

Haggai 1:1-2:19
Under Construction
Rebuilding with God's Priorities, Presence, Purity, and Promise

Topic: Priorities

Question: What happens when God's people realign their priorities with His purposes?

Answer: When we put God's house and His glory first, He blesses us with His presence, provision, and lasting victory.

Purpose: The listeners will evaluate their personal and collective priorities in light of God's call, repent where necessary, and commit themselves anew to building the spiritual temple — the Church, indwelt and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Context: The prophet Haggai ministered to a discouraged remnant who had returned from exile to rebuild Jerusalem and the temple. Though they began the work with zeal, opposition, fear, and self-interest led them to stop. For sixteen years, God's house lay in ruins while they pursued their own comfort.

Background: Habakkuk prophesied around 607-606 BC, and warned Judah (the Southern Kingdom) they would

Big Idea: Individuals and nations committed to God will be blessed. God promises victory for them in this life and in the world to come.

1:1-15 First Message: Rebuke → Misplaced priorities

God accepts no excuses for lack of commitment. A Rebuke for Lack of Commitment and the People's Repentance

⇒ 1:1-11 Charge

⇒ 1:12-15 Change

2:1-9 Second Message: Encouragement → God is with you

The people and their leaders are told to follow the Lord courageously, because his power will ensure their protection and success.

⇒ 2:1-3 Remember

⇒ 2:3-9 Reassure

2:10-19 3rd message: Instruction → Holiness matters

Consequences of Judah's Past Lack of Commitment

⇒ 2:10-14 Interrogate (question)

⇒ 2:14-15 Instruct

3:20-23 4th Message => Promise → Kingdom certainty

Haggai concludes his prophecy by assuring the faithful that their God will triumph over the world.

⇒ 2:20-23 Reveal

Repent and Turn towards (μετανοέω) God

(scriptures below from NLT)

Matthew 3:1-2 says “John the Baptist came to the Judean wilderness and began preaching. His message was, 2 “Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.

Matthew 4:17 says “From then on Jesus began to preach, “Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.

What happened after Jesus died? Well in Acts 2:38 it says “Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Again in Acts 3:19 Peter again says “Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away.”

Not to be left out, Paul tells the roman governor in Acts 26:20 “I preached first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that all must repent of their sins and turn to God—and prove they have changed by the good things they do.”

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Jerusalem: 520 BC (2nd year of King Darius' reign)						
Oracle #1		Oracle #2		Oracle #3		Oracle #4
1:1-15		2:1-9		2:10-19		2:20-23
29 Aug 520 BC		17 Oct 520 BC		18 Dec 520 BC		
Rebuke #1		Promise #1		Rebuke #2		Promise #2
Priorities		Presence		Purity		Promise
Rebuke → Misplaced priorities		Encouragement → God is with you		Instruction → Holiness matters		Promise → Kingdom certainty
Charge	Change	Remember	Reassure	Interrogate (question)	Instruct	Reveal
Consider your ways	They obey	Temple once glorious	Greater glory to come	Defilement spreads	Obedience brings blessing	Davidic hope restored
Rebuild God's house	God stirs hearts	God is with you	Work, fear not	Past disobedience = lack	From this day I bless you	Zerubbabel = signet ring → Christ