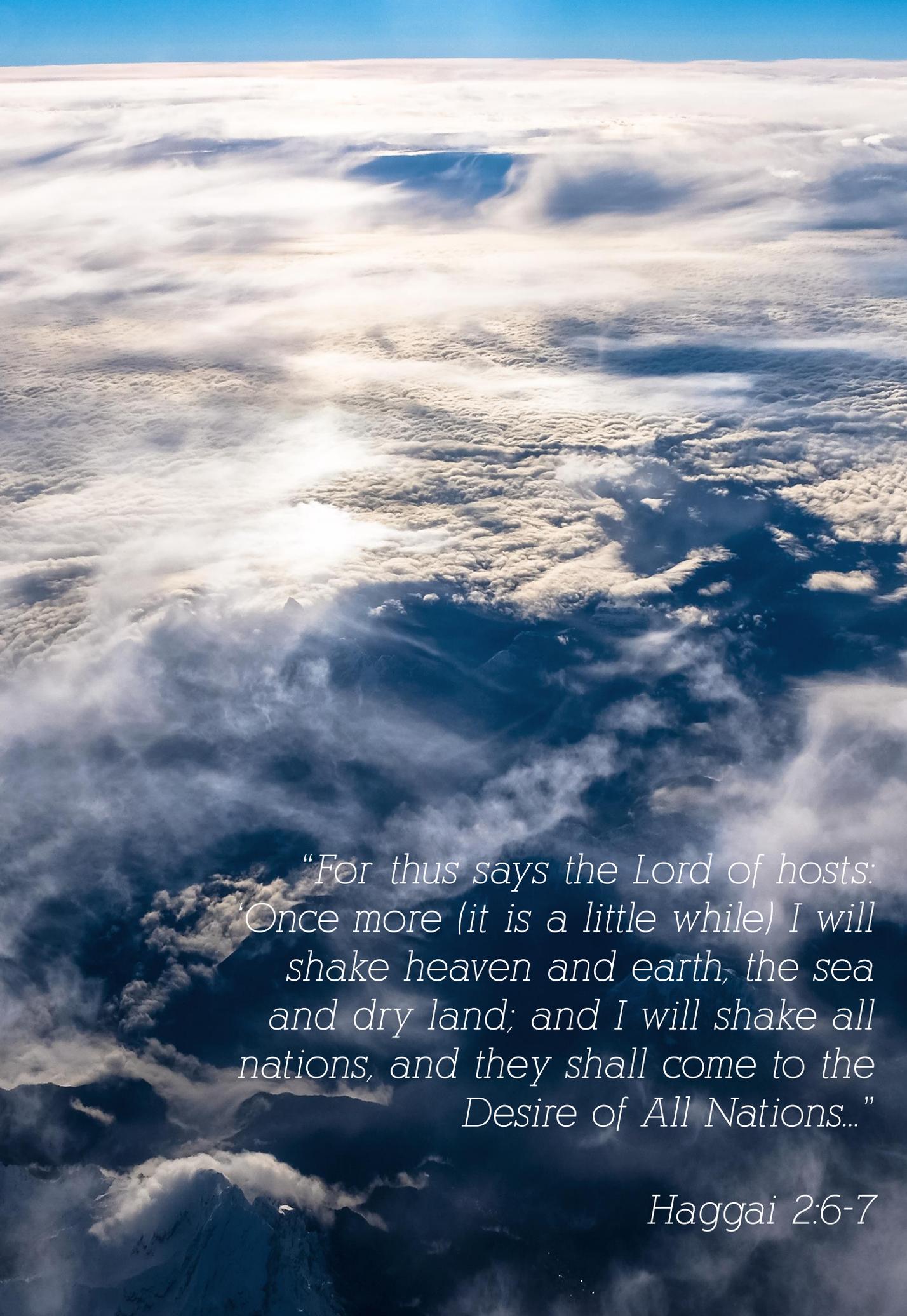


Week 22

Joel 2 Lifestyle



*The Great Shakings Of God
which will draw all men to the
Desire of All Nations*



*“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; and I will shake all
nations, and they shall come to the
Desire of All Nations..”*

Haggai 2:6-7



In Haggai 2:6 – 9, Haggai prophesied about the great shaking at the End of the Age. The writer of Hebrews quoted him and added helpful interpretive insight to it. *God will shake everything that can be shaken.*

He will shake the heavens, which speaks of the skies and the atmosphere. He will shake the earth through earthquakes and volcanoes. He will churn up the seas and the oceans, and distress the coastlands of the earth. He will also shake the dry land by disrupting vegetation through droughts, famines and pestilences.



He will shake every nation. No government, military, economy or society will remain untouched. There will be tremendous political and military crises across the earth, as nations will rise against nations, ethnic groups against ethnic groups, and even religion against religion (Matt. 24:7).

All of these offer a glimpse of the desperate situation of the earth and mankind just before the return of Jesus. It will be overwhelming for everyone.

What is God's purpose in the shakings?

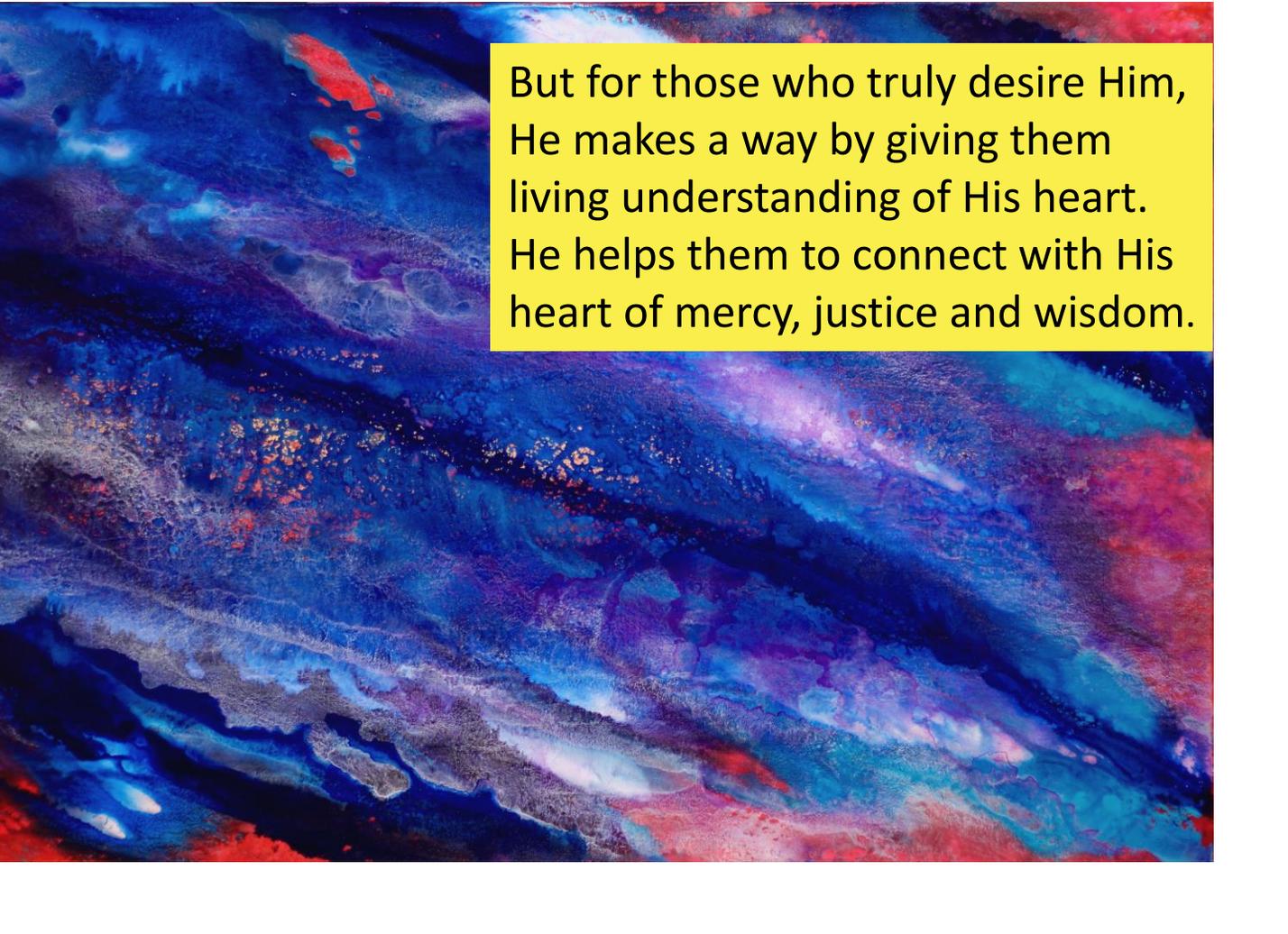
Through the shakings, God will reveal what is in the hearts of men. He will cause the real issues, desires, thoughts, agendas and motives of the human heart to surface. God is also refining His Bride and removing all that hinders love from the heart of His Bride. In other words, He is bringing about wholehearted love in the heart of His Bride.

God's desired effect of the shakings is for the maximum number of people to turn to Jesus in wholehearted love. However, in His release of these shakings and judgments, there will be many who will be offended by God's leadership and His divine decrees (Matt. 24:10). Unless we become tenderized in our spirits by receiving revelation and understanding about God's heart and ways, we will be offended by His leadership in the last days.

In Jesus' first coming, He did not shy away from displaying and speaking of the Father's zeal. One of the first things He did was to walk through the temple, overturning the tables of the money changers and driving them out with a whip. He disrupted the temple with one demonstration of His zeal! This offended many people who could not accept His audacity and they challenged Him (John 2:15 – 20).

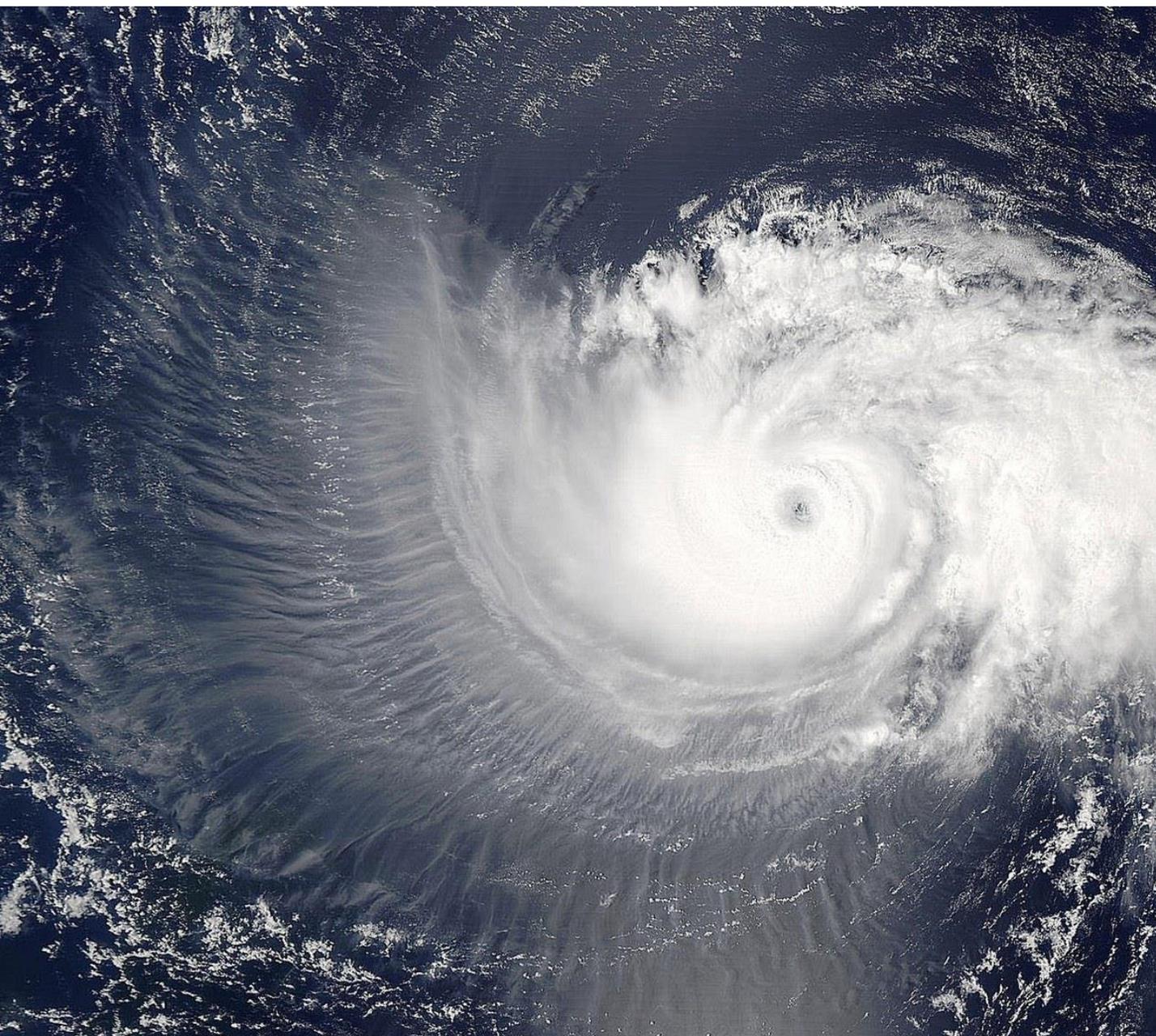
You see, Jesus is not after a superficial response from man. For those who want an excuse to reject Him, He will allow them to find it. He wants to separate the ones who truly and sincerely desire Him from those who do not.

This is still the way He leads. Jesus is true and authentic. He is not politically correct. He comes in a way that offends our natural thinking. For those who do not want Him, He gives them every opportunity to bail out. He offends our minds in order to reveal our hearts.

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But for those who truly desire Him, He makes a way by giving them living understanding of His heart. He helps them to connect with His heart of mercy, justice and wisdom.

In the final days, God's fierce judgments and fury will break forth across the land like an unstoppable whirlwind. He will execute the full intentions of His heart in judgment.



All over the earth, people with unrenewed minds will be greatly offended by God. We will be surprised by the offense that creeps up, even explodes, within our own hearts.

In the wake of the great judgments in the earth, with all the tragedy and sorrow that accompany them, the devil will press us to just curse God and die. He will say that God is not good, that He is a liar. With all the pressures, the temptation to agree with the accusations will be great.

How then do we overcome? What can we do now? We need a vibrant spirit in this hour. We need to press in to renew our mind concerning who Jesus is.





Embodied within Haggai 2:7 is God's solution for us and our hope. It tells us that in the last days, Jesus will be known as the Desire of All nations. He will be the Desire of many hearts. How will this come to pass?

You see, God is going to pour forth *an unprecedented revelation of the beauty and the glory of Jesus, so that passionate desire and yearning for Jesus will be stirred up like never before. Jesus will be revealed in all His beauty as the Desire of every nation.* He will be the desire and longing of many hearts, above all else. For those who press in, there will be an increase in the knowledge of Jesus like never before, bringing forth the renewal of minds and stirring up hearts to be vibrant.

God's heart regarding the great shakings is *that nations will come to Jesus,* the Desire of all Nations. His desire is that all will behold the excellent beauty of Jesus. The eyes of people in many nations will be awakened to this beautiful Son of Man, Son of God.



The key right now is for us to renew our mind regarding who Jesus truly is, so that we will have confidence when the shakings come. We need to see and know Christ rightly, even at His Second Coming. As God reveals Jesus, His beauty and His glory will strengthen our emotions and anchor us in the midst of storms.

The righteous Judge who is coming is also the most beautiful, tender-hearted and humble Man who has ever lived on this earth. He Himself bore the sins of men and took on the full wrath of the Father. Only through a deep and intimate knowledge and heart connect with this beautiful Man will we have perfect confidence during the coming shakings.

Let's press in to know Him.
Let's press in to behold Him!



Readings and Prayers for the week

Readings for Week 22

Take time to study the nature and the beauty of Jesus. The beauty of Jesus will stabilize our emotions and be the anchor for our soul. Meditate on Isaiah 4:2, which promises the unprecedented revelation of the beauty and glory of Jesus at the End of the Age.

Prayers for Week 22

Do we have revelation of the beauty of Jesus? Is Jesus the desire of your heart? Do we know His nature so well that when shakings hit, we will not be offended? Use Eph. 1:17 to pray for yourself constantly for greater revelation of the beauty and glory of Jesus. May He be the desire of your heart, above all else.