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PROPHETS OF GRACE

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I Peter 1:10-11

Concerning this salvation, the prophets *who prophesied about **the grace** that was to be yours* searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.



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HAGGAI FIRST THINGS FIRST

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NORTH ISRAEL

CAPTURED
ASSYRIA

EXILED
BABYLON

SOLOMON

UNITED
KINGDOM

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Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah

Isaiah

<- 206 yrs ->

Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah

<- 136 yrs ->

Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel

<- 70 yrs ->

Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

Ezra
Esther
Nehemiah

968 928

928 722

722 586

586 516

516 400

SOUTH
JUDAH

EXILE

POST EXILE

Haggai: Rebuilding Priorities: God's call to renewed devotion

Scroll:- c. 520 B.C.

by [Haggai the Prophet](#) (Author)

5.0  55,243 ratings

Goodreads choice **Award winner**

Winner of the 520 B.C. Motivation Award and Second Place Minor Prophet Brevity Award

•Imagine coming back to your hometown after years of exile, only to find the center of your community—the temple—lying in ruins. The people of Israel had returned from Babylonian captivity, but instead of rebuilding God's temple, they got busy with their own lives, constructing comfortable homes while God's house remained a wreck. Enter Haggai, the no-nonsense prophet who steps in with a message from God: "Consider your ways." He cuts through the excuses and procrastination, calling the people to action and a renewed devotion.

•Haggai is a brief but powerful read—perfect for anyone feeling stuck, discouraged, or overwhelmed by the challenges of life. It's a prophetic shot of adrenaline, urging you to put first things first and trust that God will handle the rest. If you're looking for a book that combines spiritual depth with practical wisdom, Haggai is your guy.

Haggai 1:1-8, 2:3-5; 21-23

1 In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the hand of Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest: 2 Thus says the Lord of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the Lord. 3 Then the word of the Lord came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, 4 Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? 5 Now, therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways.

Haggai 1:1-8, 2:3-5; 21-23

6 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. 7 Thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways. 8 Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the Lord.

Haggai 1:1-8, 2:3-5; 20-23

20 The word of the Lord came a second time to Haggai on the twenty-fourth day of the month, 21 Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I am about to shake the heavens and the earth, 22 and to overthrow the throne of kingdoms. I am about to destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the nations, and overthrow the chariots and their riders. And the horses and their riders shall go down, every one by the sword of his brother. 23 On that day, declares the Lord of hosts, I will take you, O Zerubbabel my servant, the son of Shealtiel, declares the Lord, and make you like a signet ring, for I have chosen you, declares the Lord of hosts.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

BIG IDEA:

As we prioritize God's kingdom, He promises His presence, peace, and blessing.

First Things First

I. Apathy: A call to Prioritize (1:1-15)

II. Discouragement: A call to Believe (2:1-9)

III. Defilement: A call to Repent (2:10-23)

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HISTORICAL AND BIBLICAL CONTEXT

I. Apathy: A call to Prioritize (1:1-15)

“In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing:”

Ezra 1:1

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Haggai 1:1

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The Consequences with Apathy

A Call to action.

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Haggai 1:6

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The Call to Action (Haggai 1:7-8, 12-14)

"7 Thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways. 8 Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the Lord. 14 And 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,"

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HISTORICAL AND BIBLICAL CONTEXT

I. Apathy: A call to Prioritize (1:1-15)

SUMMARY:

If we put first things first, The Lord, then we can love and serve second things best.

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II. Discouragement: A call to Believe (2:1-9)

In the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, 2 Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to all the remnant of the people, and say, 3 Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How do you see it now? Is it not as nothing in your eyes?

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II. Discouragement: A call to Believe (2:1-9)

- **The Reality of Discouragement (Haggai 2:1-3)**

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II. Discouragement: A call to Believe (2:1-9)

•God's Encouragement (Haggai 2:4-5)

• 4 Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, declares the Lord. Be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the Lord. Work, for I am with you, declares the Lord of hosts, 5 according to the covenant that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not.

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II. Discouragement: A call to Believe (2:1-9)

- **God's Encouragement (Haggai 2:4-5)**
 - **Principle: The Prize is the Presence of the Lord**

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II. Discouragement: A call to Believe (2:1-9)

- **The Promise of Future Glory (Haggai 2:6-9):**

- **When facing discouragement, especially when progress seems slow or insignificant, remember that God's presence is with you. Trust in His promises and continue to work diligently, knowing that your efforts, when aligned with God's will, are not in vain.**

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III. Defilement: A call to Repent (2:10-23)

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