



# Walking the Ancient Path

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Haggai

# History of Israel

God's  
Covenant  
With  
Abraham

Israel

Israel

Assyria

Judah

Babylon

Exile

Return

# Prophets of Israel

Amos  
Hosea  
Isaiah  
Micah

Zephaniah  
Jeremiah  
Nahum  
Habakkuk

Obadiah  
Ezekiel

Haggai  
Zechariah  
Malachi

Joel (?)  
Jonah  
(Ninevah)



# Who was Haggai

- **“Festive”**
- **Lived in Jerusalem after the Return**
- **No Nonsense Guy**
- **Motivator**
- **Short-timer (4 months)**



Who was Haggai



**Haggai's  
Message:**

**Rebuild the  
Temple!**



**Persia**

**Babylon**

**Ezra 1:2**

This is what King Cyrus of Persia says:  
“The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me  
all the kingdoms of the earth. He has  
appointed me to build him a Temple at  
Jerusalem, which is in Judah.”

**Go!**

**People  
Leave**

**Foundation  
Laid**

## Ezra 1:5

Then God **stirred** the hearts of the priests and Levites and the leaders of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin to go to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple of the Lord.

## **Ezra 4:24**

**So the work on the Temple of God in Jerusalem had stopped, and it remained at a standstill until the second year of the reign of King Darius of Persia.**





**Why was the  
temple a  
big deal?**



God's  
Presence  
was in  
the  
Temple

When all the people of Israel saw the fire coming down and the glorious presence of the Lord filling the Temple, they fell face down on the ground and worshiped.

2 Chr 7:3

**It Was  
The  
Reason  
For Their  
Freedom**

**Any of you who are his  
people may go to Jerusalem  
in Judah to rebuild this  
Temple of the Lord, the God  
of Israel, who lives in  
Jerusalem. And may your  
God be with you! Ez. 1:3**



**Why did they  
stop working  
on it?**

# 3 Reasons



**Opposition  
(Samaritans)**

**Ezra 4**



**Sadness  
Over the  
Past**

**Hag. 2:1-5**



**Misplaced  
Values**

**Hag. 1:2-4**

“This is what the Lord of Heaven’s Armies says: The people are saying, ‘The time has **not yet** come to rebuild the house of the Lord.’” Then the Lord sent this message through the prophet Haggai: “Why are you living in luxurious houses while my house lies in ruins?”

Haggai 1:2-4



**Why did they  
start working  
on it?**

# 3 Reasons



**God's Wake  
Up Call**



So the Lord **sparked the enthusiasm** of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the enthusiasm of Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the enthusiasm of the whole remnant of God's people. They began to work on the house of their God

1:14

God  
Opened  
Their  
Eyes

# 3 Reasons



**God's Wake  
Up Call**



**God Sent A  
Messenger**

Then on October 17 of that same year, the Lord sent another message through the prophet Haggai. <sup>2</sup> “Say this to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of God’s people there in the land:

Chap 2

God  
sends  
Haggai

# 3 Reasons



**God's Wake  
Up Call**



**God Sent A  
Messenger**



**God  
Timelines It**

<sup>3</sup> ‘Does anyone remember this house—this Temple—in its former splendor? How, in comparison, does it look to you now? It must seem like nothing at all!

The  
Past

**<sup>4</sup> But now the Lord says: Be strong, Zerubbabel. Be strong, Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people still left in the land. And now get to work . . .**

**The  
Present**

**Be  
Strong**

**For I am with you, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. <sup>5</sup> My Spirit remains among you, just as I promised when you came out of Egypt. So do not be afraid.'**

**I'm  
with  
you**

**The  
Past**

**<sup>6</sup> “For this is what the Lord of Heaven’s Armies says: In just a little while I will again shake the heavens and the earth, the oceans and the dry land. <sup>7</sup> I will shake all the nations, and the treasures of all the nations will be brought to this Temple.**

**A  
Future  
Promise**



**I will fill this place with glory, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies.<sup>8</sup> The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies.<sup>9</sup> The future glory of this Temple will be greater than its past glory, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies.**

**A  
Future  
Greater  
Than  
The  
Past**

**And in this place I will bring  
peace. I, the Lord of Heaven's  
Armies, have spoken!”**

**Where?**

**Acts 2**

**What Does  
This Mean  
Today?**



# 3 Things



**God Is Going  
All Out For  
You**

**Look at what's happening to you!**  
**<sup>6</sup> You have planted much but harvest little. You eat but are not satisfied. You drink but are still thirsty. You put on clothes but cannot keep warm. Your wages disappear as though you were putting them in pockets filled with holes! 1:5-6**



# 3 Things



**God Is Going  
All Out For  
You**



**Honestly  
Explore**

<sup>5</sup> Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways.” (NIV)



Set Your  
Heart  
Upon  
Your  
Ways

1:5, 1:7, 2:15, 2:18

# 3 Things



**God Is Going  
All Out For  
You**



**Honestly  
Explore**



**What  
Matters**





2 “This is what the Lord of Heaven’s Armies says: The people are saying, ‘The time has not **yet** come to rebuild the house of the Lord.’”

Now is the time to figure it out