

BETTER THAN NORMAL

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“Does anyone remember this house – this Temple – in its former splendor? How, in comparison does it look now? It must seem like nothing at all! ... Be strong, all you people still left in the land. And now get to work, for I am with you, says the Lord of Heaven’s armies. My Spirit remains among you, just as I promised when you came out of Egypt. So do not be afraid. ... I will shake all the nations, and the treasures of all the nations will be brought to this Temple. I will fill this place with glory, says the Lord of Heaven’s armies. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of Heaven’s armies. The future glory of this Temple will be greater than its past glory, says the Lord of Heaven’s armies. And in this place I will bring peace. I, the Lord of Heaven’s armies have spoken!” Haggai 2:3, 4b-5, 7-9 (NLT)

1. NORMAL PEOPLE WILL NO LONGER KEEP ME FROM BECOMING WHO GOD CREATED ME TO BE.

“Then the peoples around them set out to discourage the people of Judah and make them afraid to go on building.” Ezra 4:4 (NIV)

2. NORMAL PROBLEMS WILL NO LONGER KEEP ME FROM FINISHING WHAT I’VE STARTED.

“Now this is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.’ This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘Give careful thought to your ways.’” Haggai 1:5-7 (NIV)

“... From that day to the present it has been under construction but is not yet finished.” Ezra 5:16 (NIV)

“And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.” Philippians 1:6 (NLT)

3. NORMAL PRIORITIES WILL NO LONGER KEEP ME FROM MY ETERNAL PURPOSE.

“You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?” declares the LORD Almighty. ‘Because of My house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house.’” Haggai 1:9 (NIV)

“... Give careful thought: Is there yet any seed left in the barn? Until now, the vine and the fig tree, the pomegranate and the olive tree have not borne fruit. From this day on I will bless you.” Haggai 2:18b-19 (NIV)

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

“... The Lord of All says, ‘Return to Me, that I may return to you.’” Zechariah 1:3 (NLV)