

Bible Reading Notes
Haggai

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Haggai 1

The events of Haggai take place over a four-month period of time (August 29-December 18, 520 BC). Haggai, a contemporary of Zechariah, was sent by the Lord to compel Israel to complete the temple. It has been 18 years since the exiles have returned home from exile.

1:5-11 – Consider your ways – Life has been hard for them because they have prioritized their comfort rather than the building of the temple. Three different times the Lord tells Israel to consider how their sin has negatively impacted them.

1:13 – I am with you – The Lord's reassurance may have been needed since the first attempt to build had been stopped by Israel's enemies. Further assurances are given in 2:4, 5.

Haggai 2

2:4 – be strong – God calls both the civil (Zerubbabel) and religious (Joshua) leaders to be strong as they lead Israel to rebuild the temple.

2:6 – This verse is quoted in Hebrews 12:26 contrasting the kingdom of God which cannot be shaken.

2:10-17 – Building the temple is not enough. Israel needs to deal with their own sin through repentance.

2:18-19 – The Lord promises that blessings will come to his people as they continue their obedience in building the temple for him.