

HAGGAI

1. TITLES:

- A. Haggai = festive, or my feast
- B. The Book of the Rebuilding of the Temple

2. AUTHOR:

Written by Haggai, the prophet of The Temple, who ministered to the restored House of Judah; especially Zerubbabel and Jeshua.

3. DATE:

- A. Haggai's ministry covered a period of about 15 years (520-505 B.C.), beginning 16 years after the first remnant returned from Babylon.
- B. Written in 520 B.C.

4. KEY WORDS:

- A. Day – 11
- B. House (of the Lord) – 8
- C. Consider – 5

Key Phrases:

- A. "saith the Lord" – 19
- B. "Lord of hosts" – 14

5. KEY VERSES: 1:8

6. PURPOSE:

- A. To encourage the leaders (Zerubbabel the governor and Jeshua the high priest) and the first remnant that had returned under Zerubbabel to rebuild the temple.
- B. To point toward Messiah's times.

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7. MESSAGE:

- A. God and His House must be first in the life and service of the redeemed.
- B. God will bless those who put Him first (Matthew 6:33).

8. OUTLINE:

- I. The Word of Rebuke Ch. 1:1-15
To Zerubbabel, Jeshua, and the people
- II. The Word of Encouragement Ch. 2:1-9
To Zerubbabel and Jeshua
- III. The Word of Correction Ch. 2:10-19
To the Priests
- IV. The Word of Promise Ch. 2:20-23
To Zerubbabel

9. SUMMARY:

Haggai was the first of the three prophets to minister to Judah after the Babylonian Captivity. Because of opposition, the work of rebuilding the temple had ceased for several years. The people had grown cold-hearted and had not made any attempt to begin the work again. Thus Haggai and Zechariah exhorted them to do so. The bulk of Haggai's prophecy is personal, to Zerubbabel the governor (political leader) and to Jeshua the high priest (religious leader). The remainder contains rebuke and encouragement to the priests and the people. Interwoven among the prophecies concerning the literal temple are prophecies pertaining to the spiritual temple – the Church.

10. CHRIST SEEN:

Christ is seen as our Prophet (Haggai), Priest (Jeshua), and Prince (Zerubbabel), thus uniting the three offices in one person. He is the Builder of The Lord's House – The Church (Matthew 16:18; Hebrews 3:5).