

STUDY GUIDE – PART 2

The Re-Builders Mandate: Sacred Architecture

PART 2 — “Planting: Why the Seeds Aren’t Producing”

(Haggai 1:6)

INTRODUCTION: When Planting Doesn’t Produce

In Part 1, we learned that *before God releases Jubilee*, He rebuilds the temple — **your identity, your inner life, the place where His presence dwells.**

In Part 2, God exposes the **results of a neglected temple**, beginning in **Haggai 1:6**, where He reveals *why planting is not producing fruit.*

This section of the study reveals a painful but freeing truth:

A damaged temple cannot hold what God gives.

A leaking vessel cannot sustain a harvest.

This is where deeper rebuilding begins.

SECTION 1 — The Scripture (Haggai 1:6)

**“You have planted much, but harvest little;
You eat, but you never have enough;
You drink but never have your fill;
You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm;
And he who earns wages earns them to put into a bag with holes.”**

This verse captures **five symptoms** of a leaking spiritual temple.

Let’s break them down.

SECTION 2 — Five Signs of a Damaged or Unfortified Temple

1. “You have planted much, but harvest little.”

You work hard but see limited results.

Effort does not equal outcome.

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Why?

The soil (the soul) is unprotected. Seeds are being eaten, plucked away, or dried up.

2. “You eat but never have enough.”

You receive the Word...

You hear sermons...

You get spiritual food...

...but you still feel spiritually undernourished.

Why?

The temple is leaking — truth doesn't stay long enough to produce transformation.

3. “You drink but never have your fill.”

The Spirit refreshes you in a moment,
but by the next day, you're dry again.

Why?

There are cracks where the Living Water leaks.

4. “You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm.”

Clothing = covering, protection, identity.

Meaning:

The Word meant to comfort, shield, and stabilize you doesn't “stick.”

You leave church clothed in peace...

but by Monday, anxiety returns.

You leave clothed in joy...

but sadness creeps back in.

5. “You earn wages but put them in a bag with holes.”

This is not just money — it is **stewardship**.

Revelation:

God cannot bless what you will not steward.

When the temple is damaged:

- financial stewardship breaks
 - spiritual discipline breaks
 - consistency breaks
 - fruitfulness evaporates
 - increase disappears
 - opportunities slip through your fingers
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SECTION 3 — Why the Planting Is Failing (Spiritually)

A. Their identity was shaped by Babylon.

They had grown up with:

- no temple
- no altar
- no sacrifice
- no priesthood
- no corporate worship

Their point of reference was captivity.

B. They returned home, but not to God's priorities.

They built:

- houses
- businesses
- crops
- families

...but not the temple.

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They rebuilt their lives, not their spiritual identity.

C. They assumed God was “fine” with them functioning without fullness.

Because everything “looked normal,” they thought God was satisfied.

But God says:

“Consider your ways.”

(Haggai 1:5 & 1:7)

This is a divine heart check.

D. The temple was the reason the harvest was failing.

The problem was not the planting.

The problem was not the seed.

The problem was not the ground.

The problem was not the enemy.

The problem was...

The structure meant to hold the blessing was broken.

*** SECTION 4 — Spiritual Parallels for Today**

Just like in the exile, we have three groups today:

1. The Faithful Remnant

They pray, worship, study, and protect their identity.

2. The Compromised

They blend God with culture, convenience, and compromise.

3. The Lukewarm Multitude

They love God...

but lack urgency, discipline, and spiritual consistency.

Most believers fall into Group 3 — not rebellious, just spiritually sleepy.

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Haggai is calling this group back to **alignment and rebuilding**.

SECTION 5 — Reflection Questions

Use these for journaling, study groups, or guided conversations.

1. In what areas of my life do I feel like I'm "planting much but harvesting little"?
 2. Do I feel like the Word stays with me through the week, or does it leak out quickly?
 3. What habits or distractions may be creating "holes" in my temple?
 4. How have Babylon-like environments shaped my spiritual priorities?
 5. What areas of my identity need rebuilding?
 6. Is my prayer life consistent enough to sustain spiritual growth?
 7. Is there an area where I feel spiritually hungry but not full?
 8. What boundary (Nehemiah) is missing that allows the enemy to steal seed?
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SECTION 6 — Action Steps for Rebuilding the Temple

1. Rebuild your altar (time with God).

Consistency creates capacity.

2. Repair the cracks (repentance, healing, inner work).

Healing prevents leakage.

3. Fortify the walls (boundaries).

Protect what God is giving you.

4. Submit your priorities to God.

What you prioritize, you prosper in.

5. Restore identity.

You are the temple — honor the place where God dwells.

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SECTION 7 — Key Takeaway for Part 2

The harvest is determined by the condition of the temple.

God does not withhold blessings — the temple struggles to hold them.

Before God increases what you *plant*, He must strengthen what you *are*.

This is Sacred Architecture.