

Scripture Text of the Followers of IESO

The Book of AGGAI

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Getting Priorities Straight.

Aleim rebukes the returning remnant for their misplaced priorities.

Introduction

Chapter 1

1. In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of IEUE by Aggai the prophet unto Zerhubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Iesou the son of Iosedech, the great priest, saying,

An excuse for not rebuilding the temple.

2. Thus speaketh IEUE of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that IEUE'S house should be built.

Aggai exposes their wrong priorities.

3. Then came the word of IEUE by Aggai the prophet, saying,

4. Is it time for you, O you, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste?

Consider your ways - and the result of them.

5. Now therefore thus saith IEUE of hosts; Consider your ways.

6. You have sown much, and bring in little; you eat, but you have not enough; you drink, but you are not filled with drink; you clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

What they must do: rebuild the temple.

7. Thus saith IEUE of hosts; Consider your ways.

8. Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith IEUE.

9. You looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when you brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith IEUE of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.

10. Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit.

11. And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands.

The response to Aggai's prophecy.

They obeyed Aleim and feared His presence.

12. Then Zerhubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Iesou the son of Iosedech, the great priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of IEUE their Aleim, and the words of Aggai the prophet, as IEUE their Aleim had sent him, and the people did fear before IEUE.

Aleim responds to His people.

13. Then spake Aggai IEUE'S messenger in IEUE'S message unto the people, saying, I am with you, saith IEUE.

14. And IEUE stirred up the spirit of Zerhubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Iesou the son of Iosedech, the great priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of IEUE of hosts, their Aleim,

15. In the four and twentieth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

The Glory of the Second Temple.

The second word from Aleim: the glory of the new temple.

Is the new temple as nothing compared to Solomon' temple?

Chapter 2.

1. In the seventh month, in the one and twentieth day of the month, came the word of IEUE by the prophet Aggai, saying,

2. Speak now to Zerhubbabel the son of Sealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Iesou the son of Iosedech, the great priest, and to the residue of the people, saying,

3. Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do you see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?

Carry on the work in strength and assurance.

4. Yet now be strong, O Zerhubbabel, saith IEUE; and be strong, O Iesou, son of Iosedech, the great priest; and be strong, all you people of the land, saith IEUE, and work: for I am with you, saith IEUE of hosts:

5. According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My spirit remaineth among you: fear you not.

Why the rebuilt temple will be more glorious than the temple of Solomon.

6. For thus saith IEUE of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;

7. And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith IEUE of hosts.

8. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith IEUE of hosts.

9. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith IEUE of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith IEUE of hosts.

The third word from Aleim: clean and unclean.

A question for the priest.

10. In the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of IEUE by Aggai the prophet, saying,

11. Thus saith IEUE of hosts; Ask now the priests concerning the law, saying,

12. If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and said, No.

13. Then said Aggai, If one that is unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean.

14. Then answered

Aggai, and said, So is this people, and so is this nation before Me, saith IEUE; and so is every work of their hands; and that which they offer there is unclean.

Aleim sees their change of heart and promises a harvest of blessing to come.

15. And now, I pray you, consider from this day and upward, from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of IEUE:

16. Since those days were, when one came to an heap of twenty measures, there were but ten: when one came to the pressfat for to draw out fifty vessels out of the press, there were but twenty.

17. I smote you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the labours of your hands; yet you turned not to Me, saith IEUE.

18. Consider now from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, even from the day that the foundation of IEUE'S temple was laid, consider it.

19. Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth: from this day will I bless you.

The final word from Aleim: Aleim rules.

Aleim asserts His sovereignty over the nations.

20. And again the word of IEUE came unto Aggai in the four and twentieth day of the month, saying,

21. Speak to Zerhubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth;

22. And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, everyone by the sword of his brother.

A promise to Zerhubbabel.

23. In that day, saith IEUE of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerhubbabel, my servant, the son of Sealtiel, saith IEUE, and will make thee as a signet: for I have chosen thee, saith IEUE of hosts.