

The Minor Prophets: **Haggai**

Key Passage

Haggai 1:12-15

12 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the Lord their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the Lord their God had sent him. And the people feared the Lord.

13 Then Haggai, the messenger of the Lord, spoke to the people with the Lord's message, "I am with you, declares the Lord."

14 And the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people. And they came and worked on the house of the Lord of hosts, their God,

15 on the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

Overview of Haggai

One-word summary for Habakkuk: **Renewal**

Outline

1:1-15 – Haggai's accusation and the people's response

2:1-9 – Shattered expectations

2:10-19 – God's people called to faithfulness and finding joy in God's presence

2:20-23 – Future hope in renewal of God's people and the Davidic line

The Gospel in Haggai (taken from *The Gospel Transformation Bible*)

"The key to applying the book in a gospel-centered way is to see that the temple, like the tabernacle before it, is the visible symbol of God's dwelling in the midst of His people, and therefore it foreshadows Christ, the one in whom the Word became flesh and "tabernacled" in our midst.

The other prominent link to the gospel is through Zerubbabel, the faithful descendant of David who leads the people in restoring the temple ... Zerubbabel was one of the ancestors of Christ (Matt. 1:12) and foreshadowed His faithful zeal to build God's house (John 2:17)"

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Questions to think about:

- 1) In one sentence: What is Haggai about?

- 2) Think of a time in your life something important didn't live up to your expectations. How does God's message to the people in Haggai help you in responding to disappointment?

- 3) How can Haggai's message that God's presence is all you need give you hope? How can you know the presence of God?

- 4) If you only had Haggai, how would you share the gospel with someone who doesn't know Christ?

NEXT WEEK: Zechariah (Part 1)