

Bible Study – Outline

Haggai

Encouragement

Time Period 520 BC
During the time to rebuild the Temple
Refer to the Book of Ezra (Ezra 5:1)

Audience The people of Judah and Jerusalem

Major Theme(s)

- Priorities – build the Lord’s house – don’t procrastinate
- Put God first in our lives
- To do God’s will, we need the Holy Spirit. (See also Zech. 4:6)

Key People

Zerubbabel

Haggai

Joshua son of Jozadak

Haggai

THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE COMMANDED	1
THE GLORY OF THE RECONSTRUCTED TEMPLE	2:1-9
THE BLESSINGS OF OBEDIENCE	2:10-19
GOD’S PROMISE OF BLESSING	2:20-23

The messages

1. Conviction
 - a. Stop making excuses 1:1- 4
 - b. Start considering your ways 1:5-11
 - c. Begin to serve the Lord 1:12-15
2. Comparison of
 - a. Discouragement 2:1-3
 To
 - b. Encouragement 2:4-9
 - i. Be strong 2:4
 - ii. Fear not 2:5
 - iii. Glory will come 2:6-7
 - iv. God will provide 2:8-9
 - v. Coming judgment and Messiah 2:20-23

Key Scriptures

- Haggai 1:4 “Is it a time for yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?”
- Haggai 1:8 “...build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored, says the Lord. “
- Haggai 2:4 Be strong. See note below
- Haggai 2:5 “..And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.”
- Haggai 2:9 * A promise of glory and peace
- Haggai 2:19 “From this day on I will bless you.”

* see note related to this verse in the Life Application Bible.

NOTE: Be Strong

What was the encouragement being given to the Jews when told to be strong?
Because the Lord was with them – Haggai 1:13, 2:4

Other References To “Be Strong”
Deut. 31:6-7, 23
Joshua 1:6-7, 9
I Chron. 22:13, 28:10, 20

Discussion Questions

1. How had the Jews mixed up their priorities? Haggai 1:4
2. What comparisons can you make to the temple being rebuilt in Haggai’s time and today?
3. Where else can you find these promises?
 - a. “God will provide”
 - b. “Do not fear”
4. What is the message we are to understand from Haggai 2:10-19
5. How can we be God’s builders today?

Resources Used

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