

HAGGAI

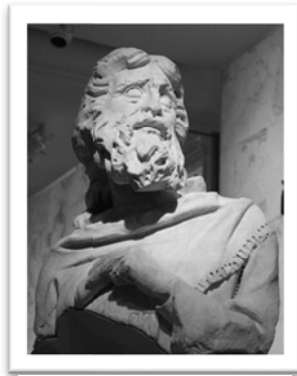
HAGGAI THE PROPHET

DATE AND BACKGROUND

- Ezra 1:1,3 In the first year of the reign of Cyrus (538 BC)
Ezra 3:1-7 In the “seventh month,” altar rebuilt in Jerusalem (537 BC)
Ezra 3:8ff After 2 years & 2 months, foundation work begins (536 BC)*
Ezra 4 Opposition begins
Ezra 4:24 Temple rebuilding stops in 536 BC
Ezra 5:1-2 In 2d year of Darius (4:24), temple work revived (520 BC)
Ezra 6:14ff In 6th year of Darius, temple completed (516 BC)
Haggai 1:1 In 2d year of Darius the king...

OUTLINE

1. **Introduction** (1:1)
2. **First Oracle: “Consider Your Ways”** (1:2-11)
 - 2.1. Time: Darius 2nd yr: 6th mo: 1st day / Aug 29, 520 BC
 - 2.2. The Problem (1:2-6)
 - 2.3. The Solution
 - 2.3.1. Labor to build the house and thus give God glory (1:7-8)
 - 2.3.2. The reason for agricultural impotence (1:9-11)
3. **Narrative Interruption: The Remnant Obeys** (1:12)
4. **Second Oracle: the Lord’s presence** (1:13-15a)
 - 4.1. Time: Darius 2nd yr: 6th mo: 24th day (1:15a) / Sep 21, 520 BC
 - 4.2. Haggai’s message: “I am with you, declares the Lord” (1:13).
 - 4.3. The Lord’s grace (1:14).
5. **Third Oracle: The Temple’s Future Glory** (2:1-9)
 - 5.1. Time: Darius 2nd yr: 7th mo: 21st day / Oct 17, 520 BC
 - 5.2. The dismal prospects (2:3).
 - 5.3. Three Commands (2:4-5)
 - 5.4. The Promise-Foundation of the Commands (2:4-9)
6. **Fourth Oracle: The Blessing of God** (2:10-19)
 - 6.1. Time: Darius 2nd yr: 9th mo: 24th day / Dec 18, 520 BC (2:10)
 - 6.2. Two Questions (2:11-13)
 - 6.3. The Holiness Principle (2:14)
 - 6.4. The Withdrawal of God’s blessing (2:15-17)



- 6.5. Consider your ways (2:18-19).
7. **Fifth Oracle: the Future Kingdom** (2:20-23)
 - 7.1. Time: Darius 2nd yr: 9th mo: 24th day / Dec 18, 520 BC (2:20)
 - 7.2. The object of the prophecy: Zerubbabel (2:21a).
 - 7.3. Future Judgment (2:21-22)
 - 7.3.1. The Lord is going to “shake” the world and “overthrow” the Gentile kingdoms (2:21).
 - 7.3.2. The Lord is going to “destroy the strength” and “overthrow” the military might of the Gentile armies (2:22). Reminders here of the Exodus.
 - 7.4. “On that day,” the Lord is going to make Zerubbabel “like a/the signet ring” because “I have chosen you” (2:23).
 - 7.4.1. The forefathers of Zerubbabel were rejected by God (Jer 22:24-30).
 - 7.4.2. For the Lord Almighty, Zerubbabel was a sign of the surety of what he was going to do in the future and his commitment to David’s line.
8. **Application**
 - 8.1. Priorities (1:3-4, 9)
 - 8.2. Glory (1:8)
 - 8.3. Excuses (1:3-4, 9)
 - 8.4. Fear (1:12)
 - 8.5. Trust at all times (2:4-5)
 - 8.6. Consider (1:5; 2:18)

