



"Seek First the Kingdom"

Haggai 1:1-15

August 22nd, 2021

Quick Review:

Haggai is writing 20 years after the building project had paused, dated around August 29th 520 B.C. Haggai is writing to those who have been released from exile under the Babylonians, by the Persian king, Cyrus. The Lord God spoke through his prophet Haggai to rebuke and challenge Israel to finish the temple so that the glory of the Lord would fill it. Haggai chastises his audience for caring more about their felt needs rather than obedience to the Lord. The Israelites thought if they sought first their own comforts that they would be happy. God worked through the preaching of Haggai, and they had a heart change, from "indifference" to the "fear of the Lord". The Lord called them his own and gave them His Spirit so that they could do the work of the Lord.

Read Haggai chapter 1

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it so important to read Haggai in light of Jesus Christ as the main Character and telos of the book?

2. The Israelites build up their own homes at the expense of the temple. How do you at times value your own comforts over being obedient to God's call in your life? What needs to change in your life for you to start being obedient to the Lord?

