

Outline of
Haggai



Introduction

Writer

Haggai is mentioned in Ezra 5:1, 2 and 6:14 as one of the two prophets who encouraged the remnant (that returned after the Babylonian captivity) to rebuild the temple in spite of the difficulties that beset them on every hand. From this and the brief references that he made to himself in his prophecy, four things become apparent: (1) he was self-effacing — he exalted the Lord; (2) he was God’s messenger — “Thus saith the LORD”; (3) he not only rebuked, he cheered and encouraged; (4) he not only preached, he practiced.

Time

520 B.C. “The second year of Darius” enables the historian to pinpoint the time of this prophet in profane history. Hystaspis (Darius mentioned here) began to reign in 521 B.C. At this same time in China, Confucius was living.

Theme

The temple. The reconstruction and refurbishing of the temple were the supreme passion of this prophet. He not only rebuked the people for their delay in rebuilding the temple, but he encouraged them and helped them in this enterprise.

Message

Haggai constantly referred to the “word of the LORD” as the supreme authority. He willingly humbled himself that the Lord might be exalted. His message was practical. It was as simple and factual as $2 + 2 = 4$. The prophecy of Haggai and the epistle of James have much in common. Both put the emphasis upon the daily grind. Action is spiritual; a “do nothing” attitude is wicked. Both placed this yardstick down upon life. Work is the measure of life.

Haggai’s contemporary, Zechariah, was visionary and had his head in the clouds, but pragmatic Haggai had both feet on the ground. The man of action and the dreamer need to walk together. First Corinthians 15:58 can appropriately be written over this book.

For the background of his message, read Ezra 3:8-13, also chapters 4 through 6. KEY VERSES:
Haggai 1:8, 14

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HAGGAI

1. A DEPRESSED PEOPLE (1¹⁻¹¹) 1/6/2

YOUR HOUSES ~ DECORATED
MY HOUSE ~ DEVASTATED

2. A DETERMINED PEOPLE (1¹²⁻¹⁵) 24/6/2

FEARED THE LORD
OBEYED THE LORD

3. A DISCOURAGED PEOPLE (2¹⁻⁹) 21/7/2

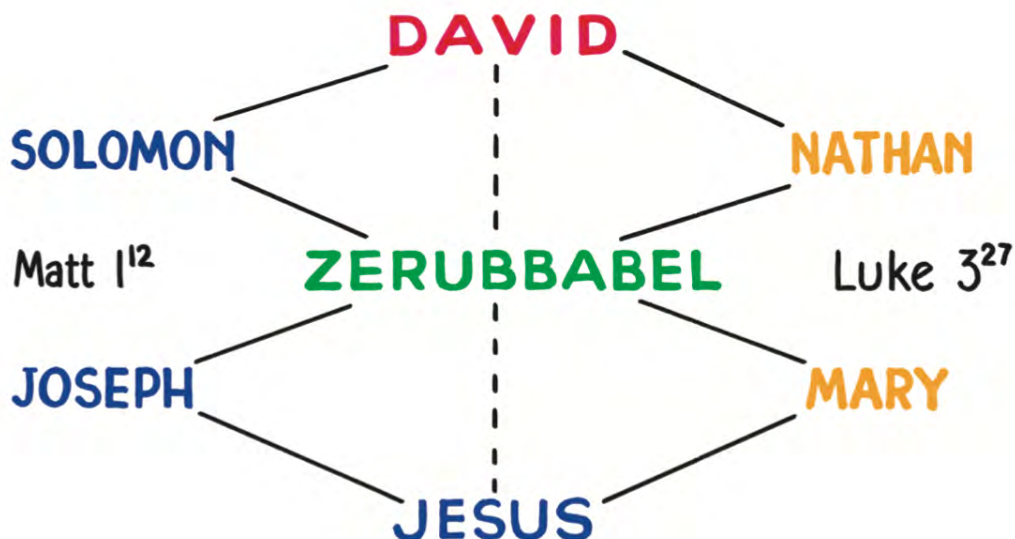
FORMER HOUSE ~ GLORIOUS
LATTER HOUSE ~ GREATER

4. A DEFILED PEOPLE (2¹⁰⁻¹⁹) 24/9/2

CLEAN DOESN'T MAKE DIRTY CLEAN
DIRTY DOES MAKE CLEAN DIRTY

5. A DESIGNATED PRINCE (2²⁰⁻²³) 24/9/2

OTHER THRONES OVERTURNED
THIS THRONE OCCUPIED



I. A challenge to the people

Chapter 1:1-11

- A. A charge of conflict of interest, vv. 1-4
- B. A call to consider their ways, vv. 5-7
- C. A command to construct the temple, vv. 8-11

II. The response to the challenge

Chapter 1:12-15

- A. Construction of the temple; people obeyed, v. 12
- B. Confirmation from God, vv. 13-15



IV. An appeal to the Law; the explanation of the principle

Chapter 2:10-19

V. A revelation of God's program; an expectation for the future

Chapter 2:20-23

Quiz on Haggai

1. In Chapter 1, the Word of the Lord came through Haggai to which two men?

2. God tells the people that He will end the current drought if they build His temple. Where does he tell them to gather the necessary wood from?

3. In Chapter 2, God says that in the future, the temple they are building will be more splendid and what will increase?

4. In Chapter 1, why did the whole remnant of people obey the Lord?

5. Whose spirit did the Lord stir in order to begin working on the house of the Lord of Hosts?

6. In Chapter 1, why did the heavens withhold the dew, and the earth withhold its produce?

7. In the beginning of Chapter 2, what was the encouragement of the Lord to His people?

8. What did God say about the silver and gold, in Chapter 2?

9. Which day did Haggai receive the Word of the Lord, for the second time?

10. In the final verse, Haggai tells Zerubbabel that God will treat him as His what?

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