

Walking the Ancient Path

Haggai

History of Israel

God's Covenant With **Abraham**

Israel Israel

Assyria

Babylon

Exile

Return

Prophets of Israel

Judah

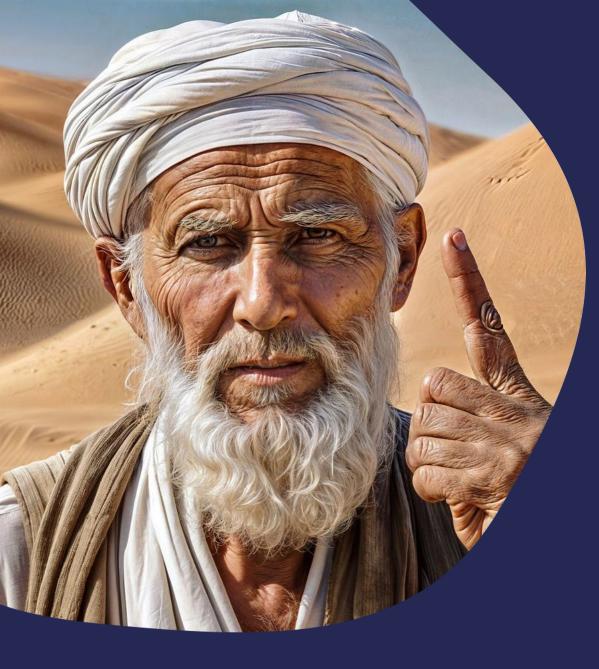
Amos Hosea Isaiah Micah

Zephaniah **Jeremiah Nahum** Habakkuk

Obadiah Ezekiel

Haggai Zechariah Malachi

Joel (?) Jonah (Ninevah)



Who was Haggai

- "Festive"
- Lived in Jerusalem after the Return
- No Nonsense Guy
- Motivator
- Short-timer (4 months)



Who was Haggai



Haggai's Message:

Rebuild the Temple!



Persia Babylon

Ezra 1:2

This is what King Cyrus of Persia says: "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth. He has appointed me to build him a Temple at Jerusalem, which is in Judah."

Go!

People Leave

Foundation Laid

Ezra 1:5

Then God stirred the hearts of the priests and Levites and the leaders of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin to go to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple of the Lord.



Ezra 4:24

So the work on the Temple of God in Jerusalem had stopped, and it remained at a standstill until the second year of the reign of King Darius of Persia.



God's Presence was in the Temple

When all the people of Israel saw the fire coming down and the glorious presence of the Lord filling the Temple, they fell face down on the ground and worshiped. 2 Chr 7:3

It Was The Reason For Their Freedom

Any of you who are his people may go to Jerusalem in Judah to rebuild this Temple of the Lord, the God of Israel, who lives in Jerusalem. And may your God be with you! Ez. 1:3



3 Reasons



Opposition (Samaritans)
Ezra 4



Sadness
Over the
Past
Hag. 2:1-5



Misplaced Values Hag. 1:2-4

"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." Then the Lord sent this message through the prophet Haggai: "Why are you living in luxurious houses while my house lies in ruins? Haggai 1:2-4



3 Reasons



God's Wake Up Call 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

1:14

God Opened Their Eyes

3 Reasons



God's Wake
Up Call



God Sent A Messenger

Then on October 17 of that same year, the Lord sent another message through the prophet Haggai. ² "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:

Chap 2

God sends Haggai

3 Reasons



God's Wake
Up Call



God Sent A Messenger



God Timelines It

³ '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!

The Past

⁴ But 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 . . .

The Present

Be Strong For I am with you, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. ⁵ My Spirit remains among you, just as I promised when you came out of Egypt. So do not be afraid.'

I'm
with
you

The Past

⁶ "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. 7 I will shake all the nations, and the treasures of all the nations will be brought to this Temple.

A Future Promise

I will fill this place with glory, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies.8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies.⁹ The future glory of this Temple will be greater than its past glory, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies.

Future Greater Than The Past

And in this place I will bring peace. I, the Lord of Heaven's Armies, have spoken!"

Where?

Acts 2



3 Things



God Is Going
All Out For
You

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! 1:5-6



3 Things



God Is Going
All Out For
You



Honestly Explore

⁵ Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways." (NIV)



1:5, 1:7, 2:15, 2:18

Set Your Heart Upon Your Ways

3 Things



God Is Going
All Out For
You



Honestly Explore



What Matters



² "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."

Now is the time to figure it out