

## BELIEVERS THE TEMPLE OF GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT

Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19). If we commit fornication we defile the temple of God (1 Corinthians 6:18). In another sense, Christians make up the temple of God (1 Corinthians 3:9-16). We are the living stones from which God builds His temple (2 Corinthians 6:16; Ephesians 2:19-22; Revelation 7:15). As the Lord dwelt among Israel in the temple (1 Kings 8:10-13), so God dwells among His people, His temple, His church (1 Corinthians 3:16; Ephesians 2:22). We may defile this temple by following human wisdom rather than the Word of God (1 Corinthians 3:16-23) and by sharing in the sins of the world (2 Corinthians 6:14 – 7:1). If we live a life of faithfulness to Christ, He will make us pillars in His heavenly temple (Revelation 3:12)

### Discussion Questions:

1. If money and shipping delays weren't an issue and you could remodel your entire home, which room would you prioritize? Why?
2. Skim Ezra 4. Why did the rebuilding of the temple to the Lord cease?
3. Read Haggai 1:1-11. What construction were the people prioritizing?
4. What consequences were the people suffering for their mis-prioritization?
5. Read Haggai 1:12-15. How did the people respond to God's message?
6. Think about your calendar—pull out your phone and look at it if you need to. What habits or activities fill your days? What does this reveal about your priorities?
7. How do you think that God would re-prioritize your life?
8. When you don't prioritize God in your life, what are some of the consequences you experience?
9. What is one way you can prioritize God above all else this week?

ANSWERS: 1) challenge; 1 (a) strong; 1(b) I am ; 2) Fear not

# SERMON SERIES: HAGGAI



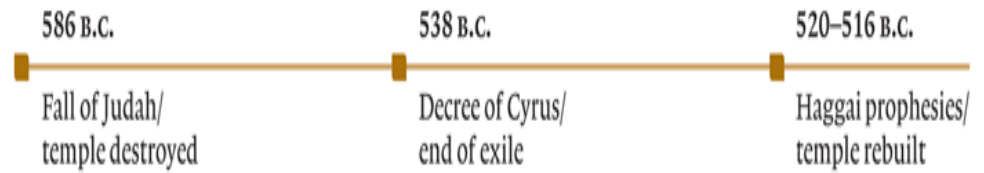
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WEEK 4— Haggai 2:1-9

## Outline

- WEEK 1 Introduction: A Promise Fulfilled (Haggai 1:1)
- WEEK 2 Build My Temple (Haggai 1:1-11)
- WEEK 3 God's People Build The Temple (Haggai 1:12-15)
- WEEK 4 God Will Glorify His Temple (Haggai 2:1-9)**
- WEEK 5 God Will Glorify His People (Haggai 2:10-19)
- WEEK 6 God Will Glorify His Kingdom (Haggai 2:20-23)



### The Prophecy of Haggai by time period:

SCRIPTURE	JEWISH CALENDAR	GREGORIAN CALENDAR
Haggai 1:1	2 <sup>nd</sup> year of Darius the king, in the 6 <sup>th</sup> month, on the 1 <sup>st</sup> day	August 520 B.C.
Haggai 2:1	7 <sup>th</sup> month, on the 21 <sup>st</sup> day	October 520 B.C.
Haggai 2:10	24 <sup>th</sup> day of the 9 <sup>th</sup> month, in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of Darius	December 520 B.C.
Haggai 2:20	24 <sup>th</sup> day of the 9 <sup>th</sup> month	December 520 B.C.

## Author and Date

The book of Haggai contains messages delivered by the prophet Haggai, and thus it is reasonable to consider Haggai its author. Nothing is known of his genealogy. The specific mention of the “second year of Darius” (**Haggai 1:1**) places the book in the year 520 B.C.

## Historical Background

Haggai ministered among the Jews who had returned to Judea after some 70 years of exile in Babylon. The Persian ruler Cyrus the Great captured Babylon in 539 B.C. In 538 he permitted the Jews to return to Jerusalem so that they might rebuild the temple (**Ezra 1–2**). The work of rebuilding stalled, however, when opposition arose (**Ezra 3–4**). Haggai prophesied in an effort to motivate the people to renew their work of temple restoration (**Ezra 5–6**).

## Theme

The work of temple restoration highlights the Lord’s desire to renew a covenant relationship with his people (**Haggai 1:13; 2:4–5**).

# Being built into a dwelling place for God

Ephesians 2:22




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- 1) God’s \_\_\_\_\_ was twofold (Haggai 2:4):
  - a) be \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) “\_\_\_\_\_ with you, saith the LORD of hosts,”
- 2) God gives a further challenge, “\_\_\_\_\_.” (v5)