The Book of Haggai

Restoring The Inner House of The Lord
• Haggai = Festival

• He was born in Babylon and went back to Jerusalem with Zerubbabel in the 1st return. He prophesied in 520 B.C. for about 4 months.

• After the returning of some of the captives to Jerusalem with Zerubbabel, they started rebuilding the temple. But they were opposed by the Samaritans and the work stopped for 16 years.

• Darius, a later emperor of Persia, ordered to restart the process, but the people lapsed into spiritual lethargy. So Haggai and Zechariah encouraged them to work.
Purpose of the Book

- The prophet confronted the people that they were focusing on insignificant matters like the decoration of their homes, while every day they ignored God's temple lying in ruins.

- After restarting the work, he gave them a message that the Lord is with them, when the people chose to make God the center of their lives.

- Haggai focused on not only rebuilding the temple of the Lord but also, and most important, to change the attitude of the people to holiness and purity.


Haggai Outlines

1. The call to rebuild the temple (1)
   - The people's indifference 1:1-11
   - The people's repentance 1:12-15

2. God's greater temple and blessings (2)
   - Encouragement from God 2:1-9
   - Holiness and the worship of God 2:10-19
   - God's blessing on Zerubbabel 2:20-23

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1. الدعوة لبناء الهيكل (1)
   - عدم إهتمام الشعب (1: 1-11)
   - توبة الشعب (1: 12- 15)

2. هيكل الله العظيم والبركات (2)
   - تشجيع إلهي (2: 1-9)
   - القداسة وعبادة الله (2: 10- 19)
   - بركة الله لزربابل (2: 20- 23)