

# Important dates and leaders during Haggai's preaching

1. Haggai preaches to leaders in Jerusalem (Zerubbabel, governor and Joshua, High Priest) in Jerusalem
2. Darius the Great is ruler of Persia 521-480 B.C.
3. 606 – 1<sup>st</sup> Babylonian deportation
4. 597 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Babylonian deportation
5. 586 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Babylonian deportation & siege
6. 536 – 1<sup>st</sup> Return from Persian rule “Cyrus” (559-530)
7. 530 – Foundation of temple complete, work stopped
8. 520 – Aug 29 Haggai preaches for 5 months
9. 515 March 12<sup>th</sup> - Temple completed

# Haggai's message to the discouraged remnant due to opposition to the work and a recession

1. Helps the remnant to reason so as to diagnose the root of the problem Is 1:18 (priorities)
2. Helps to stir up the remnant to good works – to build God's house
3. Encourages the older by promises of future glory
4. Reasons again to identify root of problem
5. Offers more promises that physical needs will be supplied by God
6. Finally ends with promises of a grand spiritual nature

Haggai preaches to *stir up* the remnant  
to finish building the temple of God

Haggai 1:1-11 priorities not right

Haggai 1:12-15 remnant is stirred up

Haggai 2:1-9 encourages the older with promises of  
future glory

Haggai 2:1-4 fundamental root problem exposed

Haggai 2:15-19 physical prosperity promised

Haggai 2:20-23 spiritual prosperity promised

If we build the temple of God first - God will take care  
of us here and after death

Haggai reasons that the teaching concerning clean and unclean, holy and unholy are not applied to personal lives and works. Therefore what they have offered to God was unclean

Lev 6:27, 10:8-10, 20:22-26 (separate from the peoples)

Hag 2:12, Ezek 44:19, 46:20 (holy items for specific uses)

II Cor 6:11-18 (what communion has light with darkness)

Rev 3:1-6 (complete the work – build the temple)

We need to be diligent to rightly divide the word of God so that we can make proper applications to our lives (II Tim 2:15)