

The Desired of All Nations Will Come

Haggai 2:6-7

The Controversy

- **First, read the letter. It is only 38 verses.**
- **Second, look at the focal verses again. The controversy lies with the word “desired/Desired of All Nations” in the KJV/NKJV. Early Christian interpreters saw the Hebrew word “hemdat” as Messianic, as did many early Jewish theologians. The word can be interpreted two different ways. 1. As pointing to the Messiah. 2. As pointing to valuable possessions. So you can see the problem with this word. Interpreters argue to the point of context. Well, it is according to how you see in your mind the context. Are you led toward Messianic or valuables? Or can both be correct?**

- **My NASB uses the word "wealth," which if you read on to the next verse speaking of silver and gold, it seems to fit the context. Remember, context is a main way to interpret a word or meaning in any language. The New English version reads "treasure." The NIV uses "desired."**
- **So if early interpreters were thinking Messianic, and modern interpreters are thinking treasures, what do YOU think?**

My thought

- **I asked myself this question in order to help me interpret this word-after praying of course! What actually is the desired of all nations? Have the nations of the world ever sought out the Messiah? Has that been the very desire of their heart? Read Romans 3:11, for just one example. Few people actually “desire” to find Jesus as their Savior. They must first be driven to see themselves as a sinner bound for Hell before they finally look up for deliverance. And how many people have you personally seen do that in your lifetime? So what do people/nations chase after? Money, gold, silver, worldly stuff! That is the desire of people for the most part. Wouldn't YOU like to have more?**

- **1 Timothy 6:10 is a good verse to read if you have a love of money. Matthew 6:24 is also a good verse to read concerning the love of money. And James mentions it also.**
- **So would I love for the interpretation to read “the Desire of All Nations” to be Messianic? Of course! But knowing the heart of human beings, do I believe that to be the case? No.**
- **So I guess I will stick to my version of “wealth” as the best reading.**
- **If you come across anything to assist me/us in our study, please let me know. I am open to studying this further.**