Haggai to Zerubbabel …

1 In the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet,

2 "Speak now to Zerubbabel

It doesn't look like much now … 3 'Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How do you see it now? Is it not as nothing in your eyes?

and say … ***"Looks are deceiving …"***

4 Yet now **be strong**, O Zerubbabel, declares the LORD.

Be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest.

Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the LORD.

Work, for I am with you, declares the LORD of hosts,

Haggai 2:1-9

6 For thus says the LORD of hosts:

I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land.

and **I will fill** this house with glory, says the LORD of hosts.

9 The **latter glory** of this house shall be **greater than the former**,

And in this place **I will give peace**, declares the LORD of hosts.'

(Various cross-references: **Hebrews 12:3-29** ["I will shake"], **Leviticus 23:23-44** ["in the seventh month"].)

Haggai (prophet)

Contemporaries of Zerubbabel (governor) …

Zechariah (prophet)

Zechariah to Zerubbabel …

6 Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel:

Sez God …

Not by might, nor by power, **but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts.**

Zechariah 4:6-10

Flatten mountains … 7 Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain. **And he shall bring forward the top stone amid shouts of 'Grace, grace to it!' "**

(Zechariah 4:7 NCV)
"Who are you, big mountain? In front of Zerubbabel you will become flat land, and he will bring out the topmost stone, shouting, **'It's beautiful! It's beautiful!'** "

(Zechariah 4:7 The Message)
'So, big mountain, who do you think you are? Next to Zerubbabel you're nothing but a molehill. **He'll proceed to set the Cornerstone in place, accompanied by cheers: Yes! Yes! Do it!'** "

(Zechariah 4:7 NIV)
"What are you, O mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. **Then he will bring out the capstone to shouts of 'God bless it! God bless it!'** "

8 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

9 "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also complete it. **Then you will know** that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you.

10 For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. "These seven are the eyes of the LORD, which range through the whole earth."