The Accounting of Time Haggai 2

Where this book falls in the History of Israel

- 605 BC Babylonian Captivity (Jeremiah 6)
 - *605 BC -Daniel and the children of royalty taken into captivity
 - *597 BC -Ezekiel and the craftsmen taken into captivity
- 539 BC Persia's (King Cyrus) defeat of Babylon (Daniel 5)
- 538 BC Cyrus decree allowing Israel to return to rebuild (Ezra 1:1-4)
- 537 BC The group led by Zerubbabel return to Israel (Ezra 1:5-2:70)
- Rejoicing and Weeping over the excitement of the new and the loss of the old Temple at the completion of the foundation (Ezra 3:12-13)
- 536 BC The Work Began (Ezra 3:8)
- 530 BC The Work Stopped (Ezra 4:24) (10-15 year period)
- 520 BC The Preaching Began (Ezra 5:1)
 - *Haggai and Zechariah written
- 520 BC The Work Began Again (Ezra 5:2)
- 516 The Temple Completed (22 years from Cyrus's decree)
- The Second Temple stood for approximately 585 years before its destruction in 70 CE by the Roman Empire

Haggai's Journal

- 1. Haggai 1:1 Second year of Darius sixth(Adar) month and the first day
- 2. Haggai 1:15 Second year of Darius sixth month and the 24th day of the month
- 3. Haggai 2:1 Second year of Darius seventh month(Nissan) and the 21st day of the month
- 4. Haggai 2:10 Second year of Darius ninth month(Sivan) and the 24th day of the month
- 5. Haggai 2:20 Second year of Darius ninth month and the 24th day of the month

II. The new Temple will have it's own Glory (Haggai 2:1-9)

A. This Temple is not the first Temple (Haggai 2:1-3)

- 1 In the **seventh month**, in the **one and twentieth day** of the month, came the word of the LORD by the prophet Haggai, saying,
- 2 Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the residue(remainder or remnant) of the people, saying,
- 3 Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?

Ezra 3:11-13

- 11 And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.
- 12 But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient

men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy:

13 So that the people could not discern the noise of **the shout of joy** from **the noise of the weeping** of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

B. Be strong and work... I'm with you! (Haggai 2:4-5)

- 4 Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and **be strong**, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and **work**: for **I am with you**, saith the LORD of hosts:
- 5 According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.

C. I will shake things up (Haggai 2:6-7a)

6 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;

7 And I will shake all nations,

- D. The Desire of the nations shall come to this Temple (Haggai 2:7b-8) and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.
- 8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.
 - *Luke 2:21-50 Jesus the Messiah came to the Temple for the first time
 - E. The Glory of this Temple will be greater (Haggai 2:9)
- 9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.
 - *Matthew 24

III. God Blesses (Haggai 1:10-23)

- A. Israel receives God's Blessing (Haggai 2:10-19)
- 10 In the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,
- 11 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Ask now the priests concerning the law, saying,

1. When Israel was unclean(no building) – no blessing (Haggai 2:12-14)

- 12 If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, **shall it be holy**? And the priests answered and said, No.
- 13 Then said Haggai, If one that is unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, **It shall be unclean**.
- 14 Then answered Haggai, and said, So is this people, and so is this nation before me, saith the LORD; and so is every work of their hands; and that which they offer there is unclean.

2. When Israel was clean (Building) – blessings (Haggai 2:15-19)

- 15 And now, I pray you, consider from this day and upward, from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the LORD:
- 16 Since those days were, when one came to an heap of twenty measures, there were but ten: when one came to the **pressfat(wine press)** for to draw out **fifty vessels** out of the press, there were but **twenty**.
- 17 I smote you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the labours of your hands; yet ye turned not to me, saith the LORD.
- 18 Consider now from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, even from the day that the foundation of the LORD'S temple was laid, consider it.
 19 Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth: from this day will I bless you.

B. Zerubbabel is blessed in the end (Haggai 2:20-23)

- 20 And again the word of the LORD came unto Haggai in the four and twentieth day of the month, saying,
- 21 Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth;
- 22 And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother.
- 23 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, will **I take thee**, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the LORD, and **will make thee as a signet(seal)**: for I have chosen thee, saith the LORD of hosts.