

HAGGAI

Background Information

I. The Men

Haggai

- Haggai means “festive” – suggesting his birth fell on an Old Testament Holy Day. His name is mentioned 9 times.
- Contemporary of Zechariah (compare Haggai 1:1; Zech. 1:1)
- Both written in 2nd year of Darius
- Ezra 5:1-2 and Ezra 6:14– mentions both men
- He could have seen the old Temple (2:3) making him about 70 or older.

Zerubbabel

- Governor of the land
- His name is found in both genealogical lines of Christ (Matthew 1:12; Luke 3:27)
- Leader of those building the temple – Ezra 3:2, 8; 5:2

Joshua

- High Priest
- Returned with Nehemiah and is mentioned with Zerubbabel in building the temple

II. The Ministry

- Ministry last 4 months (3 months and 23 days as one writer put it)
- Date: 520 BC – converted to our names of months the four sections would have a date of September 1, October 21, December 24, and December 24.
- The book calls for the people to finish the Temple.
- First prophetic word after Babylonian exile
- Only 38 verses

Outline

Reproof – Chapter 1

Courage - 2:1-9

Patience - 2:10-19

Hope - 2:20-23

Haggai

Haggai 1:5

Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts;
Consider your ways.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Haggai 1:5

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Haggai 1:1-6

Examine –

1. Who is writing this book?
2. When does it take place?
3. To what two men does he address the book?
4. What are their positions?
5. Who is sending this message through Haggai?
6. What were the people saying about God's house?
7. Was it time?
8. In what kind of houses were they living?
What does this mean?

9. What was the condition of God's house?
10. What does God ask them to consider?
11. What has their sowing brought them?
12. Of what do they not have enough?
13. When they drink does it satisfy?
14. Do the clothes warm them?
15. What is happening to the money they earn?

Apply-

What was God trying to say to them in verses 5-6?

Does it matter for us if we labor, if God is not with us?

What have you done that was totally fruitless?

When we are not right with God we can't do anything right!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Haggai 1:5

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Haggai 1:7-11

Examine –

1. Who once again is speaking?
2. What does He ask them for a second time?
3. Where should they go?
4. What are they to get there?
5. What were they to do with this stuff?
6. What house is God talking about?
7. What will God's response to this house be?
8. For what were they looking?
9. What came of it?
10. Why was all this happening?
11. What was the heaven doing to them?
12. What was the earth doing to them?
13. For what had God called?
14. What areas did it affect?

Apply-

Deuteronomy 27-30 talks about a covenant that God makes with Israel, and one of the things is that a drought was a sign of God's judgment. God wanted them to build His house.

What has God told you to do and you are refusing?

If there is something, God will not bless anything else you do!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Haggai 1:5

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Haggai 1:12-15

Examine –

1. What two men took the lead in verse 12?
2. Who joined with them?
3. What did they do with Haggai's message?
4. What else did the people do before the LORD?
5. What does God call Haggai?
6. What was God's simple message to the people?

Note: It had been at least 100 years since any kind of good thing had happened and most, if not all, of these people had never experienced God's goodness. This must have been an incredible thing and a great source of encouragement.

7. What did the LORD stir up?
8. What were these men's positions?
9. What did everyone come and do?
10. What time did this happen?

Apply-

Whatever you are afraid to do for God, He wants you to step out by faith, and He will be there for you. History tells us that the King of Persia eventually sided with the Jews and even paid for the repairs.

In what should you step out by faith?

List at least one thing here that you know God has wanted you to do.

Decide that you are just going to do it!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____
Weekly memory verse – Haggai 1:5
Read – Haggai 2:1-5

Time: _____
Time spent in prayer _____

Examine –

1. What time is it now?
2. How long has it been since the first message?
3. To whom was he to speak?
4. What did he want to know first?
5. How are they looking at this Temple in comparison?
6. What does God say to all three people/groups of people?
7. What should they continue to do?
8. Why should they do this?
9. What name does God use?

Note: God is probably referring to the covenant that He made with the people on Mt. Sinai.
According to this, what is still with them?

10. What should they not do?

NOTE: Many times older people try to discourage younger people by comparing what they do to what was done in the past. The older people who were doing the comparing had not built the old Temple but had in fact desecrated it. Don't ever stop working in order to deal with critics.

Apply-

How has someone discouraged you?

Keeping working, God is with you!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Haggai 1:5

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Haggai 2:6-9

Examine –

1. Who is speaking once again?
2. How long before what He is saying will come to pass?
3. What four areas specifically will God shake?
4. In general He will shake what?
5. What will come?
6. Fact: There is some debate as to whom this is but it is probably the Lord Jesus Christ!
7. With what will the house be filled?
8. What belongs to the LORD?
9. What about the latter house will be greater than the former?
10. In looking at the last two questions, what do you think God meant by saying that the silver and gold were His?
11. What will God give in this Temple?
12. What will this Temple have that the first one did not have?

Apply-

Remember God is trying to encourage the people. All the gold in the world does not impress God. He made it. It was the heart that God is concerned about. Are you trying to impress God with your outward appearance but inwardly you are wicked?

What about your inside, do you need to change?

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Haggai 1:5

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Haggai 2:10-19

Examine –

1. What is the date of the next message?
2. Who does he ask a question?
3. What is the question about?
4. By carrying something Holy with you does it make other things Holy?
5. By being unclean does that make other things unclean?
6. What is the nation before God?
7. What is the work of their hands?
8. Are their offerings unclean?
9. Did they ever get what they expected from their harvest?
10. With what did God smite them?
11. In all this, what did the people not do?
12. What should they do with all these things that God is showing them?
13. Have there been blessings in the past?
14. Why not?
15. What will God do from now on?

Apply-

Blessings are withheld when we don't do right. Most of the time we don't see this, and it doesn't bring repentance. What we need is a Word from the Lord. This is why it is so important to daily spend time in God's Word and prayer.

Are you faithfully doing that?

Look back over your times in devotions for this week. Have you been consistent?

Have you been hungry to hear from God or just going through the motions?

Have you actually applied what you read?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Haggai 1:5

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Haggai 2:20-23

Examine –

1. When does this message come?
2. How long has it been since the last message?
3. Who is God speaking to this time?
4. What will God do? (God mentions this again)
5. What will God overthrow?
6. What will God destroy?
7. Who will He overthrow with the chariots?
8. How will He do this?
9. What will God do for Zerubbabel in that day?
10. God calls him what?
11. What had God done for him?
12. Note: No one really knows what this means, so we will not speculate here!

Apply-

Although we do not know exactly what God meant, we do know that God rewards those who will by faith obey and do something for Him?

God will honor those who honor Him!

What has God done for you in this study to encourage you to do right?

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____
