

was the governor, had a lot of political power, And the high priest had a lot of religious power. And verse 2, The Lord says, comments about the attitude people had towards rebuilding the Lord's house.

And God said, these people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the Lord's house.

[13 : 13] As we previously mentioned, The construction of the temple had already commenced, But because of difficulties, it was stopped.

In the beginning, people were very passionate and excited, But as time grew onwards, people grew indifferent.

They gave themselves an excuse, that is, that the time had not yet come. But when we look at verse 3, we will see a very strong contrast to the people's statement.

But everyone on the other hand, we're all striving and seeking to improve their own houses, to make it more, to get bigger houses, more affluent houses.

This is not to say that people shouldn't strive to improve their own lifestyles and livings, But this is rather contrasting how people strive towards their own houses, and how people strive towards the house of God.

[15 : 22] And through this, we can see how much of a hypocrisy their faith was.

They always say that they were caring for God's house, and they wanted to construct the temple.

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