

**What Time is It?**  
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Haggai 1:1-15  
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Synopsis:

Today we begin our annual campaign. I almost feel like the Republican Party—“It’s a heck of a time to have an election during such an economic mess; can we change the subject?”

We can’t change the subject because our annual campaign points to our *faith* in the Lord during a time of *fear*. Will we *trust* God with our finances?

I.

**What Time is it in the USA?**

Haggai 1:4 Is it a time for you yourselves to live in your paneled houses?

What time is it in the USA?

Gas and oil	= prices rising \$4.00 a gallon gas
Stock market	= lost over 30% in two weeks
Jobs	= my son out of work
Plate offering	= off this month
Jeff and Session	= worried about annual campaign

It is a time of FEAR-FAITH-FINANCES  
How are we going to respond?

II.

**What Time was it in Israel?**

Haggai 1:2 The time has not yet come to build the LORD’s house

When?

587 BC Jerusalem destroyed  
538 BC Cyrus decree  
520 BC, 18 years after return from exile

Where? Israel in south

Who?

Haggai  
Zerubbabel the governor

Joshua the high priest  
people  
What? A prophetic oracle (exhortation)

Two words:

Hebrew *et* = time

Hebrew *charev* (famine) and *harev* (feast) Pun

Is it *time* for the *famine* or the *feast*?

READ Haggai 1:1-11, emphasize *time*, show puns: *charev/harev*

What time is it? FEAR-FAITH-FINANCES

Time = YES to build their own houses

Time = NO to build the LORD's house

\*God challenges their timing

How are they going to respond?

### III.

**What Time is it at Geneva?**

Haggai 1:7 Consider how you have fared

What time is it at our church?

-Vision: from Refocusing

Jesus in our heart

Bible in our hands

Feet out the door

-People and Staff:

Healthy and refocused

-This year, confirm our refocusing:

Senior Outreach

Family Outreach

Is it a time of FEAR?

Is it a time of FAITH?

\*What time is it?

### IV.

**It's Time to Trust God**

Haggai 1:13 "I am with you," says the LORD

Refrain: Consider = Hebrew Haggai 1:5  
“Set your hearts upon your ways”

How did Zerubbabel, Joshua, and the people set their hearts upon their ways??

READ Haggai 1:12-15, their story

\*Their response

How will we set our hearts upon our ways?

READ our story

What will be our response?