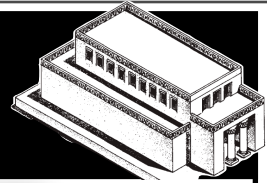




Haggai The Glory of the LORD



August 29th, 520 BC

The Summons to Rebuild the Temple (1:1-15)

Historical Note: August 29th, 520 BC, during the reign of Persian King Darius (1:1)

- Priority:** Build the Temple since your own houses are finished (1:2-4)
- Poverty:** You are not blessed because you are not obedient (1:4-6)
- Punishment:** You are judged because you did not finish (1:7-11)
- Response:** *The remnant repents and fears the LORD (1:12)*
- Presence:** The promise of the LORD's presence motivates the people to restart working on the Temple 23 days later (1:13-15)

1:1

First Message
"Rebuild the Temple."

A month and half later.

The Future Temple will be More Glorious (2:1-9)

Historical Note: October 17th, 520 BC. (2:1)

- Commission:** Speak to the leaders and the remnant (2:2)
- Covenant:** Though this Temple is not great, God is with you (2:3-5)
- Coming Glory:** The LORD promises to bring greater glory (2:6-9)
 - The creation will quake (2:6)
 - The nations will come (2:7)
 - The riches will be brought (2:8)
 - The Glory will be greater (2:9a)
 - There will be peace (2:9b)



1:15 2:1

Second Message
"The Greater Temple."

Two months later.

Obey and You will be Blessed (2:10-19)

Historical Note: December 18th, 520 BC. (2:10)

- Commission:** Question to the priests. (2:11)
- Consecration:** Unclean things defile clean things. (2:12-14)
- Consequences:** The offerings are defiled because of the people (2:14)
- Consideration:** Carefully consider how you live to be blessed (2:15-19)
 - You were not blessed because you did not obey (2:15-17)
 - You will be blessed if you do obey (2:18-19)

2:9 2:10

Third Message
"Be Holy and Be Blessed."

The Same Day

The LORD will Rule Over All (2:20-23)

Historical Note: December 18th, 520 BC. (2:20)

- Commission:** Speak to the Governor (2:21a)
- Conquest:** The LORD will overthrow world powers (2:21b-22)
- Compensation:** The LORD will reward Zerubbabel for his faithfulness (2:23)

2:19 2:20

Fourth Message
"The LORD's Victory."

2:23

Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing? (Haggai 2:3)

"I will fill this house with glory," says the Lord Almighty. ... "The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house," says the Lord Almighty. "And in this place I will grant peace," declares the Lord Almighty. (Haggai 2:7,9)

Finish the Temple

Be Holy

Haggai (after Persian King Darius allowed Jews to return to Israel to rebuild the temple) delivered four messages to Zerubbabel the Governor and Joshua the Priest, the leaders of the returned remnant after the Babylonian captivity, calling them to complete the rebuilding of the temple because God's glory demanded and deserved it and so they could return to temple worship and, therefore, as an obedient, believing community be blessed by God under the covenant as they await the LORD's final conquest and rule.