

Haggai – 2 Chapters

Title:

Haggai- after its author.

Author:

Haggai- one of the exiles who returned in the first wave from Babylon. Very little is known about Haggai.

Occasion and Purpose:

At the first return, the Temple reconstruction was begun. Because of external opposition and lack of motivation, the reconstruction was halted. Haggai encouraged the people to complete the rebuilding of the Temple. He also reminded them that God was indeed with them and He had great promises that would be fulfilled.

Themes:

1. Rebuild the Temple
2. Proper Priorities
3. Greater Glory

Summary:

Haggai was a prophet among the people of Ezra's time who returned from exile. He rebuked the people for caring for their own interests before taking care of the temple of God. He said that their misfortunes were the result of these misplaced priorities and promised blessing if they honored God.

Organization:

Whose House?	<p>People say it is not time to build the temple – 1:1-2 God says-Is it time to build your house? – 1:3-4 Think about how you’ve prospered – 1:5-6 You haven’t b/c of neglect of the temple – 1:7-11 People responded and renewed building – 1:12-15</p>	1:1-15
God is with you	<p>The new temple may look small – 2:1-3 Be strong – 2:4-5 The glory of this temple will be greater – 2:6-9 This people is defiled – 2:10-14 They were hindered, but will be blessed – 2:15-19</p>	2:1-19
Zerubbabel	<p>God will shake the heavens and earth – 2:20-22 Zerubbabel is God’s chosen – 2:23</p>	2:20-23

Key Verses:

1:9; 1:13-14; 2:4; 2:9; 2:23