

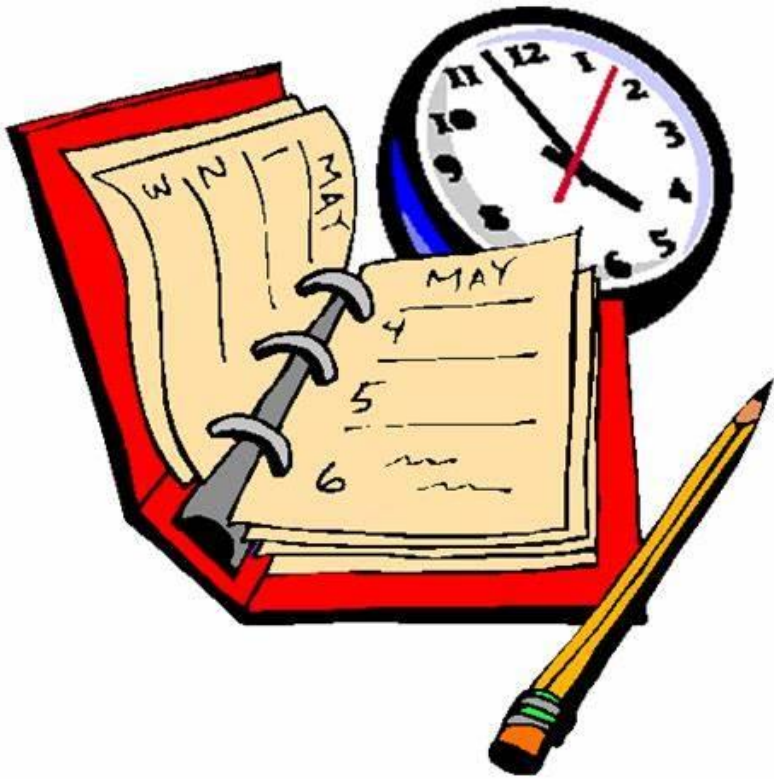


Haggai 1v1-15

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What are you
building?

922 BC – God's kingdom is divided

722 BC – Northern Kingdom (Israel) is conquered by the Assyrians

586 BC – Southern Kingdom (Judah) conquered by the Babylonians

- Jerusalem flattened
- Temple destroyed
- People exiled

God brings his people home...

536 BC – Temple foundation laid

520 BC – Still no temple!

...Enter Haggai

Haggai 1v1...

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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What does it look like for us to ‘get building’?

NT temple building...

1 Peter 2v4-5: As you come to him, the living stone – rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him

– you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house...

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What are the paneled houses in your life?

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2) Check your hearts – It's a Necessity

V6: You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. 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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V10-11: Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops. ¹¹ I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the olive oil and everything else the ground produces, on people and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands.”



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V7-8: This is what the LORD Almighty says:
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3) 'I am with you' – It's a Reality

V12: 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.

3) 'I am with you' – It's a Reality

V14: So the LORD stirred up the spirit...

...They came and began to work on the house of the LORD Almighty, their God.

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Mt 28v20: "...And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age."

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