

Haggai

Summary

The book states that its prophecies came from the Lord to the prophet Haggai. The book of Haggai was written to the Jewish remnant that had returned to their homeland after the Babylonian captivity. They were suffering from spiritual insensitivity and inertia.

Author and Date:

Haggai. 520 BC.

Audience/ Setting:

Israelites living in Jerusalem, who had returned from exile. The temple in Jerusalem had been destroyed in 586 BC. Cyrus allowed the Jews to return to their homeland and rebuild the temple in 538 BC. They started but they did not complete it.

Purpose:

There was a warning for God's people to rebuild the temple, so they could return to worshipping Him. Haggai also encouraged the people to obey God. He stated that God promised to bring a future glory to the temple that was greater than the people had previously known.

Key People:

Haggai, Zerubbabel, Jeshua

Key Places:

Jerusalem

References

NLT Life Application Study Bible
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