

Haggai

Purpose: Continue the reconstruction of the temple with the expectation of restoration blessings.

Outline: 1:1-15 – Call and response

2:1-9 – Promise of temple's glory

2:10-19 – Call to continue

2:20-23 – Promise of Zerubbabel's power

Author: Haggai

Date: 520-516 – Haggai's ministry was interconnected with the beginning of Zechariah's ministry.

Highlights:

Ezra 5:1 and 6:14 mention Haggai and Zechariah. The focus of their ministry was to encourage the reconstruction of the Temple. Haggai did this through the explanation of economic problems, exhortations to build and observe the temple, and giving restoration blessings that were dependent on reconstruction.

Call and Response (1:1-15)

Introductory Date (1:1)

Haggai's Call (1:2-11)

Response of the People (1:12-15)

Promise of Temple's Glory (2:1-9)

Introductory Date (2:1)

Exhortation (2:2-5)

Promise (2:6-9)

Call to Continue (2:10-19)

Introductory Date (2:10)

Priestly Torah (2:11-13)

Application (2:14-19)

Promise of Zerubbabel's Power (2:20-23)

Introductory Date (2:20)

Promise of Upheaval (2:20-22)

Promise of Exaltation (2:23)

Haggai's Future Hope

Economic prosperity (2:19)

Temple more glorious (2:9) ----->

Riches of Nations (2:7)

Upheaval of Nations (2:7-22)

Zerubbabel's Exaltation (2:23)

Ezra-Nehemiah

Within one generation

there was syncretism, ----->
intermarriage, and rebellion.

Postponement until

Kingdom of Christ

Restoration in Christ

2:6,21

-----Historical Contingencies----->

Hebrews 12:26

Promise to shake the cosmos
at restoration of temple and
exaltation of Zerubbabel.

Fulfilled at second coming of
Christ.

CALL TO RECONSTRUCT TEMPLE – Original Meaning: The post-exilic community must center its efforts on temple reconstruction. NT Elaboration: The church must center its efforts on Christ, the temple. Contemporary Application: We must put the personal presence of Christ at the center of our lives.

HOPE FOR CULTIC AND ROYAL RESTORATION – Original Meaning: The post-exilic community should hope for the glory of temple and power of Zerubbabel. NT Elaboration: The church must hope for the full glory of Christ's return to earth and the royal power in his hand. Contemporary Application: We must never lose our awareness of glory and power now and in the future.