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The Interpretation of Haggai 2:9

Interpretation of the prophetic books is sometimes rather difficult. The As the prophets looked to the future they saw many things through a glass darkly. Peter tells us that they tried to determine what or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify when He testified beforehand of the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow. Often verses are quoted in the NT° as ~~xxxxxx~~ x ~~xxxx~~ predictions of Christ that might have been quite difficult to ~~xx~~ predict at the time they were given, but that ~~xxx~~ weemed very clear in the light of what happened. Thus it is often very easy to see exactly how predictions have been fulfilled, but much more difficult to ~~xxxx~~ make a detailed plan of how ~~xxxxxx~~ unfulfilled predictions will be worked out in the future. We know that all of ~~xxxxxx~~ God's Word is true and that Scripture cannot be broken. Whatever He has declared is bound to come to pass. To my mind one of the great tasks is to endeavor to determine how much of prophecy has been fulfilled already and what the matters are that are left to be fulfilled. /~~xxxx~~ by studying exactly how fulfilled prophecy has worked out one can get principles that will be helpful in understanding future prophecy prophecies that are still future. The prophets saw many things very clearly but sometimes did not see their exact relation to other future events. In other cases they saw through a ~~xxx~~ glass darkly and the result is that the statements may seem rather ambiguous when they have to be interpreted without full knowledge of the context.

Another matter that must be taken into account is the difference between figurative and literal interpretation of prophecy. There is a widespread approach that is called a spiritual (nc) legislation (?), an approach that I consider definitely wrong. I do not think the term x "spiritualization" is a proper term for this approach. Actually what it means is that statements in the Scripture are interpreted as containing so many figures of speech that it is possible to make just about anything mean just about anything. It is better perhaps to err on the side of ~~making~~ taking too many things literally than on