PROMISES OF GOD FOR US TODAY—Faithfulness of God

God's character hasn't changed. God is still on His throne, He is still in sovereign control, and He is still and always will be good. God's purpose for His children never waivers, no matter the current circumstances. By focusing on the true character of God, and by His grace and through His promises, we will persevere through these hard days.

Isaiah 55:10-11 (ESV)

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it"

Psalm 145:13 (NLT) "The LORD always keeps his promises; he is gracious in all he does"

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. built 2. destroyed 3. Rebuild 4. am

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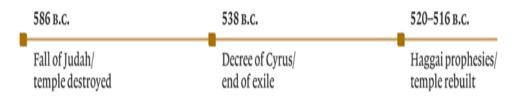


WEEK 1- Haggai 1:1

Outline

TAKEAWAY

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The Prophecy of Haggai by time period:

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

Author and Date

The book of <u>Haggai</u> 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" (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 3:1–4:5). Haggai prophesied in an effort to motivate the people to renew their work of temple restoration.

Theme

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

Promise of Jeremiah

This is what the LORD says:
"When seventy years are completed for Babylon,
I will come to you and fulfill my good promise
to bring you back to this place.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, " plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:10-11 (ESV)

Sermon Notes

1. King Solomon	a temple.
2. King Nebuchadnezzar	a temple.
3. King Cyrus said, "	
4. King Jesus said, "I	
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