

## Haggai 1-2 Notes

- 538 B.C. - Decree of Cyrus to return to Jerusalem (Ezra 1)
- 536 B.C. - Completion of the altar and foundation of the temple (Ezra 3)
- Work ceased because of opposition until reign of Darius (Ezra 4)
- 520 B.C. - Haggai begins ministry in 6th month, work on the temple resumes
- Zechariah begins ministry in 8th month, spiritual revival ensues
- 516 B.C. - Temple is completed (Ezra 5-6)
- 457 B.C. - Ezra and caravan arrive in Jerusalem (Ezra 7)
- 444 B.C. - Nehemiah arrives (Nehemiah 1-2) and the wall is completed (Nehemiah 3-6)

### Division of Haggai

- 1:1-15 - First Message (2nd Year, 6th Month)
  - 1:1-11 - Rebuke and Exhortation (1st Day)
  - 1:12-15 - Response (24th Day)
- 2:1-9 - Second Message (2nd Year, 7th Month, 21st Day)
  - 2:1-9 - Encouragement to All
- 2:10-19 - Third Message (2nd Year, 9th Month, 24th Day)
  - 2:10-14 - A Lesson on Defilement
  - 2:15-19 - Promised Blessing
- 2:20-23 - Fourth Message (2nd Year, 9th Month, 24th Day)
  - 2:20-23 - Encouragement to Zerubbabel

**Haggai 1:1 - In the second year of King Darius, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying,**

The word of the Lord was specifically directed at Zerubbabel and Joshua, but through them to the rest of the people. As the leaders they were the ones responsible for the people both physically and spiritually. When there is an issue to be dealt with, God deals with the leaders.

**Haggai 1:2-4 - "Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, saying: 'This people says, "The time has not come, the time that the LORD's house should be built." ' " Then the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying, "Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins?"**

Each person had made excuses. As we looked at this morning, they had stopped for very legitimate reasons, but they didn't even try to get back to work. They just kept going on. It reminds me of a quote from **AW Tozer:** *"If the Holy Spirit was withdrawn from the church today, 95 percent of what we do would go on and no one would know the difference. If the Holy Spirit had been withdrawn from the New Testament church, 95 percent of what they did would stop, and everybody would know the difference."*

God had been trying to get their attention, but like us, they were dense and just didn't pick up on the signals, even the not-so-subtle ones.

**Haggai 1:5-6 - Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: "Consider your ways! "You have sown much, and bring in little; You eat, but do not have enough; You drink, but you are not filled with drink; You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; And he who earns wages, Earns wages to put into a bag with holes."**

These are the ways that God was trying to get their attention. They had missed every one of them.

**Deuteronomy 28:11** - "And the LORD will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you.

**Deuteronomy 15:6** - "For the LORD your God will bless you just as He promised you; you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow; you shall reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over you.

**Haggai 1:7-8** - Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Consider your ways! "Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the temple, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified," says the LORD.

Again He calls them to consider! He now tells them how to get back to where He wanted them.

The cedar from Lebanon that they had purchased

**Ezra 3:7** - They also gave money to the masons and the carpenters, and food, drink, and oil to the people of Sidon and Tyre to bring cedar logs from Lebanon to the sea, to Joppa, according to the permission which they had from Cyrus king of Persia.

God says that He will take pleasure in the new temple and be glorified in it.

**Haggai 1:9-11** - "You looked for much, but indeed it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why?" says the LORD of hosts. "Because of My house that is in ruins, while every one of you runs to his own house. "Therefore the heavens above you withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its fruit. "For I called for a drought on the land and the mountains, on the grain and the new wine and the oil, on whatever the ground brings forth, on men and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands."

He leaves us no doubt as to His intent with correcting the people. Their misfortune and lack of blessings was specifically due to His getting their attention. He withheld the things that He had promised because they were not in full obedience to Him.

It was because of His house that was in ruins.

**Haggai 1:12** - Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him; and the people feared the presence of the LORD.

The people listened! What an incredible thing! The leaders lead by example and the people followed. They obeyed the word of the Lord from Haggai. They feared the presence of the Lord.

**Job 28:28** - And to man He said, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, And to depart from evil is understanding.' "

**Psalms 111:10** - The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.

**Proverbs 1:7** - The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

**Proverbs 2:5** - Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God.

**Proverbs 9:10** - "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

**Proverbs 19:23** - The fear of the LORD leads to life, And he who has it will abide in satisfaction; He will not be visited with evil.

**Haggai 1:13** - Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, spoke the LORD's message to the people, saying, "I am with you, says the LORD."

What a comforting declaration from the Lord!

**Genesis 28:15** - "Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you."

**Joshua 1:9** - "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

**Isaiah 41:10** - Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

**Jeremiah 1:8** (6 times in Jeremiah) - Do not be afraid of their faces, For I am with you to deliver you," says the LORD.

**Matthew 28:20** - "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

**Haggai 1:14-15** - So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God, on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month, in the second year of King Darius.

23 days after Haggai began prophesying.

**Haggai 2:1** - In the seventh month, on the twenty-first of the month, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying:

One month later. 2nd Message.

**Haggai 2:2-3** - "Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, saying: 'Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? In comparison with it, is this not in your eyes as nothing?'

There is a danger in comparisons. But God also recognizes that they would compare no matter what, so He addresses it right away. He compares it to Solomon's Temple. As big, grand, and golden as that one was, this would never quite amount to the same glory, even after Herod the Great would later beautify it. This is why they were weeping:

**Ezra 3:12-13** - But many of the priests and Levites and heads of the fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first temple, wept with a loud voice when the foundation of this temple was laid before their eyes. Yet many shouted aloud for joy, so that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people, for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the sound was heard afar off.

**Haggai 2:4-5** - 'Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel,' says the LORD; 'and be strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all you people of the land,' says the LORD, 'and work; for I am with you,' says the LORD of hosts. 'According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you; do not fear!'

See also Zechariah 3-4. The other visions of Zechariah.

**Joshua 1:9** - "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

**1 Chronicles 28:20** - And David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God--my God--will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

**Zechariah 8:9** - "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Let your hands be strong, You who have been hearing in these days These words by the mouth of the prophets, Who spoke in the day the foundation was laid For the house of the LORD of hosts, That the temple might be built.

**1 Corinthians 16:13** - Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.

**Ephesians 6:10** - Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

**Zechariah 3:9** - For behold, the stone That I have laid before Joshua: Upon the stone are seven eyes. Behold, I will engrave its inscription,' Says the LORD of hosts, 'And I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

**Zechariah 4:5-10** - Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord." So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts. 'Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With shouts of "Grace, grace to it!" ' "

Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying: "The hands of Zerubbabel Have laid the foundation of this temple; His hands shall also finish it. Then you will know That the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you. For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice to see The plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the LORD, Which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth."

**Revelation 5:6** - And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

**Haggai 2:6-7** - **"For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; 'and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts.**

One final shaking to come.

**Hebrews 12:25-29** - See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven." Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire.

The Desire of All Nations

**Genesis 3:15** - And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

**Zechariah 9:9** - "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.

**Haggai 2:8-9** - **'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts. 'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the LORD of hosts."**

Amazingly, the glory of this 2nd temple is greater in God's eyes than the former. Why? God does not look at the outside, as man looks, but at the inside:

**1 Samuel 16:7** - But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

**Haggai 2:10-13** - **On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying, "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Now, ask the priests concerning the law, saying, "If one carries holy meat in the fold of his garment, and with the edge he touches bread or stew, wine or oil, or any food, will it become holy?" ' ' " Then the priests answered and said, "No." And Haggai said, "If one who is unclean because of a dead body touches any of these, will it be unclean?" So the priests answered and said, "It shall be unclean."**

Two months later. Third Message.

Holiness is not transmittable, uncleanness is.

**Haggai 2:14 - Then Haggai answered and said, " 'So is this people, and so is this nation before Me,' says the LORD, 'and so is every work of their hands; and what they offer there is unclean.**

The people are unclean before God, so everything that they touch is unclean. Even though they touch the holy things, it does not make them clean or holy.

**Haggai 2:15-17 - 'And now, carefully consider from this day forward: from before stone was laid upon stone in the temple of the LORD-- 'since those days, when one came to a heap of twenty ephahs, there were but ten; when one came to the wine vat to draw out fifty baths from the press, there were but twenty. 'I struck you with blight and mildew and hail in all the labors of your hands; yet you did not turn to Me,' says the LORD.**

God tells them to mark this day down. Up until this point, up until the 24th day of the sixth month when they started building again there was trouble and a lack of blessing, and the people did not turn to Him.

**Haggai 2:18-19 - 'Consider now from this day forward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, from the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid--consider it: 'Is the seed still in the barn? As yet the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have not yielded fruit. But from this day I will bless you.' "**

Three months later God tells them that now they will see the blessing because they have obeyed His word and heeded His prophet Haggai. It seems that the foundation of the temple had been laid on the 24th day of the 9th month. Ezra records that the work started in the second month of the second year, but doesn't specify which day the foundation was laid.

**Ezra 3:8** - Now in the second month of the second year of their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the rest of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all those who had come out of the captivity to Jerusalem, began work and appointed the Levites from twenty years old and above to oversee the work of the house of the LORD.

So here they are, 16 years later to the day and God promises blessings to return to them for their obedience.

**Haggai 2:20-22 - And again the word of the LORD came to Haggai on the twenty-fourth day of the month, saying, "Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying: 'I will shake heaven and earth. I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms; I will destroy the strength of the Gentile kingdoms. I will overthrow the chariots And those who ride in them; The horses and their riders shall come down, Every one by the sword of his brother.**

That same day, the Lord gave another prophecy to Haggai.

Re-emphasizing that He will overthrow the kingdoms of this world, that He will shake that which is not permanent. Those who fight against them would no longer be a threat, for the Lord of Hosts would handle it. This would be comfort to Zerubbabel, after all of the threatening and force to stop the work just 16 years prior, no doubt it was still on his mind after all these years as they return to the work.

**Haggai 2:23 - 'In that day,' says the LORD of hosts, 'I will take you, Zerubbabel My servant, the son of Shealtiel,' says the LORD, 'and will make you like a signet ring; for I have chosen you,' says the LORD of hosts."**

God promises to uphold Zerubbabel and make him a "signet ring". The signet ring was something that was to be kept very carefully and taken great care of, not to lose it. With it was the written authority of the king or whomever was in authority.

**Esther 3:10** - So the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews.

**Esther 3:12** - Then the king's scribes were called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and a decree was written according to all that Haman commanded--to the king's satraps, to the governors who were over each

province, to the officials of all people, to every province according to its script, and to every people in their language. In the name of King Ahasuerus it was written, and sealed with the king's signet ring.

**Esther 8:8** - "You yourselves write a decree concerning the Jews, as you please, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's signet ring; for whatever is written in the king's name and sealed with the king's signet ring no one can revoke."

**Jeremiah 22:24** - "As I live," says the LORD, "though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, were the signet on My right hand, yet I would pluck you off;

**Jeremiah 22:30** - Thus says the LORD: 'Write this man down as childless, A man who shall not prosper in his days; For none of his descendants shall prosper, Sitting on the throne of David, And ruling anymore in Judah.' " Zerubbabel was a descendant of Jeconiah/Jehoiachin (Coniah). God was telling Zerubbabel that even though his grandfather was rejected, God had not rejected Zerubbabel. This curse also gives light to Zechariah 6 where Joshua the high priest is crowned, not Zerubbabel, for he could not be crowned. How amazing is that? God worked it all perfectly.

How many temples?

**1) \*\*Tabernacle**

**a) Exodus 25-31**

b) The "pattern" of the Tabernacle/furnishings

c) **Hebrews 8:5** - who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."

d) Shadow of the heavenly things

**2) \*\*1st Temple**

a) David prepared materials

b) Solomon's Temple

c) God told David no to building it

d) 410 years (destroyed by Babylon)

**e) 1 Kings 6**

**3) \*\*2nd Temple**

a) Built after Babylonian exile

b) Humbler

c) Built under Zerubbabel and Joshua with Haggai and Zechariah

d) 585 years (destroyed by Rome)

e) Beautified by Herod the Great

f) **Ezra 1-6**, Haggai, Zechariah

g) Faced defilement from Antiochus Epiphanies IV

**4) 3rd Temple**

a) Abomination of Desolation

b) During tribulation (3.5 years)

c) Built by Jews under permission from the AntiChrist

d) Mixed feelings (Want to see it, but also know the danger)

e) **Daniel 7:20** - "and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.

f) **Daniel 11:36** - "Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done.

g) **2 Thessalonians 2:3-4** - Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who

opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

- h) **Revelation 13:6** - Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

**5) \*\*4th Temple**

- a) Millennial Temple

- b) Ezekiel 40-48**

- c) Built by Jesus

- d) **Zechariah 6:12-13** - "Then speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, saying: "Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH! From His place He shall branch out, And He shall build the temple of the LORD; Yes, He shall build the temple of the LORD. He shall bear the glory, And shall sit and rule on His throne; So He shall be a priest on His throne, And the counsel of peace shall be between them both." '

**6) \*\*Temple Size Comparison Chart**