

ENCOURAGING DISCOURAGED WORSHIPERS

Haggai 2:1-9

Setting:

On October 17, 520 B.C. the people of God are depressed and complaining. They have moved from exile back to their home country, but it is not the same. The Temple, the center of worship and a symbol of the presence of God, remains unbuilt. The new proposed Temple pales in comparison to their former deluxe building. The negative contrasts preoccupy the conversations of the old timers who speak of the glories of the former days.

Haggai, the prophet, brings words from God.

1. "Be strong" (4).
2. "I am with you" (4).
3. "Don't fear" (5).
4. "Be strong and work" (4).
5. "I will fill the temple with my glory" (7).
6. "I will grant peace" (9).