

HAGGAI & ZECHARIAH: FINISHING THE WORK

A. Author: Haggai & Zechariah

B. Title: Haggai= *Festival*; Zechariah= *Yahweh remembers*

C. Theme: God equips and strengthens us to do the work He called us to do.

D. History:

539 B.C.: Cyrus the Persian allowed the Jews to return to Jerusalem.

537 B.C.: Started Rebuilding the Temple

520 B.C.: Temple not rebuilt, Haggai & Zechariah begin preaching

518 B.C.: Temple Dedicated

E. Outline:

1. Haggai

a. Sermon 1: Call to Rebuild (1:1-15)

- Message to Zerubbabel & Joshua (1:1)
- Attack on Self-centeredness (1:4-6)

b. Sermon 2: God's Glory in the Second Temple (2:1-9)

- Comparisons with the 1st Temple (2:3)
- Prophecy of Better Days (2:4-9)

c. Sermon 3: Call to Obey & Turn from Sin (2:10-19)

- Exposing their sin (2:14)
- Promise of Blessing (2:18-19)

d. Sermon 4: Blessings for Zerubbabel (2:20-23)

- A Signet Ring (2:23)

2. Zechariah

a. Messages of Encouragement to the Builders (1-8)

- The Horseman & the Myrtle Trees (1:7-17)
- The Four Horns & the Four Craftsmen (1:18-21)
- The Measuring Line (2:1-2)
- Satan Accusing the High Priest (3)
- The Golden Candlestick (4)
- The Flying Scroll (5:1-4)
- The Woman in a Basket (5:5-11)
- The Four Chariots (6:1-8)
- The Crown of the Branch (6:9-15)

b. Glimpses of the Messiah (9-14)

- Palm Sunday (9:9)
- The Price of Betrayal (11:12-13)
- Mourning for Jesus' Death (12:10-12)
- The Death of Jesus & Scattering of Disciples (13:7)
- The Return of Christ (14:6-9)

F. Real Life Lessons from Haggai & Zechariah

1. We should put God's kingdom ahead of our own.
2. We should not stop working until the job is finished.
3. We should include both warning & encouragement to others.
4. Jesus brought the royal and priestly lines together.
5. The OT clearly foretold of the coming of Jesus and the destiny of the world.