The Message of book of Haggai

Abstract of Diploma thesis

This Diploma thesis deals with message of book of Haggai, uses two original Sources: hebrew text (Tanak) and Greek text (Septuagint). Each of the original text is translated into czech in the context of exegesis research. Both exegeses are constructed verse by verse. This thesis is divided into four chapters. Chapter one focuses on the message of book of Haggai in Tanach, chapter two in Septuagint. Chapter three compares results of both exegeses. The last chapter of this thesis tracks the history of interpretations, i. e. results of selected interpreters: Jan Calvin and others from 19th, 20th and 21st century in the Europe and the USA. Commentaries of book of Haggai do not reflect everything, Author of this thesis reacts on it in last chapter (on the basis of both exegeses). This is the benefit of this thesis.

God's message to his people is the most important message of book of Haggai. Most theologians of the Old Testament claim, that God's intention was new Temple in Jerusalem (i.e. Second Temple). The results of this Diploma thesis coincide with the results of Czech theologian Jiří Beneš (2006): God's word about the Temple is the metaphor, the Temple is God's people. God's intention is repented of the heart.

The message of book of Haggai coincide with the message of New Testament (John 2:19-22; Acts 15:13-18; 2 Corinthians 6:16). Fall of first Temple (Solomon's Temple) in 587 BC and fall of second Temple in 70 CE confirm the results of this Diploma thesis too.

Eschatology of book Haggai: God's intention to be all people believe in Lord, i.e. not just the Jews. The New Testament views fulfilling of Prophecy of Haggai about Zerubbabel in Life of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ said that his body is The Temple (John 2:19-22).