



Cornerstone Church
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#1:

“Part of Haggai’s task was to help the community find a new way to understand their identity in a world where so much had changed. Prior to the destruction of Jerusalem, Judah had an expansive territory, a king in the line of David on the throne ensuring some measure of political and social autonomy, and a relatively prosperous economy. With the conquest of Judah by the Babylonian army and the subsequent conquest of the Babylonian empire by the Persians, those who chose to return to Jerusalem found themselves in a radically different world.”

Kenneth Hoglund

The Bible Backgrounds Commentary

#2:

“What if he created the wealth he has given you specifically to do good things in his creation, but instead of being a highway of blessing, you have become the dead end for the wealth he gave? Why would he give you any more?...Give careful thought to your ways! Where does your “discretionary money” go?”

Mark Dever

The Message of the Old Testament

#3:

“Do not read Haggai and think primarily of a building program for a church meeting house! The only time I ever heard the book of Haggai preached in my own life, the preacher wanted to begin a building program. I agree that the book might have some third-order implications about church buildings. But please understand that church buildings today should not be equated with the Old Testament temple.”

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