

Meet the Prophets

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Haggai and Zechariah

Lesson Fifteen

When the prophets, Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, who was over them, then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak arose and began to rebuild the house of God which is in Jerusalem; and the prophets of God were with them supporting them. (Ezra 5:1-2)

Haggai (520)

In the second year of Darius the king, on the first day of the sixth month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest (Hag 1:1)

The year: 520 BCE

Community of the Return from Babylon
Eschatology and Disappointment

- Haggai: Chaggai Malak HaShem
- Zerubbabel: Seed in Babylon (Davidic Heir)
- Joshua son of Jehozadak: High Priest

The House of the LORD 1:1-11

The Temple still in Ruins
Elul 1 and the Season of Repentance
Elul 24 the work begins

Sukkot, The Eighth Day, and the Temple 2:1-9

Tishrei 21 (seventh month)
The former glory
The future glory
First temple / Second temple / Third temple

A Difficult Metaphor 2:10-19

A halachic riddle
A promise of blessing

The Lord's Signet 2:20-23

The Curse Reversed
Cf. Jeremiah 22:24-30
Curse of Jeconiah Cancelled

Zechariah (520)

Zachariah son of Berekiyah son of Iddo (1:1)
Eighth month of second year of Darius
Summary of Exile (Zechariah 1:1-6)

Man in the Myrtle Trees 1:7-17

An end to exile
Coming blessing and prosperity
Rebuilding of Jerusalem

Four Horns 1:18-21

And end to Imperial Powers
Four Craftsmen (archangels?)

The Measuring Line 2:1-13

City without walls
The Coming Ingathering
The Final Redemption

Priest with Dirty Garments 3:1-10

Shame of exile removed
My servant the Branch: Yehoshua
Yehoshua – Yeshua
Stone with seven eyes
Remove sin in a single day
Vine and Fig Tree

Menorah and Two Olive Trees 4:1-14

Word of the LORD to Zerubbabel
Mighty Mountain before Zerubbabel
Two Anointed Ones
Priesthood
Kingship

Joshua's Crown 6:9-15

“The man whose name is the Branch”
Build the Temple of the LORD
Reconciling the Priesthood and Monarchy

A Question about the Fast Days 7:1-23

The Four Fast Days

- Fourth Month: Fast of Tammuz
- Fifth Month: Fast of Av
- Seventh Month: Fast of Gedaliyah
- Tenth Month: Fast of Tevet

Ten Men from the nations

The Wars of Messiah 12-14

Gog and Magog
Mourning over Messiah (12:10-14)
The Coming of Messiah (9:9-10 / 14:3-5)