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 - The people are rebuked for their hesitancy to rebuild the temple. Haggai 1:1-2
 - The people are further rebuked for focusing on their comfort and security rather than giving first place to the house of God. Haggai 1:3-4

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 - God gives the clear command to restart and finish the work on the temple. Haggai 1:7
 - The people are experiencing God's judgment and not His blessings because they have not given God first place. Haggai 1:5-11

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 - Under the leadership of Zerubbabel and Joshua the people resume the work on the temple. Haggai 1:12
 - God issues a message of encouragement by Haggai and stirs up the spirit of Zerubbabel, Joshua and all the people to engage in the work. Haggai 1:13-15

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 - Do not fear
 - God's Spirit is with you

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 - There will be a time when the glory of God in this place will eclipse the glory of Solomon's temple.

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 God invited the Israelites to watch and see that His blessings will now begin as they obey Him in rebuilding the temple. Haggai 2:10-19

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Lessons

- Jesus said it best, *"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."* (Matthew 6:33, ESV)
- Opposition to the clear and known will of God does not give permission to delay or disobey.

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Lessons

- God gives us the encouragement and strength needed to do His work.
- Always keep in mind that God has a glorious future for His people.
- Blessings come after obedience.

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