

HAGGAI

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audience:

those who are living in Jerusalem
those who have returned from exile.

MEGATHemes: RIGHT PRIORITIES & GOD'S ENCOURAGEMENT

Temple

The Call to Rebuild The Temple (1:1-15)

ZERUBBABEL
(governor)

JOSHUA
(high priest)

KEY LEADERS IN
BUILDING THE
TEMPLE

the building of the temple slowed down.

HAGGAI'S FIRST MESSAGE is to continue rebuilding the temple.

The rebuilding of the temple means continuing the work the exile had not finished because of the hindrance of the enemy.

NEGLECT in completing the temple shows how they **NEGLECT GOD**.
own houses -> completing the temple

we are reminded to be **MINDFUL OF OUR WAYS**.
we expect **way too much** from the LORD and yet,
we never put him first.

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.

KEEP IN MIND!

The LORD and
his will are our **PRIORITY**.
And even if it's difficult to obey,
as long as we try to listen & obey,
The LORD will be with us.

"I AM WITH YOU
declares the LORD." - Haggai 1:13

ENCOURAGEMENT TO COMPLETE THE TEMPLE (2:1-23)

BE STRONG

→ whenever the Lord instructs us to do something,
or even when we try to rebuild our life in Him,
we tend to **compare**.

→ The temple foundations that was rebuilt was greatly compared to how King Solomon had done it before.
→ The temple was expected to be a continuation of how King Solomon had done it.
→ The temple is **NOTHING** compared as it was before it got destroyed.
→ The people who are trying to complete it got **discouraged**.

we compare

→ how others are doing it better.
→ how your life used to be
less & "fun".
→ how we are experiencing
difficulties and persecutions
of following Christ.

**BUT
WHEN
DISCOURAGED,**
we are reminded to

IN REALITY: when we compare ourselves,
we will either think highly of ourselves
or we easily get discouraged

BE STRONG and DO NOT FEAR.

Timeline

AUGUST 29:
The LORD instructed to
rebuild His temple.

SEPTEMBER 2:
The remnants obeyed God &
started to rebuild
the temple.

OCTOBER 17:
God encouraged the
people rebuilding the
temple.

DECEMBER 18:
God's message on
blessings promised on
Obedience.

we often times become
too legalistic when it
comes to other people's actions
that we forget that we
are legalistic and observing
hypocrisy ourselves.

we also expect too much from
the LORD despite our lack
of efforts in being
obedient to His instructions.

→ 2:10-17



It wasn't easy
to finish the
halfly done
temple.

STILL

The LORD's plans &
promises will prevail.
He doesn't need our
human efforts;
He needs our
OBEDIENT HEARTS.

→ 2:23-24

meditate