

Haggai: Rebuild! (p.868)

Solomon's Temple had been destroyed in 586 BC as a result of Israel's sin. Babylon had taken thousands as captives into exile. Then, in keeping with His promise to restore them, God miraculously made a way for them to return and **rebuild** the Temple in Jerusalem.

"Exile reveals what really matters and frees us to pursue what really matters, which is to seek the Lord with all our hearts". -Eugene Peterson, *Run with Horses*

Rather than a message of warning and condemnation, here is a message of **courage** and **provision!**

A. Make God Your First Priority 1:1-4

People make enthusiastic **commitments** to God only to let other priorities get in the way.
Matthew 6:33

B. Beware the Burden of Disobedience 1:5-11

God may use drastic measures to break our rebellious self-centeredness. However, hardship in life does *not* necessarily mean you are actively sinning against God.

God is serious about our **mission** to glorify His name.

C. A Timely Response 1:12-15

Ravi Zacharias's 1st ministry trip was to Vietnam at the height of the American war!

God's timing is often not our timing- but it is _____ timing!

D. The Presence of God 2:4-9

It's not the size of the Temple...

⁹"The final glory of this house will be greater than the first..."
Jesus is returning!!!

God can **rebuild** your life even better than before!