

Men's Evening in the Word w/ Joshua Welch

<u>Introduction</u>: Let's review some of the phases of the Babylonian domination of Judah:

-606 B.C: (read Daniel 1:1-7; 2 Kings 23:36-24:7; 2 Chronicles 36:5-8)

-597 B.C.: (see 2 Kings 24:8-17)

586 B.C.: (see 2 Chronicles 36:9-21)

- 1) The people of Haggai's day had been through a history of adversity. What had they been through as a people? After this series of events, what might be the temptation for God's people?
- 2) How did Haggai feel about the people of God's excuses, delays, and set of priorities (Haggai 1:3-11)? In the midst of the Covid pandemic, have you noticed any misplaced priorities, or inconsistencies in how we are handling our personal life vs. how we have handled our church responsibilities?
- 3) How did God's people respond to Haggai's rebuke from the Lord (1:12)? What comforting words does Haggai offer to the people for the response (1:13-15)? As we go back to work for the Lord after a long lull, how can this reminder be helpful to us?
- 4) When the temple was rebuilt, in some ways, how was it a disappointment (Haggai 2:1-3)? Similarly, what are some of the disappointments we might face as we begin to gather together after a long drought?
- 5) Even so, what hopeful message does God provide for those who will continue to be obedient (Haggai 2:4-9)? What has God always been able to do with the faithful remnant who continue to serve Him?