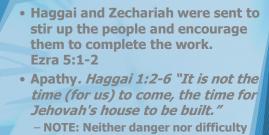


#### History

#### Upon their return:

- Built an altar to offer burnt offerings. Ezra 3:6
- 2. Gathered materials to rebuild the temple, began in the second year. Ezra 4:1-24
- 3. Met with opposition from the Samaritans. Ezra 4:2-5
- 4. Decree obtained from Artaxerxes causing the work to cease for about 13 years. Ezra 4:21

### History



had prevented them from building their own luxurious houses

### Message 1 – The Time For Rebuilding The Temple Is Overdue. 1:1-15

<u>Consider your ways</u>! (cf. Haggai 1:7) – Work, but never satisfied.

Priorities were wrong. cf. Matthew
 6:33

#### Message 1 – The Time For Rebuilding The Temple Is Overdue. 1:1-15

Response to this message.

- Haggai 1:12-15
- Remnant of the people obeyed.
- Spirit stirred.
- Work started 23 days after the word was first delivered by Haggai (cf. 1:1 with 1:15)

#### Message 2 – Consolation To Those Who Remembered The Former Glory. 2:1-9

he Lord will be with the builders of the temple. 2:1-5

- Anticipated disappointment. cf. Ezra 3:12
- Splendor of Solomon's temple. 1 Kings 6:22,28-30; 7:48-50
- "*Be Strong"* Strength not in numbers (Deuteronomy 7:7-8; Judges 7)
- "Work" cf. Nehemiah 4:6; Matthew 9:37-39
- "I am with you." cf. Matthew 28:20

#### Message 2 – Consolation To Those Who Remembered The Former Glory. 2:1-9

he Temple's Future Glory. 2:6-9

- Gifts received from:
- Cyrus (Ezra 1:7-11; 3:7)
- Darius (Ezra 6:9-13)
- Artaxerxes (Ezra 7:12-26)
- Other Gentiles (Isaiah 60:5,11) Glorified Zion.
- May be a type of the temple built by Christ.

(cf. Ephesians 2:21-22; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; Hebrews 12:26-29)

## Message 3 – Reply To Those Who Thought God's Blessings Were Too Slow. 2:10-19

srael needed to be cleansed. 2:10-14 - Can that which is unclean be made holy by

- Coming in contact with that which is holy? NO (cf. Leviticus 10:8-10)
- Can that which is clean be made unclean by coming in contact with that which is unclean? YES (cf. Numbers 19:11,22)
- Returning to the land, rebuilding the temple did not make them clean ... needed a renewed attitude toward the Lord. verse 14

## Message 3 – Reply To Those Who Thought God's Blessings Were Too Slow. 2:10-19

 Apathy had corrupted them.
 Zeal for the Lord's work would renew God's blessings. 2:15-19

 Look this day and backward 14-16 years to the present.

> God had not blessed them. cf. Amos 4:6-12

 Look from this day forward with a change of spirit to God's blessings.

## History

Nork finished: "And the elders of the Jews builded and prospered, through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. <u>And they</u> <u>builded and finished it</u>, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the decree of <u>Cyrus</u>, and <u>Darius</u>, and <u>Artaxerxes</u> king of Persia. And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king." Ezra 6:14-15

## Message 4 – The Lord Renews The Promise Of Salvation. 2:20-23

- God rules in the kingdoms of men. 2:21-22
- Prophets declared God's promise to overthrow the "throne of kingdoms" and the "strength of the kingdoms of nations"

# Message 4 – The Lord Renews The Promise Of Salvation. 2:20-23

- **God rules in the kingdoms of men**. **2:21-22**
- Messianic Hope Preserved In Zerubbabel. 2:23
  - Make thee "as a signet," (seal of authority).
  - Zerubbabel is in the direct lineage of Jesus.
  - (cf. Matthew 1:12; Luke 3:27)

# Application

• God blesses those who put Him first.