The Priorities Of God's People (1 Peter 2:4-10)

First and foremost, have you truly believed in Christ as Savior and Lord? Is He and His death on the cross precious to you? If so, is He central in your life? Are you coming continually to Him and building your life on Him? Are you offering your life as a spiritual sacrifice to Him? Second, are you seeking to be built together with His people or do you just attend church? You may need to commit yourself to this local church. Third, are you seeking to proclaim His excellencies to those in darkness, that they, too, may come to know the Savior? Those are our priorities as God's people who have received His mercy.

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) charge; 2) consider their ways; 3) command

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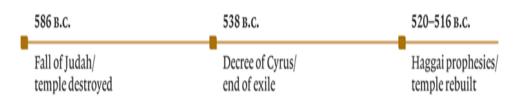


WEEK 2- Haggai 1:1-11

Outline

TAKEAWAY

WEEK 1	Introduction: A Promise Fulfilled (Haggai 1:1)	
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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.

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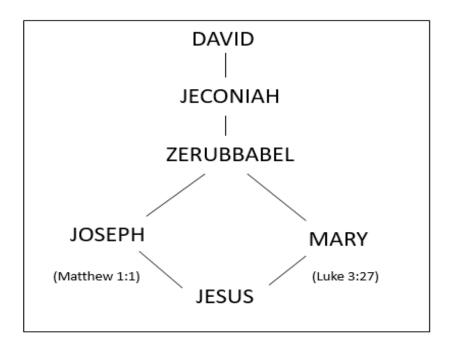
The book of Haggai contains messages delivered by the prophet Haggai, and thus it is reasonable to consider Haggai its author. Nothing is known of his genealogy. The specific mention of the "second year of Darius" (Haggai 1:1) places the book in the year 520 B.C.

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.

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).



Sermon Notes

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1) A of conflict of interest. (Haggai 1:1-4)	
2) A call to	(Haggai 1:5-7)
	_ to construct the temple. (Haggai 1:8)