

We will begin the fifth lecture on Minor Prophets. /Today we will study the books of Zephaniah and Haggai. /We will first study the book of Zephaniah. /Zephaniah was the name of the prophet. /His name means, “The Lord has concealed.”

/He prophesied during the time of King Josiah of Judah. /King Josiah reigned from 641 BC to 610 BC. /Zephaniah prophesied during the reign of Josiah. /The law existed at the time, but the rulers were corrupted. /3:3.

/The people also still served Baal, the idol. /Prophet prophesied, but they did not properly prophesy God’s word. /3:4. /The people were also unconcerned with serving the Lord. /1:12.

/Zephaniah was the great-great-grandson of King Hezekiah. /Grandchild, great-grandchild, great-great-grandchild. /1:1. /Therefore, Zephaniah was born in a royal family. /He also detailedly pointed out the corruption of the upper class. /1:8. /3:3.

/The book of Zephaniah was also recorded during the time of King Josiah. /Thus, it is thought that the book was recorded in 627 BC, during King Josiah’s time. /Here it mainly speaks about “Judgment on the Lord’s day.”

/First, “Judgment on the Lord’s day” is written about in 1:1-3:8. /Another important point there is that the prophet urges the people of Judah to repent. /2:1-3.

/Second, “Salvation on the Lord’s day” is written about /in 3:9-20. /At that time, foreign peoples will repent and return to God. /Then those remaining in Israel will receive the promise of salvation. /Then ultimately it teaches that we will see salvation through the return of Jesus Christ.

/We will begin the lecture on chapter 1. /The title of chapter 1 is “Destruction.” /First, God’s revelation, and Zephaniah’s genealogy. /Verse 1. /Second, all things on the earth will be destroyed. /Verses 2-3.

/Third, judgment on Judah and the reason. /Verses 4-6. /Fourth, the state of those who would receive God’s punishment. /Verses 7-13. /Fifth, silver and gold will not save the people in days of hardships. /Verses 14-18.

/We will begin the lecture on chapter 2. /Zephaniah chapter 2. /“The People Do Not Know Shame.” /First, seek the Lord before the day of his wrath comes. /Verses 1-3. /Second, the destruction of the Philistines, and the believers’ salvation. /Verses 4-7. /Third, the destruction and sins of Moab and Ammon. /Verses 8-11. /Fourth, prophecy about the judgment of Cush and Assyria. /Verses 12-15.

/We will begin the lecture on chapter 3. /The title of chapter 3 is “The Rebellious City.” /First, God rebukes the sins of Jerusalem. /Verses 1-5.

/Second, Zephaniah shows the people God’s judgment, and he encourages Israel. /Verses

6-8. /Third, God promises the Israelites salvation. /Verses 9-13. /Fourth, rejoicing in the Lord's salvation. /Verses 14-20.

/We will now move on to the book of Haggai. /The name Haggai means "festal holiday." /"Festal holiday." /It means a joyful and festal holiday. /Haggai was a prophet during the same time as Zechariah.

/Haggai comforted the Israelites who returned from captivity in Babylon. /He encouraged the Israelites to rebuild the temple. /In Haggai's time, the building of the temple had been halted for 14 years.

/It was because of the interruptions and disruption of the people of Samaria. /Ezra 4:4-5. /The people of Israel themselves were also a problem. /They build their own homes.

/However, they were lazy when it came to building the house of God. /1:4. /Hence, Haggai urged these people. /He urged the people to repent. /Then he taught them through the external temple to build a spiritual temple.

/The spiritual temple symbolized the coming of Christ. /This book was recorded in the second year of King Darius' reign. /This was 520 BC. /At this time, the temple was build in four months. /Let us now look at the historical background.

/Haggai spoke of the building of the Jerusalem temple from the time of King Cyrus of Persia to King Darius. /Cyrus to King Darius. /King Cyrus allowed the Israelites to return to their homeland in 538 BC. /Ezra 1:1.

/However, soon after, the people of Samaria began to interfere with the building of the temple. /The people of Samaria framed the Israelites. /Ezra 4:11-12. /Hence, the people could not build the temple for 14 years.

/Then the temple was rebuilt in the second year of King Darius' reign. /This was in 520 BC. /Now, we will look at the breakdown of the contents. /First, an appeal about the construction of the temple. /1:1-15. /Second, the glory of the constructed temple. /2:1-9.

/Third, the blessings that those who obey God will receive. /2:10-19. /Fourth, the representative of the theocratic nation. /2:20-23. /The nations would ultimately be destroyed. /Then the Holy One, the Messiah would be lifted high. /Therefore, it shows the glory of the coming Messiah here.

/We will begin chapter 1. /The title is "Encouragement to Construct the Temple." /First, Haggai encourages the people to construct the temple. /Verses 1-8. /Second, the state of when construction is halted. /Verses 9-11. /Third, construction of the temple begins. /Verses 12-15.

/Read Haggai 1:1. /In the second year of King Darius, on the first day of the sixth month, the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel,

governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest:

/The second year of King Darius' reign was 520 BC. /Ezra 4:24. /The prophet Haggai lived in the same time as Zechariah and Ezra. /God rebuked the people of Judah through the prophet Haggai. /God rebuked them for ceasing the construction of the temple.

/Thus, Haggai encouraged the people to continue to build the temple. /When the people of Judah returned from captivity in Babylon, they first began to build their own homes and farm. /God told them to first build the temple.

/However, the Israelites stopped building the temple after a short time. /Then they left it as it was for 14 years. /Why did the people stop building the temple?

/First, it was because the people of Samaria disrupted them. /Ezra 4:1-24. /Second, they thought that the time had not yet come to build the temple. /Verse 2. /Third, they diligently built their own homes. /Verse 4.

/In this way, the Israelites were very lazy and materialistic. /Next, Zerubbabel the governor of Judah and Joshua the high priest are mentioned. /The governor Zerubbabel was a political leader. /The high priest Joshua was a religious leader.

/In this way, God's word was upon the leaders. /The letters to the seven churches of Asia Minor were written through angels.

/Verse 2. /This is what the LORD Almighty says: "These people say, 'The time has not yet come for the LORD's house to be built.'"

/The people said that the time had not yet come to build the Lord's house. /This was one of the reasons why they stopped the construction of the temple. /They said, "We will build the temple when a better time comes."

/Today, believers do not try to live out their faith, but they say that they will live with faith when a better time comes in the future. /They say that they will do better when their situations get better.

/However, this is wrong. /We must not push back the things we should do today. /2 Corinthians 6:2. /We must receive today's grace. /We must live with faith. /Matthew 6:34. /We must not think that we can have better faith in the future.

/Verses 3-4. /Then the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai: "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?"

/God's temple remained a ruin. /However, the people lived in paneled houses. /They built luxurious houses with high-quality wood. /The people made their houses decorative but did not build God's house.

/We must remember our priorities. /Matthew 6:3 /We must first seek God's kingdom and his righteousness. /We must put God first before our families.

/Today, we must construct the spiritual temple. /1 Corinthians 3:16, 17. /We are God's temple. /Our God dwells in our souls. /Therefore, when we grow in faith, we construct our spiritual temple. /Ephesians 2:20-22.

/We must construct the spiritual temple well. /Our spirits must grow. /Our faith must grow. /We must build up the truth. /We must grow in faith personally, /and we must be faithful in the church as well.

/Therefore, we must consider the spiritual temple valuable. /Ezekiel 22:30, 31. /The temple of Zion is collapsing. /The church is growing more and more corrupted. /We must pray to God and build up the truth.

/We must make God's wrath subside. /Isaiah 1:21 /Therefore, it is important that we build the spiritual temple.

/Verse 5. /Now this is what the LORD Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways.

/God said to give careful thought to your ways. /This meant that they were to repent. /We too must find the cause of our disbelief. /We must check the status of our hearts. /We must think about the level of our faith. /We must repent of the negative things that we discover in ourselves through the Bible.

/Verse 6. /You have planted much, but have harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it."

/The people did not build the temple, but they worked hard in building their own houses. /They did not live out their faith. /In such times, they planted much, but harvested little. /They eat but were never full. /They put on clothes, but they were not warm. /They were not full, which means that they were not content in their hearts.

/This means that there is no spiritual peace in our hearts. /Our hearts are not warm and we are not spiritually satisfied. /That is because we do not have God's true comfort. /Also, when they did not build the temple, but put their money in a purse with holes in it.

/When a worker received his wages and put it in a purse with holes, his money was spent on useless things. /When believers get sick and go to the hospital, their money goes out to the hospital.

/When believers are scammed, they lose money. /They sometimes get into accidents. /Then they lose money. /Therefore, it is important that we build the temple of our faith. /Psalm 73:17 /Job 21:13

/Verse 7. /This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways.

/God judges all the enemies and conquers them. /We must fear and tremble before God, and we must give careful thought to our ways.

/Verse 8. /Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build the house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored," says the LORD.

/Here it speaks of the detailed ways to build the temple. /First, they were to go up into the mountains. /The "mountains" indicate Mount Zion. /That is the place where God was.

/That was a spiritual place. /It was a place to meet God and communicate with him.

/Now, we must leave this complicated world. /We must throw away selfishness and greed. /We must go into the small rooms. /We must go to the place where God is and we must meet GOD.

/This does not mean that we should go find a special mountain. /This means that our spirits must enter God's world wherever we may be. /Here, "timber" is the wood that would be used to build the temple. /This symbolizes God's word.

/If we want to build a spiritual temple, we need God's word. /We must build our houses of faith with God's word. /Ephesians 2:21, 22 /We must build our personal temples, and also build temples between believers.

/Verse 9. /"You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?" declares the LORD Almighty. "Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with his own house.

/The people of Judah did not build God's house, but they build their own houses. /Therefore, God punished them. /Even though they gained much, God blew away their profit. /This was because God's house remained a ruin, but they were busy building their own houses.

/Verses 10-11. /Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops. I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the oil and whatever the ground produces, on men and cattle, and on the labor of your hands."

/In this way, when the people did not build God's temple, the heavens withheld the dew. /The crops ceased to grow. /There was a drought. /This means that whoever does not build the spiritual temple will receive punishment before God.

/God sent many calamities. /When the heavens withheld the dew, it meant that the spiritual grace was cut off. /"Dew" symbolizes God's grace. /Deuteronomy 32:2

/Our spirits can be revived and we can live only when God's grace falls abundant on us like dew. /We can bear fruit of faith when we receive God's grace. /Everything will be useless if God does not help us. /Ecclesiastes 9:11

/Verse 12. /Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the whole remnant of the people obeyed the voice of the LORD their God and the message of the prophet Haggai, because the LORD their God had sent him. And the people feared the LORD.

/Zerubbabel was a governor. /Joshua was a high priest. /Then there was the prophet Haggai. /Then all the people obeyed the voice of the Lord. /There is woe on whoever does not obey God's word. /2 Chronicles 25:16

/We must listen well to the words of the prophets. /God gave us his word through the prophets. /1 Thessalonians 2:13 /When we receive the gospel, we must not hear it as man's word, but as God's word.

/Then the people feared the Lord. /Philippians 2:17 /In this way, the people obeyed the words of the prophet with fear and trembling. /We must fear God and we must obey God's word.

/Verse 13. /Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, gave this message of the LORD to the people: "I am with you," declares the LORD.

/Haggai, the Lord's messenger, gave the message to the people. /God said, "I am with you." /God is always with those who deliver and receive God's word.

/God protects those who obey his word, no matter how many enemies they have or face difficult paths. /God is with them and he makes them prosper with his power. /When we build the temple, God will always be with us.

/God protects us when we are in trouble. /Zechariah 4:7 /God holds us steady when we are in trouble. /God shuts the mouth of the lion. /God splits open the Red Sea. /Therefore, we must have confidence that God is always with us.

/Verses 14-15. /So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of the LORD Almighty, their God, on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month in the second year of King Darius.

/God stirred up the spirit of the governor and the high priest. /Then God stirred up the spirit of all the people. /Then they began to construct God's temple.

/To stir up means that the Holy Spirit moves one's heart. /The Holy Spirit moved the people to build the temple. /The governor and the high priest obeyed along with the

people. /The people immediately obeyed and began to build the temple.

/When the Holy Spirit moved the people, they gave offerings. /They also served with their bodies. /Then the people wanted to offer their lives. /1 Thessalonians 5:19-20

/Therefore, we must take God's grace and have courage. /We must have confidence in God's promised word, /and we must build up hope with God's word as the foundation. /We must have confidence in God's word.

/The people of Judah were in a difficult situation to build the temple. /However, God said that he would be with them. /God also stirred up their hearts. /Therefore, we too must believe in the power of God and obey as we live in faith. /We must construct the spiritual temple well.

/We will continue with Haggai chapter 2. /The title is "Beginning of the Construction of the Temple." /First, success with the small things. /Verses 1-9. /Second, what is clean and unclean. /Verses 10-14. /Third, remember how it was before the temple was built. /Verses 15-19. /Fourth, judgment and salvation. /Verses 20-23.

/Read verses 1-2. /On the twenty-first day of the seventh month, the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai: "Speak to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people. Ask them,

/The people began to construct the temple on July 21. /One month had passed from June 24. /1:15 /The people prepared the materials to build the temple during that time. /God continued to encourage the people. /Therefore, they began construction.

/Verses 3-4. /'Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing? But now be strong, O Zerubbabel,' declares the LORD. 'Be strong, O Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land,' declares the LORD, 'and work. For I am with you,' declares the LORD Almighty.

/“Who saw this house in its former glory?” /The “former glory” is the glory of Solomon's temple. /Solomon's temple was magnificent. /The temple of Zerubbabel was nothing compared to that. /Ezra 3:12, 13 /Ezra 3:12, 13

/The enemies continued to outwardly disrupt the construction, but they continued to build the temple. /The nation was also weak in power. /The people were financially weak. /Solomon had a lot of money when he built the temple.

/However, the people lacked in so many ways now. /Still, God considered Zerubbabel's temple valuable. /God told him not to think that the temple was insignificant. /He told Zerubbabel to be strong.

/Now, they were to believe that God was truly with them, and that they were to work hard to build the temple in the midst of their hardships. /God helps us when we obey. /God works in our lives.

/God goes ahead of us and guides us. /Luke 12:32 /We must not ignore the small things. /There will be glory when God is with us in the small things.

/Even though we seem insignificant, we can do great things when Christ is with us. /Therefore, we must stay strong. /1 Corinthians 16:13 /God is always with us.

/God helped with his power when the people build the temple. /We must consider the small things valuable. /We must be faithful with the small things.

/Verse 5. /"This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.'

/This showed the need for the temple of Zerubbabel. /They had the promised word of the covenant and the Holy Spirit. /They had the covenant when they came out of Egypt. /God's word of his covenant will always be fulfilled.

/God works through the might of the Holy Spirit. /Today, God fulfills his word through the Holy Spirit.

/Verses 6-7. /"This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD Almighty.

/Now, the heavens and the earth, the sea and the land will shake. /God will show himself through natural power. /Our God will move the entire earth. /God fulfills the salvation movement of Christ.

/No one can stop God's salvation movement. /Psalm 2:1-5 /God judges those who disrupt the building of the temple. /Here it says, "the desired of all nations will come." /This refers to the kingdom of Christ.

/This means that Christ will come. /Christ will come and dwell in the temple. /Then the temple will be filled with glory. /Today, the kingdom of Christ is accomplished through the church.

/Then in the Last Days, Jesus will return and judge all the nations of the world, and He will build God's kingdom. /The temple of Zerubbabel was outwardly lacking and insignificant. /However, it would become filled with glory when Christ would come and dwell there.

/Verses 8-9. /"The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the LORD Almighty. 'The



glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the LORD Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace,' declares the LORD Almighty."

/God said, "The silver is mine and the gold is mine." /Everything in creation belongs to God. /Psalm 24:1 /When we build the temple, God will give us silver and gold. /Do not say that we do not have silver or gold.

/When we build the spiritual temple with faith, God will bring us money. /This also means that we must use all our strength. /We must use everything we have for God.

/We are stewards. /There are things that God entrusted us with. /We only have five loaves of bread and two fish. /When we offer those to God, we will be able to save many lives.

/We must also think of the internal things rather than outward things. /We are God's temple. /Therefore, we must have Jesus in our hearts and live with faith. /Then we will have peace. /This is internal peace.

/Here we will conclude the fifth lecture on Minor Prophets. /Thank you.