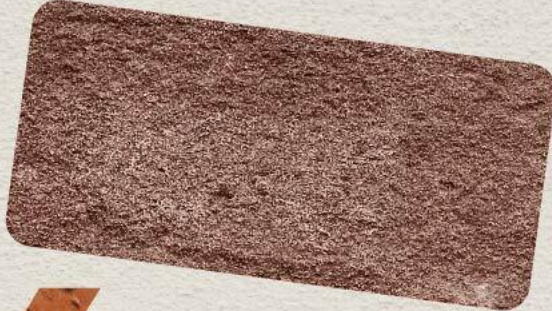
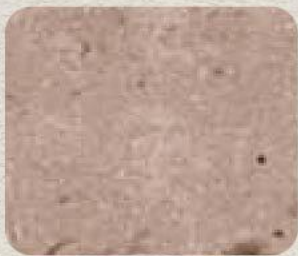


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	606 BC	Nebuchadnezzar's first attack on Jerusalem
	586 BC	Jerusalem and the Temple destroyed
Ezra 1-2	537 BC	Exiles return to Jerusalem
Ezra 3-4	536-520 BC	Slow to no progress on Temple construction
Ezra 5-6	520-516 BC	Haggai rallies the people to finish the Temple!

Haggai's four messages

1st message	August 29, 520 BC	Haggai 1:1-11
Temple Construction resumes		Haggai 1:12-15
2nd message	October 17, 520 BC	Haggai 2:1-9
3rd message	December, 520 BC	Haggai 2:10-19
4th message	December, 520 BC	Haggai 2:20-23
Tattenai's letter and King Darius' decree		Ezra 5:3 – 6:14
The Temple is completed in March, 516 BC		Ezra 6:15-18

¹ On August 29 of the second year of King Darius's reign, the Lord gave a message through the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest.

Haggai 1:1-11 (NLT)

² This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says:
The people are saying, "The time has not yet
come to rebuild the house of the Lord."

Haggai 1:1-11 (NLT)

³ Then the Lord sent this message through the prophet Haggai: ⁴ “Why are you living in luxurious houses while My house lies in ruins?”

Haggai 1:1-11 (NLT)

⁵ This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says:
“Look at what's happening to you! ⁶ You have
planted much but harvest little. You eat but are
not satisfied.

Haggai 1:1-11 (NLT)

“You drink but are still thirsty. You put on clothes but cannot keep warm. Your wages disappear as though you were putting them in pockets filled with holes!”

Haggai 1:1-11 (NLT)

⁷ This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says:
“Look at what's happening to you! ⁸ Now go up
into the hills, bring down timber, and rebuild My
house.

Haggai 1:1-11 (NLT)

“Then I will take pleasure in it and be honored,” says the Lord. ⁹ “You hoped for rich harvests, but they were poor. And when you brought your harvest home, I blew it away.

Haggai 1:1-11 (NLT)

“Why? Because My house lies in ruins,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, “while all of you are busy building your own fine houses. ¹⁰ It’s because of you that the heavens withhold the dew and the earth produces no crops.

Haggai 1:1-11 (NLT)

11 “I have called for a drought on your fields and hills – a drought to wither the grain and grapes and olive trees and all your other crops, a drought to starve you and your livestock and to ruin everything you have worked so hard to get.”

Haggai 1:1-11 (NLT)

“These people say, ‘The time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the LORD.’” Haggai 1:2

Watch out for the drift into misaligned priorities (and complacency, apathy).

“Is this a time to live in your paneled houses, while My house lies in ruins?” Haggai 1:4

Financial priority #1: generosity toward God and His mission.

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops. Proverbs 3:9

You have sown much and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes. Haggai 1:6

God has the right to bring frustration into our lives to get our attention and call us back to right priorities.

Haggai 1:1 On the first day of the sixth month (August 29) the Word of the Lord came to Haggai.

Haggai 1:15 On the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month (September 21) the people responded and started building the temple.

Give careful thought to your ways

Am I trying to hide things from God?

Am I hiding behind my excuses?

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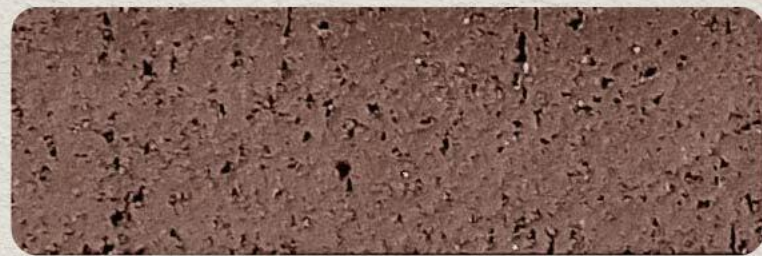
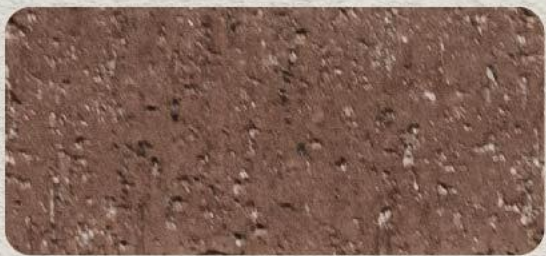
Am I living in “paneled houses” at the expense of
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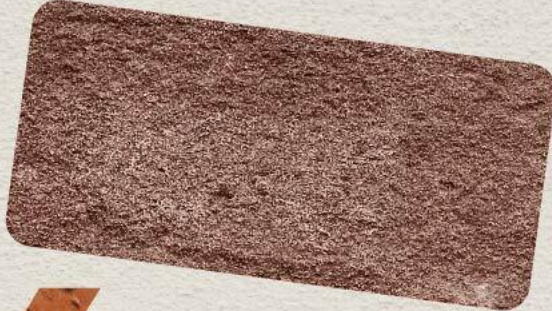
Is my generosity driven by duty or privilege?

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Might God be trying to get my attention through my (financial) struggles?

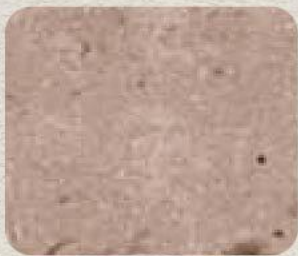


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