

Building the House

1 In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying,

- Ezra 1 tells God had all ready said through Cyrus(Darius the same) the decree had come through in the first year. Look what the people say!

2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD's house should be built.

- Thus the prime example of the frustration of every Prophet who knows what God is saying and doing.

3 Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,

- God raises up new voices and leaders who are sensitive to the call of God.

4 Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, and this house lie waste?

- The analogy is obvious that it should never be a time where you neglect the house of God how much more when he has decreed build his house. Vanity and the "What about me spirit rushes in" God teaches the blessing correlation between his house and your house.

5 Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

- Consider that your response to the clarion call is reeking havoc in your house. Your selfish concerns and motivations is causing confusion and lack in your house.

6 Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

- no harvest, barns are not full, your quest to satisfy your natural and spiritual thirst is not met, you have become cold one towards another, God

can make it seem your dollars are going much farther or ends are not able to be met. Bargains start to escape you or find you.

⁷ Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

- Now I have shown you what is happening please make some adjustments. I didn't have to show you anything, you could have just heard me the first time.

⁸ Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.

Get the prayer life working like never before, I will give you the right timber to build my house, I will give you the strategy to build the house go up to the mountain, I will take pleasure in it, do you want to please him, build. Your light will shine and I will be Glorified.

⁹ Ye looked for much, and, lo it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.

- Now its one thing for the devil to mess with you but if it's God? God's argument is with those who are all ready in his house that always run to their house. There lifestyle, their agenda, their comfort zones - " Men shall Be Seekers Of Pleasure More Than Seekers Of God"

¹⁰ Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit.

- You will stay in the dessert season because of selfishness. No harvest.

¹¹ And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands.

- The seed you sow, the ground you till will be working against you. All the labour of your hands, because we would not help God build.

¹² Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, 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 did fear before the LORD.

- The motivation wasn't so much they wanted to build but they feared the Lord. So the blessing comes upon them because they are able to tap into another covenant promise" The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

¹³ Then spake Haggai the LORD's messenger in the LORD's message unto the people, saying, I am with you, saith the LORD.

¹⁴ And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the LORD of hosts, their God,

- I Am With You In Agreement
- I Am Going to Stir Up Your Spirit - New Testament