



GOOD THINGS, **LITTLE PACKAGES**



HAGGAI



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Author- Jewish Prophet Haggai

Date- 520 B.C.

Context- Return under Persian King
Darius

Recipients- Jewish Remnant and
their Leaders



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1st Message

A Present Call to rebuild the temple

1:1-15



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2nd Message

Promise of a Future Glory

2:1-9



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3rd Message

Promise of a Future Grace

2:10-19



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4th Message

Promise of a Future Governor 2:20-23



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A Present call to rebuild the temple

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The Problem of Inverted Priorities



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Haggai 1:1-4

In 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:



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Haggai 1:1-4

*This is what the Lord Almighty says
“These people say, ‘The time has not yet
come to rebuild the Lord’s house.’” Then
the word of the Lord came through the
prophet Haggai: “Is it a time for you
yourselves to be living in your paneled
houses, while this house remains a ruin?”*



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Mantra:
“NOT YET!”



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What was their priority?

v.4 Paneling Houses



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The Consequences of Inverted Priorities



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Haggai 1:5-6

*Now this is what
the Lord Almighty says: “Give
careful thought to your
ways. You have planted much,
but harvested little. You eat,
but never have enough.*



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Haggai 1:5-6

You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.”



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Haggai 1:9-11

“You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?” declares the Lord Almighty.

“Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house.”



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The Call to God's Priorities: Now is the Time!



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Haggai 1:8

“Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored,” says the Lord.



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The Response to God's Call



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Haggai 1:12-15

Then 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.



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Haggai 1:12-15

Then Haggai, the Lord's messenger, gave this message of the Lord to the people: "I am with you," declares the Lord. So the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah,



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Haggai 1:12-15

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, on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month.



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True repentance begins in the heart. (v.12)

- They acknowledge the source of the admonishment is God.
- They humbled themselves.



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**True repentance is
empowered by God
(v. 13-14a)**



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2 Peter 1:3

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.



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True Repentance always results in action.

(v. 14b-15)





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Question:
Is your mantra
“NOT YET”



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John 3:16

For God loved the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.



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1) Begin with your heart



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- 1) Begin with your heart
- 2) Trust God's empowerment



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- 1) Begin with your heart
- 2) Trust God's empowerment
- 3) Commit to action

