




UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ZECHARIAH 1-6



**Zechariah,
Haggai
and the
RETURN FROM
EXILE**

A series of prophetic messages to the people of God re-pioneering the plan of God to establish them in the promised land



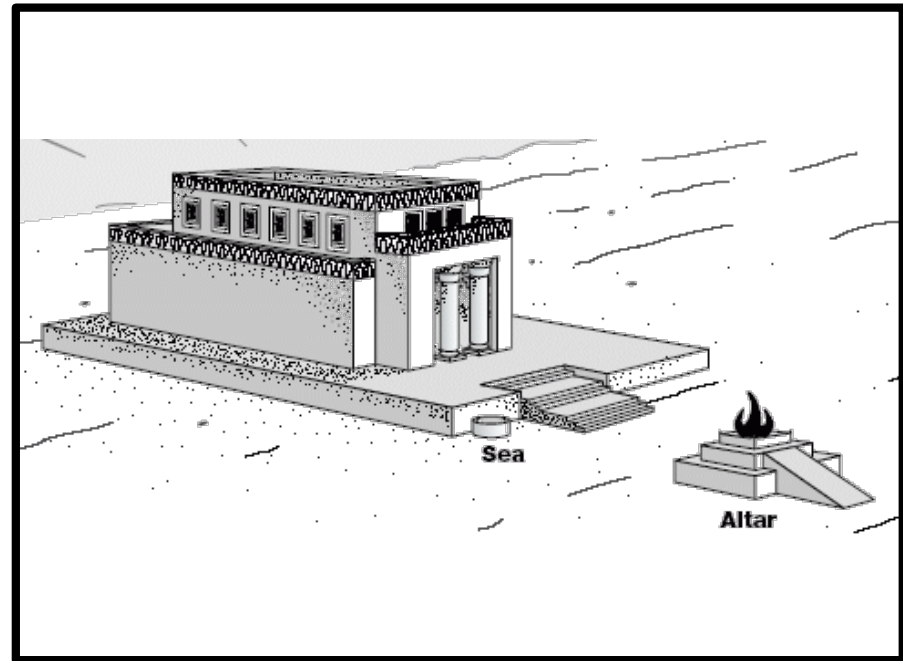
Returning from Exile 535 BC

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE



ZERUBBABEL'S TEMPLE

"Does it not seem to you as nothing" Haggai 2:3



"..and no one could distinguish the sound of the shouts of joy from the sound of weeping..."
Ezra 3:12

TIMELINE OF EXILE AND RESTORATION

DATE BC	EVENT
605 BC	First Babylonian conquest; first deportation of Jews from Jerusalem and Judah (Ezekiel and Daniel included)
586 BC	Third and final overthrow of Jewish uprising; nearly all Jews deported to Babylon and Jerusalem reduce to piles of burnt stones.
539 BC	Babylon and its empire conquered by Medo-Persian empire.
535 BC	Jews begin to rebuild the foundation of the temple in Jerusalem.

THE PROPHETIC MINISTRY OF HAGGAI AND ZECHARIAH

DATE BC	REF.	EVENT
536-520	Ezra 4:1-5	Work on the Temple is hindered and then stops
Aug. 520	Hag. 1	Haggai's first message
Sept. 520	Hag. 1:12-15	Resumption of the building
Oct. 520	Hag. 2:1-9	Haggai's second message
Oct/Nov 520	Zech. 1:1-6	Zechariah's first message

DATE BC	REFERENCE	EVENT
Dec. 520	Hag. 2:10-19	Haggai's third message
Dec. 520	Hag. 2:20-23	Haggai's fourth message
519/518	Ez. 5:3-6:14	Letter to Darius regarding the rebuilding
Feb. 519	Zech. 1-6	Zechariah's seven night visions
Dec. 518	Zech. 7-8	Urging for the people to repent; promised blessing
Mar. 516	Ezra 6:15-18	Dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem
After 480	Zech. 9-14	Zechariah's final prophetic messages

SEQUENCE OF PROPHETIC MESSAGES

Haggai and Zechariah

Aug.	520	Haggai 1
Oct.	520	Haggai 2
Oct/Nov	520	Zechariah 1
Dec.	520	Haggai 3 Haggai 4
Feb.	519	Zechariah 1-6 [Seven visions]
Mar.	516	Temple completed

Haggai, Zechariah

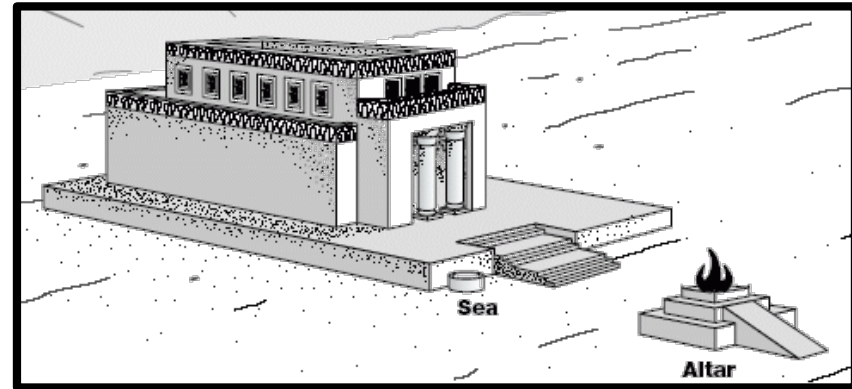
August 520 bc – February 519bc

11	MESSAGES
2	PROPHETS
7	MONTHS



		Subject of the Message
1	Haggai message 1	You shouldn't have stopped building the temple – [finish unfinished work]
2	Haggai message 2	This temple looks less impressive but will be far greater [symbol of the future]
3	Haggai message 3	I am going to pour out supernatural blessing on you
4	Zechariah - message	Repent so that you will not repeat the failures of your forefathers
5	Haggai message 4	The leader to be a signet ring of covenant love
6	Zechariah vision 1	Horsemen – God is going to supernaturally restore Jerusalem

		Subject of the Message
7	Zechariah vision 2	Measuring Line -This Jerusalem will be a city without walls
8	Zechariah vision 3	Clean garments - the priest will be sign of things to come [Joshua]
9	Zechariah vision 4	Candlestick – the one who starts the work will complete it [Zerubbabel]
10	Zechariah vision 5	Flying scroll – wickedness will be exposed and dealt with
11	Zechariah vision 6	Woman in a basket – wickedness sent away to Babylon
12	Zechariah vision 7	Four chariots – peace will come to all the nations



THE BIG ISSUE IN 520 BC

520 BC

THE PLAYERS

- **PEOPLE:** The people of Judah
- **LOCAL LEADERS:** governor and priests
- **OPPOSITION** neighbouring people groups
- **AUTHORITIES:** The Persian rulers in Susa
- **PROPHETS:** The two prophets sent by God

THE BIG PICTURE

1. God has sovereignly enabled his people to return to Jerusalem with a decree from the King of Persia to rebuild the temple.
2. The people came back and built the foundations but stopped building the temple when the surrounding nations opposed them.
3. They continued to live there and experienced no opposition when they concentrated on building their own houses and focusing on their own prosperity.

THE BIG PICTURE

4. God raised up Haggai to call them from focusing on their own prosperity rebuild the temple.
5. They began to rebuild but the product was much smaller and less glorious than the temple built by Solomon.
6. God sent another prophet, Zechariah to bring messages, mainly by visions, about what God was doing and what he wanted his people to do.

THE BIG ISSUES

1. Take a warning from the experience of your forefathers.
2. God wanted to supernaturally build and prosper the city of Jerusalem and the temple.
3. The city would have no walls and God would provide the protection.
4. There would be a priesthood that operated as a sign of things to come.
5. God would supernaturally empower the people to fulfill his purpose in a single generation.
6. God would expose and judge unrighteousness.
7. God would remove sin from among the people.
8. The fulfillment of the plan of God for Jerusalem and the temple would bring peace to the whole earth.

THE BIG ISSUE

GOD FULFILLING HIS PURPOSE
FOR THE EARTH
BY FULFILLING HIS PURPOSE
FOR HIS PEOPLE

THE BIG ISSUE

*Seek first the kingdom of God and his
righteousness*

And all these things will be added to you

*Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will
take care of itself.*

Each day has enough issues of its own.

Matthew 6:33



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