

# First Things First

## Message 5: Going Forward Part I

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### **Haggai 2:20-23**

<sup>20</sup>The word of the Lord came to Haggai a second time on the twenty-fourth day of the month: <sup>21</sup>“Tell Zerubbabel governor of Judah that I will shake the heavens and the earth. <sup>22</sup>I will overturn royal thrones and shatter the power of the foreign kingdoms. I will overthrow chariots and their drivers; horses and their riders will fall, each by the sword of his brother. <sup>11</sup>  
<sup>23</sup>“ ‘On that day,’ declares the Lord Almighty, ‘I will take you, my servant Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel,’ declares the Lord, ‘and I will make you like my signet ring, for I have chosen you,’ declares the Lord Almighty.” (NIV)

The United States Government a Signet Ring?

### **Romans 13:1-5**

#### **What Government Should NOT Do:**

1. Stand in opposition to God’s system for law and order
2. Exalt itself

### **Proverbs 21:1**

*The king’s heart is in the hand of the LORD; he directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases. (NIV)*

1. Genesis 19:24-25, Isaiah 13:19, Exodus 15:19



#### **What Government Should Do:**

1. Protect the citizens
2. Punish wrongs

### **1 Peter 2:13-14**

*Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong... (NIV)*

3. Promote general welfare

### **1 Timothy 2:2b**

*...that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. (NIV)*

Zerubbabel a Signet Ring!

Me a Signet Ring?!

