

## “Minor Prophet Monologues: Haggai”

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**What** This monologue features a construction worker in Jerusalem who looks at the temple from a nearby house. His remarks echo Haggai 1:1-11, wondering if God will bless us if His house is in ruins.

Themes: Temple, Church, Honor, Sacrifice, Prophet

**Who** Vinny

**When** Present Day

**Wear (Props)** Construction worker attire with Tool Belt, Safety Glasses, Work Gloves carrying a Toolbox

**Why** Haggai 1:1-11

**How** Take your time with this as Vinny has a lot of ideas and emotions to process as he talks conversationally about the state of the temple.

**Time** Approximately 2-3 minutes

*A construction worker enters with tool belt and safety glasses on. He sets a toolbox down. He removes his work gloves.*

**Vinny:** Well, that oughta do it. Looks like—

*Looking up.*

Oh, I'm sorry. I thought you were the owner. Whaddya stop by for? Take a peek at the place?

*He looks around.*

Pretty nice house, huh? Yeah, nicest one in all of Jerusalem, if you ask me. That is, nicest of any house that don't have the name Zerubbabel on the mailbox.

*Laughs.*

But uh...we've done a lot of work here. Tile floors last summer. Put in the pool the year before that. Just got done with these carved wall panels. Nice panels. I mean you gotta be pretty into paneled walls, but if that's your thing, this is some nice paneling, let me tell you.

*Gazes into the distance at the temple.*

I love how this house sits here high up on the hill. Great view of the temple. I mean, it's not much to look at right now to be honest. It's seen better days, ya know, but someday it'll be nice again. A real house for our Lord.

*Thinks*

It's a shame, really. The way the temple sits all desolate. I thought when we came back from Persia that we'd get to work, ya know? Get the temple fixed up right. I keep asking people, like, when are we gonna get started on that thing? But the answers are always the same. "The time has not come for the Lord's house to be rebuilt" they said. Or they say, "we don't yet have enough to rebuild it." Seems like everyone's got money for their stuff. But no one has enough to tackle a project like the temple. It's a tough gig.

*He picks up his tools.*

I'm a mason. I like to see things built up. Fixed up right. Plumb, square, and level. It just don't seem right leaving it like that.

*Laughs*

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Yeah, someone should say that to old Zarubbabel. I mean, I don't got the words, but someone should say something. I feel like the LORD wants to bless us. But is he gonna? With His house...lookin' like that?

*Lights out.*

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