# RE-EXAMINING OUR VIEWPOINT 


$>$ The Minor Prophets are among the least studied Bible books
$>$ When we re-look at these books, the past looks a lot like today
> Unless knowledge brings action, there's no point to gaining the knowledge
> God's Word can make us uncomfortable, and make us feel offended and convicted
> Haggai 2:6-7 Shaking brings about massive change
$>1^{\text {st }}$ shaking, beneficial $\quad 2^{\text {nd }}$ shaking, catastrophic
$>$ Not everyone has to experience it; some will be removed from earth to a safe place
$>$ Is the Constantinian Church the group that will be whisked away to safety?
> The Constantinian Church has always treated the Jews badly
> Matthew 7:13-14

- Any old belief or understanding of
God or faith won't do
- James 2:17-20
- There is a standard of worship and behavior that we are to adopt
- Becoming a member of the Kingdom of God is the goal

A STEEP DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY


## Are You the

## Good Fruit or the


> How can we know? Matthew 7:16-23
> On That Day = Judgment Day

- Workers of Lawlessness =

Those who shun the Law the Moses
> Without the Law of Moses we will construct our own God and Savior, as well as our own system of proper behavior

> The greatest of all the shaking will be political

- The world will not be in harmony when it attacks Israel

The nations will fight and annihilate one another

- In ancient times, the King owned everything... the people, the fields, the work animals, the trees...
- God is not like an earthly king; He has no needs, but it is intended that we think in terms of what an ancient king was like

> The glorious Temple was not the one that was being worked on
> Nor, was it the Temple expanded by Herod the Great
- The Temple Haggai describes is the Millennial Temple - Haggai's next vision occurred on the $24^{\text {th }}$ day of the $9^{\text {th }}$ month of the $2^{\text {nd }}$ year of King Darius's reign
$>$ God has questions for the Priests to answer
> The type and format of the questions came to be adopted by the Rabbis
> Once a giver decides to give, it belongs to God
$>$ If the garment carrying the holy meat touches something else, does it become holy? "NO"
$>$ If the person is unclean from touching a corpse, does what he touch become unclean? "YES"



## IMPURITY AND HOLINESS

> Theoretically impurity and holiness can be transmitted to something else
> Uncleanness is easily transmitted
> Story of Korah shows unauthorized holiness in practice cannot be transferred
> The questions are an object lesson about the behavior of the Judeans


## Church <br> Recreation

$>$ Welcome news: God doesn't punish the innocent and the guilty together
> Not welcome news: uncleanness is so contagious it contaminates our other activities
> The Jews in Babylon suffered from this realization
> Modern Believers need to realize that this principle didn't die on the Cross


# CAUSE AND EFFECT 

$>$ The offerings weren't accepted, so God's blessings were withheld
> The soil of Judah may have been holy, but what grew from it was merely common
> God's Temple was not yet rebuilt, therefore the sacrifices were not accepted

