

Haggai, Ezra and Nehemiah

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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am

To be discussed –01/25/21

Lesson 4

Ezra 5:3-6:22, Haggai 2:1-23

In Ezra 5:1-2, the work on the temple finally resumed as a result of Haggai's first message from the Lord to Zerubbabel and the returned exiles. By that time Darius had replaced Cyrus as the Persian king.

1. Read Ezra 5:3-17. Why was Tattenai concerned? What actions did he take? Why did he *not* stop the building? How did the Jews respond to him? What did Tattenai ask Darius to do?
2. Read Ezra 6:1-12. What did Darius do in response to Tattenai's letter? (vv. 6-12) At least in part, why was Darius inclined to offer support to the Jews? (v. 10)
3. Read Ezra 6:13-22. What was the end result? What did the Jews understand about God that so filled them with joy at the Feast of Unleavened bread? (v. 22)
4. The word of the Lord came to Haggai three more times in chapter 2. Ezra 6:14 says the Jews continued to build and prosper under the preaching of Haggai (as well as Zechariah). Carefully read each of the next three messages from Haggai, and try to explain the encouragement he offered in each:
 - Haggai 2:1-9
 - Haggai 2:10-19
 - Haggai 2:20-23
5. What did you learn about God in this lesson that is encouraging to you?