

Haggai

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(festive)

The second shortest prophetic book.

Prophet of divine shaking (post-exilic)

Theme: Seek first the kingdom of God and all other things will be added to you.

Purpose: To encourage the reconstruction of the temple.

- **The people's work, chap 1**
- **God's work, chap 2**

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Haggai, Zechariah & Malachi prophesied after the exile.

† Came on scene 18 years after return of exiles from Babylon.

† Prophecies concerning the rebuilding of the temple, provided the impetus to resume & to finish the work.

**† He lived at the same time as Zechariah (dreamer, visionary)
Then, some people from Israel had returned from Babylon.
They rebuilt their own houses in Jerusalem.**

**† Haggai (man of action, pragmatic) explained why they were poor. He said that God was not blessing them.
Haggai told them that they should also rebuild God's temple (the house of God).
The new temple was small.
But God told Haggai that it would be greater than the old temple.
And now, God would bless the people because they had rebuilt the temple.**









Haggai had to do 4 things

- To let the people see how shallow their devotion to God was (1:1-15)
- To encourage the leaders, Zerubbabel & Joshua, to undertake an unpopular task (2:1-9)
- To convince the people that the rebuilding was in their best interest (2:10-19)
- To show them the divine favour that rested on their obedient leader (2:20-23)

After languishing for 16 years, the Temple was completed in just 4 years, despite opposition of their neighbours.

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Key verses:

“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.” ~ 1:6

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. ~ 1:8

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Chapter 1	1st message	September	Directed at the people's hands	Be productive
Chapter 2, v1-9	2nd message	October	Directed at the people's heart	Be patient
Chapter 2, v10-19	3rd message	December	Directed at the people's head	Be prosperous

Haggai chapter 1:1-11 (#1)

I. A challenge to the people, September 1, 520 B.C.

A. A charge of conflict of interest, vv. 1-4

B. A call to consider their ways, vv. 5-7

C. A command to construct the temple, vv. 8-11

Haggai chapter 1:12-15 (2)

II. The response to the challenge, September 24, 520 B.C.

A. Construction of the temple; people obeyed, v. 12

B. Confirmation from God, vv. 13-15

Series of Temples but one House

- Solomon's Temple
- Zerubbabel's Temple
- Herold's Temple
- The Great Tribulation Temple
- The Millennial Temple

Haggai chapter 2:1-9 (#3)

III. The discouragement of the people; the encouragement of the Lord, October 21, 520 B.C

(The inferiority of the second temple to the first temple became a cause of discouragement, but God responded.)



December 24, 520 B.C. (#4 & #5)

IV. An appeal to the Law; the explanation of the principle,
Chapter 2:10-19

V. A revelation of God's program; an expectation for the future, Chapter 2:20-23