

# An Old Testament Glance

## The Minor Prophets Books – Haggai

Name Meaning	Dates of Service	Home Town	# of Chap	Kings Reigning	Audience Targeted	Theme or Subject
"My Feast"	520-516 BC	Jerusalem?	2	Darius 1	Returned Jews	Rebuild Temple
Prophets Ministering at the same time:			Zechariah			
Scripture References:			Ezra 5-6; Haggai 1-2			

### BRIEF OUTLINE OF HAGGAI

Haggai 1:1-15	A Call to Construction of the Temple
Haggai 2:1-9	A Call to Courage in the Lord
Haggai 2:10-19	A Call to Clean Living
Haggai 2:20-23	A Call to Confidence in the Lord for their Future

### **A Little History**

- a. If Governor Zerubbabel was in Jerusalem, and High Priest Joshua was in Jerusalem, and if the word of the Lord came from God through Haggai to Zerubbabel & Joshua, then where was Haggai? (1:1) \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Haggai probably was in exile & returned when King Cyrus sent the Jews back to Judah.
- c. When Haggai gave his sermons in Jerusalem, he might have been in his 70s.
- d. We do not know when Zechariah joined the prophet team. They could have been working together the whole time.
- e. It is fairly safe to assume that all the former prophets were gone (as in dead): Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Obadiah) (Zechariah 1:4)

1. How does Ezra the Priest help us out here (Ezra 5:1). He was in Jerusalem at the time. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Fill in this chart of the dates of Haggai's sermons. He kept good records.

Fill in King year, month, and day.

Verse	King	King Year	Month	Day	Message
1:1	Darius				It is time to rebuild
1:15	Darius				Stir the spirit of the workers
2:1	Darius				Encourage the people to keep going
2:10	Darius				Call the people to lives of holiness
2:18	Darius				God promises to bless their future
2:20	Darius				God endorses Zerubbabel as their leader
Ezra 6:15	Darius				The temple rebuild is completed

*This spiritual conference conducted by Haggai only lasted about three months. After these sermons & others by Zechariah, it still took 4 years to complete the temple.*

Notice the order of his comments: (1:3) "The word of the Lord came"  
(1:5) "Consider your ways"  
(1:8) "Rebuild"

3. If you were listening to this sermon, what would you be thinking?

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Haggai wants them to know that everything he is saying **comes from** \_\_\_\_\_.  
Haggai wants them to look inside themselves & **re-evaluate** their progress.  
Haggai wants them to concentrate on why they are there – to **rebuild**.

4. Haggai energized them: (2:4)

- a. "Be strong, \_\_\_\_\_"
- b. "Be strong, \_\_\_\_\_"
- c. "Be strong, all you \_\_\_\_\_"
- d. "and work, \_\_\_\_\_"

Haggai was talking to everybody: leaders, priests, workers, and people (to me?)

I believe God wants me to be a leader; He wants you to be one too. Governor Zerubbabel was being trained to be a leader.

5. What does a good leader need to be used of God without having to be perfect? Match the verses with the qualities & resources from God.

- a. Zerubbabel had accepted responsibility. \_\_\_\_\_ 2:4
- b. Zerubbabel obeyed the instructions of God. \_\_\_\_\_ 1:14
- c. Zerubbabel allowed himself to get stirred up by God \_\_\_\_\_ 1:1
- d. Zerubbabel could not stay stuck in the past \_\_\_\_\_ 2:23
- e. Zerubbabel admittedly needed God's available strength. \_\_\_\_\_ 2:2
- f. Zerubbabel admittedly needed God's available power. \_\_\_\_\_ 1:12
- g. Zerubbabel accepted God's assignment & blessings. \_\_\_\_\_ 2:21

6. This incredible book ends with "I have chosen you." What has God chosen you for, no matter what the failures have been?

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