

# Command to Rebuild the Temple

CHARACTERS: Haggai, Voice of God, All

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Haggai 1-2

FK reading level: 3.0

HAGGAI: In the second year of King Darius, the people were saying

ALL: The time has not come for the house of the Lord to be rebuilt.

HAGGAI: Then the word of the Lord came through me, Haggai the prophet.

VOICE OF GOD: Is it a time for you yourselves to live in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? Think carefully about your ways:

ALL: We have planted much

HAGGAI: but harvested little.

ALL: We eat but never have enough to be satisfied.

HAGGAI: You put on clothes

ALL: but never have enough to get warm.

HAGGAI: The wage earner puts his wages into a bag

ALL: but it seems like the bag has a hole in it.

HAGGAI: You expected much, but then it amounted to little.

VOICE OF GOD: Think carefully about your ways. Go up into the hills, bring down lumber, and build the house. Then I will be pleased with it and be glorified.

ALL: We will obey the voice of the Lord our God.

EZRA: Zerubbabel, the high priest Joshua and the people began work on the house of Yahweh of Hosts, their God

VOICE OF GOD: Be strong. Work! For I am with you. My Spirit is present among you; don't be afraid. I will fill this house with glory. The final glory of this house will be greater than the first.

HAGGAI: Consider carefully from this day forward

ALL: from the day the foundation of the Lord's temple was laid

VOICE OF GOD: From this day on I will bless all of you. I will take you, Zerubbabel, my servant and make you like my signet ring, for I have chosen you.

ALL: This is the declaration of the Lord of Hosts.