Be Restored Haggai

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Sometimes things don't go our way even when we follow God's leading.

Is God trying to get your attention despite the sacrifices you've made for him?

How can you restore God's BLESSING when you only see his discipline?

Background

MINOR PROPHETS with a MAJOR MESSAGE



Exile 586-536





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- Even though they had synagogues, Jews still wanted to restore the Jerusalem temple
- Exiles led by Zerubbabel returned to the land of Judah after the decree of the Persian emperor Cyrus in 539 BC. The returned exiles started the reconstruction of the temple by laying its foundation (Ezra 5:16).

External

Opposition to Rebuilding

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The Context: **Opposition to Temple Rebuilding** 536 BC: As soon as the copy of the letter of King Artaxerxes was read to Rehum and Shimshai the secretary and their associates, they went immediately to the Jews in Jerusalem and compelled them by force to stop. Thus the work on the house of God in Jerusalem came to a standstill until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia [520 BC].

Ezra 4:23-24 (NIV)

Internal

Opposition to Rebuilding

"On August 29 of the second year of King Darius's reign, the LORD gave a message through the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest" (1:1 NLT).



Prophecy #1: God Speaks Regarding Temple Neglect





Would they listen?

God speaks today too.

Are we listening?



Parallel Structure

 The oracles have two parallel structures: the first and third focus on accusation, while the second and fourth focus on God's assurance:

Oracle 1	Accusation	(1:1-15)
Oracle 2	Assurance	(2:1-9)
Oracle 3	Accusation	(2:10-19)
Oracle 4	Assurance	(2:20-23)

Drought for Neglecting Temple Rebuilding

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Temple		Blessings	
Wrong Priorities	Greater Glory	Drought Judgment	Zerubbabel's Authority
1	2:1-9	2:10-19	2:20-23
Rebuke #1	Promise #1	Rebuke #2	Promise #2
"Is it a time for you to be living in your panelled houses, while this house remains in ruins?Go and build the house" (1:4, 8a)	"I will fill this house with gloryThe glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house" (2:7b, 9a)	"Whatever [my people] do and whatever they offer is defiled [yet] from this day on I will bless you" (2:14b, 19b)	"I will shake the heavens and the earth. I will overturn royal thrones and shatter the power of the foreign kingdoms" (2:21-22)
Present	Kingdom	Present	Kingdom
Drought	Sadness	Food Shortage	Leadership
August 29, 520 BC	October 17, 520 BC	December 18, 520 BC	December 18, 520 BC

Haggai 1

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1. Realign your priorities (Haggai 1).





"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'" (Haggai 1:2). "Then the LORD sent this message through the prophet Haggai: ⁴'Why are you living in paneled houses while my house lies in ruins?"" (Haggai 1:3-4).



Chart of the Exile

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Jews Maintained Holiness at the Pisin

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The Problem in Haggai's Day...

Due to opposition from nearby enemies, the temple was never finished. For 16 years the priority of building God's temple had gradually diminished.

 Although some returning Jews may have been poor, some still had some level of affluence.
People had paneled their private homes like Solomon had done in the temple and palace (Hag. 1:4; cf. 1 Kings 6:9; 7:3,7).



"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!" (Haggai 1:5-6 NLT).

"This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: Look at what's happening to you! ⁸Now 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. ⁹You 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" (Haggai 1:7-9 NLT).

"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" (Haggai 1:10-11 NLT).



"Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the whole remnant of God's people began to obey the message from the LORD their God. When they heard the words of the prophet Haggai, whom the LORD their God had sent, the people feared the LORD. ¹³Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, gave the people this message from the LORD: 'I am with you, says the LORD!"" (Haggai 1:12-13 NLT).

"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, ¹⁵on September 21 of the second year of King Darius's reign" (Haggai 1:14-15 NLT).





See the invisible!

"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:18)

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Key Word

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Prioritize Your Time



God still speaks. Read his words.



God still speaks when we are still.



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Haggai 2

2. Recall God's presence (Haggai 2:1-9).

"Then on October 17 of that same year, the LORD sent another message through the prophet Haggai. 'Say this to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of God's people there in the land" (Haggai 2:1-2 NLT).



Dates in Haggai



"'Does anyone remember this house—this Temple—in its former splendor? How, in comparison, does it look to you now? It must seem like nothing at all! ⁴But now the LORD says: Be strong, Zerubbabel. Be strong, Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people still left in the land. And now get to work, for a m with you, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. ⁵My Spirit remains among you, just as I promised when you came out of Egypt. So do not be afraid" (Haggai 2:3-5 NLT).

"For this is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: In just a little while I will again shake the heavens and the earth, the oceans and the dry land. ⁷I will shake all the nations, and the treasures of all the nations will be brought to this Temple. I will fill this place with glory, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies" (Haggai 2:6-7 NLT).





2nd Temple - Zerubbabel



God's Presence in Temple Rebuilding



"'The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. ⁹The future glory of this Temple will be greater than its past glory, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. And in this place I will bring peace. I, the LORD of Heaven's Armies, have spoken!'" (Haggai 2:8-9 NLT).

Oracle 2: Assurance

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 Despite their poverty and inferior rebuilding of the temple, God reminded them of his previous promise that he will be with them and encouraged them to continue (2:1-5).

• He will shake the heavens and use all the silver and gold of nations to beautify and glorify the temple (2:6-9)

Prayers for the Third Temple

While praying for temple restoration Jews needed a common place to bring themselves "together" (syn) to preserve their "way of life" (agoge). Thus the "synagogue" was born.



Replace This with a Temple?

Good luck!

SACRED STONE: The celebrates a union with God

The Rock Inside

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Modern Temple Mount



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The Temple of Ezekiel 40–47

God's Glory Will Return!

The Glory Returns

4. Clearing of the temple MONDAY Mt 21:10-17 Mk 11:15-18 Lk 19:45-48

The next day he returned to the temple and found the court of the Gentiles full of traders and money changers making a large profit as they gave out Jewish coins in exchange for "pagan" money. Jesus drove them out and overturned their tables.

Alternate

Gordon's

sent Damascus Gate

Traditional

Crucifixion

and Tomb

Jerusalem

and parables TUESDAY Mt 21:23-24:51; Mk 11:27-13:37; Lk 20:1-21:30

IN JERUSALEM

Ezekiel

5. Day of controversy



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Is evaded the traps set by the priests. ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES OVERLOOKING JERUSALEM (Tuesday afternoon, exact location unknown) He taught in parables and warned the people against the Pharisees. He predicted the destruction of Herod's great temple and told his disciples about future events, including his own return.

> To the Wilderness of Judea"

7. Passover Last Supper THURSDAY

Mt 26:17—30; Mk 14:12—26; Lk 22:7—23; Jn 13:1—30

In an upper room Jesus prepared both himself and his disciples for his death. He gave the Passover meal a new meaning. The loaf of bread and cup of wine represented his body soon to be sacrificed and his blood soon to be shed. And so he instituted the "Lord's Supper." After singing a hymn they went to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed in agony, knowing what lay ahead for him.

8. Crucifixion—FRIDAY Mt 27:1—66; Mk 15:1—47; Lk 22:66—23:56; Jn 18:28—19:37 Following betrayal, arrest, desertion, false trials, denial, condemnation, beatings and mockeny, Jesus was required to carry bis cross to "The Place of the Shull "when here 3. The Triumphal Entry

SUNDAY

Mt 21:1—11; Mk 11:1—11; Lk 19:28—44; Jn 12:12—19 On the first day of the week Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling an ancient

The Eastern Gate (Ezek. 43:1-4 NLT)

"After this, the man brought me back around to the east gateway. ²Suddenly, the glory of the God of Israel appeared from the east. The sound of his coming was like the roar of rushing waters, and the whole landscape shone with his glory. ³This vision was just like the others I had seen, first by the Kebar River and then when he came to destroy Jerusalem. I fell face down on the ground. ⁴And the glory of the LORD came into the Temple through the east gateway."

Recall that God also has promised you his presence today.



God's Presence

• Therefore, the larger context of Haggai's message concerns the presence of God.

Coggins notes, "God gives assurance of His lasting presence with them by recounting the past history of his dealings with them (' the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt'), by assuring the present reality ('my Spirit abides among you; fear not'), and by promising a sign of future glory ('I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in' [2:21])."



The divine name Yahweh (LORD) occurs 34 times in the 38 verses of this book, and 14 of these stress divine omnipotence with the name the LORD of Hosts.

The LORD will yield up the nations' treasures to beautify and glorify his temple. He will shake the heaven and earth to do a great and cosmic thing.

"Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, 'I will never fail you. I will never abandon you'" (Hebrews-13:5 NLT).



How can you restore God's BLESSING when you only see his discipline?

1. Realign your priorities (Haggai 1).


2. Recall God's presence (Haggai 2:1-9).

3. Renew your worship (Haggai 2:10-19).



Dates in Haggai (2:10, 18, 20)





"On December 18 of the second year of King Darius's reign, the LORD sent this message to the prophet Haggai: ¹¹'This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says. Ask the priests this question about the law: ¹²'If one of you is carrying some meat from a holy sacrifice in his robes and his robe happens to brush against some bread or stew, wine or olive oil, or any other kind of food, will it also become holy?'" The priests replied, 'No.'

¹³Then Haggai asked, 'If someone becomes ceremonially unclean by touching a dead person and then touches any of these foods, will the food be defiled?' And the priests answered, 'Yes'" (Haggai 2:10-13 NLT).

"Then Haggai responded, 'That is how it is with this people and this nation, says the LORD. Everything they do and everything they offer is defiled by their sin. ¹⁵Look at what was happening to you before you began to lay the foundation of the LORD's Temple. ¹⁶When you hoped for a twenty-bushel crop, you harvested only ten. When you expected to draw fifty gallons from the winepress, you found only twenty. ¹⁷I sent blight and mildew and hail to destroy everything you worked so hard to produce. Even so, you refused to return to me, says the LORD" (Haggai 2:14-17 NLT).



"Think about this eighteenth day of December, the day when the foundation of the LORD's Temple was laid. Think carefully. ¹⁹I am giving you a promise now while the seed is still in the barn. You have not yet harvested your grain, and your grapevines, fig trees, pomegranates, and olive trees have not yet produced their crops. But from this day onward I will bless you'" (Haggai 2:18-19 NLT).



Oracle 3: Accusation

• The problem: works and offerings are a false trust in human efforts and do not ensure acceptance by the LORD (2:10-14).

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The consequences: economic shortage (2:16-17).

• The response: The people responded by laying the temple foundation (2:18-19).

What does God think about your worship?



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4. Re-envision God's kingdom (Haggai 2:20-23).

"On that same day, December 18, the LORD sent this second message to Haggai: ²¹'Tell Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah, that I am about to shake the heavens and the earth. ²²I will overthrow royal thrones and destroy the power of foreign kingdoms. I will overturn their chariots and riders. The horses will fall, and their riders will kill each other" (Haggai 2:20-22 NLT).



"But when this happens, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, I will honor you, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, my servant. I will make you like a signet ring on my finger, says the LORD, for I have chosen you. I, the LORD of Heaven's Armies, have spoken!" (Haggai 2:23 NLT).

Oracle 4: Assurance

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 Again, God will shake the heavens and overthrow the nations (2:20-22)

 He will also exalt the Davidic line through Zerubbabel (2:23)



The Signet Ring

Impression from a Welsh signet ring found at Raglan, 15th century



Zerubbabel's Authority

Haggai portrayed the Messiah when God said to Zerubbabel, "I will make you like my signet ring, for I have chosen you" (2:23). As a signet ring denoted authority, so Zerubbabel became the center of the Messianic line where both Joseph and Mary's lines merged:



In both genealogies the father of Zerubbabel is Shealtiel, but each genealogy follows a different son of Zerubbabel until they end with Joseph and Mary. This makes Zerubbabel and his father the common link in each lineage.

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Significance of David-Zerubbabel Parallel

 The parallel of David to Zerubbabel is outstanding, for David wanted to build the temple, but in response the LORD promised to build the king's house.



This similarity shows that the messianic element fits the context of the book.

Do you want God's blessing?



You will also inherit the kingdom when you are faithful now.



Haggai

1 **G**od's temple needs building 2 **O**lder temple less glorious

Barry Huddleston, The Acrostic Summarized Bible (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1992)

Two Types of Inheritance

"Now if we are children, then we are heirs heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed w share in his suffering in order that w may also share in his glory" (Rom. 8:17 NIV).

= Salvation



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Main Idea

ALIGNMENT

Align with God's priorities.

1. Realign your priorities (Haggai 1).



2. Recall God's presence (Haggai 2:1-9).

3. Renew your worship (Haggai 2:10-19).



4. Re-envision God's kingdom (Haggai 2:20-23).

Key Verse

(God to Judah) "You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?' declares the LORD Almighty. 'Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with his own house'" (Haggai 1:9).



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Haggai Kingdom Statement

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Judah must get right priorities (1:9) for blessing in the Messiah's kingdom.

Eternal Priorities

1.God

2.God's Word 3.Souls of People

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