HAGGAI: AN INTRODUCTION

WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, & WHY

HOW DO YOU PRONOUNCE HAGGAI?

WHAT DOES HAGGAI SAY? HAGGAI 1-2

WHERE IS HAGGAI IN THE ISRAELI STORY? (FROM FIRSTPRESAUGUSTA.ORG)

WHAT IS A PROPHET? (SOURCE: TERRY BROWN)

- a __________________________ who proclaimed the message of God
- a person who called Israel back to the _______
- someone who saw the check engine light and delivered a ________________

HOW WAS THAT MESSAGE FULFILLED? (SOURCE: TERRY BROWN)

- _________________ fulfillment
- ____________ fulfillment
WHERE DID HAGGAI TAKE PLACE GEOGRAPHICALLY?
• _______________

WHEN DOES HAGGAI TAKE PLACE POLITICALLY?
• At the peak of the power of the ______________ Empire

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WHAT DOES HAGGAI SAY? HAGGAI 1-2

WHAT IS HAGGAI ABOUT?
• _______ prophecies
• ___________________________
• Cheerleading
• A future ________

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION?
1. ____________ matters

2. ____________ matters

WHAT IS THE PERSONALIZATION?
1. ___________ (before, during, and after reading the Scripture)

2. Encourage, look around, get involved, and __________

HOMEWORK: READ HAGGAI
HAGGAI: THE COMMAND TO BUILD GOD’S HOUSE

REVIEW

WHAT DOES TODAY’S TEXT SAY? HAGGAI 1:1-11

THE COMMAND TO BUILD GOD’S HOUSE
1 In the second year of King Darius [very close to _______ B.C.], in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by Haggai [________; Ezra ___-____] the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying, 2 “Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, saying: ‘This people says, “The time has not come, the time that the LORD’s house should be built.’”’

3 Then the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying, 4 “Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins?” 5 Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: “Consider your ways [put your heart to your ________]!

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6 “You have sown much, and bring in little; 
You eat, but do not have enough; 
You drink, but you are not filled with drink; 
You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; 
And he who earns wages, 
Earns wages to put into a bag with holes.”

7 Thus says the L ORD of hosts: “Consider your ways! 8 Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the temple, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified [__________],” says the L ORD. 9 “You looked for much, but indeed it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why?” says the L ORD of hosts. “Because of My house that is in ruins, while every one of you runs to his own house. 10 Therefore the heavens above you withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its fruit. 11 For I called for a drought on the land and the mountains, on the grain and the new wine and the oil, on whatever the ground brings forth, on men and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands.”

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION?
1. God shows up on ________
2. God works to show us our insufficiency and His sufficiency
3. Sometimes we must leave the comfortable to get to work
4. The physical impacts the spiritual and the spiritual impacts the physical
5. God’s house is primarily for ________
6. God’s lessons fit the lack in His people
7. God is serious about His worship
8. God prepares listeners for His ________

WHAT IS THE PERSONALIZATION?
1. Take notice of ________ He does
2. Where is God working?
3. Where can I get to work?
4. Examine ____ path
5. Act accordingly in worship
6. What am I __________________?
7. Be serious about God’s worship
8. ________

HOMEWORK: READ HAGGAI
HAGGAI: THE PEOPLE’S OBEDIENCE

REVIEW

WHERE IS HAGGAI IN THE ISRAELI STORY? (FROM FIRSTPRESAUGUSTA.ORG)

WHAT DOES HAGGAI SAY? HAGGAI 1-2

WHAT DOES TODAY’S TEXT SAY? HAGGAI 1:12-15

The People’s Obedience

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 presence of the LORD. 13 Then Haggai, the LORD’s messenger, spoke the LORD’s message to the people, saying, “I am with you, says the LORD.” 14 So 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 sixth month, in the second year of King Darius.
THE PEOPLE’S OBEDIENCE

12 Then Zerubbabel [the political/civil leader; Matthew 1:12-13] the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest [the religious leader], with all the remnant [__________________; Luke 12:49-53] of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet [Who is the greatest prophet of all?], as the LORD their God had sent him; and the people feared the presence of the LORD [Proverbs 1:7]. 13 Then Haggai, the LORD’s messenger, spoke the LORD’s message to the people, saying, “I am with you [What more do I want than the presence of God? ___________________], says the LORD.” 14 So the LORD stirred up [aroused, woke up, lifted up, opened the eyes, 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 [Hebrews 10:24]; and they came and worked on the house of the LORD [Philippians 2:12] of hosts, their God [Nehemiah 4:6]. 15 on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month [Why the 23-day delay?], in the second year of King Darius [Spurgeon: God takes note of the time when his people work for him; he records, in his almanac, the day, the month, the year, for he loves to see his people actively engaged in his service. 1 Corinthians 15:58].

F. B. Meyer: One earnest man can arouse an entire community. Let a fire glow in our hearts, and it will spread. Assured of God’s presence and favor, within three weeks the whole land was awake.

What do we need to ask God to stir up in our hearts?
What has been dormant for too long?
What part of our lives is in ruin because of a lack of obedience?

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION?
1. God always has a _____________
2. The _____________ is everywhere
3. Jesus is all over the _____ Testament
4. Obedience + reverence = good
5. _____________ has work to do

WHAT IS THE PERSONALIZATION?
1. _____________
2. Look for the _____________
3. Look for _____________
4. Obey and revere
5. Get to _____________

HOMEWORK: READ HAGGAI
HAGGAI: THE COMING GLORY OF GOD’S HOUSE

REVIEW

WHERE IS HAGGAI IN THE ISRAELI STORY? (FROM FIRSTPRESAUGUSTA.ORG)

WHAT DOES HAGGAI SAY? HAGGAI 1-2

HISTORY OF GOD'S HOUSE (FROM TABERNACLE TO TEMPLES)

WHAT DOES TODAY’S TEXT SAY? HAGGAI 2:1-9

THE COMING GLORY OF GOD’S HOUSE

1 In the seventh month, on the twenty-first of the month, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying: 2 “Speak [an imperative] now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant [remnant, residue, remainder] of the people, saying: 3 ‘Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? In comparison with it, is this not in your eyes as nothing [naught, nothing, without, non-entity; David Guzik: These kind of comparisons between the good old days and the present day—or between the work of God in various places and times—are ____________ beneficial]? 4 Yet now be strong [an
imperative; fasten upon, seize, be strong, be courageous, repair, fortify, be obstinate; conquer, cleave, be constant, continue, be of good courage, be established, fortify, harden, hold fast, maintain, play the man, become mighty, prevail, be stout, behave valiantly, withstand], Zerubbabel,’ says the LORD; ‘and be strong [an imperative], Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong [an imperative], all you people of the land,’ says the LORD, ‘and work [an imperative]; for I am with [______, with] you [1 Chronicles 28:10, 20; Joshua 1],’ says the LORD of hosts.

5 ‘According to the word that I covenanted [______] with you when you came out of Egypt [~1,000 years earlier], so My Spirit remains [stands, abides, continues, dwells, endures, is present, remains, tarries] among you; do not fear!’

6 “For thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Once [first, once] more (it is a little [little, few, small] while) I will shake [undulate, make afraid, move, quake, make tremble] heaven and earth [Exodus 19:18; Matthew 27:51], the sea and dry land [Hebrews 12:26-29]; 7 and I will shake all nations [Jamieson, Fausset, Brown: The kingdoms of the world are but the ______________ for God’s spiritual temple, to be thrown down when their purpose is accomplished], and they shall come to the Desire [delight, desire, pleasant, precious] of All Nations [an alternate reading is, ‘the Desire of All Nations shall come to them;’ The first view is that the “Desire of All Nations” = __________. The second view is that the “desire of all nations” = the __________ of other nations.], and I will fill this temple with glory [weight, splendor, glory, honor; same as Haggai 2:3; Matthew 12:6; 26:55],’ says the LORD of hosts. 8 ‘The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,’ says the LORD of hosts. 9 ‘The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than [greater (in any sense), older, exceedingly greater, higher, longer, louder, mightier, more, nobler, prouder] the former,’ says the LORD of hosts. ‘And in this place I will give peace [safety, happiness, friendliness, __________ (the state of doing well especially in respect to good fortune, happiness, well-being, or prosperity), health, prosperity, peace],’ says the LORD of hosts.”

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION?
1. History __________
2. Comparison demoralizes
3. God lives in His people
4. God will keep His word
5. God is not in a __________
6. Translations aren’t perfect
7. Jesus is __________

WHAT IS THE PERSONALIZATION?
1. Know __________ facts
2. Stop comparing __________
3. Be strong and courageous
4. Trust His word
5. Trust His timing
6. 2 Timothy __:____
7. Trust Jesus

HOMEWORK: READ HAGGAI
HAGGAI: THE PEOPLE ARE DEFILED & PROMISED BLESSING

WHAT DOES HAGGAI SAY? HAGGAI 1-2

WHAT DOES TODAY’S TEXT SAY? HAGGAI 2:10-19

THE PEOPLE ARE DEFILED

10 On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month [________________], in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying, 11 “Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Now, ask the priests [Ezekiel 44:23] concerning the law, saying, 12 “If one carries holy [consecrated, dedicated, holy] meat [flesh] in the fold [edge, flap, corner] of his garment, and with the edge he touches bread [food, bread, grain] or stew [something boiled, soup, pottage], wine or oil [grease, fat, oil], or any food, will it become holy?’”’ [Numbers ____; Leviticus 6:27-28; ______] rubs off—not holiness

Then the priests answered and said, “No.”

13 And Haggai said, “If one who is unclean [defiled, polluted, unclean] because of a dead body touches any of these, will it be unclean?”

So the priests answered and said, “It shall be unclean.”
14 Then Haggai answered and said, "'So is this people, and so is this nation before Me,' says the LORD, 'and so is every work [action, business, deed, work] of their hands; and what they offer there is unclean [J. Vernon McGee: Haggai is an __________ __________].

PROMISED BLESSING
15 'And now, carefully consider from this day forward [similar to “put your heart to your path” in Haggai 1:5]: from before stone was laid upon stone in the temple of the LORD [16-ish years earlier]— 16 since those days, when one came to a heap [pile, heap, sheaf (of corn)] of twenty ephahs [measures], there were but ten; when one came to the wine vat [winepress] to draw out fifty baths from the press, there were but twenty. 17 I struck you with blight and mildew [used as paleness for people and mildew for plants; Jamieson, Fausset, Brown: “Blasting” results from excessive drought; “mildew, from excessive moisture] and hail in all the labors of your hands; yet you did not turn to Me,' says the LORD. 18 'Consider now from this day forward [an imperative], from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, from the day that the foundation of the LORD’s temple was laid—consider it [an imperative]: 19 Is the seed [seed, fruit, plant] still in the barn [Is it?]? As yet the vine [bend, vine, grape], the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have not yielded fruit. But from this day I will bless you.'"

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION?
1. __________ matters
2. _____ sets the standard
3. Substance > shadows
4. Sin hurts
5. Heart + hands =
6. The gospel is all over the OT

WHAT IS THE PERSONALIZATION?
1. Clean up __________
2. Know and live the standard
3. Look for the shadows; _________ the Substance
4. Don't be bitter—be __________
5. Purify heart and hands
6. Look for the __________

HOMEWORK: READ HAGGAI
HAGGAI: ZERUBBABEL CHOSEN AS A SIGNET

REVIEW

How do you pronounce Haggai? When does Haggai take place politically?
Where is Haggai in the Israeli story? What does Haggai say? Haggai 1-2
What is a prophet? What is Haggai about?
How was that message fulfilled? Putting it all together
Where does Haggai take place geographically? Review of prior applications and personalizations

WHAT DOES TODAY’S TEXT SAY? HAGGAI 2:20-23

ZERUBBABEL CHOSEN AS A SIGNET

20 And again the word of the LORD came to Haggai on the twenty-fourth day of the month, saying, 21 “Speak [an imperative] to Zerubbabel ['descended from Babylon'; the Persian-appointed leader who was of the lineage of David and in the lineage of Christ], governor of Judah, saying:

‘I will shake [undulate, make afraid, move, quake, make tremble] heaven and earth.

22 I will overthrow [turn about or over, change, overturn, retire, tumble, turn] the throne [covered, throne, seat, stool, throne] of kingdoms [dominions, estates, rule, countries, realms, kingdoms, kings, reigns; Did Haggai believe this prophecy would be fulfilled immediately? ________________];

I will destroy [____________________, destroy, bring to naught, overthrow, pluck down] the strength [power, strength] of the Gentile [foreign nation, Gentile] kingdoms [dominions, estates, rule, countries, realms, kingdoms, kings, reigns].

I will overthrow the chariots [the dominant military vehicle of the day]

And those who ride in them [the ones who literally believe Psalm ______:____];

The horses and their riders shall come down [descend, fall, come down],

Every one by the sword of his brother [the enemies will destroy themselves—reminiscent of Judges 7 and ______________].
23 ‘In that day,’ says the LORD of hosts, ‘I will take [take, accept, bring, buy, carry away, drawn, fetch, get, receive, reserve, seize, send for, take away, win] you [God is an intensely ________________ God], Zerubbabel My servant [Dr. Constable: The title “my ________________” is often messianic in the Old Testament (cf. . . . Isaiah 42:1-9; 49:1-13; 50:4-11; 52:13-53:12; Ezekiel 34:23-24; 37:24-25)], the son of Shealtiel,’ says the LORD, ‘and will make you like a signet ring [signature ring, seal, signet; Coffman: The signet ring conferred upon its wearer the full ________________ and __________ of the giver. Dummelow: So far as we know Zerubbabel never exercised any real, independent power. He served, however, to embody and keep alive the ________ which gave permanence and power to Israel’s ideals.]; for I have chosen [selected, chosen] you,’ says the LORD of hosts.”

Chisholm: As with the Temple . . . Haggai related an eschatological reality to a tangible historical entity to assure his contemporaries that God had great plans for His people.

Micah Fries: The ________________ has been made ________________

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION?

1. God speaks more than once a day
2. God is comfortable overturning the world for ______ purposes
3. Jesus is our King and He is coming ________
4. God is personal

WHAT IS THE PERSONALIZATION?

1. Listen ______ day
2. Love the kingdom that will never be shaken or overthrown
3. Live like Jesus is our King and look for His return
4. Know Him ________________

WHAT IS HAGGAI ABOUT?

• Four prophecies ⇒ we ________ need to hear God speak
• Prioritization (rebuilding the temple) ⇒ we ________ need to put Him first
• Cheerleading (a little) ⇒ we ________ need His servants cheering us on
• A future hope ⇒ we ________ need to know Jesus is coming to fix it all

HOMEWORK

Read Haggai and then answer this question: What would you title this series?