

Haggai: An Introduction

The Minor Prophet: Haggai

—Major & Minor Prophets are distinguished by the _____ / _____ of the books.

—Major Prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel

—Minor Prophets: All the rest

—Prophets to Israel (Northern Kingdom), Judah, Nineveh, Edom, Judah in captivity, returning remnant

A Birdseye Summary of the Old Testament: Setting The Context of the book of Haggai

Beginnings—Tower of Babel—Abraham (2200BC)—Egyptian bondage—Moses—Joshua—Judges/Ruth—Samuel/Kings—Saul/David/Solomon/Rehoboam (begins 1000 BC)—Kingdom splits—Northern Kings (ungodly)/Southern Kings (spiritually mixed)

The Dispersions

722 BC, Israel (Northern kingdom) annihilated by the _____

586 BC, Judah (Southern kingdom) conquered & taken into captivity by the _____.

538 BC, Judah _____ to the land.

The Prophet Haggai

Contemporary of _____

Nothing known/mentioned in OT of Haggai's background or family.

Mentioned _____ outside the book of Haggai. (Ezra 5:1 & 6:14, in the context of _____).

The Rise of Cyrus

The Medes and Persians defeat Babylon.

Cyrus conquers city of Babylon and credits Marduk, a pagan god.

Sunday, September 13, 2020

_____ credits Yahweh for the rise of Cyrus

Cyrus decrees Judah (people now called "Jews) to return in _____ BC.

Rebuilding of the temple begins in _____ BC.

Haggai begins his message/prophecy in _____ BC.

The Contents of the Book of Haggai

Four sermons with _____ verses (25 times, claims Divine authorship.)

Message #1: Rebuilding the Temple (The Problem of _____), 1:1-15

Message #2: Glory to Come (The Problem of _____), 2:1-9

Message #3: Promised Blessing (The Problem of _____), 2:10-19

Message #4: Zerubbabel, the Chose One (The Problem of _____), 2:20-23

Principles & Applications

God raises up and brings down rulers to accomplish His _____.

God does not obey history. History obeys God.

Proverbs 21:1

When it appears people or circumstances _____ us, we must be reminded there is only _____ who is in control.

God wants to come near to those who desire to rebuild, His way!

He is a _____ God!

THE BOOK OF HAGGAI

When Life Needs Rebuilding

THE MINOR PROPHET HAGGAI

- ♦ Major & Minor Prophets are titled according to length/size of the book
- ♦ Major: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel
- ♦ Minor: All the rest!
- ♦ Prophets written to Israel, Judah, Nineveh, Edom, in captivity, & returning remnant. (Judah was the recipients of the most.)

A BIRDSEYE SUMMARY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Setting the Context For the Study of Haggai

KEY OT DATES/PERSONS

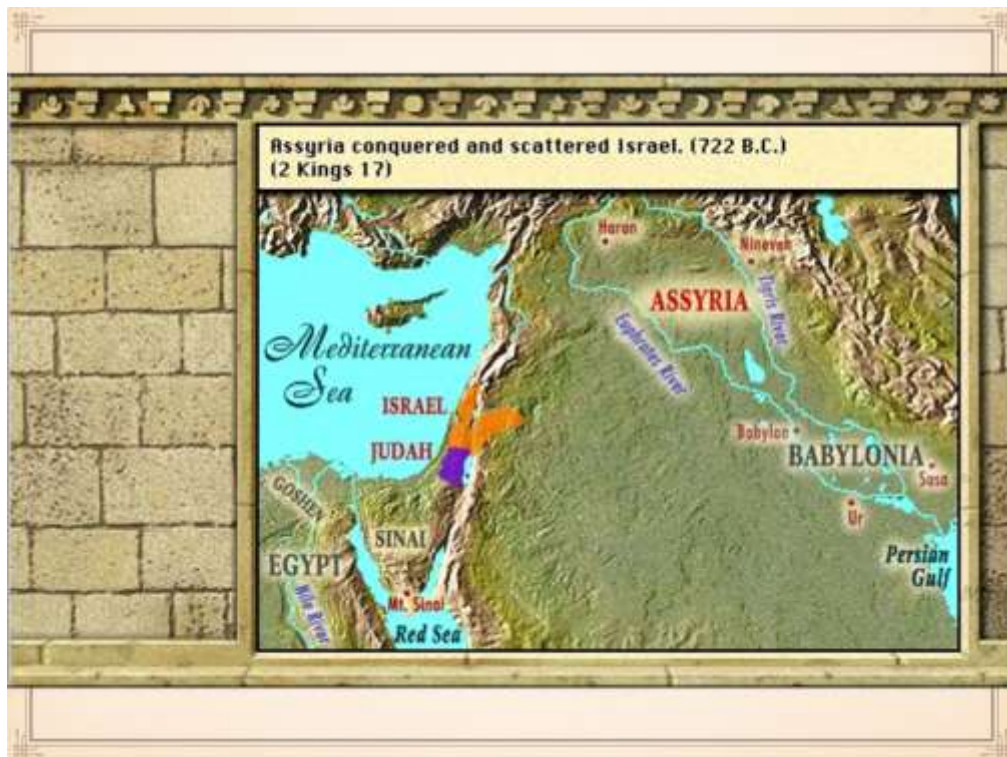
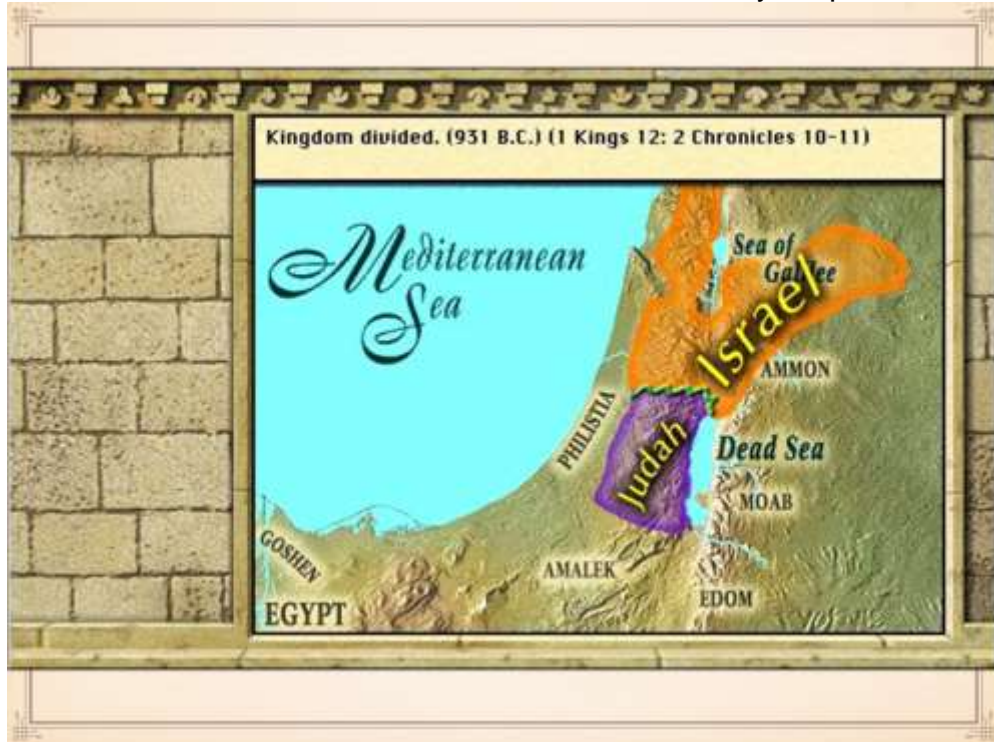
- ✦ Beginnings thru Tower of Babel
- ✦ Abraham 2200 BC
- ✦ Slavery/Exodus 400 yrs
- ✦ Moses 1400 BC
- ✦ Joshua
- ✦ Judges/Ruth 400 yrs
- ✦ Samuel/Kings

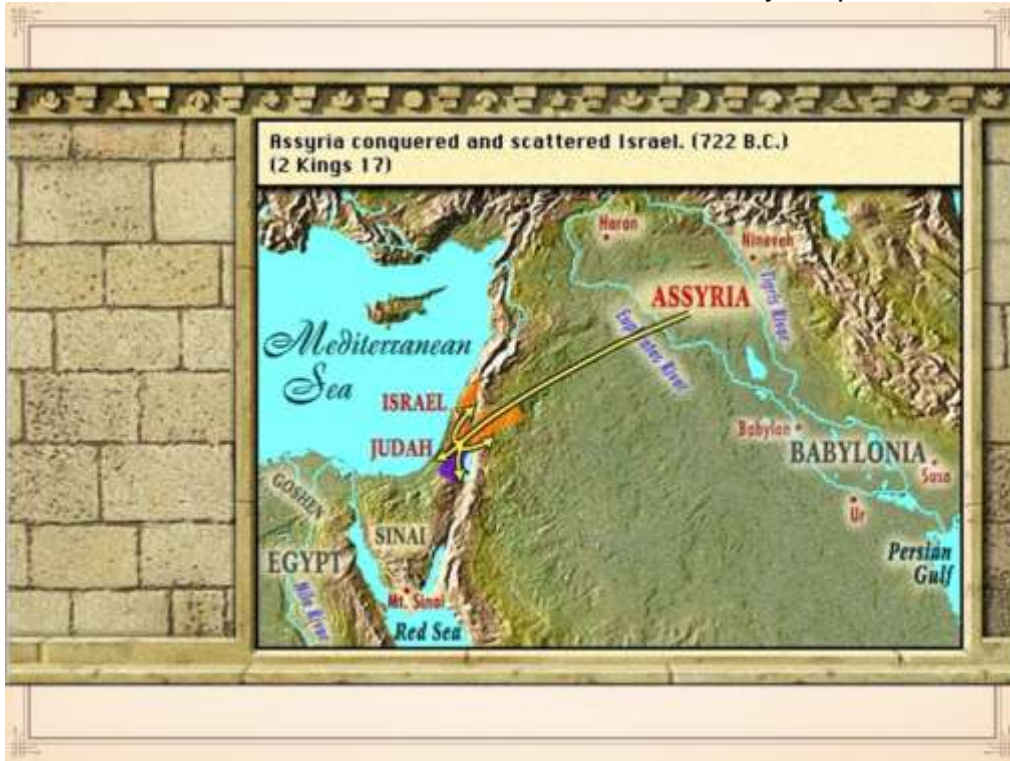
ISRAEL'S HISTORY OF KINGS

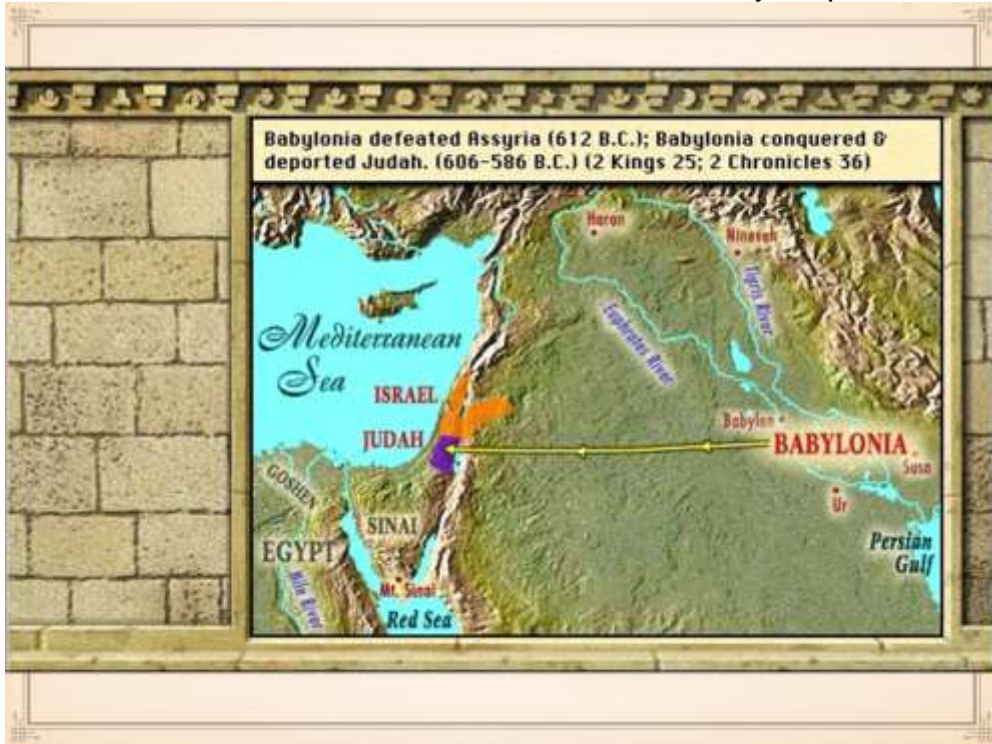
- ◆ Saul/David/Solomon/Rehoboam. Begins 1000 BC
- ◆ Kingdom Splits: North =Israel, South=Judah
- ◆ Northern Kings, Godly?
- ◆ Answer: 0
- ◆ Southern Kings, Godly?
- ◆ Answer: Some

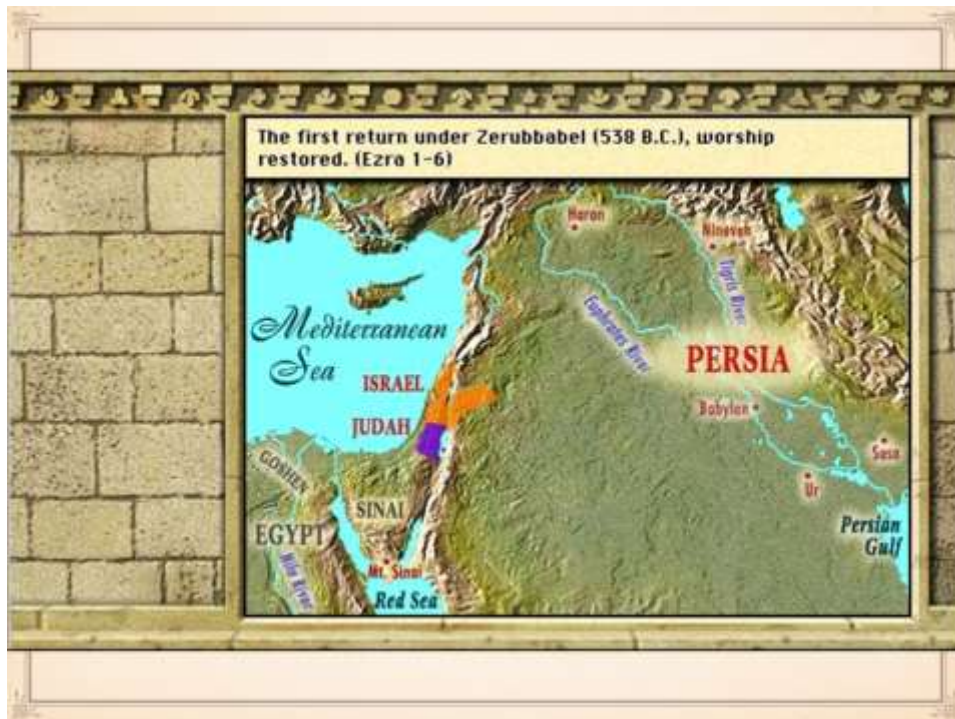
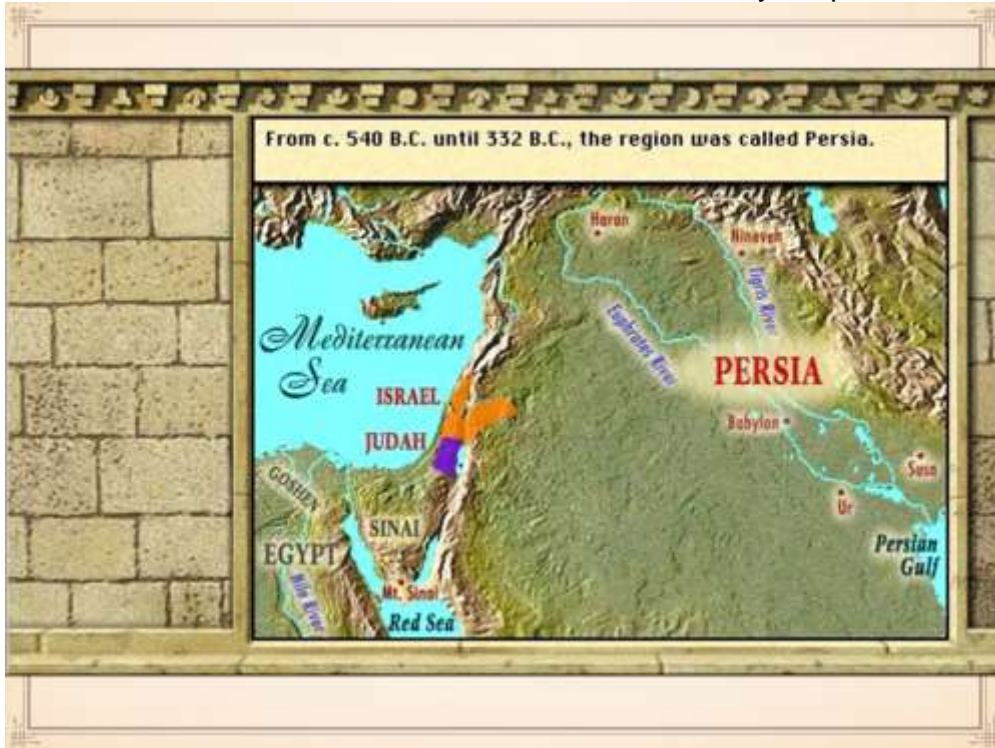
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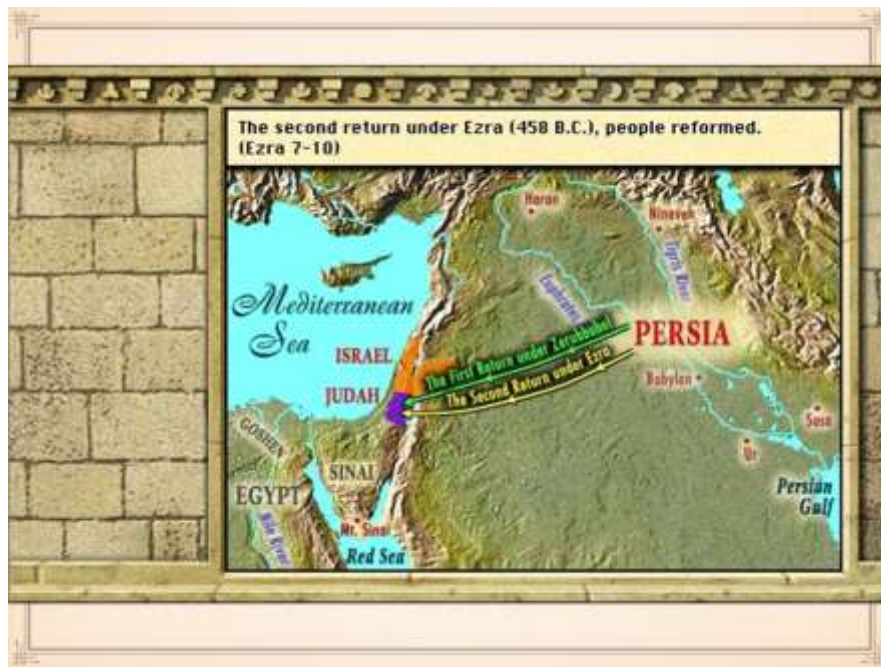
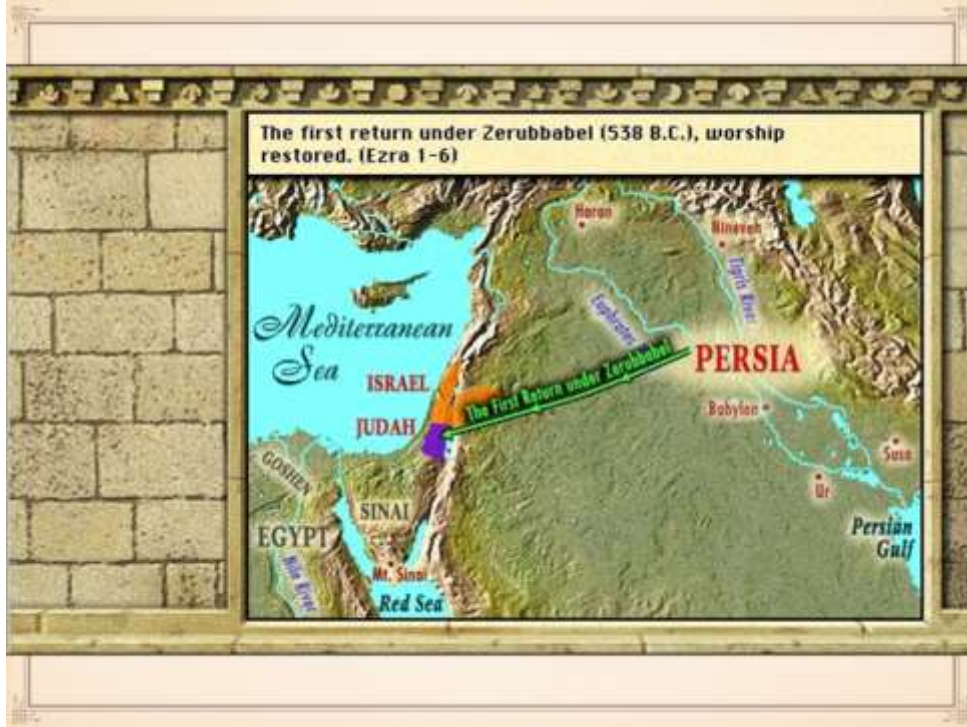
- ◆ 722 BC, Israel (Northern Kingdom) annihilated by the Assyrians
- ◆ **586 BC**, Judah (Southern Kingdom) conquered and taken into captivity by Babylon
- ◆ 538 BC, Judah returns to the land

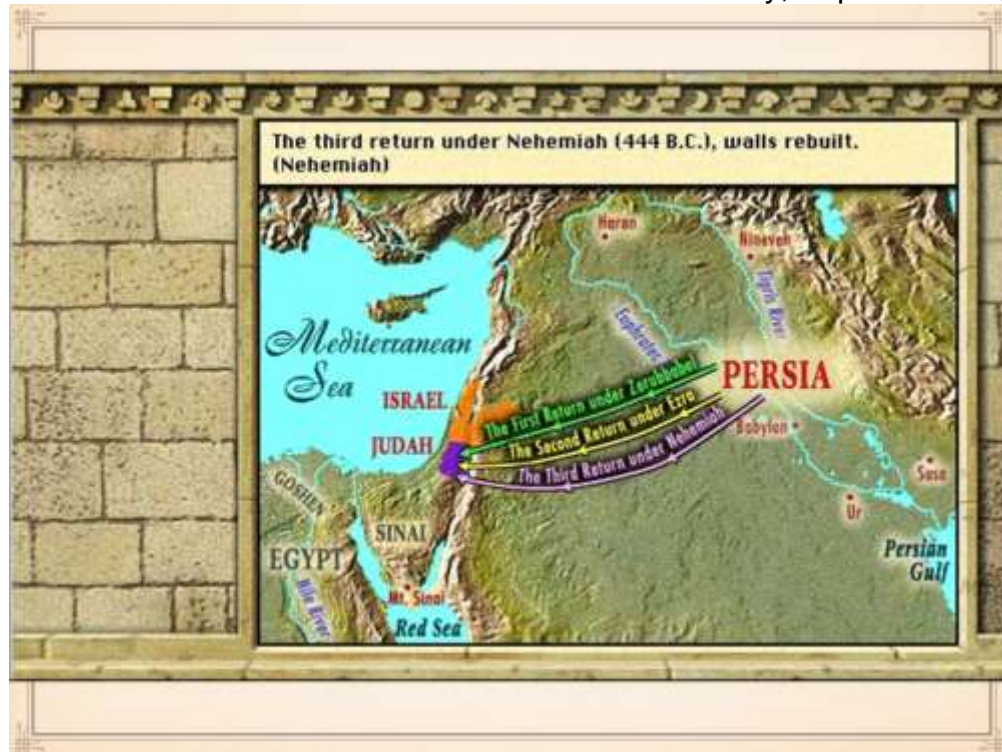












THE PROPHET HAGGAI

- ◆ Contemporary of Confucius
- ◆ Nothing mentioned of background or family
- ◆ Mentioned twice outside of the book of Haggai, Ezra 5:1, 6:14 (both in context of rebuilding temple)

THE RISE OF THE PERSIAN RULER, CYRUS

- ♦ The Medes & Persians defeat Babylon.
- ♦ Cyrus conquers city of Babylon & the god, Marduk is credited
- ♦ Isaiah credits Yahweh for raising up Cyrus
- ♦ Cyrus decrees Judah (Jews) to return, 538BC
- ♦ Building of temple begins in 537 BC
- ♦ Haggai prophecies in 520 BC

THE CONTENTS OF THE BOOK OF HAGGAI

- ♦ 4 Sermons within 38 verses (25 times, claims Divine authorship)
- ♦ Rebuilding the Temple (The Problem of Priorities) 1:1-15
- ♦ Glory to Come (The Problem of Discouragement) 2:1-9
- ♦ Promised Blessing (The Problem of Defilement) 2:10-19
- ♦ Zerubbabel the Chosen One (The Problem of Perspective) 2:20-23

PRINCIPLES & APPLICATIONS

- ✦ God raises up & brings down rulers to accomplish His purposes. Is.44:24-ff., Ezra 1:1-4
- ✦ God does not obey history. History obeys God. Jeremiah 25: 11-12
- ✦ “The king’s heart is in the hand of the Lord. Like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.” Prov.21:1
- ✦ When it appears people or circumstances control us, the truth is there is only One who is in control.
- ✦ God wants to come to our side to rebuild...
- ✦ His way! He is a redeeming God.