

BIBLE IN A YEAR- Haggai & Zechariah

Historical Context

1. Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi are known as the **Post-Captivity** prophets.
2. The main appeal of Haggai and Zechariah was to inspire the Jews to **finish the temple** which had been **discontinued** (Ezra 5:1).
3. Haggai and Zechariah deal with a **real-life situation** in the lives of the people.
4. Haggai preaches a fiery series of **sermons** designed to **stir them** to action.
5. Zechariah seeks to **encourage them** to action by reminding them of the future importance of the temple. They are not building a building, but a **future**.

Haggai

1. Has the greatest **density** of all prophetic books: less than **4 month** period.
2. Central message: "Consider your **ways-build** the temple" (Hagg. 1:7-8)
3. First sermon- **Reproof** (Ch. 1); Second sermon-**Encouragement** (2:1-9);
 Third sermon- **Blessings** (2:10-19); Fourth sermon- **Promise** (2:20-23).
4. We must not **wait to work**, but we must **wait and work**.

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	<p>First Message:</p> <p>Rebuild God's temple</p> <p>Rebuke</p> <p>Reflection</p> <p>Divine discipline</p> <p>Repentant response</p> <p>"I am with you"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHAPTER 1</p>	<p>Second, Third, and Fourth Messages:</p> <p>Encouragement and Hope</p> <p>"Take courage!"</p> <p>"I will bless you!"</p> <p>"I have chosen you!"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHAPTER 2</p>
Time	Twenty-three days	Over two months
Emphasis	Practical, negative, confronting	Spiritual, positive, comforting
Scope	Present condition of Jerusalem temple	Future glory of God's house
Theme	We must put God first in order to experience His blessings.	
Key Verses	1:4-5; 2:7-9	
Christ in Haggai	Christ's presence in this temple, which was further expanded and adorned by Herod, is "the latter glory . . . greater than the former" (2:9). Jesus is "our peace" (Ephesians 2:14). His death on the cross has made us at peace with God now, and His future rule in His glorious kingdom will establish worldwide peace (Haggai 2:9). The righteous leader Zerubbabel is also a type of Christ and part of Jesus's genealogy.	

Zechariah

1. Both a **priest** and a **prophet**. From the time of Zechariah and Haggai, the priesthood takes the lead in the nation.
 - a. Moses to Samuel- Israel under **Judges**
 - b. Saul to Zedekiah-Israel under **Kings**
 - c. Jeshua to 70 AD- Israel under **Priests**
2. More prophecies of Christ than in any other prophetic book except **Isaiah**.
3. Central message: “Build **the temple**-build **your future**.” (9:9)

ZECHARIAH

	Call to Repentance	Encouragement and Motivation Visions	Encouragement and Hope
	Horses and riders Horns and craftsmen Surveyor and measuring line Joshua (the priest) and Satan Lampstand and seven lights Flying scroll and warning Woman and a basket Chariots and judgment <i>CHAPTER 1:1-6</i>	Questions Fasting Failure Future of Zion <i>CHAPTERS 7-8</i>	Predictions First “Oracle”: Rejection of Messiah Preservation of Israel Deception of false prophets Second “Oracle”: Israel’s final victory Messiah’s final victory <i>CHAPTERS 9-14</i>
Time	Written during the building of the temple		Written after completion of the temple
Purpose	To motivate those working on the temple to continue in spite of their own crop failures and financial distress. Rather than rebuking or condemning, Zechariah inspired the people to work.		To give the workers hope that there was a better day, a far more glorious day yet to come. Vivid scenes of Messiah are included. He is revealed as coming, rejected, returning, and conquering.
Theme	Build the temple; build your future		
Key Verses	4:6; 8:3; 9:9-10		
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Prophetic Practice- Haggai

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