

## The Minor Prophets “The Twelve”

Hosea	Nahum
Joel	Habakkuk
Amos	Zephaniah
Obadiah	Haggai
Jonah	Zechariah
Micah	Malachi

Prophetic Ministry: 800 – 430 B.C.

## Haggai

### *“Building for God’s Glory”*

**Purpose:** To stir up God’s remnant people to build the temple

**Message:**

**Part One: “Consider Your Ways”**

- word of indictment; exposes their sin

**Part Two: “Take Courage”**

- word of encouragement; emphasizes the future

### Part One: “Consider Your Ways”

#### 1. People’s Excuse

- Not the right time to build the temple

#### 2. Real Issue Exposed

- Wrong priorities; preoccupied with their houses to the neglect of God’s house

#### 3. Consequences of their Neglect

### Part One: “Consider Your Ways”

#### Consequences

#### 1. The Result

- Perpetual frustration – in spite of their hard work, they never had enough
- “purse with holes” – it goes out as soon as it comes in; never able to get ahead

### Part One: “Consider Your Ways”

#### Consequences

#### 2. The Source

- It was the Lord’s doing!
  - God is in control of weather, crops, income, etc.
  - Why? – because of their wrong priorities
- His purpose (2:15-17)
  - Cause them to return to Him; put Him first
  - Loving discipline – He frustrates their ways for their ultimate good

### Part One: “Consider Your Ways”

#### Consequences

#### 3. The Remedy

- Build the temple – put the Lord first
  - Our passion and priority for the Lord is best demonstrated when we are doing what He is passionate about
- He promises to bless them
  - Irony – they failed to see the connection between their frustration and their neglect of the temple

## **Application**

### **General Principle:**

- **If you occupy your life with pursuits lesser than God's glory, you will lead a life of perpetual frustration**
  - Understand that this frustration is the Lord's loving discipline
  - Our greatest joy and satisfaction comes when we pursue His glory first

## **Application**

### **Specific Principles:**

- **You will not get ahead by neglecting the Lord's work**
- **Put the Lord and His work first and He will bless you**