

HAGGAI

“Build the House”

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“The brotherhood today is struggling to survive in probably the greatest era of gross materialism the world has ever known. The world produces (and offers attractively to potential customers) a wider range of goods and services than has ever been previously known. Paul’s simple yet profound words reflect his own attitude toward the world and all that it offers “Godliness with contentment is great gain... and having food and raiment let us be therewith content” (1 Tim 6v6-8) He mentions nothing of houses or luxuries. Were he writing today he would not mention, as necessities, motor cars, refrigerators, wall-to-wall carpets, washing machines, nor any of the countless other items we take for granted as being our “right” to possess in this modern age. Indeed we live in an era where the member of society “look for much.” Paul understood that the essentials of life were simple. Food and raiment. Nothing else. The ever-increasing desire to possess more worldly good encourages a hardening of the mind. How does such an environment encourage spiritual-mindedness? How does it teach people to be totally dependant on Yahweh and His wise guidance? It does neither. On the contrary, present-day materialism is to be feared as one of the worlds most powerful weapons against the truth. In the days of Haggai the people finally had to learn to “Pause and consider”. What were they working for? What did they gain? Where was the evidence of their love for Yahweh and His word, as they madly chased higher incomes with little of worth to show for their efforts? There is a need for the brotherhood today to “Pause and consider” to realise that the influence of materialism can only draw minds away from Yahweh’s purpose in our lives. A constant vision of the Kingdom will help the brotherhood through these present times, not the tangible, materialistic aims and objectives of a godless world”

2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD's house should be built.

3 Then came the word of the LORD ^a by Haggai the prophet, saying,

4 ^b Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ^c cieled houses, and this house *lie waste*?

5 Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; ^{2d} Consider your ways.

6 ^e Ye have sown much, and ^f bring in little; ^g ye eat, but ye have not ^h enough; ye ⁱ drink, but ye are not ^k filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and ^m he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag ³ with holes.

7 ⁿ Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

8 Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and ^p I will be glorified, saith the LORD.

9 Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, ^q I did ^r blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that is ^s waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.

10 Therefore ^t the heaven over you ^u is stayed from ^v dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit.

11 And ^w I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the ^x corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon ^y that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon ^z all the labour of the hands.

12 ^{aa} Then ^{ab} Zerubbabel the son of ^{ac} Shealtiel, and ^{ad} Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all ^{ae} the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of

^a Ezra 5. 1.

^b Cp.

^c Sam. 7. 2.

^d Ps. 132. 3-5.

^e Deut. 33. 21.

^f Heb.

^g Set your

^h heart on

ⁱ your ways.

^j ver. 7.

^k ch. 2. 15, 16.

^l ver. 9.

^m ch. 2. 16, 17.

ⁿ Deut. 28. 38.

^o Is. 5. 10.

^p Mic. 6. 15.

^q 2 Sam. 9. 10.

^r Lev. 26. 26.

^s Hos. 4. 10.

^t Mic. 6. 14.

^u Is. 23. 18.

^v Is. 5. 10.

^w Amos 5. 11.

^x Gen. 43. 34.

^y ch. 2. 4.

^z Ezra 5. 2.

^{aa} Zech. 8. 10.

^{ab} Cp. ver. 1.

^{ac} Heb.

^{ad} pierced

^{ae} through.

^{af} Cp. Lev.

^{ag} 23. 34, 36.

^{ah} Cp.

^{ai} ch. 2. 9.

^{aj} Heb. by

^{ak} the hand of.

^{al} ch. 1. 1.

^{am} ch. 2. 17.

^{an} Or, blow

^{ao} it away.

^{ap} Ezek. 22.

^{aq} 20, 21.

^{ar} ver. 4.

^{as} Neh. 2. 3.

^{at} Jer. 33. 10,

^{au} 12.

^{av} ch. 1. 12.

^{aw} 2 Kin. 8. 35.

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^{ay} Dan. 9. 24.

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^{bb} Zech. 4. 10.

^{bc} 2 Kin. 8. 1.

^{bd} Zech. 4. 7.

^{be} Hos. 2. 8.

^{bf} ch. 2. 17.

^{bg} Ps. 128. 2.

^{bh} Cp.

^{bi} Job 10. 3.

^{bj} ch. 1. 13.

^{bk} Ezra 5. 2.

^{bl} 2 Chr. 3. 19.

^{bm} Cp. Ex.

^{bn} 29. 45, 46.

^{bo} Ps. 105. 8.

^{bp} 2 Chr. 3. 17.

^{bq} Ezra 3. 2.

^{br} Neh. 12. 7.

^{bs} ver. 14.

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2 Speak now to ^a Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to ^b the residue of the people, saying,

3 ^c Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? ^d Is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?

4 Yet now ^e be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for ^f I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts:

5 ^g According to ^h the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so ⁱ my spirit remaineth among you: ^j fear ye not.

6 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; ^a Yet once, it is ^b a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;

7 And I will shake ^c all nations, and ^d the desire of all nations ^e shall come: and I will fill this house with ^f glory, saith the LORD of hosts.

8 ^g The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.

9 ^h The glory ⁱ of this latter house shall be greater than of ^j the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give ^k peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

10 ^l ^m In the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, ⁿ in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,

11 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; ^a Ask now the priests concerning the law, saying,

12 If one bear ^b holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and said, ^c No.

13 Then said Haggai, If one that is ^d unclean by a dead body ^e touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean.

14 Then answered Haggai, and said, ^f So is this people, and so is this nation before me, saith the LORD; and so is every work of their hands; and that which they offer there is unclean.

15 And now, I pray you, ^g consider from this day and upward, from before a stone was laid

upon a stone in the temple of the LORD:

16 ^a Since those days were, ^b when one came to an heap of twenty measures, there were but ten: when one came to ^c the pressfat for to draw out fifty vessels out of the press, there were but twenty.

17 ^d I ^e smote you with blasting and with mildew and ^f with hail in ^g all the labours of your hands; yet ye ^h turned not to me, saith the LORD.

18 Consider now from this day and upward, ⁱ from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, even from ^j the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid, consider it.

19 ^k Is the seed yet in ^l the barn? yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth: from this day ^m will I bless you.

20 ⁿ And again the word of the LORD came unto Haggai in the four and twentieth day of the month, saying,

21 Speak to ^a Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, ^b I will shake the heavens and the earth;

22 And ^c I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen; and ^d I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, ^e every one by the sword of his brother.

23 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, ^f my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the LORD, and will make thee ^g as a signet: for ^h I have chosen thee, saith the LORD of hosts.

^a Cited

^b Heb. 12. 26.

^c Hos. 8. 10.

^d Zech. 8. 10.

^e ch. 1. 6.

^f ver. 22.

^g Cp.

^h Dan. 11. 37.

ⁱ 2 Sam. 9. 20.

^j Is. 5. 2.

^k Gen. 49. 10.

^l Mal. 3. 1.

^m Heb. 10. 37.

ⁿ Is. 60. 1.

^o Cp.

^p Ps. 24. 7-10.

^q Deut. 28. 22.

^r Amos 4. 9.

^s Cp.

^t Mal. 2. 3.

^u 2 Chr. 29. 14,

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^w Ex. 9. 25.

^x ver. 14.

^y Ps. 90. 17.

^z Jer. 5. 3.

^{aa} Amos 4. 6.

^{ab} Zech. 2. 5.

^{ac} John 1. 14.

^{ad} Cp.

^{ae} Mat. 12. 6.

^{af} Cp. ch. 1. 8.

^{ag} Cp. ver. 3.

^{ah} Ezra 3. 12.

^{ai} ver. 10, 19,

^{aj} 20.

^{ak} Ps. 85. 8, 9.

^{al} Zech. 8. 9.

^{am} Cp.

^{an} Ezra 3. 10.

^{ao} ver. 18, 20.

^{ap} ch. 1. 1.

^{aq} Cp.

^{ar} Zech. 8. 12.

^{as} Joel 1. 17.

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“Before i was afflicted i went astray: But now have i kept thy word... It is good for me that I have been afflicted: That i might learn thy statutes... I know, O Yahweh, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me”

PSA 119v67,71,75

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives. It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?”

HEB 12v5-7 (ESV)

“Those whom i love, i reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent”

REV 3v19 (ESV)

1. **THAT** God divinely appointed their trials in life to make them turn to him
2. **THAT** the trials they experienced were only the beginnings of far greater curses IF they remained disobedient and neglectful of God
3. **THAT** great blessing that would be poured out upon the nation if they obeyed the “Voice of Yahweh”

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“What a grand experience it is when an appeal made to people finds a ready response! How Haggai must have been encouraged thereby! The governor Zerubbabel and the high priest Joshua immediately acted upon the Prophet Haggai’s exhortation and set a noble example before the people which they quickly followed. Their motives for doing so were right, for “they feared before Yahweh” (v12), and in return experienced the divine blessing (v13). A spirit of exhilaration permeated all Judah. Enthusiasm had been engendered in the leaders and people, and thus encouraged they worked together vigorously in Yahweh’s cause”

EXODUS 29

43 And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and ³ *the tabernacle* ^u shall be sanctified by my glory.

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45 ¶ And ^a I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be *their God*.

46 And they shall know that ^c *I am the LORD their God*, that brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them: *I am the LORD their God*.

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REVELATION 21

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2 A new heaven and a new earth. 10 The heavenly Jerusalem, with a full description thereof.

AND I saw ^o a new heaven and a new earth: for ^h the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2 And I ⁱ John saw ^k the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared ^m as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, ^p the **tabernacle of God** is with men, and **he will ^q dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and ^r God himself shall be with them, and be ^s their God.**

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LESSONS

1. God often uses trials in our life to teach us and correct us.
2. We need to view our difficult circumstances through spiritual glasses.
3. There are great blessings for those who obey the “Voice of Yahweh”
4. The “Eyes of Yahweh” are upon those who recognise their error and confess their sins!
5. The “Eyes of Yahweh” are upon those Who fear Him
6. The “Eyes of Yahweh” are upon the righteous, His ears are open to their cry, and He is ready to help in time of need

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