

THE HARD RIGHT

The Time Is Now, Part 1

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Haggai Chapter 1

Setting

- In 606 BC, Babylon attacked the southern kingdom of Judah and deported some of the people.
- In 587 BC, Babylon crushed all remaining resistance in Judah, and destroyed the temple.
- The Jews were taken into captivity in Babylon for decades.
- In 538 BC, about 50,000 people were allowed to travel back to Jerusalem, the capital of Judah, to rebuild.

This is what the LORD Almighty says: “These people say, ‘The time has not yet come to rebuild the LORD’s house.’”

Haggai 1:2

Choose The Hard _____
Over The Easy _____.

Then the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai: “Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?” Now this is what the LORD Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways.”

Haggai 1:3-5

You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.”

Haggai 1:6

This is what the LORD Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored,” says the LORD.

Haggai 1:7-8

1. Go to the mountain.
2. Bring down the timber.
3. Build my house.

The way to get started
is to quit _____
and start _____.

For Discussion

- Which area of your life do you most need to rebuild your devotion to God?
- What is your greatest barrier to acting on God’s plans?

**All scriptures from NIV unless otherwise noted*