

Welcome to our study of Haggai



Don will be with you shortly. Please take a moment to review/read Haggai 1:1-15 in preparation for today's study.

Thanks for coming!

Haggai 1:1-15



The Problem of Priorities

Kingdom divided. (931 B.C.) (1 Kings 12: 2 Chronicles 10-11)



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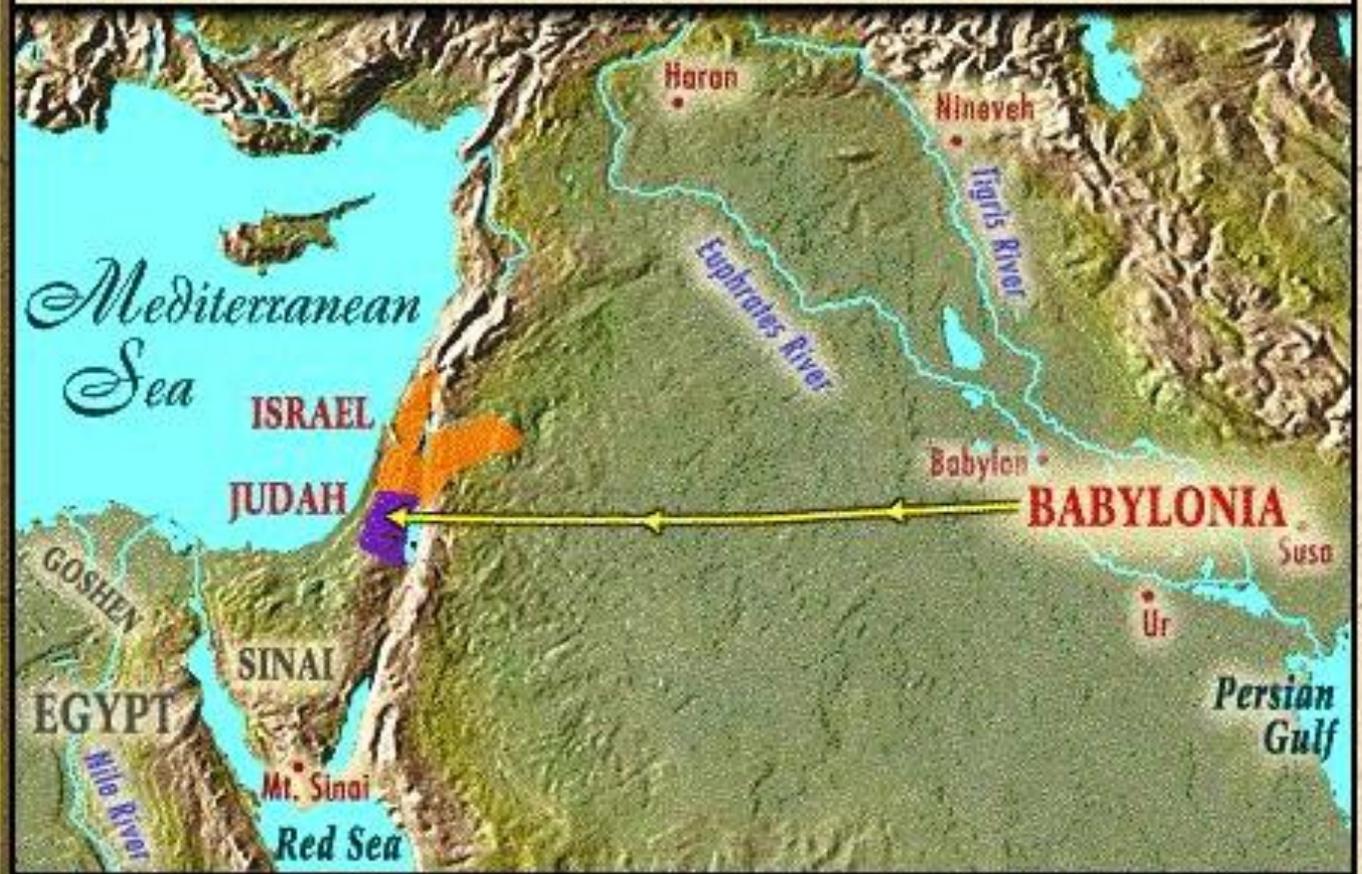
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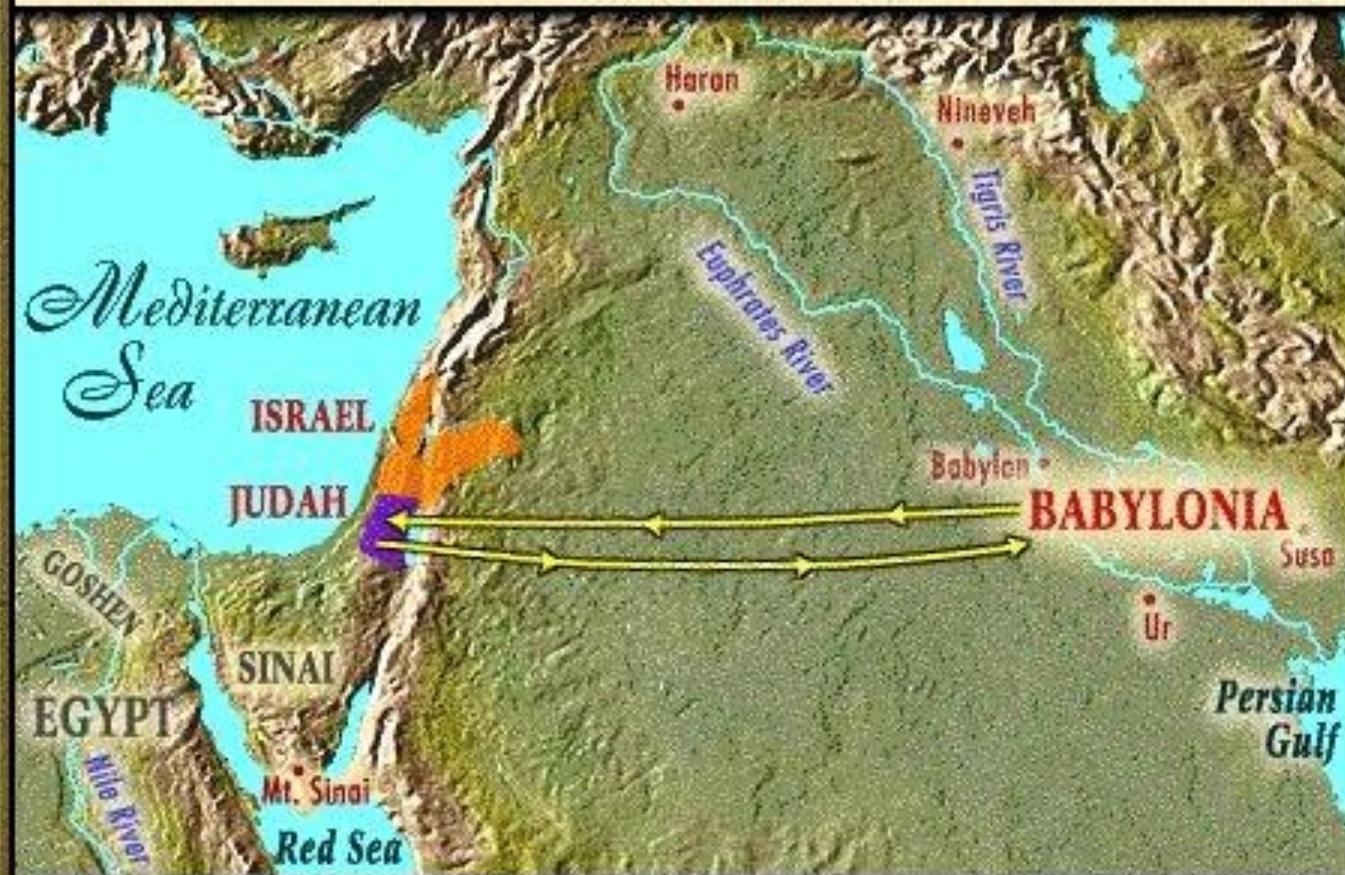
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From c. 540 B.C. until 332 B.C., the region was called Persia.



The first return under Zerubbabel (538 B.C.), worship restored. (Ezra 1-6)



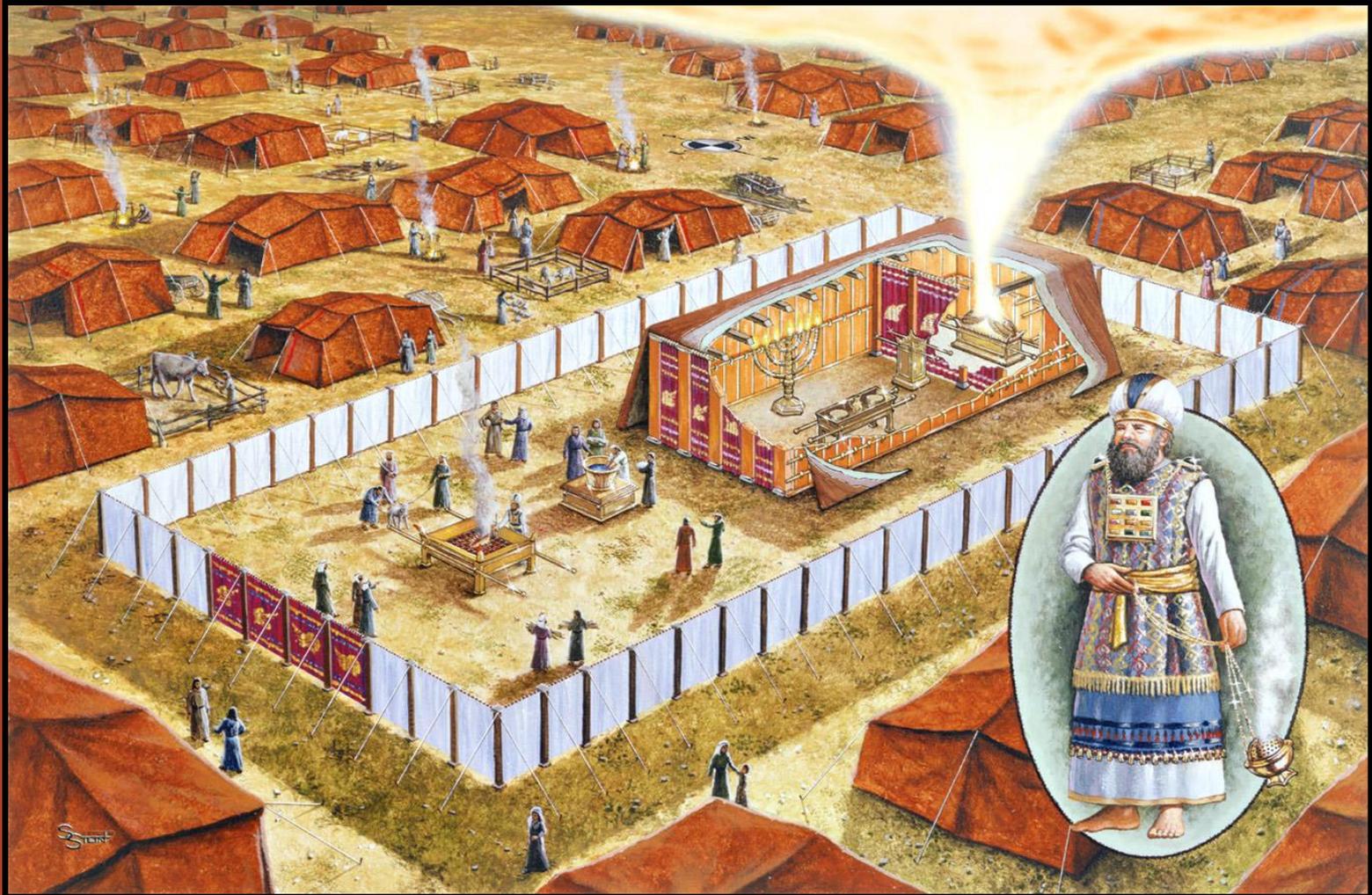


The Cyrus Cylinder

The Temple History of Israel



The Tabernacle



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Artists' renderings of Solomon's temple



Rebuilding the altar



Preliminary Considerations



- By faith, Israel's history had two anticipations: a coming age of peace and prosperity, and "a coming super-human ruler, miraculously provided and endowed." (Joyce Baldwin)
- Zerubbabel was the grandson of Johoiakin, from the Davidic line, Joshua from the Aaronic line of Zadok
- It is important to know that Ezekiel prophecy pointed to a glorious kingdom temple.

Observations of the Text



- Haggai “My feast”, Zerubbabel “son of Babylon”
- Judah overwhelmed by the imperial Persian Empire
- Zerubbabel paled in comparison to world leaders
- God’s voice is being heard again. Prov.29:18
- “Lord of hosts” 12-Haggai, 53-Zechariah, 24-Malachi,
=Lord of nations
- Restoration of worship and service in view, not only
the physical construction of the temple.

The text continued...



- The excuse of the people: v.2 – not a good time
- The response of the prophet: v.3-11
- v.3-4: God's question on neglecting the rebuilding.
- v.5-7: The inclusio, "Consider your ways", poetic form stating judgment.
- v.8: God's imperative: "Go...", His presence and glorification is via the temple.
- v.9-11: Cause for economic/agricultural calamity, "My house that is in ruins."

The Response of a Disciplined People



- 24 days later the work resumes.
- A Key phrase: v.13, "I am with you."
- More than presence. Enablement and provision are implied.
- Repeated again in the 2nd sermon, 2:4.

To Jacob



- “Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go...” Gen.29:15

To Joseph



- “The Lord was with Joseph...” (as a slave) Gen.39:2
- “But the Lord was with Joseph...” (as a prisoner)
Gen.39:21

To Moses



- “I will certainly be with you...” Ex.3:12

To Joshua



- "...as I was with Moses, so will I be with you." Joshua 1:5

To Gideon



- “Surely I will be with you...” Judges 6:16

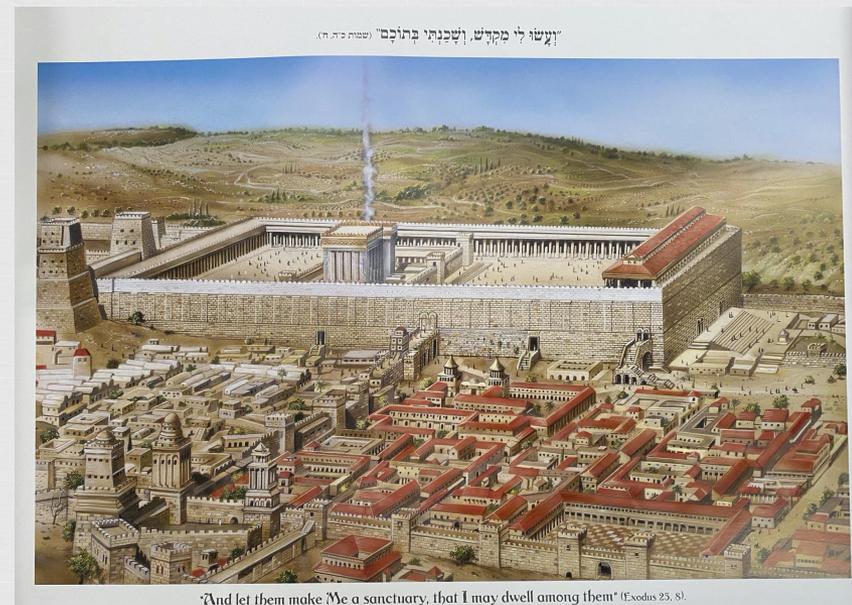
To Jeremiah



- “Do not be afraid of their faces, for I am with you to deliver you.” Jer.1:8

- Zerubbabel leads the building of the 2nd temple in 538 to 520 BC.
- King Herod expands the 2nd temple significantly in 19 BC. He dies in 4 BC and the temple is not totally completed until 63 BC, when it is destroyed by the Romans.

The 2nd Temple



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"And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them" (Exodus 25, 8).

Jesus said, "Destroy this temple,
and in three days I will raise it
up."



See John 1:14, 2:12-22

With no temple in Jerusalem today,
where is the temple? How does God
show His glory to the world?



“Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.” 1 Corinthians 3:16



1 Peter & God's Present Temple



- “Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” 1 Peter 2:4-5
- “As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” 1 Peter 4:10
- CF. “...in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.” 1 Peter 4:11

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To Us



- *“I will build My church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.” --Jesus Christ, Matt.16:18*
- *“...having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Cornerstone, in whom the whole building be joined together, grows into a **holy temple** in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a habitation of God in the Spirit.” Ephesians 2:20-22*
- *“And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
Jesus Christ, Matt.28:20*
- *Will we participate? Use our spiritual gift? Sacrifice for what is needed? Philippians 4:18-19*

Applications



- Faith involves our active cooperation. Proverbs 3:9-10, 11:24
- Faith necessitates avoiding the “perfect time” syndrome.
- We are God’s temple/presence, to show His glory to the community through our love for one another and to them.

