

Background/Timeline

538

- Decree of Cyrus

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- Zerubbabel leads the first group back – work begins on Temple

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- Work ceased because of opposition

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- Haggai and Zechariah Sent

GUARDING OUR ZEAL

Lessons from the book of
Haggai

GUARDING OUR ZEAL AGAINST... DISTRACTION

- **Aug. 29, 520 BC – Hag. 1:1-7**
- **Choked by cares of the world (Mk. 4:18-19)**
- **Loving the present world (2 Tim. 4:10)**
- **Sometimes even ‘good’ things (Lk. 10:38-42)**
- **“The time has not yet come...” (Hag. 1:2)**
- **Consider your ways! (:5, 7); Get to work! (:8-11)**
- **Sept. 21, 520 BC – They begin work on the temple! (Hag. 1:12-15)**
- **Example of Nehemiah (Neh. 6:1-9)**

GUARDING OUR ZEAL AGAINST... DISCOURAGEMENT

- **Oct. 17, 520 BC – Hag. 2:1-3**
- **“Is this not ... as nothing?” – no glory compared to Solomon’s temple**
- **Discouraging circumstances in life will come!**
- **Adversaries (Ezra. 4:1-5); Brethren (Num. 32:1-15); Sin (Heb. 12:1-11)**
- **Be strong! Trust the Lord! (Hag. 2:4-9)**
 - **Only rewarded if we don’t give up (Gal. 6:7-10);**
 - **We WILL face difficulty, need perspective (2 Cor. 4:7-15; 11:22-33; 12:7-10);**
 - **We don’t know what God is working through us (Rom. 8:18-30);**
 - **Trust God & lean on fellow Christians when discouraged (Phil. 4:10-20)**

GUARDING OUR ZEAL AGAINST... DISAPPOINTMENT

- **Dec. 18, 520 BC – Hag. 2:10-19**
- **Holiness doesn't transfer by contact as defilement does – a point about the people (:10-14)**
- **They had obeyed...but there wasn't a prosperous harvest yet and the people were disappointed (:15-19)**
- **[NOTE: It has only been 3 months since they began building!]**
- **Remember we will reap in due time if we don't give up (Gal. 6:7-10)**
- **Don't give up, trust the Lord to accomplish His will in His time**
- **The goal: glorify God in our life and stay constant in our service**

DISTRACTION
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AGAINST...



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