)**

- God will plans and purposes will a d v a n c e until the  
day His kingdom is finally and fully r e a l i z e d.  
(v 21-23; cf Isa 9:6-7; Ps 2)