

It Is Time To Build

Getting Ready For Harvest Time

Haggai 1:2-8, 13-14

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Haggai 1:2-8

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.' " 3 Then the LORD sent this message through the prophet Haggai: 4 "Why are you living in luxurious houses while my house lies in ruins?



5 This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: Look at what's happening to you! 6 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!



**7 "This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says:
Look at what's happening to you! 8 Now go up into
the hills, bring down timber, and rebuild my
house. Then I will take pleasure in it and be
honored, says the LORD.**



¹³ Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, gave the people this message from the LORD: "I am with you, says the LORD!" ¹⁴ 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, the LORD of Heaven's Armies,-- (NLT)

Haggai 1:13-14



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Introduction

Author: **Haggai** = Feast or Festive

Audience: **Remnant**

Background:

**Returned to Jerusalem
after 70 years of slavery**



1. Put God First In Your Lives.

Haggai 1:4⁴ “Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?”-- (NIV)



A. God Calls Out Our Excuses.

Haggai 1:2² This is what the LORD Almighty says: “These people say, ‘The time has not yet come to rebuild the LORD’s house.’”



Proverbs 24:12

12 Don't excuse yourself by saying, "Look, we didn't know." For God understands all hearts, and he sees you. He who guards your soul knows you knew. He will repay all people as their actions deserve.-- (NLT)



B. God Calls Us to Examine the Evidence.

Isaiah 2:3³ Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.



C. God Calls Out Our Evasion.

Haggai 1:4–5⁴ “Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? ⁵ Now, therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways.-- (ESV)



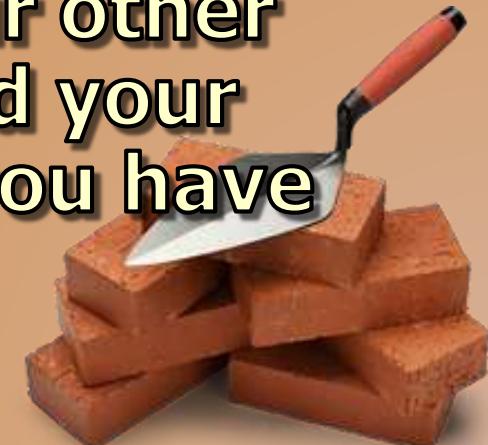
2. Believe In The Promise of God.

Haggai 1:6⁶ 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!-- (NLT)



⁹ You hoped for rich harvests, but they were poor. And when you brought your harvest home, I blew it away. Why? Because my house lies in ruins, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, while all of you are busy building your own fine houses. ¹⁰ It's because of you that the heavens withhold the dew and the earth produces no crops. ¹¹ I have called for a drought on your fields and hills—a drought to wither the grain and grapes and olive trees and all your other crops, a drought to starve you and your livestock and to ruin everything you have worked so hard to get."-- (NLT)

Haggai 1:9-11



Matthew 6:31-33

31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.-- (NIV)



2 Corinthians 1:20

20 For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.-- (NIV)



3. Let Us Obey God's Command.

Haggai 1:12¹² Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the whole remnant of the people obeyed the voice of the LORD their God and the message of the prophet Haggai, because the LORD their God had sent him. And the people feared the LORD.



4. Let Us Honor God's Name.

Haggai 1:7–8⁷ Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways. ⁸ Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; And I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.-- (KJV)



John 2:17

17 His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”-- (NIV)



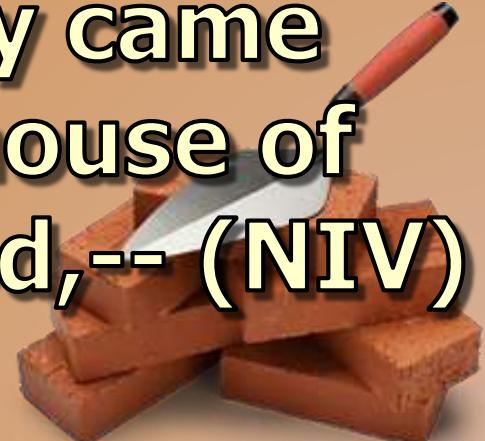
1 Corinthians 10:31

31 So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.



Haggai 1:14

14 So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of the LORD Almighty, their God,-- (NIV)



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