Haggai—Festive or Festival of Yahweh

Introduction: God spoke of a time when a remnant would return from captivity and rebuild Jerusalem. **Isaiah 44:28** 538 BC allows the Jews to return.

**Ezra 1:1 -4** 536 BC Zerubbabel takes about 50,000 people back to Canaan.

For the next they did nothing to the temple. **Ezra 4:24; Ezra 5:**

520 BC God sends Haggai with a plain and simple message.

**I) Haggai**

**A) Straight forward speaker, without poetry or imagery.**

**B) Second shortest book among the minor prophets.**

**C) The dates of Haggai’s message**

1. Haggai 1.1-11 ; . Haggai 1.12-15 ; Haggai 2.1-9 ; 2.10-19

**II) First Message (Chapter 1.1-11)**

**A) Calling attention to the problem. Haggai 1:2**

1. Now is not the time..

2. But they had time to . **Haggai 1:4**

**B) Their material blessings had . Haggai 1:5 -6**

1. Bad harvest, drought, vineyards dried up, lack of wool, not enough money.

2. God tells them to .**Haggai 1:7**

3. They needed to put ! **Haggai 1:8**

4. Their neglect of God had .**Haggai 1:10 -11**

**II) Their Response. Haggai 1:12 -15**

**III) Message of Chapter 2**

**A) A comparison of the .**

1. Earlier the people .**Ezra 3:12**

2. The glory of the temple was .**Haggai 2:3 -4, 7.**

**B) They had .Haggai 2:10 -14**

1. The lesson being unclean goes back to Numbers 19.22.

2. They had to be cleansed and made holy before God would bless them.

3. To be holy one must turn to the Lord. **Haggai 2:17**

**C) A reminder of their past problems and Haggai 2:18 -19**

1. The bad harvest was due to their disobedience and God withholding His blessings.

2. The future good harvest was due their obedience and God blessing them.

**IV) Lessons For Us From Haggai**

**A) Don’t let your . Luke 14:16 -21'**

**B) Don’t substitute for .**

**C) Spiritual blessings**

1. God can withhold His blessings and He can increase them.

Conclusion: Haggai mentions the Lord 26 times in 38 verses. God expects us to hear, believe, change, and do His will.