

MAJOR LESSONS FROM THE MINOR PROPHETS

Haggai: Unfinished Business

¹In the second year of King Darius, on the first day of the sixth month, the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest. (Haggai 1:1)

The 2nd Temple and us . . .

- ▶ 586 BC
- ▶ 70 years
- ▶ 16 years

Excuses, excuses . . .

²This is what the Lord Almighty says: “These people say, ‘The time has not yet come to rebuild the Lord’s house.’” (Haggai 1:2)

³Then the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: ⁴“Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?” (Haggai 1:3,4)

- ▶ Haggai 1:5,6
- ▶ Haggai 1:9

- What is following Jesus costing me?
- What am I wasting on myself?
- What priorities are out of order?

“Things which matter most must never be at the mercy of things which matter least.” (Johann von Goethe)

¹²Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the whole remnant of the people obeyed the voice of the Lord their God and the message of the prophet Haggai, because the Lord their God had sent him. And the people feared the Lord. (Haggai 1:12)

*¹³Then Haggai, the Lord’s messenger, gave this message of the Lord to the people: **“I am with you,”** declares the Lord. ¹⁴So the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of the Lord Almighty, their God, ¹⁵on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month. (Haggai 1:13-15)*

When God is with us . . .

- ▶ We thrive on God's provision

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:33)

- ▶ We don't look backwards

⁹The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the LORD Almighty. (Haggai 2:9a)