



Haggai

Background

- Haggai was the first of the post-exilic prophets. He most likely returned to Jerusalem with Zerubbabel in 536 BC (Ez. 2:64-65).
- Upon arriving in Jerusalem, the exiles laid the foundation for a rebuilt Temple and resumed sacrifices (Ezra 3). Opposition from the Samaritans halted the project for sixteen years (Ezra 4).
- In 520 BC, Haggai began to prophesy. His book consists of four prophetic messages. He preached the first message in September and the last in December.
- He called the returned exiles to finish rebuilding the Temple. The project was completed in March 516 BC.

Roadmap

1. Consider Your Priorities (1)
2. Consider Your Nostalgia (2:1-9)
3. Consider Your Impurity (2:10-19)
4. Consider Your Unbelief (2:20-23)

Landmark

Haggai calls the people to, "Consider your ways" (1:5, 7) (2:15, 18). Lethargy, materialism, and procrastination kept them from accomplishing God's will. God used the prophet to stir the hearts of His people and their leaders.

Must See

- Christ's glory made the latter temple greater than the former (2:9) (John 1:14) (Matthew 21:12)
- He is the Desire of all nations (2:7)
- He is the Ruler from the line of Zerubbabel who will overcome all other kingdoms (2:21-23).

Takeaway

How does God stir His people to renewal?

1. By sending a spokesman.
2. By calling us to personal evaluation.
3. By allowing adversity.
4. By hope.