



It's time for a festive celebration! Call in *The Festive Prophet* – Haggai.

B.L.U.F. (bottom line up front): *Attitude, not aptitude, determines altitude.*

1. **Arouse: Consider Your P** _____ **1:1-15**

Date: 6th month, 1st day

Rebuke, followed by exhortation, resulted in response.

2. **Encourage: Consider Your A** _____ **2:1-9**

Date: 7th month, 21st day – two months later

A repeat of history – Ezra 3:1-13

It is difficult to be old and compare the present to what it used to be.
Yet God is in today!

Our support system is still in place (2:5-9) – the Book, the Spirit & the Promised Return!

3. **Confirm: Consider Your H** _____ **2:10-19**

Date: 9th month, 24th day – two months later

A healthy person cannot pass their health to another. Yet, a sick person can pass their sickness to another. Learn of the influence of sin onto others! Doing right is always the way to blessing.

4. **Assure: Consider Your V** _____ **2:20-23**

Date: 9th month, 24th day – same day.

Keep your eyes on the future.

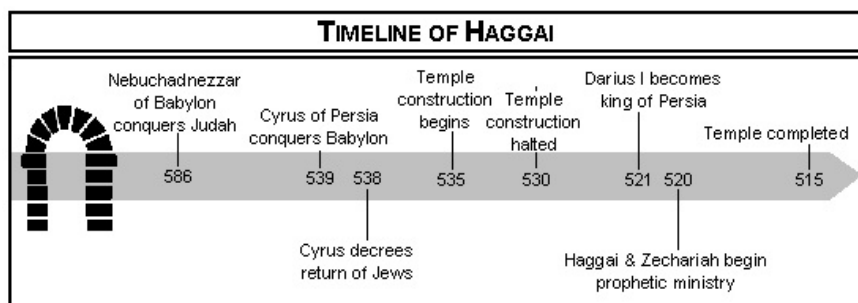


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There will come a day!

Synopsis: "But now, in 520 B.C., circumstances were gloomily otherwise. Adversaries, from the mongrel race of the Samaritans, had "hired counselors" to misrepresent the cause of the Jews all through the reign of Cyrus; and at the accession of his successor, Artaxerxes, they had managed to bring about a complete suspension of the project (Ezra 4). Fourteen years had now dragged by; the temple remained unbuilt, and the foundations were silted with debris and overgrown with weeds. *The repatriated Jews seem to have accepted the situation with an almost fatalistic resignation.*" — J. Sidlow Baxter, *Explore the Book*, Volume Four, p. 227

Times of the Prophet:



Outline:

Theme: *Rise Up & Build!*

Today's Preacher:

- Unpopular Messages (materialism, covetousness, wrong priorities)
- Optimism

- I. **Consider Your Priorities** 1:1-15
 - A. People Rebuked v. 1-6, 9-11
 - B. People Exhorted v. 7, 8
 - C. People Responded v. 12-15
- II. **Consider Your Attitude** 2:1-9
 - A. Comparison to Solomon's Temple v. 1-3
 - B. Encouragement for the Builders v. 4-9
- III. **Consider Your Holiness** 2:10-19
 - A. Nature of Sin v. 10-13
 - B. Application to Israel v. 14
 - C. Spirituality & Economy v. 15-19
- IV. **Consider Your Victory** 2:20-23
 - A. Overthrow of Nations v. 20-22
 - B. Exaltation of Davidic Throne v. 23

In 1845, in the First Baptist Church of Augusta, Georgia, the Southern Baptist Convention was organized. As a tribute to the faith of the founding fathers, the church placed this inscription in the building: "***Men who see the invisible, hear the inaudible, believe the incredible, and think the unthinkable!***"