

Old Testament Outlines: Haggai by John T Polk II

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

Haggai = "Festival"

[God Is Paramount] Blueprint for Redemption

I. Sermon #1 (6th month, 1st day) - "Rebuke" 1:2-15

- A. People Say, "It's Not Time" To Build God's House 1:2-4
 - 1. Is there time to build *your own* houses? **1:3-4**
 - 2. Should you not give God's house as much consideration? 1:4
- B. God Says Listen To Yourselves 1:5-6
 - 1. How blessed (crops, food, drink, clothing, salaries)
 - 2. Yet how *needy*! **1:6**

C. God Says Listen To Yourselves 1:7-11

- 1. Finding wood "failed" for temple to glorify God 1:8-9
- 2. Drought should remind people of God **1:10-11**
- D. God Was With The Willing Workers 1:12-15

II. Sermon #2 (7th month, 21st day) - "Re-Focus" 2:1-9

A. God's Word Of Encouragement 2:1-7

- 1. Speak to the willing workers 2:1-2
- 2. Compare temple of Solomon and Zerubbabel 2:3; Ezra 3:12-13
- 3. God + obedient = strength **2:4-5**
- 4. God shakes nations with wars 2:6-7

B. God's Word Of Enlightenment 2:8-9

- 1. All treasure is of God 2:8 Matthew 6:25-34; James 1:17; 1 Corinthians 10:25-26
- 2. Build for greater future [Jesus' spiritual temple=church] 2:9 Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:26, 28

Romans 8:31

III. Sermon #3 (9th month, 24th day) - "Resolution" 2:10-19

A. Priestly Issue Of "Purity" 2:10-14

- 1. Priests should know the Law of Moses 2:11
- 2. Holiness caused by touch? 2:12; Leviticus 6:27; 10:9-10;

Deuteronomy 17:8-13; Malachi 2:7

Uncleanness caused by touch! 2:13; Leviticus 21:1, 11;

Numbers 6:6-8; 19:11-13, 22

- 4. Corrupt work from corrupt people! 2:14
- B. God Says Listen To Me 2:15-19
 - 1. I spoke to you in blight, mildew, and hail on your work 2:15-17
 - 2. If you prepare and do the rest "I will bless you" 2:18-19

IV. Sermon #4 (9th month, 24th day) - "Renewal" 2:20-23

A. God Will Deal With The Opposition 2:20-22

B. God Will Lead With The Right Man 2:23; Jeremiah 22:30

Haggai's "Highlights:'

- Prophesied in 520 B.C., during the 15-year lapse in rebuilding God's house in Jerusalem (Ezra 5:1-2; 6:13-15) which was caused by "Samaritan" opposition (Ezra 4:1-24; 2 Kings 17:24-41). This was a rebuilding of Solomon's temple (1 Kings 6:1-8:66, especially 6:38-7:1) which had been gutted and burned by Nebuchadnezzar's forces (2 Chronicles 36:19). This temple built by the Jews led by Zerubbabel (Ezra 3:8; 5:2), was later ruined and then re-rebuilt by Herod. This latter one was in use when Jesus Christ lived.
- Though delivered into Assyrian then Babylonian captivity, God had promised to leave them there for only 70 years (2 Chronicles 36:15-23; Ezra 1:1-5; Jeremiah 25:1-14). Some 150 years before, God promised through Isaiah (44:24-45:7) that "My Shepherd Cyrus" would order the rebuilding of Jerusalem and the temple. At the time Isaiah prophesied, THERE WAS NO PERSIAN KINGDOM, CAPTIVE ISRAELITES, OR A KING NAMED "CYRUS!" It was God's statements through Jeremiah (29:1, 10, 21-23; 51:1-11,20, 24, 29, 34-44, 49, 59-64) that when read to Cyrus caused him to order the return of the Jews to their "chosen" land.
- A contemporary of **Zechariah**, they were last of the writing prophets to Israel, until the New Testament activities begin.