

Yet once more I shake...

While examining Hebrews 12:26, **Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not only earth, but also heaven.**

We learn these words were originally spoken to God's people... by prophet Haggai concerning the coming of the most familiar **Day of the Lord... the 6th Day... the Day of God's wrath.**

Haggai spoke 3 times... of this shaking that includes: *heaven, and earth... and all the nations.*

Jesus spoke 3 times... of this shaking... in Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21.

Ezekiel spoke 2 times... of this shaking that includes: *dry bones of the whole house of Israel...* bestowed with all the promises first given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob... people, seeming to be lost to history as they went to their place to become... a great commonwealth of nations... as well as the great nation existing when the time of the Gentiles comes to an end: people, for some reason... needing to be shook awake... coming together; and in the following chapter of Ezekiel... we read: *Surely in that Day...* [obviously, related to **the 6th great Day of the Lord**, so let's hear the whole verse]

For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that Day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel.

[Notice, the Lord does not say: *in the land of Judah...* you know, the place where lots of Jewish people live now days. Yet, in our finest peanut-headed mentality, we think Ezekiel is talking about that little stretch of dirt... east of the Mediterranean Sea. Well, those who think that... need to have a **metanoia moment** to **rethink** what they think they know... until they think correctly!]

F.B. Meyer, born into a wealthy Christian home in London, April 1847, in his commentary on the book of Hebrews... wrote:

Thousands of Christians [now days, I'd probably estimate... 100s of thousands] are like water-logged vessels. They cannot sink; but they are so saturated with inconsistencies, and worldliness, and permitted evil, that they can only be towed with difficulty into the celestial port.

For the people of God, the approaching **Day of God's wrath** is not a concept to fear; our Father God is not the author of fear, which is often divisive and crippling. Ironically, Isaiah suggests we... make the Lord our fear... and our dread... do that; and HE shall become our sanctuary, our place of safety and peace.

In his first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul clearly spells out... the official coming again of the Lord; adding, *For God has not appointed us unto wrath... but to obtain salvation by the Lord Jesus Christ.*

So who will be shaken awake? Obviously, folks who did not embrace the Lord, who willingly substituted and switched His life for us... at His first coming... paying a debt we could not pay... when also He proclaimed: *liberty to the captives, setting prisoners free, and the acceptable year of the Lord.*

Today if we hear His voice, harden not our hearts.

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Do we have ears to hear? Do we have one functioning ear to hear? Use it! Have you accepted His invitation to dine with Him? His invite... has gone out to many!

3 times in those same chapters listed above... Jesus also said: *Heaven and earth will pass away* – which definitely sounds like a fearful event, but not to Him because He adds; *but My Words will never pass away*. So take our stand on what He said!

Let Him deal with the approaching **Day of wrath**... something I do not care to know much about; directed at those who wasted and embezzled the life His Father planted so long ago... here on earth.

But before **that Day**... is **another great Day of the Lord** (Lev.23), when the Lord comes looking for... the Love of His Life – the psalmist says: His Bride; Paul says... His adopted family found in every nation and tribe... to show off to all eternity. When He comes... He hopes to find faith; those confidently acting on what He said... starting with:

by this all will know that you are Mine: if you have love one to another! We can do that!

Isaiah reminds us: *when we shall make His soul... our offering for sin... He shall see and be satisfied*. We can do that, too!

So thank Him... every day!

After all, He did the hard stuff!

Don't disappoint Him and be left behind... only to be shaken awake later! He might have gone away; but He is not going away!

Matter of fact:

He is coming again... sooner than most of us can imagine!