

## **Haggai Zechariah Malachi**

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### ***Background to Haggai***

Prophetic Ministry - Approximately 520 BC

Post-Exilic Jewish Community Encouraged to Rebuild The Temple

### ***Theme***

Rebuild the Temple While Anticipating the Coming Kingdom

### ***Key Verses***

1:2-7 Peoples' Misplaced Priorities

2:3-4 Shattered Expectations Over The Temple

2:6-9 Promise of Future Kingdom

2:10-14 Peoples' Defiled by Apathy

2:15-19 Turn to God for Blessing

2:20-23 The Line of Messiah Continued

### ***Discussion***

Like Israel, we too can have misplaced priorities when it comes to our walk with God.

What are some ways that we fail to seek God's kingdom first (Matt. 6:25-34)?

Cultivating the Pilgrim Mentality (Heb. 11:13, 28)

### ***Background to Zechariah***

Contemporary to Haggai (cf. Ezra 5:1-2)

Prophetic Ministry - Approximately 520 BC

## Post-Exilic Jewish Community Exhorted to Not Be Like Their Disobedient Ancestors

### ***Theme***

Be People Ready to Receive God's Kingdom

### ***Outline***

1:1-6 Introduction

1:7-6 Visions

1:8-17; 6:1-8 Horsemen

1:18-21; 5:5-11 Horns/Basket Woman

2:1-13; 5:1-4 Jerusalem Measured/Flying Scroll

3:1-10; 4:1-14 Joshua High Priest/Zerubbabel Heir of David

6:9-15 Joshua, Symbol of Future Messiah Priest-King

7-8 Conclusion to Visions

9-11 Images of the Messianic Kingdom Part I

12-14 Images of the Messianic Kingdom Part II

### ***Key Verses***

6:15 If You Obey the Kingdom Will Come

9:9 The Humble King of Salvation

11:8, 12 The Prophet Rejected as the Peoples' Shepherd

12:10 The People Sorry for Rejecting Messiah

14:2b A Remnant Remains for the Kingdom

14:16 All Nations Will Worship the King

## ***Discussion***

Similar to Zechariah's response to Israel, we too are to be people ready for the coming King and His Kingdom.

Be Ready For His Return So That We Are Unashamed At His Coming (1 John 2:28).

## ***Background to Malachi***

Prophetic Ministry - Approximately 500 BC

Message For People Living in Jerusalem

They've Been There Awhile - Temple is Rebuilt

New Generation is Very Corrupt - The Exile Didn't Change Their Hearts At All

## ***Theme***

Spiritual Lethargy and Apathy is an Affront to God

## ***Outline/Structure***

Series of Disputes:

- (1) God Makes a Claim
- (2) Israel Disagrees
- (3) God Responds

The Whole Book Consists of 6 Disputations:

1:2-5 I still love you (Dispute #1)

1:6-2:9 You despise me/defile my temple (Dispute #2)

2:10-16 You've Turned Against Me and Your Wives (Dispute #3)

2:17-3:5 God Where is Your Justice (Dispute #4)

3:6-12 Turn Back to Me (Dispute #5)

3:13-18 It's Pointless to Serve God because Wicked People Thrive and God Does Nothing  
(Dispute #6)

4:1-3 The Future of the Remnant (Conclusion)

4:4-6 Concluding Appendix to the Torah/Prophets

### ***Discussion***

This book calls us today to examine our worship of God to determine if it's worthy of who He is.  
Is God delighted with our worship services? Is God pleased with how we serve Him?