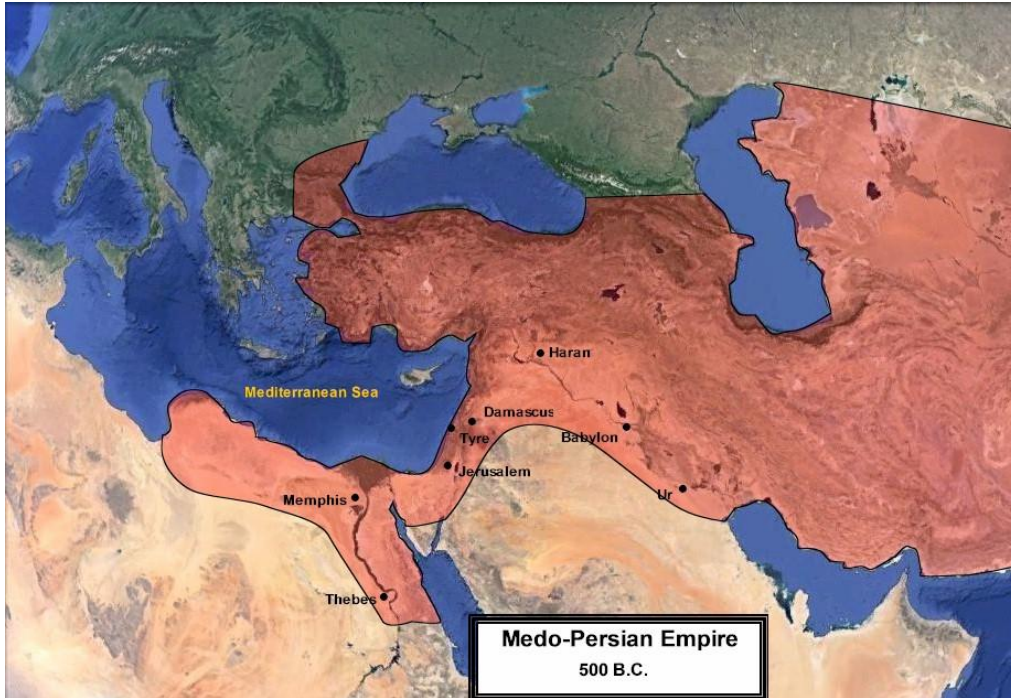


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I. Introduction



A. General Information

- Haggai is the second shortest Old Testament book.
- Haggai is a post exilic-prophet.
- The book is the report of four messages to encourage the remnant who returned.

B. The Prophet

- The name Haggai means “festival” or “festive.”
- Haggai was one of those who returned from Babylon with remnant lead by Zerubbabel.
- Haggai is briefly mentioned in Ezra 5:1-2; 6:14-16.

C. The Date of the Prophecy

- Haggai began his prophecy in the second year of Darius in 520 B.C.

II. The Four Messages of Haggai (Haggai 1:1-2:23)

A. The First Message (Haggai 1:1-15)

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1. Introduction (Haggai 1:1)

- The prophetic message was given through Haggai in the second year of Darius.
- The message was intended for Zerubbabel, the governor, and Joshua the High Priest.

2. The Accusation (Haggai 1:2-6)

- The Lord points out that the people say that it was not time to rebuild the Temple.
- The Lord responded that it was time for them to live in paneled houses while he dwelt in ruins.
- The Lord calls them to consider that their lack of effort has resulted in their impoverished state.

3. The Encouragement (Haggai 1:7-8)

- The Lord calls them to consider their ways so that they can begin the rebuilding of the Temple.
- The Lord states that he will take pleasure in their efforts to rebuild his house.

4. Consequences (Haggai 1:9-11)

- They are facing the consequences of not rebuilding his house while they focus on rebuilding theirs.

5. The Response to Message (Haggai 1:12-15)

- The leaders and the people responded to the Lord and obeyed him.
- Through the prophet, the Lord proclaimed that he was with them.

B. The Second Message (Haggai 2:1-9)

1. Introduction (Haggai 2:1-2)

- Over one month later, a message came for Zerubbabel, the governor, and Joshua the High Priest.

2. The Promise (Haggai 2:3-5)

- The Lord asks who among the remnant remembers the former Temple in all of its glory.
- The people are encouraged to be strong in rebuilding because the Lord is with them.

3. The Temple's Future Glory (Haggai 2:6-9)

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- The Lord stated that the glory of the Lord will fill this temple and its glory will be greater than the former.

C. The Third Message (Haggai 2:10-19)

1. Introduction (Haggai 2:10)

- After two months, a message from the Lord came the prophet Haggai.

2. The Corrupting Effect of Sin (Haggai 2:11-14)

- The Lord points out that unclean nature of the people has corrupted the rebuilding.

3. The Promise of Blessing (Haggai 2:15-19)

- The Lord struck them with severe consequences but they did not respond and repent.
- The Lord tells them that he will bless them as they respond and rebuild.

D. The Fourth Message (Haggai 2:20-23)

1. Introduction (Haggai 2:20-21a)

- During the same time period, a message from the Lord came a second time for Zerubbabel.

2. The Future Defeat of Gentile Kingdoms (Haggai 2:21b-22)

- The Lord declares that he is about to destroy the kingdoms of this world.

3. The Restoration of Davidic Kingdom (Haggai 2:23)

- The Lord declares that he will take Zerubbabel and make him a signet ring.
- This proclaims the reestablishment of the David's line and promise for the future.