

Spiritual Priorities in Haggai and Zechariah

Life is full of struggles and challenges. Even as we follow God's lead, the way forward isn't always straight. The Israelites felt this truth acutely when they finally returned home after living in exile in Babylon. As the people began to rebuild, God provided guidance and help through the prophets Haggai and Zechariah. Join us as we glean biblical wisdom from the books of Haggai and Zechariah that gives us the courage to trust God as we navigate and endure our own physical and spiritual challenges.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- Have you ever felt discouraged even while you were doing God's work? Why do you think you had that feeling?
- What is a covenant?



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READ [Haggai 1-2](#), [Zechariah 1-14](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- After reading [Haggai 1:1-8](#), host Darrell Delaney points out that God's people have a "priority issue." God provides for us, giving us the ability to work to feed and shelter ourselves. Yet this pursuit takes much of our focus. Reread [Haggai 1:1-8](#). What in this passage helps us learn from Israel's experience and better prioritize our lives to honor God?
- God has not called *us* to build a temple but to share the Good News. How does Haggai encourage you as you do God's work today?
- As they study [Zechariah chapters 1 and 2](#), Darrell and host Scott Hoezee recognize that God wants to live among his people and be their God. Are there other biblical passages that show God's desire to be with his people?
- [Zechariah 14:20-21](#) tells us everything will be holy and devoted to the Lord, even utensils used for cooking. How does this truth impact your perspective on your daily life?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[Jeremiah 7:1-29](#), [1 Corinthians 6:19-20](#), [John 2:13-22](#), [Ephesians 2:8-10](#), [Galatians 2:15-21](#), [Matthew 21:1-5](#), [John 12:12-16](#), [Revelation 21:5-23](#)

CONCLUSION

Scott and Darrell discuss the theme of rebuilding in both Haggai and Zechariah. They also note the rhythm of God holding his people accountable, dealing with their sins, and restoring his people according to his holy justice. Where do you see these themes echoed in your own life and faith today? In what ways has studying the prophetic words of Haggai and Zechariah strengthened and encouraged you to persevere in your pursuit of God's ways?

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