Priorities

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Theme

Drought for Neglecting Temple Rebuilding



Key Verse

(God to Judah) "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'" (1:9).



Kingdom Statement

Judah must get the right priorities (1:9) for blessing in the Messiah's kingdom.



Summary Statement

The remnant must correct its wrong priorities judged in a drought and rebuild the temple that God might bless the nation with crops and Zerubbabel with authority, foreshadowing Messiah's authority in the kingdom.

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Covenant

The promise of God's Spirit with the people fulfills his covenant promise at the Exodus (2:4-5) and is also part of the new covenant (cf. Ezek. 36:27).

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Redemption

Redemption and prosperity of the land was withheld (1:5-6, 10–11; 2:19) due to the people's lack of faith (1:7-9), but blessing will follow under Messiah's reign (2:19b-23).

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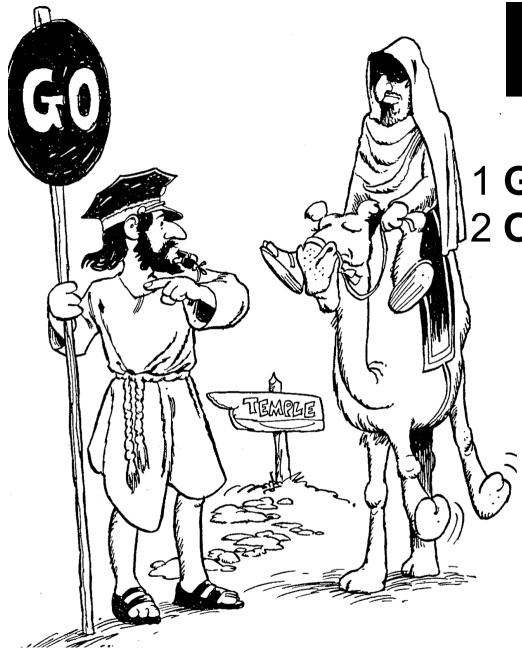
Messiah

The Lord Jesus is likely the "desired of all nations" (2:7) who will bring greater glory to the temple (2:9) and will arrive after judging the world (2:6), then he will reign as a descendant of Zerubbabel (2:23).



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Hagga ¹ Temple		Blessings		
Wrong Priorities	Greater Glory	Drought Judgment	Zerubbabel's Authority	
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August 29, 520 BC	October 17, 520 BC	December 18, 520 BC	December 18, 520 BC	
	Jerus	salem		



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1 **G**od's temple needs building 2 **O**lder temple less glorious

Barry Huddleston, The Acrostic Summarized Bible (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1992)



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How can you restore God's BLESSING when you only see his discipline?



Main Idea

ALIGNMENT

Align with God's priorities.



1. Realign your priorities.

been hurt — be restored RESTORATION



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2. Recall God's presence.

Haggai 2:1-9

3. Renew your worship.



Haggai 2:10-19

4. Re-envision God's kingdom.

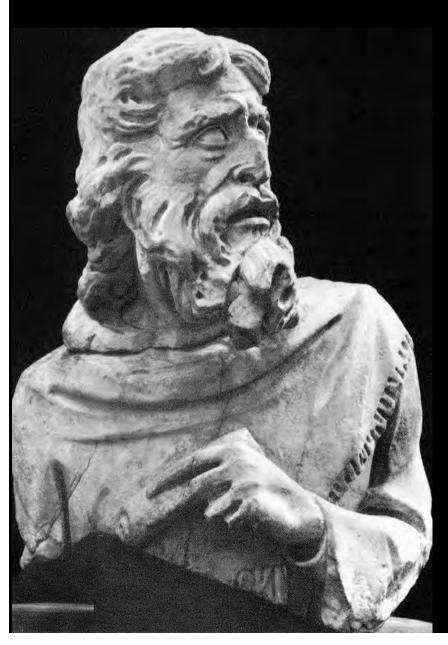
Haggai 2:20-23

Eternal Priorities

1.God

2.God's Word 3.Souls of People

Arguments Against Haggai as Author:

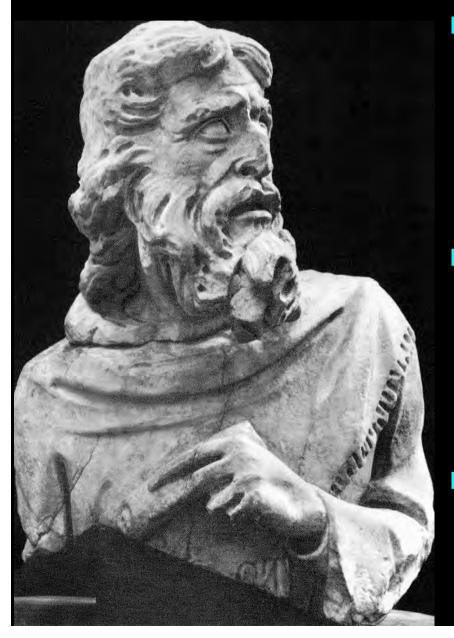


Most OT prophetic books collect prophetical utterances, but Haggai reports on the prophet's utterances and how they affect the hearers.

The title "the prophet" is added to the name Haggai (1:1, 3, 12; 2:10).

The book of Haggai often addresses Haggai in the third person.

Arguments For Haggai as Author:

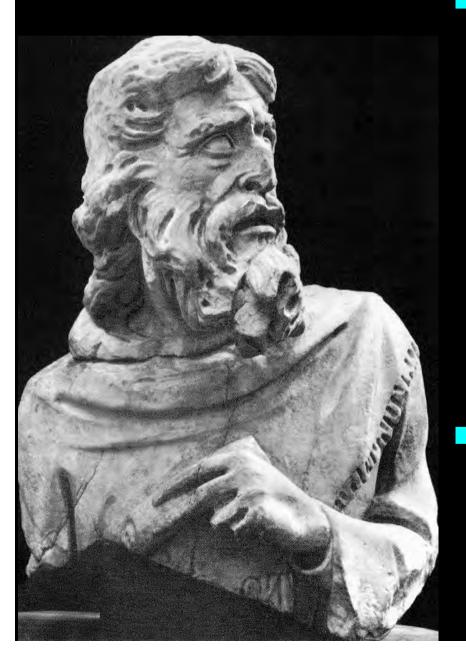


Haggai is known only from this book and two cross references to him by Ezra (5:1; 6:14).

Authors often used the third person in ancient writings (e.g., Moses, Jonah, etc.).

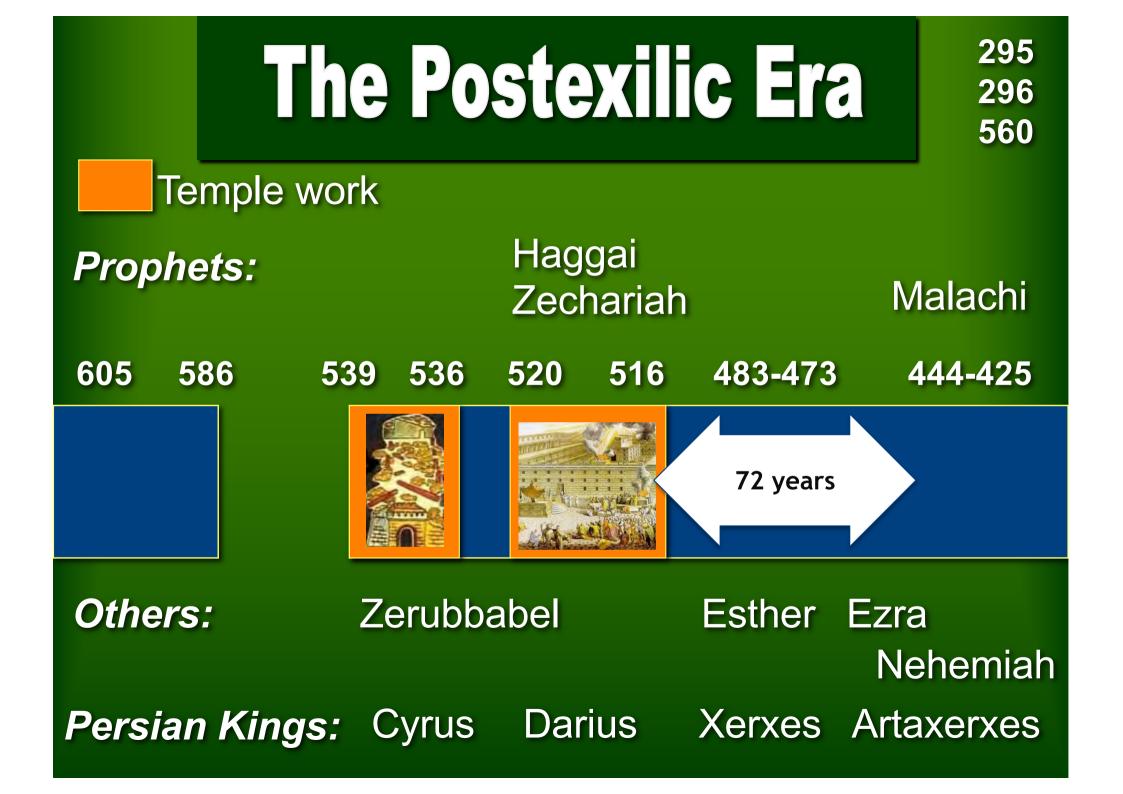
 Haggai's name appears nine times (1:1, 3, 12-13; 2:1, 10, 13-14, 20).

Conclusions About Authorship



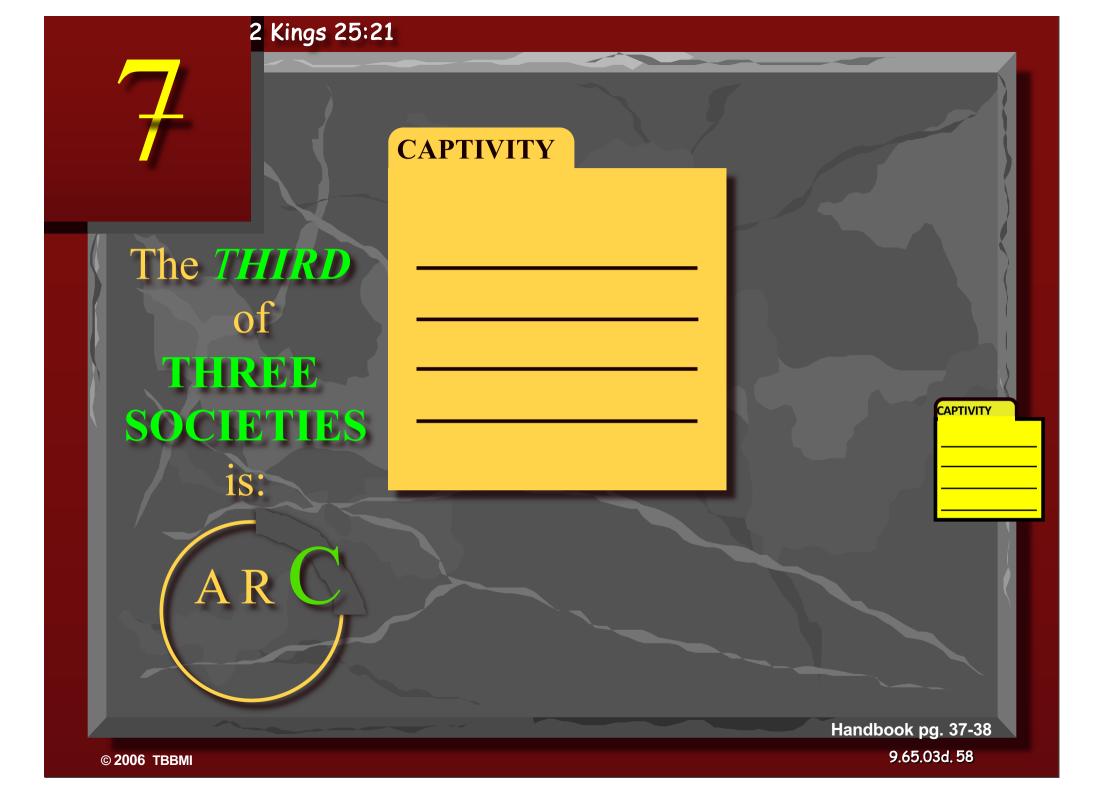
Objections to Haggai's authorship are suggestive but not conclusive. Haggai could have purposely presented himself in an objective manner, such as with the title "prophet" or by referring to himself in the third person.

Even if Haggai was not the author, scholars agree that the "author/editor" wrote shortly after the death of the prophet.



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Euphrates River

The Ancient City of Babylon

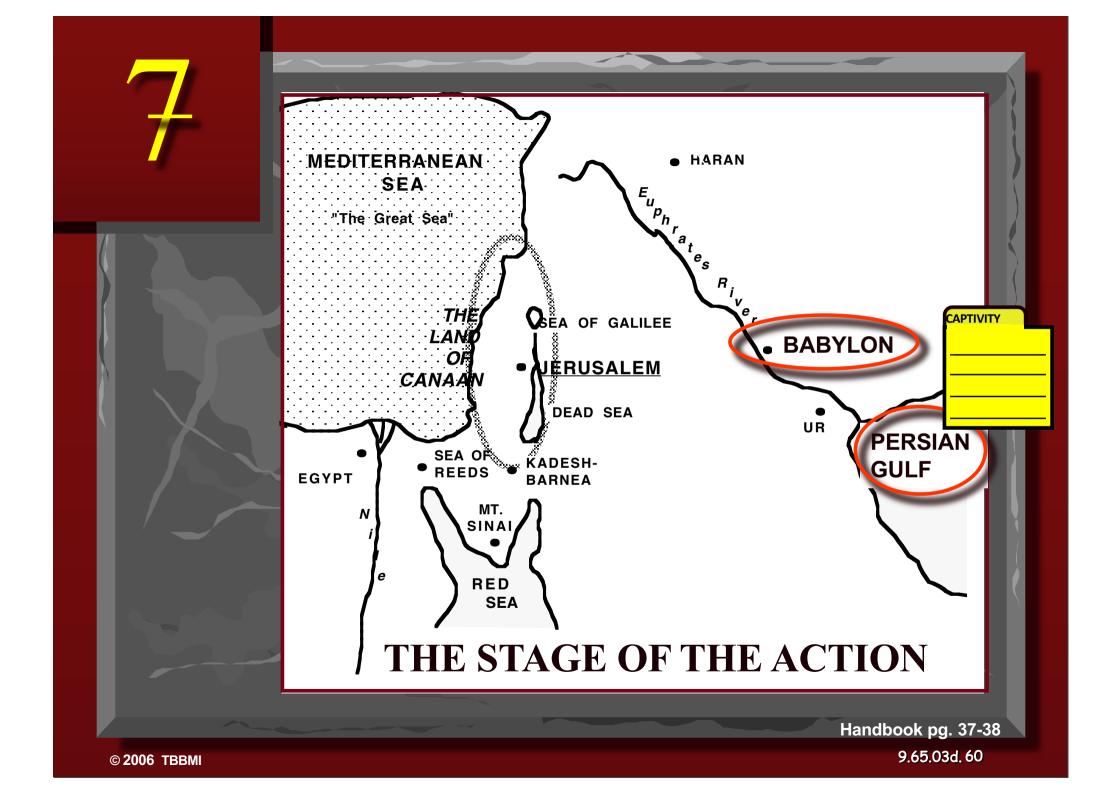
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Returns from Exile

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RETURN	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
Reference	Ezra 1–6	Ezra 7–10	Nehemiah 1–13
Date	538 BC	458 BC	444 BC
Leaders	Sheshbazzar Zerubbabel Jeshua	Ezra	Nehemiah
Persian King	Cyrus	Artaxerxes Longimanus	Artaxerxes Longimanus
Elements Of the Decree	As many as wished to could return. Temple could be rebuilt, partially financed by royal treasury. Vessels returned.	As many as wished to could return. Finances provided by royal treasury. Allowed to have own civil magistrates.	Allowed to rebuild the wall

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RETURN	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
Number Returning	42,360 <u>7,337 (</u> servants) 49,697	1,500 men 38 Levites <u>220</u> helpers 1,758 + 5000?	Unknown
Events & Problems	Temple begun; sacrifices made & Feast of Tabernacles celebrated. Samaritans made trouble, & work ceased until 520. Temple completed in 516.	Problems with intermarriage	Wall rebuilt in 52 days, despite opposition from Sanballat, Tobiah, & Geshem. Walls dedicated & Law read.

Book of Haggai

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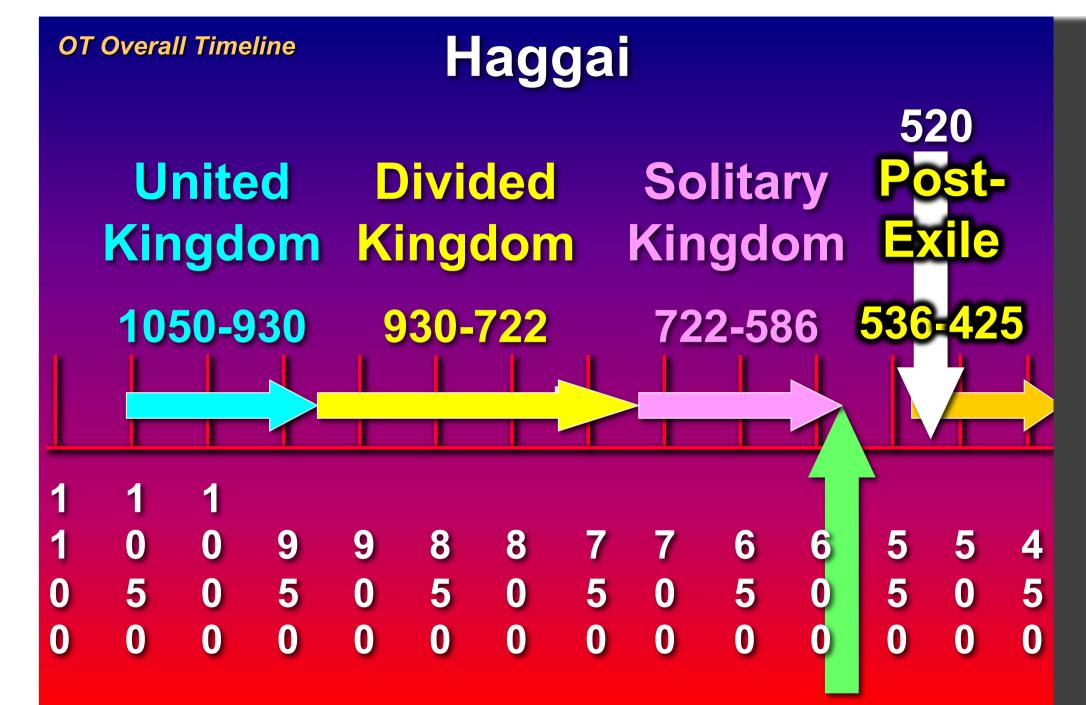
Sometimes things don't go our way even when we follow God's leading.

Is God trying to get your attention despite the sacrifices you've made for him?

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Background

MINOR PROPHETS with a MAJOR MESSAGE

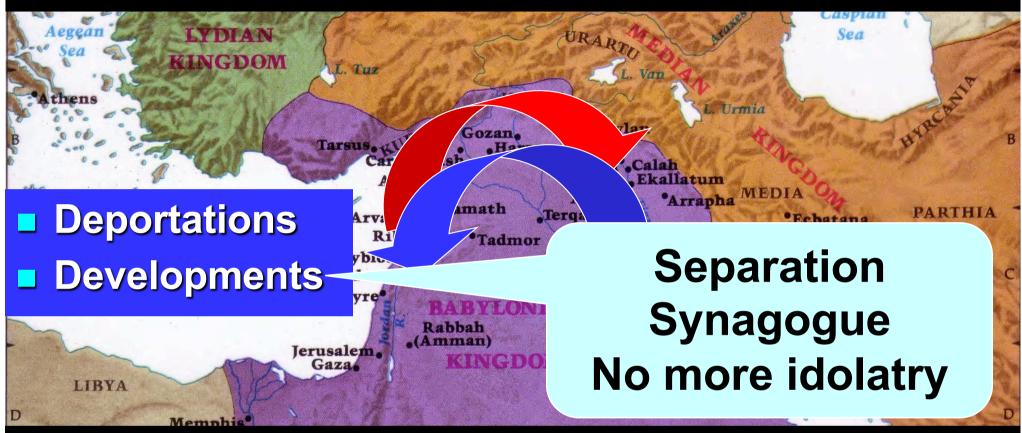


Exile 586-536

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Exile Deportations & Developments 641



- Even though they had synagogues, Jews still wanted to restore the Jerusalem temple
- Exiles led by Zerubbabel returned to the land of Judah after the decree of the Persian emperor Cyrus in 539 BC. The returned exiles started the reconstruction of the temple by laying its foundation (Ezra 5:16).

External

Opposition to Rebuilding

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The Context: **Opposition to Temple Rebuilding** 536 BC: As soon as the copy of the letter of King Artaxerxes was read to Rehum and Shimshai the secretary and their associates, they went immediately to the Jews in Jerusalem and compelled them by force to stop. Thus the work on the house of God in Jerusalem came to a standstill until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia [520 BC].

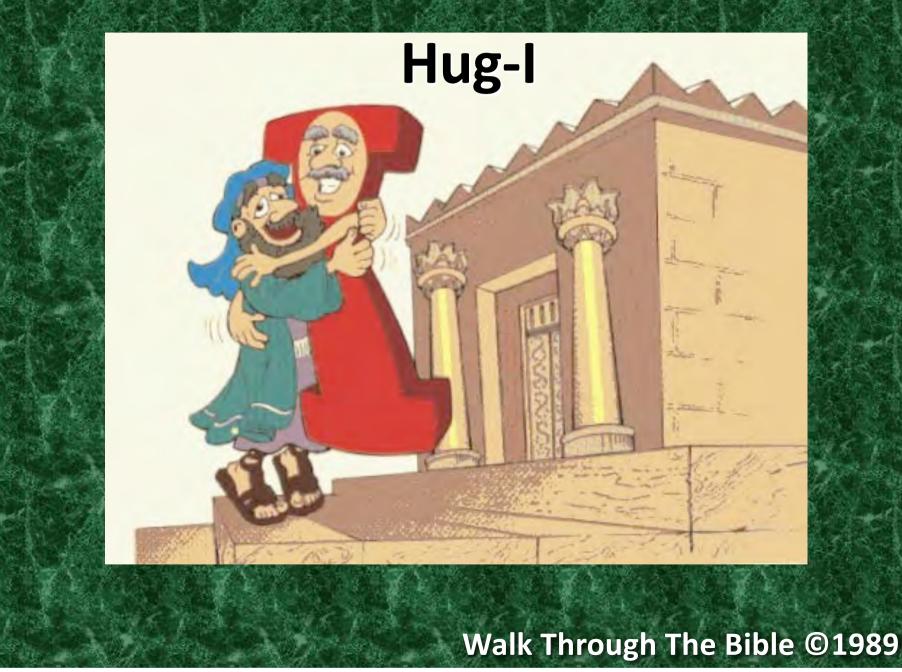
Ezra 4:23-24 (NIV)

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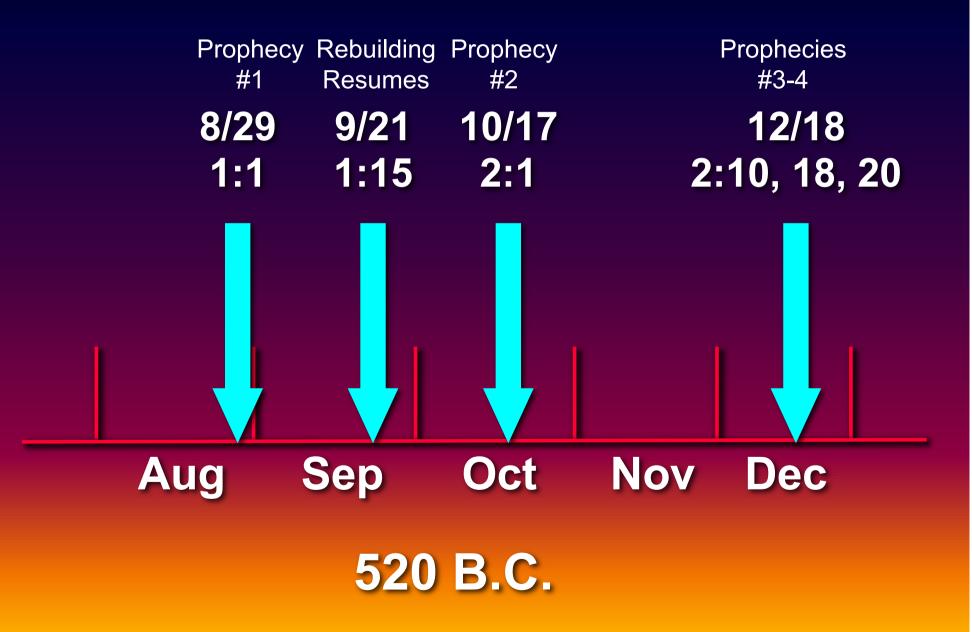


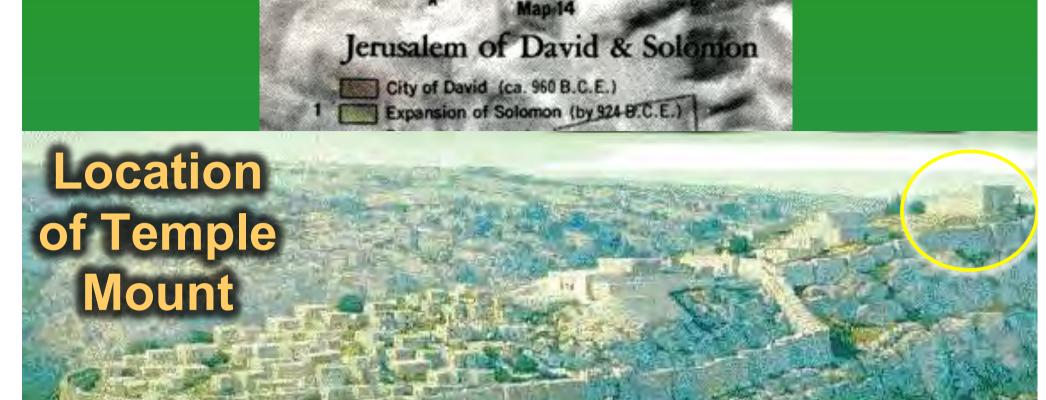
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Haggai is the most precisely dated book of the Bible, recording messages given between August and December in 520 BC

Dates in Haggai



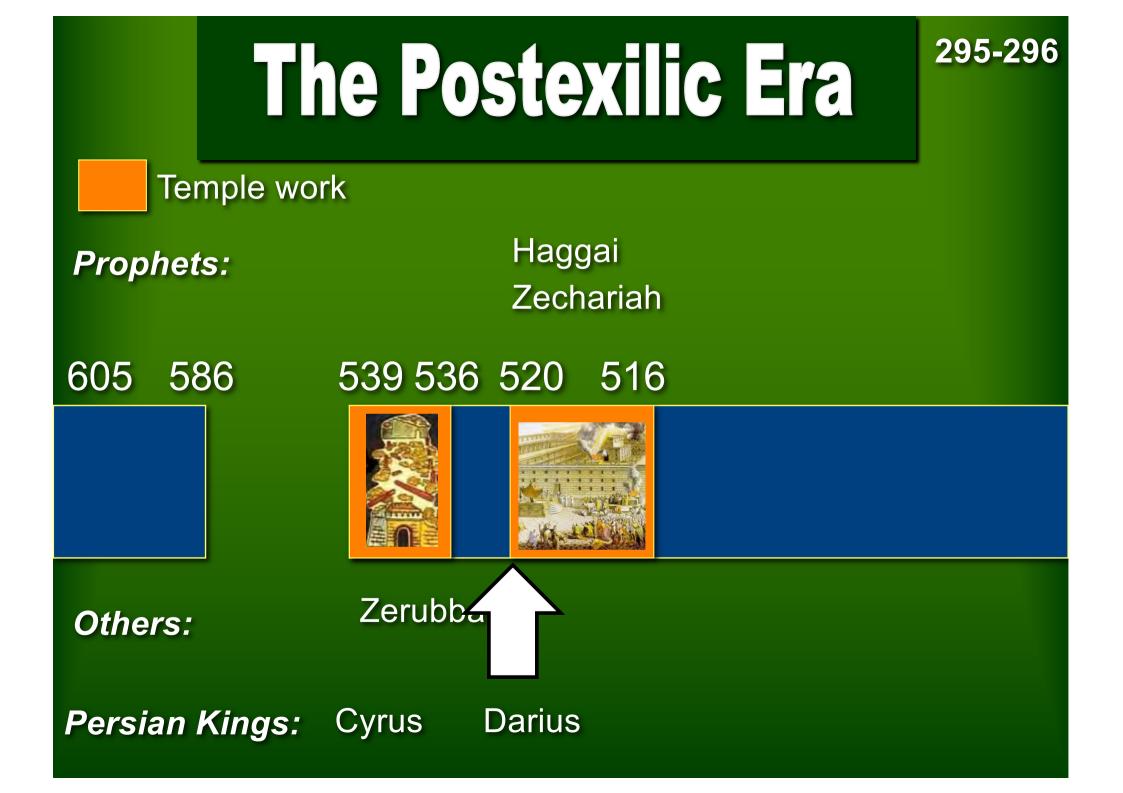


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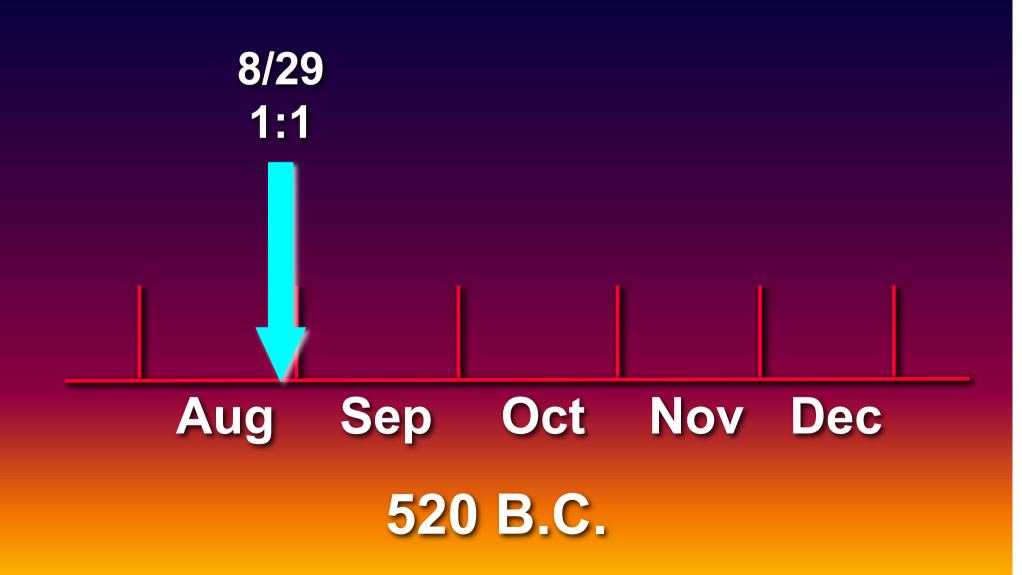
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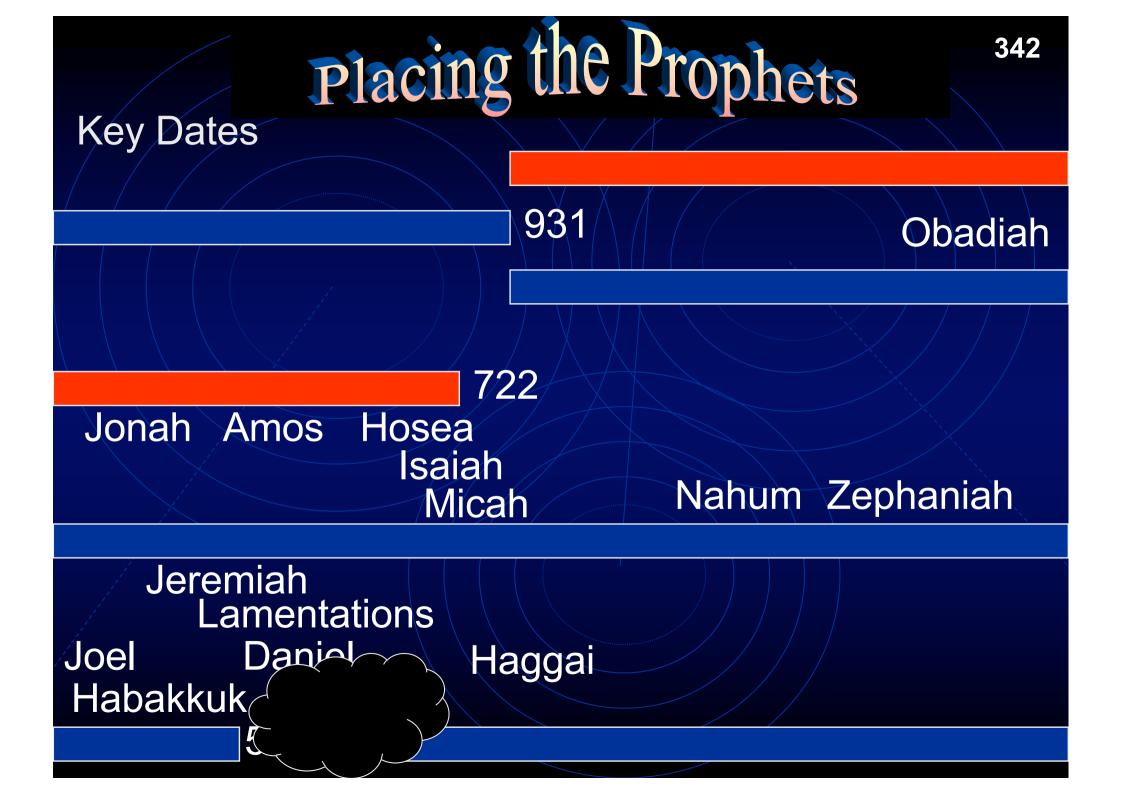
The book contains four oracles. Each oracle has the same structure: 1. Date 2. Divine messenger formula: "thus says the Lord of hosts" **3. Content of the prophecy**

"On August 29 of the second year of King Darius's reign, the LORD gave a message through the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest" (Haggai 1:1 NLT).



Prophecy #1: God Speaks Regarding Temple Neglect

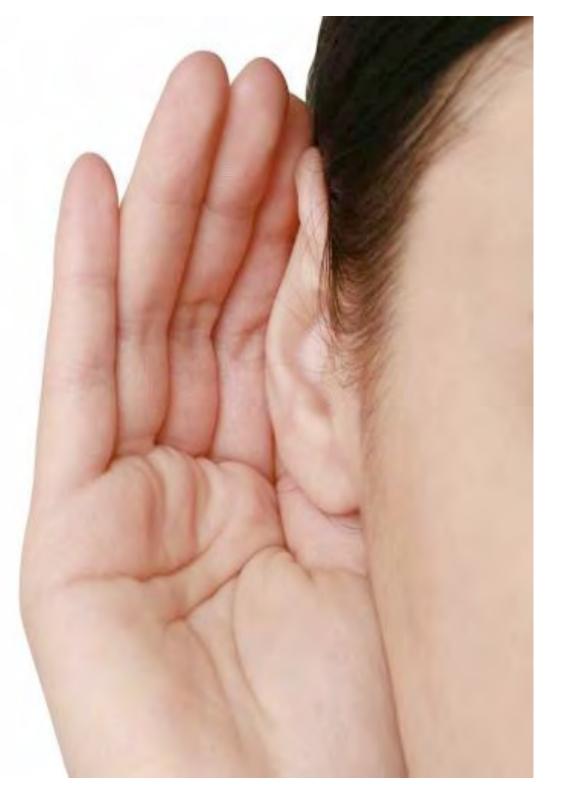




Would they listen?

God speaks today too.

Are we listening?



Parallel Structure

The oracles have two parallel structures: the first and third focus on accusation, while the second and fourth focus on God's assurance:

Oracle 1AccusationOracle 2AssuranceOracle 3AccusationOracle 4Assurance

(1:1-15) (2:1-9) (2:10-19) (2:20-23)

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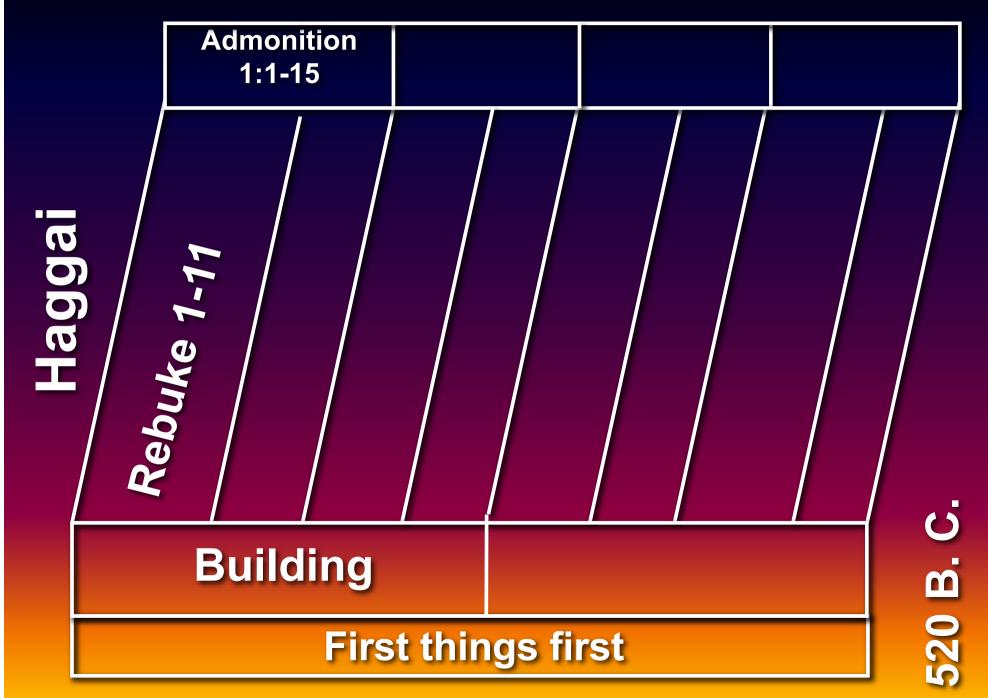
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Haggai Chart



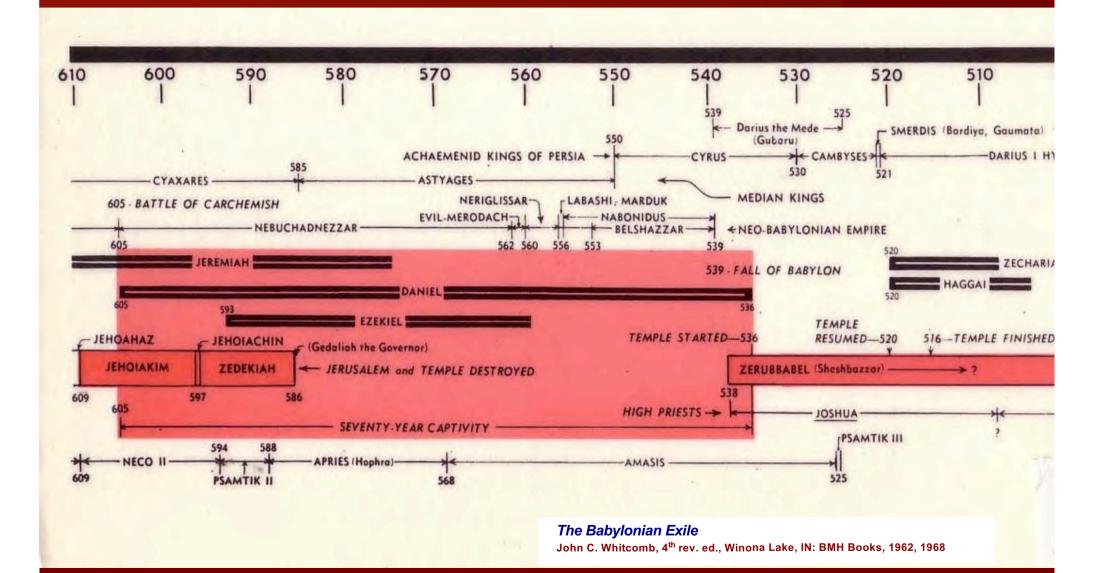


"This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: The people are saying, 'The time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the LORD'" (Haggai 1:2). "Then the LORD sent this message through the prophet Haggai: ⁴'Why are you living in paneled houses while my house lies in ruins?"" (Haggai 1:3-4).



Chart of the Exile

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Jews Maintained Holiness at the Pisin

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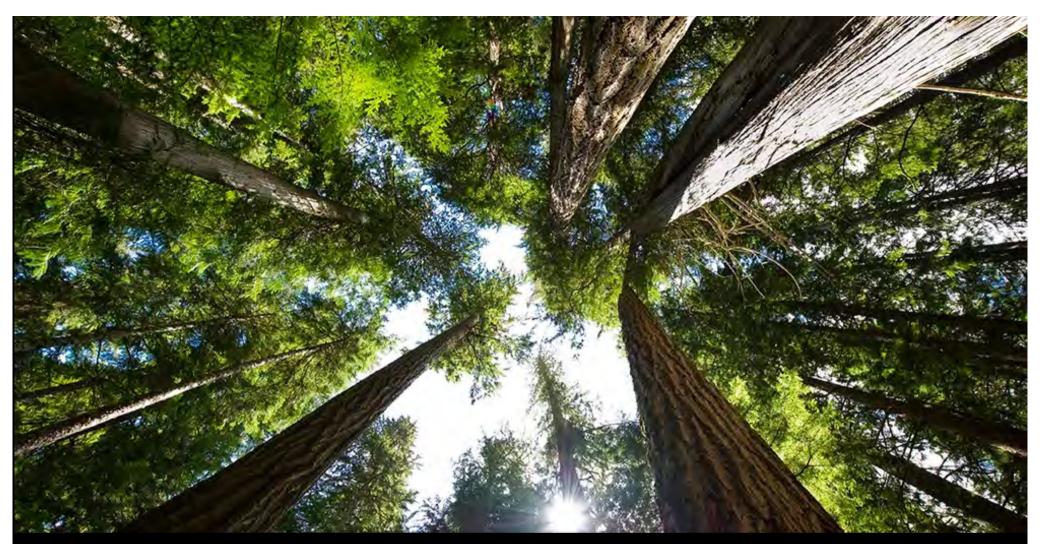
The Problem in Haggai's Day...

Due to opposition from nearby enemies, the temple was never finished. For 16 years the priority of building God's temple had gradually diminished.

 Although some returning Jews may have been poor, some still had some level of affluence.
 People had paneled their private homes like Solomon had done in the temple and palace (Hag. 1:4; cf. 1 Kings 6:9; 7:3,7).



"This is what the LORD of **Heaven's Armies says:** Look at what's happening to you! ⁶ You have planted much but harvest little. You eat but are not satisfied. You drink but are still thirsty. You put on clothes but cannot keep warm. Your wages disappear as though you were putting them in pockets filled with holes!" (Haggai 1:5-6 NLT).



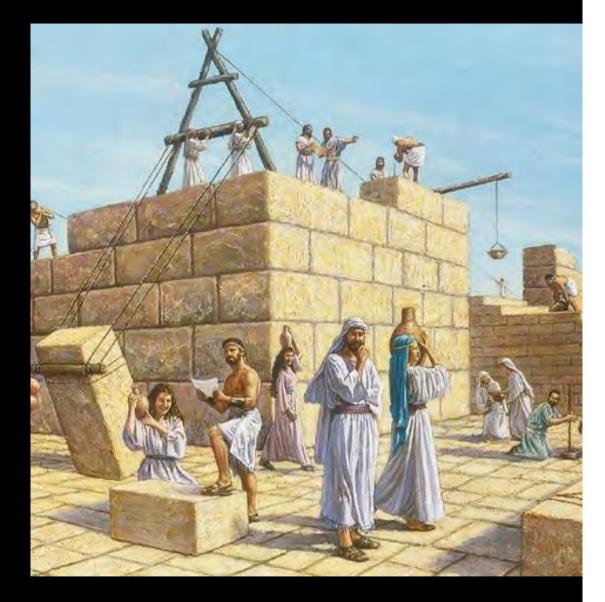
"This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: Look at what's happening to you! ⁸Now go up into the hills, bring down timber, and rebuild my house. Then I will take pleasure in it and be honored, says the LORD" (Haggai 1:7-8 NLT).

"You hoped for rich harvests, but they were poor. And when you brought your harvest home, I blew it away. Why? Because my house lies in ruins, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, while all of you are busy building your own fine houses" (Haggai 1:9 NLT). "It's because of you that the heavens withhold the dew and the earth produces no crops. ¹¹ I have called for a drought on your fields and hills—a drought to wither the grain and grapes and olive trees and all your other crops, a drought to starve you and your livestock and to ruin everything you have worked so hard to get" (Haggai 1:10-11 NLT).



"Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the whole remnant of God's people began to obey the message from the LORD their God. When they heard the words of the prophet Haggai, whom the LORD their God had sent, the people feared the LORD. ¹³Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, gave the people this message from the LORD: 'I am with you, says the LORD!"" (Haggai 1:12-13 NLT).

"So the LORD sparked the enthusiasm of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the enthusiasm of Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the enthusiasm of the whole remnant of God's people. They began to work on the house of their God, the LORD of Heaven's Armies, ¹⁵on September 21 of the second year of King Darius's reign" (Haggai 1:14-15 NLT).



Oracle 1: Accusation

Problem: wrong priorities (1:2-4) Consequences: economic inflation and an unsatisfied life (1:5-7) Command: rebuild the temple (1:8) Diagnostic Comment (1:9-11) Response: The leaders and peoples obeyed the voice of the LORD by working on the house of the Lord (1:12-15)

Tabernacle

Linen Hangings

Laver

Pillars

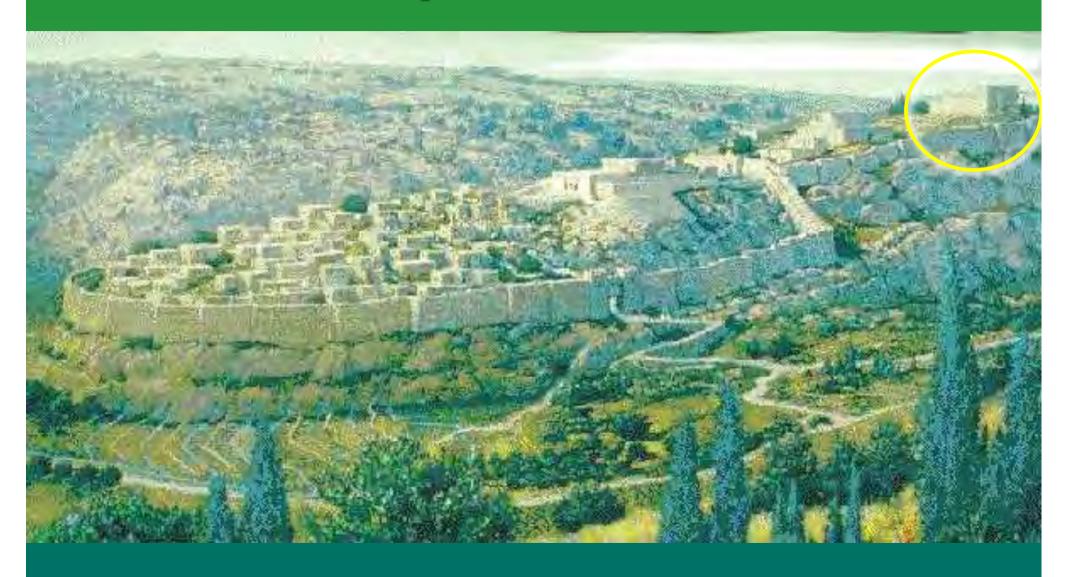
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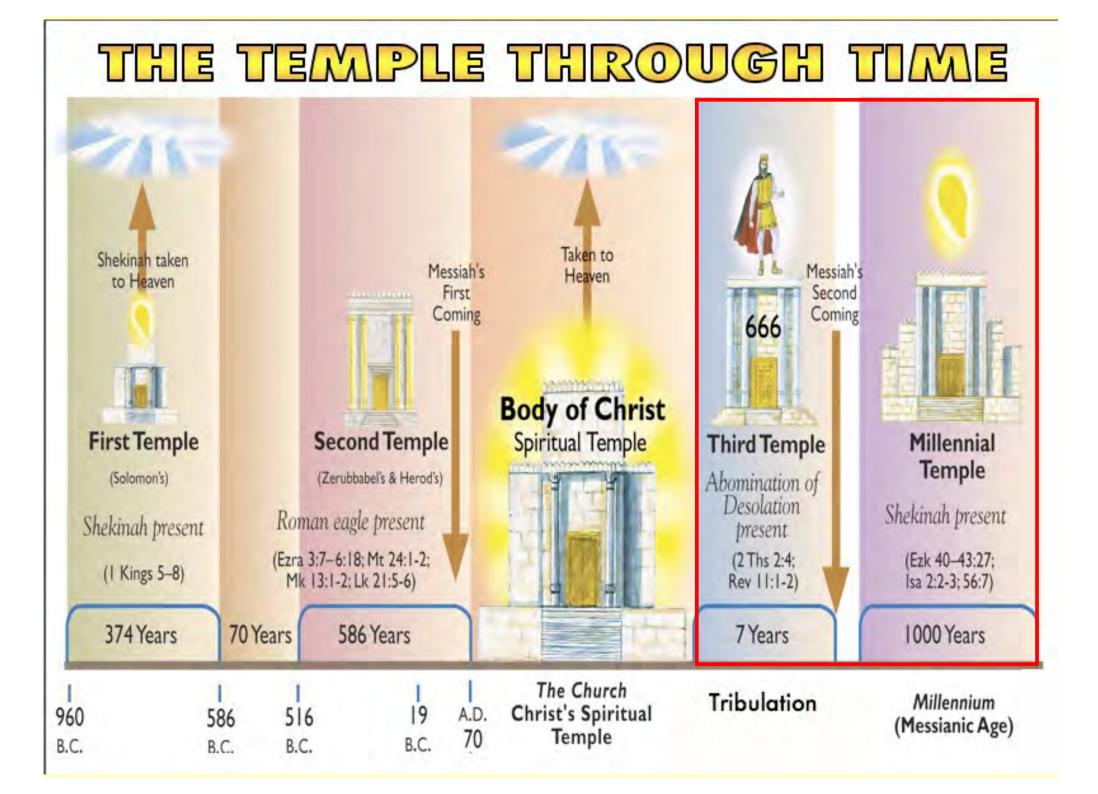


Gate

Tabernacle of Moses

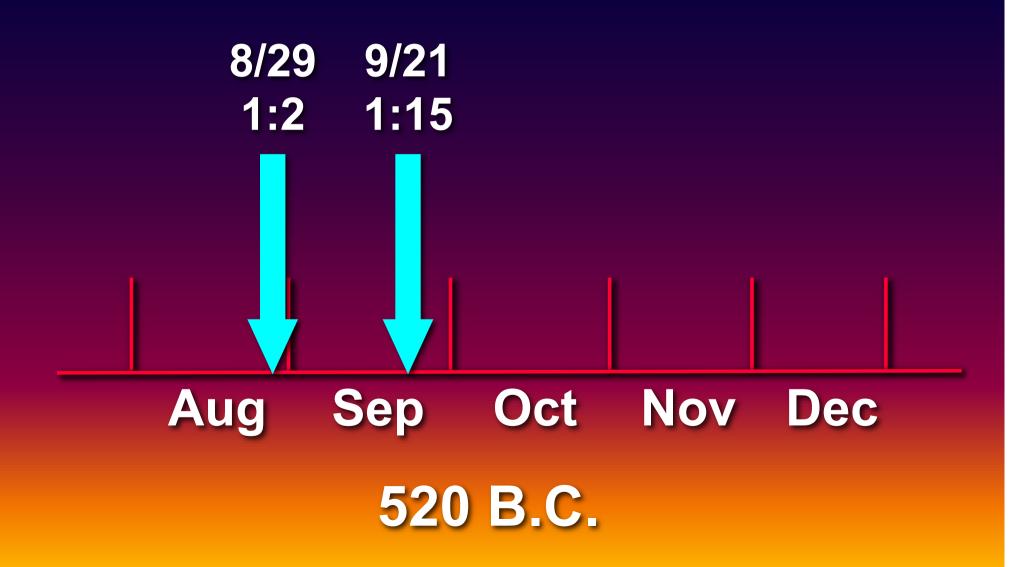
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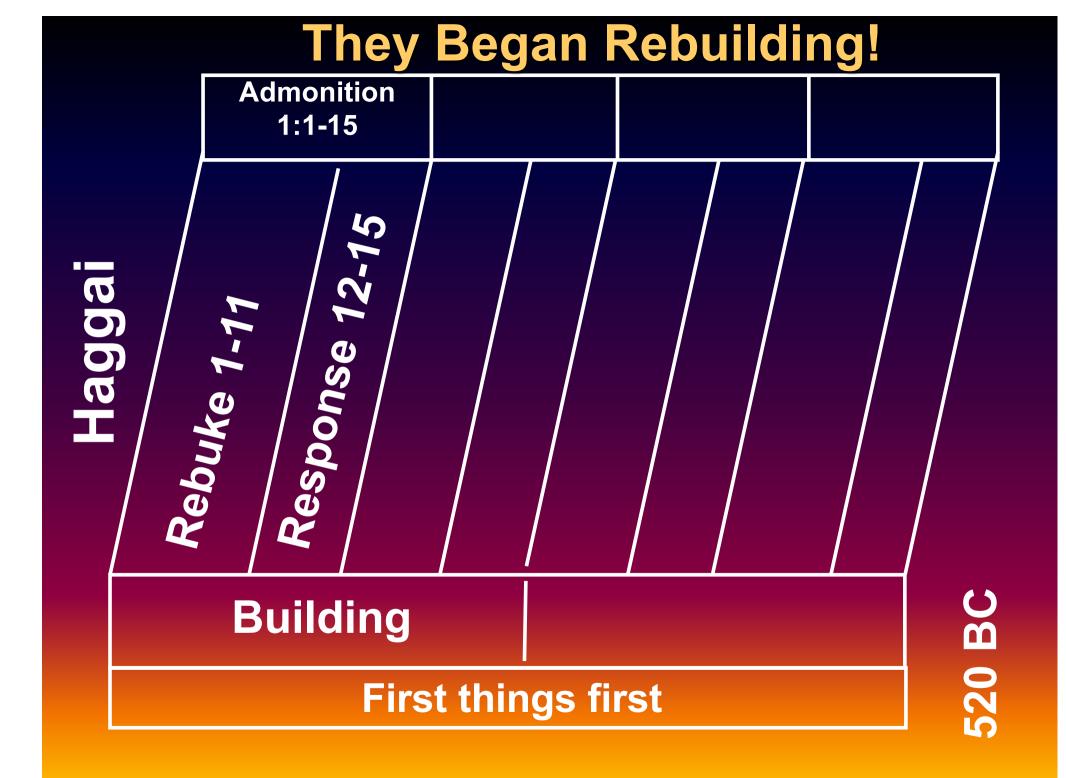


		Solomon	Zerubbabel/ Herod	Tribulation	Millennial 644
Bible	Temple Period	First	Second	Third	Fourth
	Description	1 Kings 6–7	Ezra 3–6	Rev. 11:1-2	Ezek. 40–43
Si	Haggai Texts	Haggai 2:3a, 9b	Haggai 1:4, 8-9; 2:3b	—	Haggai 2:7, 9a
	Construction	966-959 BC	536-516 BC	Materials being gathered now	Still future
in the	Desecrated by	Israelites and pagan kings	Antiochus, money changers, Pompey, Titus	Antichrist (Dan. 9:27)	No one (Zech. 14:20-21)
	Destruction	586 BC (2 Kings 25)	AD 70 (Matt. 24:1-3)	End of Great Tribulation?	Before new heavens and new earth (Rev. 21:22)
S	Longevity	380 years	606 years	Under 7 years?	1000 years
mples	Sacrifices	Before Christ	Before (approved) and after Christ (unapproved)	After Christ (unapproved)	After Christ (approved)
B	God's Glory	Filled it (1 Kings 8:10-11)	Didn't fill it	Won't fill it	Will fill it (Ezek. 43:1-5)
Ter	Sanctuary	90' x 30' = 2,700 sq. ft.	?	?	87.5' x 175' = 15,312 sq. ft.
	Inner Court	150' x 400' = 60,000 sq. ft.	?	?	175' x 427.5' = 74,812.5 sq. ft.
	Outer Court	875' x 875' or six times larger!	?	?	875' x 875' = 765,625 sq. ft.

Dates in Haggai







Historical Parallel in Ezra

"Now Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the prophet, a descendant of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, who was over them. Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Jeshua son of Jozadak set to work to rebuild the house of God in Jerusalem. And the prophets of God were with them, helping them."





See the invisible!

"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:18)

Money





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Prioritize Your Time



God still speaks. Read his words.



God still speaks when we are still.



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been hurt — be restored RESTORATION



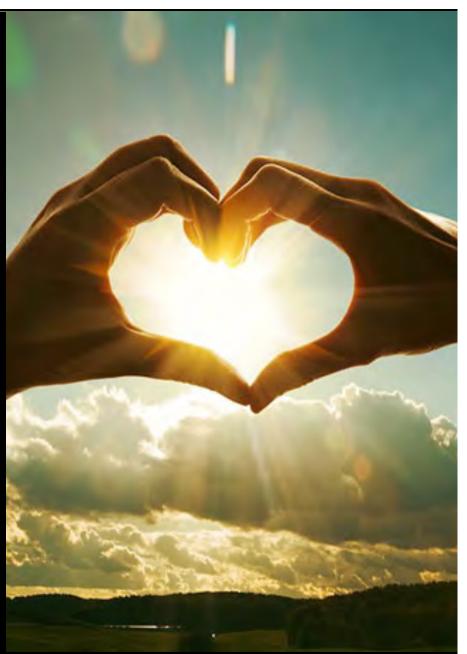
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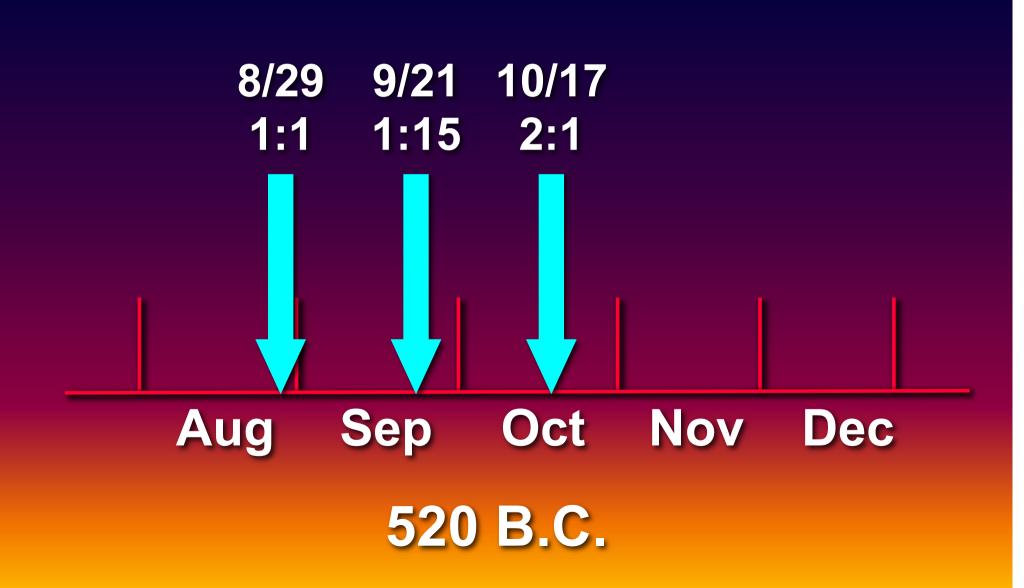
2. Recall God's presence.

Haggai 2:1-9

"Then on October 17 of that same year, the LORD sent another message through the prophet Haggai. 'Say this to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of God's people there in the land" (Haggai 2:1-2 NLT).



Dates in Haggai



"'Does anyone remember this house—this Temple—in its former splendor? How, in comparison, does it look to you now? It must seem like nothing at all! ⁴But now the LORD says: Be strong, Zerubbabel. Be strong, Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people still left in the land. And now get to work, for a m with you, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. ⁵My Spirit remains among you, just as I promised when you came out of Egypt. So do not be afraid" (Haggai 2:3-5 NLT).

"For this is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: In just a little while I will again shake the heavens and the earth, the oceans and the dry land" (Haggai 2:6 NLT).



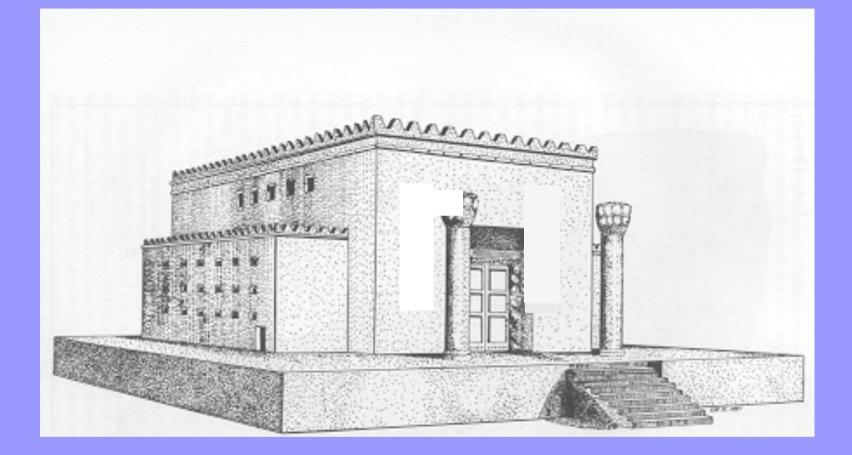
"I will shake all the nations, and the treasures of all the nations will be brought to this Temple. I will fill this place with glory, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies" (Haggai 2:7 NLT).



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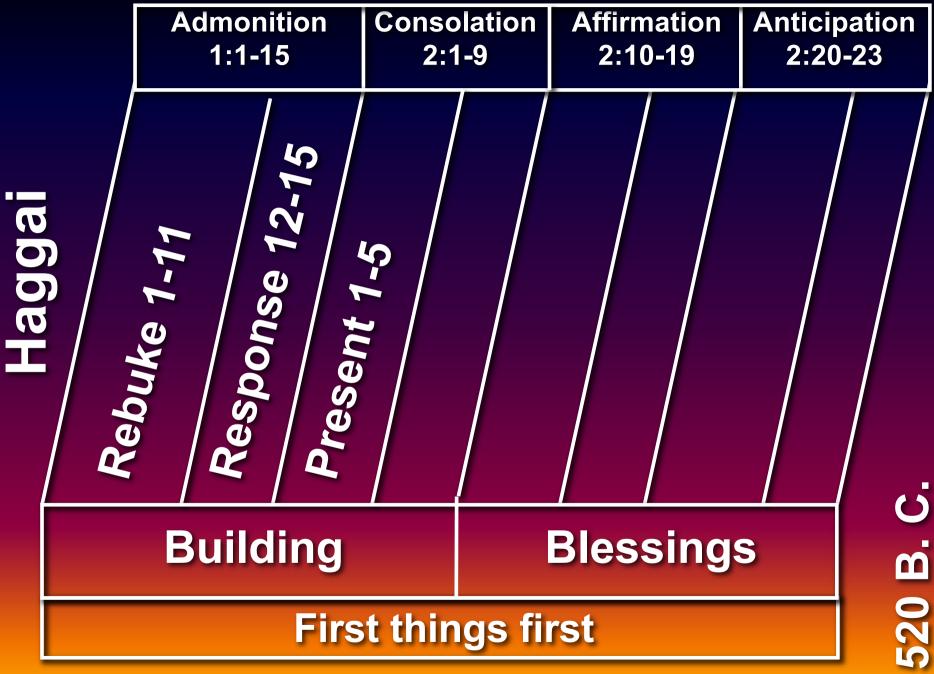




2nd Temple - Zerubbabel



God's Presence in Temple Rebuilding



"The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies.

⁹The future glory of this Temple will be greater than its past glory, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies.

And in this place I will bring peace. I, the LORD of Heaven's Armies, have spoken!" (Haggai 2:8-9 NLT).

Oracle 2: Assurance

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 Despite their poverty and inferior rebuilding of the temple, God reminded them of his previous promise that he will be with them and encouraged them to continue (2:1-5).

• He will shake the heavens and use all the silver and gold of nations to beautify and glorify the temple (2:6-9)

Prayers for the Third Temple

While praying for temple restoration Jews needed a common place to bring themselves "together" (syn) to preserve their "way of life" (agoge). Thus the "synagogue" was born.



3rd Temple - Tribulation

Replace This with a Temple?

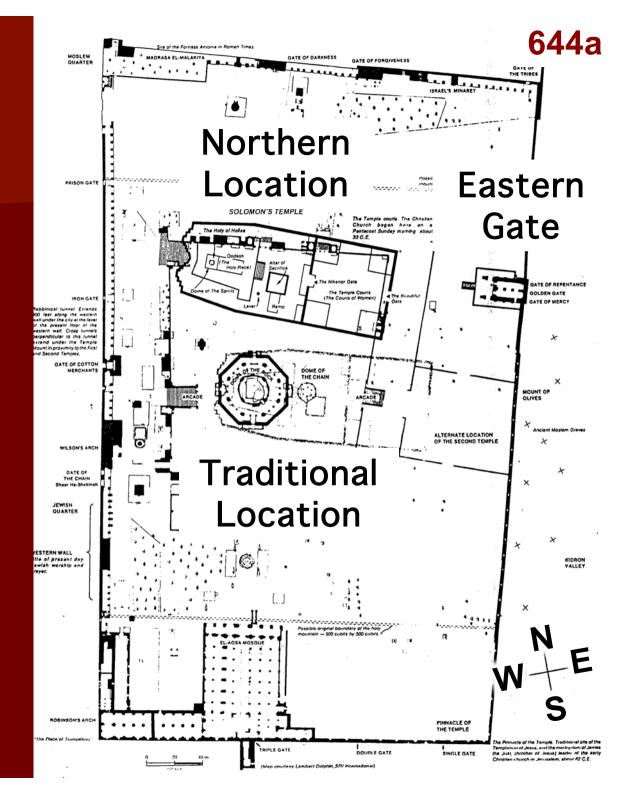
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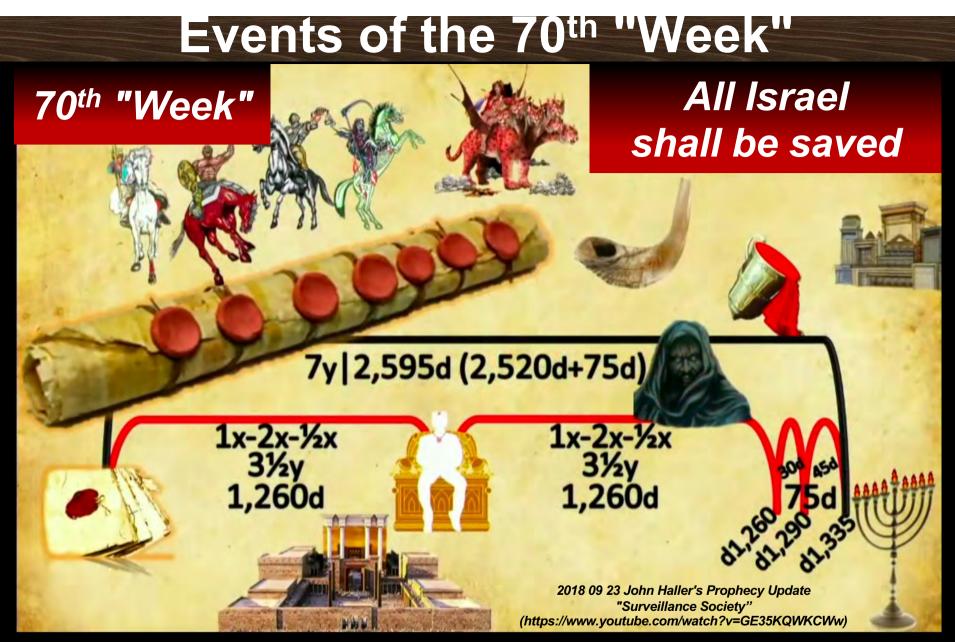
SACRED STONE: The celebrates a union with God

The Rock Inside

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Modern Temple Mount





"He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing [of the temple] he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him" (Daniel 9:27 NIV).

Antichrist will make a 7-year treaty with Israel

In 2017, Israel Commemorated President Trump's Efforts to Rebuild the Temple



This 1/2 shekel preparation for the Third Temple is compared to Cyrus Helping Build the Second Temple in 539 BC

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Ezekie

The Temple of Ezekiel 40–47

God's Glory Will Return!

The Glory Returns

4. Clearing of the temple MONDAY Mt 21:10-17 Mk 11:15-18 Lk 19:45-48

The next day he returned to the temple and found the court of the Gentiles full of traders and money changers making a large profit as they gave out Jewish coins in exchange for "pagan" money. Jesus drove them out and overturned their tables.

Alternate

Gordon's

sent Damascus Gate

Traditional

Crucifixion

and Tomb

Jerusalem

and parables TUESDAY Mt 21:23-24:51; Mk 11:27-13:37; Lk 20:1-21:30

IN JERUSALEM

Ezekiel

5. Day of controversy



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Is evaded the traps set by the priests. ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES OVERLOOKING JERUSALEM (Tuesday afternoon, exact location unknown) He taught in parables and warned the people against the Pharisees. He predicted the destruction of Herod's great temple and told his disciples about future events, including his own return.

> To the Wilderness of Judea"

7. Passover Last Supper THURSDAY

Mt 26:17—30; Mk 14:12—26; Lk 22:7—23; Jn 13:1—30

In an upper room Jesus prepared both himself and his disciples for his death. He gave the Passover meal a new meaning. The loaf of bread and cup of wine represented his body soon to be sacrificed and his blood soon to be shed. And so he instituted the "Lord's Supper." After singing a hymn they went to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed in agony, knowing what lay ahead for him.

8. Crucifixion—FRIDAY Mt 27:1—66; Mk 15:1—47; Lk 22:66—23:56; Jn 18:28—19:37 Following betrayal, arrest, desertion, false trials, denial, condemnation, beatings and mockeny, Jesus was required to carry bis cross to "The Place of the Shull "when here 3. The Triumphal Entry

SUNDAY

Mt 21:1—11; Mk 11:1—11; Lk 19:28—44; Jn 12:12—19 On the first day of the week Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling an ancient

The Eastern Gate (Ezek. 43:1-4 NLT)

"After this, the man brought me back around to the east gateway. ²Suddenly, the glory of the God of Israel appeared from the east. The sound of his coming was like the roar of rushing waters, and the whole landscape shone with his glory. ³This vision was just like the others I had seen, first by the Kebar River and then when he came to destroy Jerusalem. I fell face down on the ground. ⁴And the glory of the LORD came into the Temple through the east gateway."

Problems Either Way!

Premilennial: Sacrifices for Sin (Ezek. 40:39) in Light of Christ's Death

Amillennial: Abandon Normal Hermeneutic for Ezekiel 40-48

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Why Millennial Sacrifices?



Pre-Cross: Looked toward Christ's Death

Post-Cross: Look back on Christ's Death

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- Theocratic: like confession of sin (1 John 1:9)
- Memorial: like Lord's Supper that looks back
- <u>Paul</u> offered a temple sacrifice in AD 57 (Acts 21:26) without seeing a "digression problem"

Theological Themes

House of God vs. Presence of God

Some scholars suggest that Haggai "took the superstitious view that God had not blessed his people merely because they had not begun to rebuild the temple" (Knight).

A Response

 Haggai's theology was not based on the superstitious view of the temple but rooted in the Mosaic covenant curses and blessings (cf. Lev. 26; Deut. 28).

Haggai believed God is the Creator and sustainer of the earth and he is in control of the history, so the people were afflicted due to their failure in keeping the covenant.

What did neglect of temple rebuilding really mean?

 The temple was not merely a building but an explicit expression of God's presence. Haggai did not contradict the pre-exilic prophets, such as Jeremiah 7:4 who rebuked Israelites for a false trust in the temple.

 Therefore, the rejection of rebuilding was a rejection of the presence of God, while the willingness to build the temple was an act of trust and obedience to God.

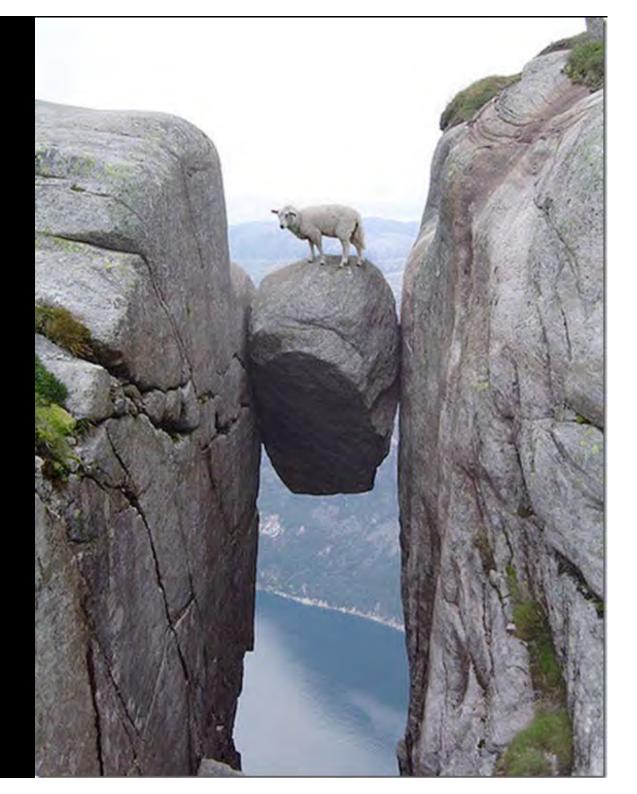
What did neglect of temple rebuilding really mean?

• The temple was a necessary identifying mark for the Jewish community as well as the centre of worship.

 Haggai reminded them that only putting God as the first priority would lead them to sanctification, not through their deeds and offerings.

 Only with this right attitude could temple rebuilding serve as an outward expression of God's dwelling among his people and their proper response to God.

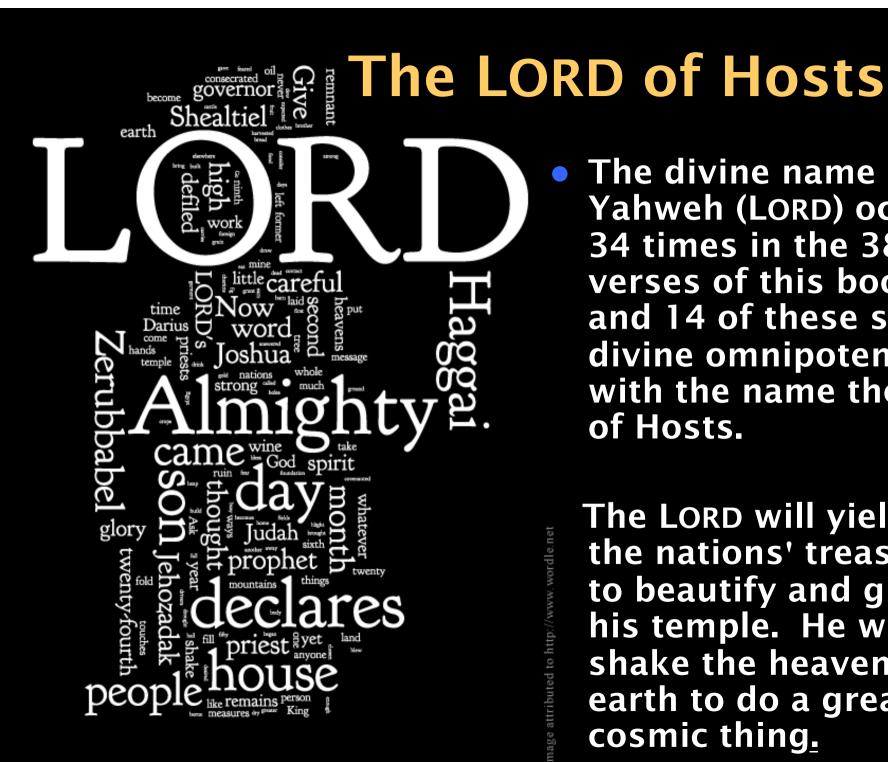
Recall that God also has promised you his presence today.



God's Presence

• Therefore, the larger context of Haggai's message concerns the presence of God.

Coggins notes, "God gives assurance of His lasting presence with them by recounting the past history of his dealings with them (' the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt'), by assuring the present reality ('my Spirit abides among you; fear not'), and by promising a sign of future glory ('I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in' [2:21])."



The divine name Yahweh (LORD) occurs 34 times in the 38 verses of this book, and 14 of these stress divine omnipotence with the name the LORD of Hosts.

The LORD will yield up the nations' treasures to beautify and glorify his temple. He will shake the heaven and earth to do a great and cosmic thing.

"Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, 'I will never fail you. I will never abandon you'" (Hebrews-13:5 NLT).



How can you restore God's BLESSING when you only see his discipline?



1. Realign your priorities.

been hurt — be restored RESTORATION



Haggai 1

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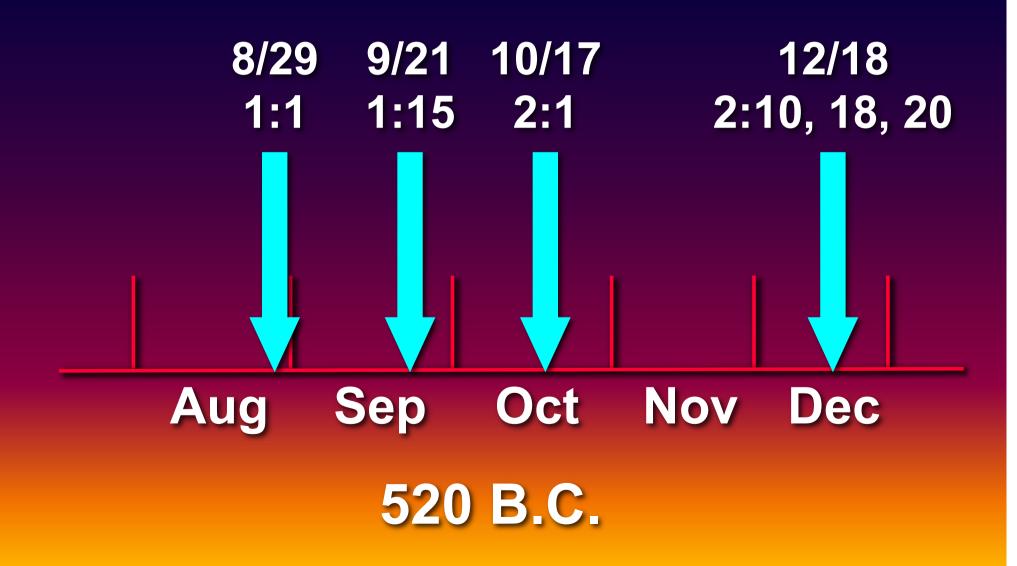
Haggai 2:1-9

3. Renew your worship.



Haggai 2:10-19

Dates in Haggai (2:10, 18, 20)

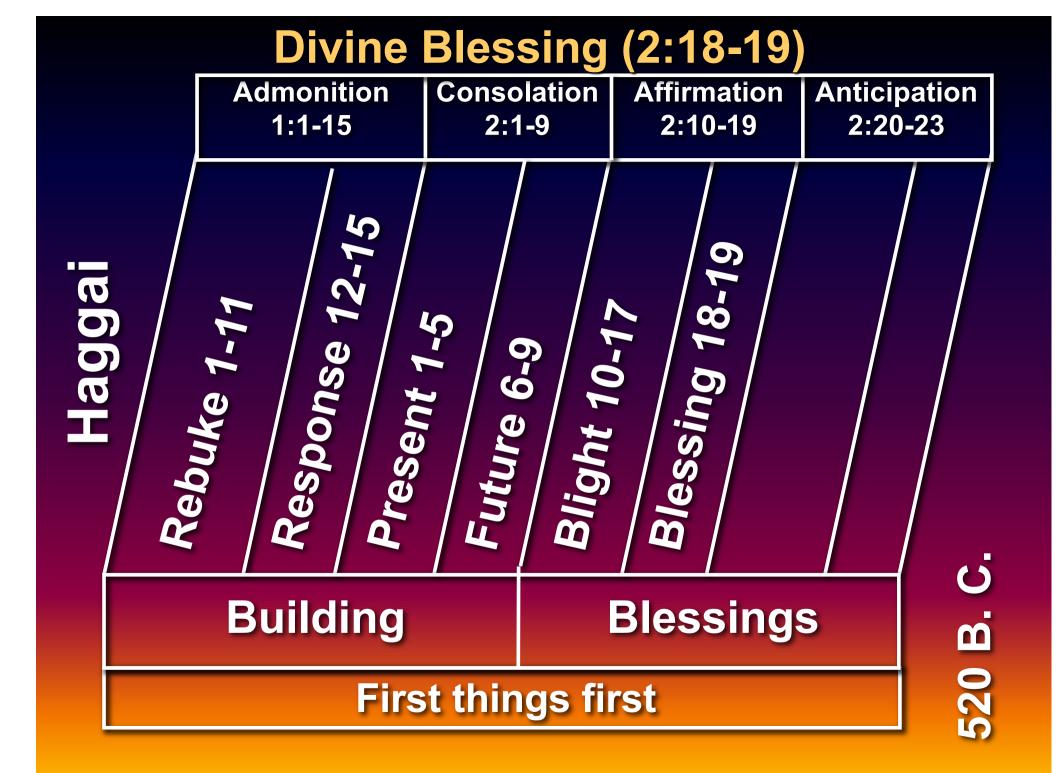




"On December 18 of the second year of King Darius's reign, the LORD sent this message to the prophet Haggai: ¹¹'This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says. Ask the priests this question about the law: ¹²'If one of you is carrying some meat from a holy sacrifice in his robes and his robe happens to brush against some bread or stew, wine or olive oil, or any other kind of food, will it also become holy?'" The priests replied, 'No.'

¹³Then Haggai asked, 'If someone becomes ceremonially unclean by touching a dead person and then touches any of these foods, will the food be defiled?' And the priests answered, 'Yes'" (Haggai 2:10-13 NLT).

"Then Haggai responded, 'That is how it is with this people and this nation, says the LORD. Everything they do and everything they offer is defiled by their sin. ¹⁵Look at what was happening to you before you began to lay the foundation of the LORD's Temple. ¹⁶When you hoped for a twenty-bushel crop, you harvested only ten. When you expected to draw fifty gallons from the winepress, you found only twenty. ¹⁷I sent blight and mildew and hail to destroy everything you worked so hard to produce. Even so, you refused to return to me, says the LORD" (Haggai 2:14-17 NLT).



"Think about this eighteenth day of December, the day when the foundation of the LORD's Temple was laid. Think carefully. ¹⁹I am giving you a promise now while the seed is still in the barn. You have not yet harvested your grain, and your grapevines, fig trees, pomegranates, and olive trees have not yet produced their crops. But from this day onward I will bless you'" (Haggai 2:18-19 NLT).



Oracle 3: Accusation

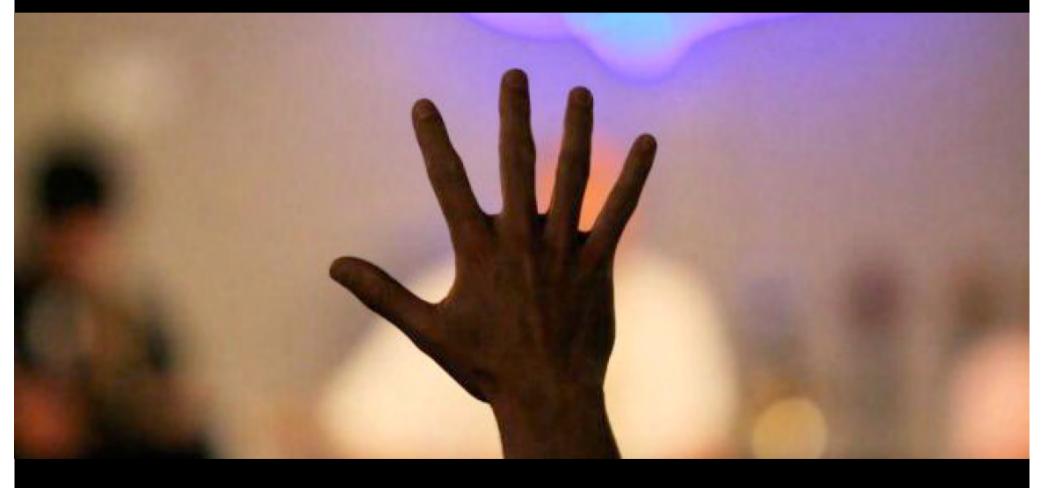
• The problem: works and offerings are a false trust in human efforts and do not ensure acceptance by the LORD (2:10-14).

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The consequences: economic shortage (2:16-17).

• The response: The people responded by laying the temple foundation (2:18-19).

What does God think about your worship?



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4. Re-envision God's kingdom.

Haggai 2:20-23

"On that same day, December 18, the LORD sent this second message to Haggai: ²¹'Tell Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah, that I am about to shake the heavens and the earth. ²²I will overthrow royal thrones and destroy the power of foreign kingdoms. I will overturn their chariots and riders. The horses will fall, and their riders will kill each other" (Haggai 2:20-22 NLT).



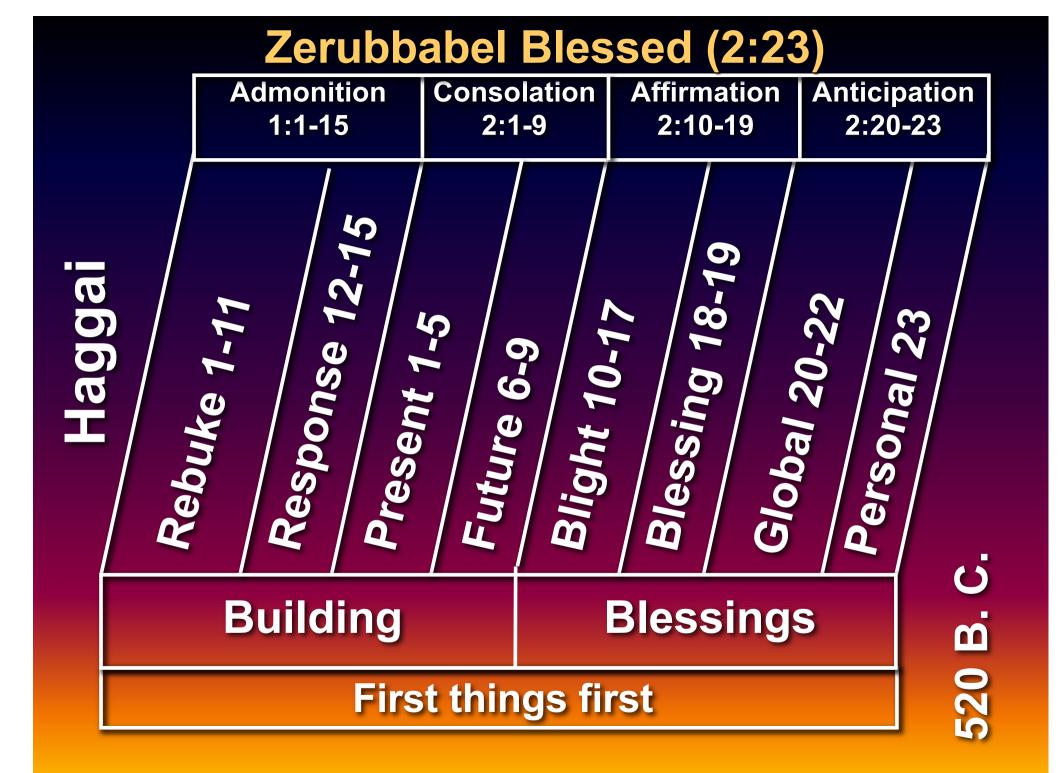
"But when this happens, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, I will honor you, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, my servant. I will make you like a signet ring on my finger, says the LORD, for I have chosen you. I, the LORD of Heaven's Armies, have spoken!" (Haggai 2:23 NLT).

Oracle 4: Assurance

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 Again, God will shake the heavens and overthrow the nations (2:20-22)

 He will also exalt the Davidic line through Zerubbabel (2:23)



Messianic Teaching in Haggai

Zerubbabel appears at the start and the end:

The first oracle (1:1)
 refers to zerubbabel for reconstruction of the temple
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oracle (2:21) again refers to him, with the promise that God will rebuild the house of David through him

• In 2:23 he is God's "servant" and "signet ring", both terms used of the **Davidic king** (Ps. 89:3, Jer. 22:24).

The Signet Ring

Impression from a Welsh signet ring found at Raglan, 15th century



Zerubbabel's Authority

Haggai portrayed the Messiah when God said to Zerubbabel, "I will make you like my signet ring, for I have chosen you" (2:23). As a signet ring denoted authority, so Zerubbabel became the center of the Messianic line where both Joseph and Mary's lines merged:



In both genealogies the father of Zerubbabel is Shealtiel, but each genealogy follows a different son of Zerubbabel until they end with Joseph and Mary. This makes Zerubbabel and his father the common link in each lineage.

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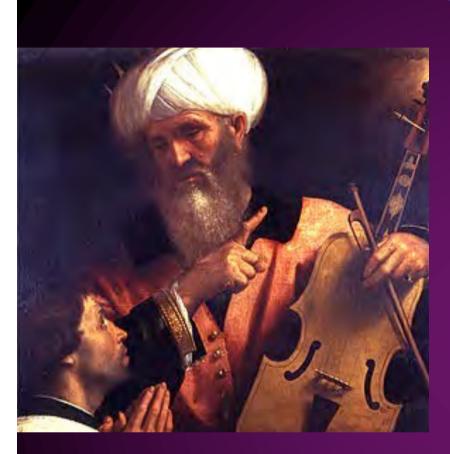
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Significance of David-Zerubbabel Parallel

 The parallel of David to Zerubbabel is outstanding, for David wanted to build the temple, but in response the LORD promised to build the king's house.



This similarity shows that the messianic element fits the context of the book.



 Zerubbabel disappeared as a key leader soon after Haggai's prophecy was given.

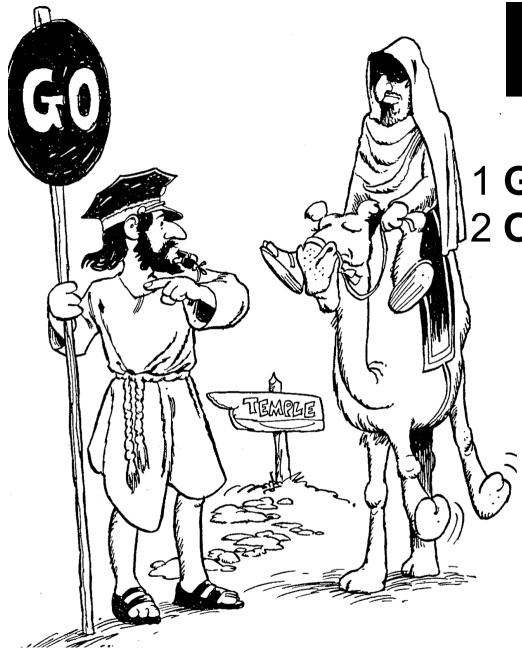
The prophecy concerning Zerubbabel related to the legitimate king of the future, for it is the chosen "Son of God," to whom will be granted power and authority over all the nations (Pss. 2, 110; Matt. 28:18).

Prophetic Messianic Elements

Do you want God's blessing?



You will also inherit the kingdom when you are faithful now.



Haggai

1 **G**od's temple needs building 2 **O**lder temple less glorious

Barry Huddleston, The Acrostic Summarized Bible (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1992)

Two Types of Inheritance

"Now if we are children, then we are heirs heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed w share in his suffering in order that w may also share in his glory" (Rom. 8:17 NIV).

= Salvation



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Main Idea

ALIGNMENT

Align with God's priorities.



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Key Verse

(God to Judah) "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'" (Haggai 1:9).



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Haggai Kingdom Statement

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Judah must get the right priorities (1:9) for blessing in the Messiah's kingdom.

Eternal Priorities

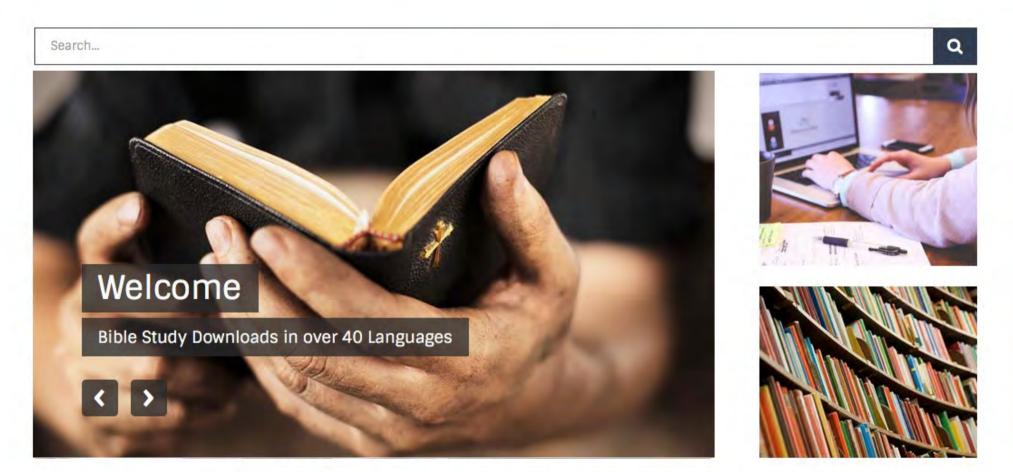
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The Lord directs the history and life of his people

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God is the controlling and sustaining power of the practical affairs of lives. He involves in the economic and social affairs, so that everything works out for his will.

Misplaced Priorities

One of the most outstanding messages in this book is the failure in keeping correct priorities and the consequences that follow.

The people failed to put God's priority before their own. Since this was not merely a personal failure, but a national one, the whole nation suffered in every aspect of their lives.

The Role of the Prophet as the Lord's Messenger

 Haggai is the second smallest book in the OT, but it has a great significance.

 Although his ministry was only lasted only a few months in 520 BC "in a time of deep decline and discouragement, his singleminded and ardent preaching again gave the people of God new perspectives on their relationship with God and on the promised blessings."

What is most important?

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Spiritual Over Material Priorities

- "In encouraging the people to rebuild the temple, Haggai gave them a new spiritual center, without which they would have perished as the people of God in the vortex of history."
- Haggai challenges the materialistic worldview and provides an accurate, sharp and spiritual perspective to interpret the situation. God is the creator and sustainer of this world, so the economics and social problems cannot be left merely to the professionals and philosophies of this world.

Application

Let God be God in your life and society.

-He should be your first priority, more important than what you do and offer.

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He should be the center of your interpretation and understanding of the world and your life.

Only then can you be a faithful messenger to preach His Word to His people.

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