

THE Story

Lesson 29 Chapter 19 The Return Home p.263-273

1. Why did God "rescue" the Israelites again? (p.263-264)
2. God's people returned home to rebuild the temple, the dwelling place of God on earth. Why was it important for them to do this?

Where does God dwell on earth today?

3. When the people began working on the foundation of the temple (p.265) why were some sad and some glad?

Then they met resistance. What kind of conflict and opposition did the people face?

When we seek to follow God's will with a passionate heart, what resistance might we face?

4. Eventually the people got sidetracked from rebuilding God's temple. After 16 years, God sent two prophets to get His people back on track...Haggai & Zechariah. Here's a comparison between those two servants of God...

HAGGAI

Exhorter to action

520 BC

Older Activist

Concerned with the present

ZECHARIAH

Encourager to trust

520 BC

Younger Visionary

Concerned with the future

Brief--Concrete
Rebuilt Temple

Extended--Abstract
Rebuilt Nation

5. On pages 266-267, how did the prophet Haggai get the people's attention?

What lesson did God wish them to learn?

Is there a present day application? (Hint....look up Matthew 6:33)

6. What did God promise the people if they would move forward with His work? (p.267-268)?

How does this bring you hope and inspiration to walk in obedience to God's leading?

7. Zechariah began his prophetic ministry two months after Haggai. A portion of God's message through him is recorded on pages 268-270. Circle the number of times the phrase "says the Lord Almighty" is used. Why is this significant?

How does the Lord Almighty both challenge and encourage His people through Zechariah about His future plans for them?

8. The end of this chapter (p.270-273) offers a glimpse of the political wrangling that took place behind the scenes. How did God turn everything upside down and provide for the temple?

9. As you review this portion of God's inspired Word, what truths do you learn about our humanity....sins to avoid & examples to follow

about our God... His promises to claim & His character to embrace