

SHAKE THE

Nations

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HAGGAI 2:6-7 (NKJV)

For thus says the Lord of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; 7 and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the Lord of hosts. 8 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the Lord of hosts. 9 'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says the Lord of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the Lord of hosts."

Throughout history many people have **left the answer to search for questions**. The Children of Israel did it when they wandered. A few days trip turned into a 40 year detour. Solomon did it. I Kings 3 chronicles the deposit of wisdom Solomon was given.

Solomon showed his love for the Lord by walking according to the instructions given to his father David. He was obedient with secondhand information. This blessing was generational. God noticed and appeared, "What do you want?" "I want wisdom." God granted him that and more. The same Solomon in Ecclesiastes 2 writes "I tried cheering myself with wine, and embracing folly—my mind still guiding me with wisdom. I wanted to see what was good for people to do under the heavens during the few days of their lives."

Think about it. The wisest man to ever live, left the answer to pursue a question. If he will do it, chances are that we will do it. Get back to the answer.

Shake The Nations. God's will is for the advancement of His church.

MARK 16:15 (NKJV)

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

The Prophet Haggai prophesied in 2:7 that the Nations would be shaken again. Very soon, now, warns the prophet, God is going to really rock this old planet—more violently than anything experienced at Sinai, on Mount Saint Helens or anywhere else. Our Lord will do this to remove everything changeable; the transitory will be replaced with the eternal. In the last days there would be a shake-up that would engulf the whole world, signaling that the final appearance

of Christ would take place momentarily. Then Christ would come and reign on earth in all His glory forever and ever. The writer to the Hebrews even made this section of Haggai the basis of one of his messages.

HEBREWS 12:26-28 (KJV)

²⁷ Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven."

Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire.

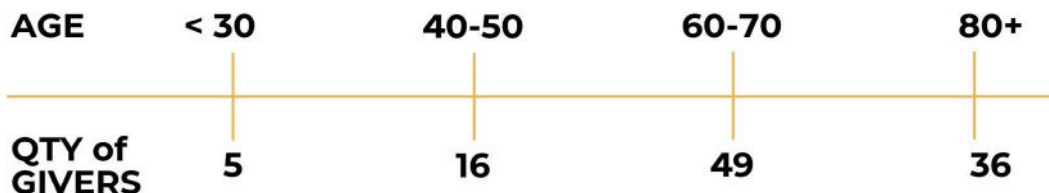
The shaking is here. When you look around at our world, what you see is the nations being shaken. Nation shaking is the process of removing what can be shaken with what can't be shaken.

That ought to convince us to hold on to that which cannot be shaken. All that can be shaken, the transitory, we ought to hold on to loosely. Why would we risk eternity, the health of our souls and everything enduring in order to enjoy the ephemeral pleasures of sin for a brief season? The Kingdom of God suffers violence, but the violent take it by force. You cannot have an impact without a collision. There is a spiritual war taking place in our world today. It is Anti Christ. The enemies of Christ are uniting, because they know that their reign is being shaken.

The Latter will be greater than the former. Just like individuals leave the answer to pursue the questions. So have churches. Churches shatter when they are inward focused. They become alive when they are outward focused. Missional churches understand the critical importance of eyes up on God and out toward others.

When you think about the lasting legacy of Parkway, it is hard to imagine how the latter will be greater than the former. Truth is, God will always honor those who honor Mark 16:15. We are at a critical juncture.

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