

BE STRONG

(I) THE WORDS “BE STRONG” (Haggai 2:4)

*“‘Yet now be strong..,’ says the LORD...” **Haggai 2:4***

1. Given to Zerubbabel (governor of Judah)
2. Given to Joshua (high priest)
3. Given to the people of the land

(II) A FURTHER WORD FROM THE LORD

*“‘...be strong..,’ says the LORD, ‘and work...’” **Haggai 2:4***

1. Strength needed to serve the Lord

- a) To commence
- b) To complete

2. The work of the Lord given

- a) The re-building of the Temple
- b) The many challenges in this challenging work

3. Strength equal to the work and more

*“...I am with you, says the LORD of hosts.
According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My
Spirit remains among you; do not fear!” **Haggai 2:4-5***

- a) Covenanted Promise of the Lord
- b) Compelling Power of the Lord

(III) THE STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT BY THE LORD

*“So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel...
and the spirit of Joshua...,
and the spirit of all the remnant of the people;
and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God” **Haggai 1:14***

1. A special work of the Lord

2. A special stirring of the spirit

3. Inspired to work

- a) Surmounting all problems (Cf. **Haggai 1**)
- b) Sacrificing much for the sake of the Lord's work
- c) Significant progress made in the rebuilding program