

STUDY THE BIBLE 30 (STB 30)
"THE BOOK OF HAGGAI"
Rebuilding the temple
Prophecy of the more glorious temple yet to come

THEIR MISSION AND MESSAGE

1. To try and **save** the Hebrew nation from **IDOLATRY** and wickedness.
2. Failing this, to announce to the nation, that they will be **destroyed**.
3. But not completely destroyed, as a **remnant** (a few left) will be saved.
4. Out of this remnant will come a **Person** who will bring all nations to God.
5. That person will be a great man who will one day arise out of the **family tree of David**. The prophets called him **THE BRANCH**. This family tree of David, once the most powerful family in the world, was cut down in the days of the prophets, and disappeared. But the family would comeback with this man called **THE BRANCH - THE KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS** (Rev 19:16)

Not even understanding the full meaning and importance of their words, the prophets were obedient.

There are **three prophets** whose mission were to other nations other than Israel (ten Northern tribes) and Judah (two Southern tribes), and these were **JONAH to Assyria (Nineveh)**, **OBADIAH to Edom (Esau)** and **NAHUM to Assyria (Nineveh)**.

16 PROPHETS IN FOUR GROUPS

1. NORTHERN KINGDOM CALLED ISRAEL had the **ten tribes**, and lasted about **210 years**, and the prophets during this period were **Amos, Hosea**.

The destruction and captivity **Northern** kingdom went from **734-721BC**. They were taken to **Assyria** have simply disappeared from the face of the earth.

2. SOUTHERN KINGDOM CALLED JUDAH had the **two tribes** of **Judah** and **Benjamin**, and lasted about **320 years**, and the prophets during this period were **Joel, Isaiah, Micah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Habakkuk, Zephaniah**.

The destruction and captivity of the **Southern** kingdom, went from **606-586BC**. Taken to **Babylon**.

Invading armies didn't kill and destroy everything at once, but slowly strangled their captive nations, with taxes, slaves and goods. Under their rule, they then left the very poorest in the land to struggle on.

3. RESTORATION OF THE NATION made up of only Judah and Benjamin, **NOW CALLED ISRAEL**, happened from 536-444BC, and the prophets during this period were **Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi**.

4. OTHER NATIONS were **ASSYRIA** (Nineveh) with the prophets **Jonah** and **Nahum** and **EDOM** (Esau) with the prophet **Obadiah**

THE 16 PROPHETS ARE GROUPED AS FOLLOWS

Northern - ISRAEL	Southern - JUDAH	Other Nations
Amos	Before captivity	Ninevah
Hosea	Joel	Jonah
	Isaiah	Nahum
	Micah	
	Jeremiah	Edom (Esau)
	Habakkuk	Obadiah
	Zephaniah	
	Before & to Babylon	
	Daniel	
	Captives in Babylon	
	Ezekiel	
	Return from Captivity	
	Haggai	
	Zechariah	
	Malachi	

"TABLE OF KINGS AND PROPHETS"

KINGS and PROPHETS					
Two Prophets	Year BC			Year BC	Fourteen Prophets
		The Exodus 40 years		1446	
		Joshua in Canaan 16 years		1406	
		The Judges 340 years (450 yrs with gaps Acts 13:20)		1390	Samuel 1100-1050 BC
		Saul 40yrs		1050	
		David 40yrs		1010	Nathan
		Solomon 40yrs		970	
	930	KINGS NORTHERN reign years		930	
	930-911	1 Jeroboam I 22	1 Rehoboam 17	930-914	
		2 Nadab 2	2 Abijah 2		
		3 Baasha 24	3 Asa 40	912-872	
		4 Elah 2			
		5 Zimri 7 days			
		6 Omri 12			
Elijah 875-850	875-854	7 Ahab 22	4 Jehoshaphat 25	874-850	
	855-854	8 Ahaziah 2	5 Jehoram 8	850-843	
	854-843	9 Joram 12	6 Ahaziah 1	843	
Elisha 850-800	843-816	10 Jehu 28	ATHALIAH 6	843-837	
	820-804	11 Jehoahaz 17	7 Joash 40	843-803	JOEL 840-830
	806-790	12 Joash 16	8 Amaziah 30	803-775	
AMOS 780-740	790-749	13 Jeroboam II 41	9 Uzziah 50	787-735	JONAH 790-770
HOSEA 760-720	748	14 Zachariah 6 mth	10 Jotham 15	749-734	ISAIAH 745-695
	748	15 Shallum 1 mth			MICAH 740-700
	748-738	16 Menahem 10			
	738-736	17 Pekahiah 2			
	748-730	18 Pekah 20	11 Ahaz 15	741-726	
	730-722	19 Hoshea 9	12 Hezekiah 30	726-697	
		ASSYRIA CAPTIVITY 734-722	13 Manasseh 55	697-642	
			14 Amon 2	641-640	
			15 Josiah 30	639-608	ZEPHANIAH 639-608
			16 Jehoahaz 1	608	NAHUM 630-610
			17 Jehoakim 10	608-597	JEREMIAH 626-586
			Assyria falls 607 - Rise of Babylon		HABAKKUK 606-586
			18 Jehoakin 1	597	
			19 Zedekiah 10	597-586	OBADIAH 586
			BABYLON CAPTIVITY 606-586		DANIEL 606-534
					EZEKIEL 592-570
			Babylon falls 536 - Rise of Persia Return from captivity 536		
			Joshua	536-516	HAGGAI 520-516
			Zerubbabel	536-516	ZECHARIAH 520-516
			Temple rebuilt		
			Ezra	457-430	
			Nehemiah	444-432	
			Wall rebuilt		MALACHI 440-400

HAGGAI

About 50,000 Jews, by the decree of King Cyrus of Persia, had returned to their own land in 536BC, after a **70 year captivity** in Babylon 606-536BC.

Previously, Jerusalem had been conquered, burned, the temple demolished and the people carried away to Babylon as told in 2 Kings 24, 25.

After their return, they just managed to build an altar for sacrifices to the Lord, and start work on the foundation for the temple, but their enemies had stopped further activity, and God was far from satisfied.

Using the '**carrot and stick**' method, this two man team of **Haggai and Zechariah, take it in turns in urging Israel to complete the temple** over a four year period 520 -516BC.

Prophets were chosen of God, to tell the **certain future** before it happened, with **prophecy**.

They would **not** predict the future, as this would imply guesswork on the part of the prophet.

God simply used these messengers, to tell what **WOULD** be happening. No guessing needed!

The books of the prophets, **Isaiah to Malachi**, cover about **400 years**, 830-430BC approximately, when the Hebrew nation was in decline.

THE TIME LINE

606 – 536 BC: 70 years captivity in Babylon

536 BC: Altar built for sacrifices and the **temple work started**

536 – 520 BC: **16 years of no work** on the temple

520 – 516 BC: **4 years from Haggai and Zechariah** urging the temple completion.

536 BC 50,000 Jews, under Zerubbabel, return to Jerusalem. (Read **Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther**).

536 BC 7th month, they build an altar and offer sacrifice.

535 BC 2nd month, work on the temple begins and is stopped.

520 BC 6th month (September), 1st day, **Haggai's 1st call** to build. (Haggai 1:2, 3-11)

6th month, 24th day, building begins (Haggai 1:14)

7th month (October), 21st day, **Haggai's 2nd call** to build (Haggai 2:1-9)

8th month (November), **Zechariah's 1st address** (Zech 1:3-6)

9th month (December), 24th day, **Haggai's 3rd & 4th call** to build (Haggai 2:18, 20)

11th month (February), 24th day, **Zechariah's visions** (Zech 1:7-6:15)

518 BC 9th month (December), 4th day, **Zechariah** & fasting and compassion (Zech 7:1-14)

516 BC 12th month (March), 3rd day, the temple is completed (Extra 6:15)

515 BC 1st month (April), 14th – 21st days, a very joyful Passover.

457 BC **Ezra** comes to Jerusalem and makes certain reforms.

444 BC **Nehemiah** rebuilds the wall. This is then the period of **Malachi**.

Chapter 1 Work on the temple begins

15 years earlier, the temple foundation had been laid (Ezra 3:10). Then it had stopped as the people had lost interest. God says through Haggai that this is the reason for their poor crops. One of the main teachings of the Old Testament, is that **national disasters** were the result of **disobedience to God**. People took this to heart and commenced rebuilding 24 days later.

Chapter 2 Future glory of God's house

Within another 27 days, the old foundations had been cleared. Then Haggai came forward with his vision of the temple's future exceeding the glory of Solomon's temple.

In summary

HAGGAI 520-516BC **REBUILDING THE TEMPLE; THE 2ND COMING OF A GREATER TEMPLE**

Temple rebuilding from 520-516. Since the Jews return in 536, nothing done for 15years.

Chapter 1 Foundation laid but no interest & poor crops.

Chapter 2 Future glory of temple.

1. Haggai's 1st appeal 1:2

2. Work begins 1:4

3. Haggai's 2nd appeal 2:1-9

- 4. Zechariah** 1st speech Zec 1:1
 - 5.** Haggai's 3rd 2:12-19
 - 6.** Haggai's 4th 2:21-23
 - 7. Zechariah's** vision Zech 1:7
 - 8. Zechariah's** vision Zech 7:1
- He sees 1. Armageddon** 2:6, 22 **2. Millennium** 2:7-9

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