Prophet Newsletter

Haggai

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The book of Haggai was written around 520 B.C. The main outline of the book is God calling prophet Haggai to persuade the people to finish the construction of the temple in Jerusalem. People stopped the construction on the temple and went to work to build on their "paneled" houses. While the Jews were in their "comfortable" houses, the temple was still left unfinished. After 24 days of persuading, the Jews once again began working on finishing the temple.

Chapter 2 continues with Haggai motivating the Jews to keep working. He tells them that God will bless them if they do so. The building of the temple was completed around 520 B.C.

According to teacher Amy, the book of Haggai teaches us to put God first in our lives before our works, affairs, and anything else. To put this into practice, people can come to church on Friday nights instead of lazily staying home. Another example is to prioritize holy work over worldly matters. If such things are done, we will be blessed by God, just as Haggai says.