HAGGAI 520 BC

PURPOSE: To encourage post-exilic Israel to repent and rebuild the Temple, because procrastination has brought about the loss of God's blessing.

BACKGROUND

539 BC Babylon defeated

538 BC

Cyrus (Persian King)
permits Jews to return
to the Land

537 BC

Altar at Jerusalem is rebuilt

536 BC

Foundation of the Temple is begun (Ezra 3:8-13)

536 BC

Work on the Temple is halted! (Ezra 4:1-5)

Procrastination!
Misplaced
priorities!

Message 1		Message 2	Message 3	Message 4
Aug 29, 520 BC (6 th Month, 1 st Day, 2 nd Yr)		Oct 17, 520 BC (7th Month, 21st Day	Dec 18, 520 BC (9th Month, 24th Day	Dec 18, 520 BC (9 th Month, 24 th Day
Call to an Rebui Tem Message Repent & Rebuild! (then God's blessing will be restored)	ld the	Problem of Discour- agement (Comparison to Former Temple) Two encouragements: 1) God's presence	Obedient Response Has Restored Nation to God's Blessing	FUTURE: Gentile Powers Over- thrown God's promise to
1:1-11	1:12-15 -15	2) Future of the temple 2:1-9	2:10-19	Zerubbabel 2:20-23