

## Outline of Haggai

- I. FIRST MESSAGE: Finishing the Temple Takes Priority (ch. 1)
  - A. Date of the Message: 6th month, 2nd year of Darius Hystaspes (August-September 520 B.C.)
  - B. Occasion of the Message: The people say it is not time to build the temple (1:2)
  - C. Content of the Message: Consider the priorities of your ways (1:3-11)
    - 1. Consider your ceiled houses (3)
    - 2. Consider your ways (5-11)
      - a. Consider your poverty (5-6)
        - poor crops
        - poor food
        - poor clothes
        - poor wages
      - b. Consider your purpose: to build the temple (7-8)
      - c. Consider your chastening (9-11)
  - D. Results of the Message: The people finished the temple (1:12-15)
- II. SECOND MESSAGE: Future Hope Motivates Present Contentment (2:1-9)
  - A. Date of the Message: 7th month, 21st day, September-October, 520 B.C.
  - B. Occasion of the Message: The old people recall the beauty of the former temple. (2:2-3)
  - C. Content of the Message: Messianic hope provides contentment (2:4-9)
    - 1. The prophet encouraged the people's contentment (4-5)
      - a. Be strong & work: The LORD of Hosts is with you (4)
      - b. Fear not: The Spirit of the LORD is with you, per ancient covenant (5)
    - 2. Messiah's Kingdom is near (6-9)
      - a. The nations will be judged (6-7a)
      - b. The "Desire of Nations" (Messiah) will come (7b)
      - c. Messiah's temple will be filled with greater glory (7c-9)

III. THIRD MESSAGE: The Law of Cleanness Illustrates Source of Blessing  
(2:10-19)

A. Date of Message: 9th month, 24th day, November-December, 520 B.C.  
(2:10)

B. Content of Message: Obedience is the Source of Blessing (2:11-19)

1. The law of ceremonial cleanness is explained (11-14)

a. Ceremonial cleanness is not transferable (11-12)

b. Ceremonial uncleanness is transferable (13)

c. Israel's uncleanness defiles their work (14)

2. Israel's disobedience has brought chastening up to this day (15-17)

3. Israel's obedience will bring blessing from this day on (18-19)

Spiritual Principle: God blesses as you obey and do His will.

IV. FOURTH MESSAGE: Zerubbabel Will Be Blessed by the LORD (2:20-23)

A. Date of Message: 24th day, same month, same year (2:20)

B. Content of Message: Zerubbabel will be blessed (2:21-23)

1. The nations will be judged (21-22)

2. The LORD will bless Zerubbabel (23)

a. He will be a signet, a seal, a precious stone, engraved,  
highly cherished, a guarantee to Israel (23a)

b. He will be chosen of the LORD (23b)

-listed in both genealogies of Christ (Matt 1:12; Luke 3:27)

-but see Jer. 22:24-30 and 1 Chr. 3:19-20)

-Zerubbabel was the son of Pediah (brother of Shieliel)  
(see Plummer ICC on Luke 3:27)