

- (v1) Haggai and Zechariah \_\_\_\_\_
- (v2) Building begins again (\_\_\_\_\_ month, 24th day—Haggai 1:14-15)
- (v3) Tattenai and Shethar-Boznai \_\_\_\_\_ Zerubbabel and Jeshua
- (v4) Tattenai and Shethar-Boznai \_\_\_\_\_ the names of the builders
- (v5-17) Letter to Darius
  - (v8) The people are \_\_\_\_\_ the Temple
  - (v9-10) We questioned them and took their names down
  - (v11-12) Retelling of Israel's history
  - (v13-14) Retelling of Cyrus' \_\_\_\_\_
  - (v16) Sheshbazzar laid the \_\_\_\_\_, but Temple is not finished
  - (v17) Find Cyrus' decree and advise us

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- (v1) Darius' decree
  - (v2) Search for the scroll of Cyrus
  - (v3-5) Cyrus' \_\_\_\_\_ is retold
  - (v6-7) Leave the work on the House of God alone
  - (v8-10) Give them \_\_\_\_\_
  - (v11-12) Any man that tries to hinder them will be \_\_\_\_\_ on gallows and his house be torn down
- (v14) House of God \_\_\_\_\_ at the command of the God of Israel, Cyrus, Darius, and Artaxerxes
- (v15) Temple \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ year of Darius, 3rd of Adar (12th month)
- (v16) Children of Israel \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Temple
  - (v17) \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifices
  - (v18) \_\_\_\_\_ priests and Levites their divisions of service
  - (v19-21) Kept \_\_\_\_\_ (14th day of 1st month)
  - (v22) Kept Feast of \_\_\_\_\_ (15th-21st of 1st month)

## Chapter 5-6 focus:

### Examine the timeline:

- Is chapter 5-6 chronological?
- What project milestone is completed in Darius' reign and when (v15)?
- What milestone is mentioned but not yet accomplished in Darius' reign (v14)?
- What was the timing of Haggai and Zechariah's messages? [see timeline handout]

### Examine the people:

Read Haggai 1:1-2:9, 2:15-23.

- Why would the people say "It is not the time to build the Lord's house" (Haggai 1:2)?
- How has God made life difficult for them? Why? (Haggai 1:9)
- The building of the House of God continues with us. **Self-assessment:** How are you engaged in that project? How does day-to-day living get in the way?
- When God's people aren't working to build His house, do we find life lacking something?
- How does Lord encourage and motivate the people through Haggai's message?

Haggai helped them identify the source of their \_\_\_\_\_ and gave them a vision of a

\_\_\_\_\_

- **Read Zechariah 14:10-21.** How did Zechariah's message motivate the people?

- If you were battling enemies, how would this encourage you? Does it still encourage us today?
- How were the prophets' messages taken by Tattenai and Shethar-Boznai?
- What was the first tactic Tattenai and Shethar-Boznai tried to get the Jews to stop building (v3-5)?
- What name do they use for Zerubbabel?

### **Examine the document:**

- In Darius' decree, what did he command Tattenai and Shethar-Boznai to do?
- What is the punishment for interfering with the work on the House of God?
- Who does this remind you of? **Read Esther 7:9-8:2, 7**

### **Examine the tasks:**

- How did the people celebrate achieving this milestone (v16-22)?
- What spiritual task has been accomplished (v20)?
- Why is the celebration of Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread appropriate to mark this accomplishment? What do these feasts represent?

### **Passover** [See handout]

According to Mosaic Law, a person must be ritually \_\_\_\_\_ to partake of the Passover.

- Who might be included in "all who had separated themselves from the filth of the nations of the land in order to seek the LORD God of Israel" (v21)?
- What defiles a person under Mosaic Law?

- The priesthood are clean, but are the people clean?
- Does outward cleanness speak for the inward heart condition? What is the Lord looking for?

**Read 2 Chronicles 30:1-22.**

**Read Haggai 2:10-14.**

- What has made them unclean? What would have made their offering acceptable to the Lord?

### The Feast of Unleavened Bread [see handout]

Goal: Remove all the leaven from your house before the Passover.

Step 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Step 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Step 3: \_\_\_\_\_



**Key Step in Revival (Ezra 1-6): Return to worship**

**Key Step in Revival (Ezra 7-10): Return to \_\_\_\_\_**

- How is a return to holiness different from a return to worship?