

Introduction to Haggai: Revival of God's Kingdom Work

Purpose of Haggai – relay God's _____ to rebuild the temple *and* His _____ of future restoration to the remnant in Jerusalem in order to:

- _____ them of disobedience and the reason for their unfruitfulness
- _____ them to resume rebuilding the temple and return to covenant obedience centered in YHWH worship

Ch. 1:1	Ch. 1:2-15	Ch. 2
Introduction of the "Key Players"	God's Work of Revival _____ Israel	God's Work of Revival _____ Israel

Haggai 1:2-5 – _____ in vv. 2 and 4

- The people say: *The _____ for rebuilding the _____ has not yet come*
- The Lord says: *How do you have _____ to live in your paneled _____ while _____ house lies in ruins?*
- (v. 5) _____ your _____ – _____ of wrong priorities
Comfort and _____ of 520 BC – from the _____ of 536

Opposition to Rebuilding of the Temple (Ezra 4:1-5)

- The enemies of Judah and Benjamin (v. 1)
 1. _____ the LORD *and* _____ their own gods (2 Kings 17)
 2. Heard that the exiles were _____ the temple
- Tactics
 1. Let us build _____ _____. *Response of the Jews* (v. 3):
 2. Openly _____ the work – discouraged / _____ the people
 3. Hired others to _____ their purpose
- Response (v. 24) – rebuilding of the temple _____ – for _____ years
Why?

Lessons

1. If God is at work in a situation, there will be _____
2. What is needed?
 - _____ (1 Jn. 4:1-3)
 - _____ – to _____ the course
3. The work _____ stop – it is not enough to _____ well

Introduction to Haggai

1. State in your own words the historical setting to the books of Haggai and Zechariah

2. Why would Haggai and Zechariah be important messages for the Jews...

- Over the remainder of the Persian period?
- During the Roman rule – including the time of Jesus?
- Today?

Why is it an important message for the church today? Or is it?

3. What are some steps you could take to help a believer who is discouraged over the events of our day?

4. What is *one thing* you definitely want to take away with you from today's message?

How do you plan to *follow through* on that *one thing*?