

God emphasized the necessity of following His commands, explaining that the people’s disobedience to His direction had rendered their work futile and their worship ineffective. Their lack of zeal to follow God’s ways had resulted in their lack of blessing. The LORD promised to destroy the Gentile nations and exalt the Davidic line through His servant Zerubbabel, who is an image and likeness of Jesus, the Son of David and Servant of the Most High. Although this message was for the returning exiles of Judah, it can be useful for believers today. In the advanced information age in which we live, we can easily misplace our priorities. We can focus on acquiring material possessions on this earth and neglect our spiritual lives. But Jesus reminds us to “seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you” (Matthew 6:33). May all who read this book remember its message to remain faithful to the Lord until He comes!

TAKEAWAY

Discussion Questions:

1. This is the last sermon in the series on the book of Haggai. We hope you have had a chance to review the five sermons before this one. What do you find striking or impactful in this study of the book of Haggai?
2. Read Haggai 2:20-23 (NASB or NIV). The words “shake,” “take,” and “make” were used in the passage. God shook up Zerubbabel, took him from a wounded leader with a tainted lineage, and made him a signet ring (a position of honor and authority). Do you have an example from your own life where God has shaken, taken, and made you into who you are today?
3. Is there anything that stands between you and your serving God today? What steps will you take to bridge the gap in your relationship with and service to God?

ANSWERS: 1. Sovereign; 2. signet ring; 3. Temple

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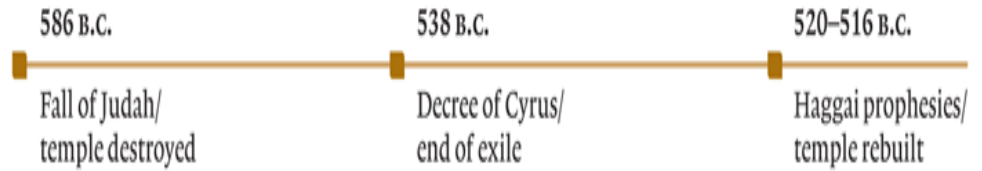
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WEEK 6 – Haggai 2:20-23

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 Calls His People To Holiness (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 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 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**).

*I will make you like my
signet ring
For I have chosen you*
H a g g a i 2 : 2 3



1. I am the _____ God. (Haggai 2:21,22)
2. I will make you My _____ . (v 23)
3. You will complete building My _____ .
(Zechariah 4:6-10, Ezra 6:14)