Kingdom Priorities: An Introduction to the Book of Haggai

Chapters 1-2



"Here is one of the great dangers we face as Christians: With the ever-present distractions in our lives, we are quickly becoming a people of shallow thoughts, and shallow thoughts will lead to shallow living."

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Tim Challies, from a blog title The Danger of Distraction

I John 2:15-17

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

Colossians 1:9-10

⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; o aloved that whoever

Who Was Haggai?

 A post-exilic prophet called to help the Jews "get back on track" with rebuilding their city, their homes, their Temple, etc.

 His name means "festal one," suggesting he was born on a Jewish festival day

3. Ministered at the same time as Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, Obadiah, Joel, Malachi, and Zechariah

I. Priority #1 – <u>God's House</u> (1:1-11)



The Temples of the Bible

The Type	Date	Description	Scripture Reference
Tabernacle	Around 1444 B.C.	Constructed by Hebrew artisans and planned by Moses	Exodus 25-30; 35-40; Leviticus 10
Solomon's Temple	966-586 B.C.	Planned by David, built by Solomon, destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar	II Samuel 7; I Kings 8; Jeremiah 32
Zerubbabel's Temple	516-169 B.C.	Constructed by Zerubbabel and desecrated by Antiochus Epiphanes	Ezra 3-4; 6

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Herod's Temple	19 B.CA.D. 70	A restoration of Zerubbabel's temple, destroyed by Romans	Mark 13; Luke 1-2; 4; Acts 21
Present Temple	Now	In the heart of the believer	I Corinthians 6; II Corinthians 6
Tribulation Temple	Tribulation	Constructed by the antichrist, but desecrated and destroyed by him	Revelation 11

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The Type	Date	Description	Scripture Reference
Millennial Temple	Millennium	Prophesied by Ezekiel and built by the Messiah	Ezekiel 40-42
Eternal Temple	Eternal kingdom	Spiritual temple	Revelation 21-22

I Kings 5:5

And so I intend to build a house for the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD said to David my father, 'Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, shall build the house for my name.'

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Ezekiel 37:28

Then the nations will know that I am the LORD who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary is in their midst forevermore.

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Timeline of Sermons in Haggai

a. Haggai 1:1-11
b. Haggai 1:12-15
c. Haggai 2:1-9
d. Haggai 2:10-19
e. Haggai 2:20-23

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Luke 10:38-41

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my... hat whoever

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...sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." 41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things,

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A Puritan Petition

"Whatever it takes, Lord, increase my resolve to pursue only what you call me to do, and deliver me from the fragmenting effect of fruitless distraction."

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