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## Haggai, Zechariah

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## Introduction to the Minor Prophets

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| ✓ Obadiah  | ✓ Zephaniah  |
| ✓ Joel     | ✓ Habakkuk   |
| ✓ Jonah    | ✓ (Jeremiah) |
| ✓ Amos     | ✓ (Ezekiel)  |
| ✓ Hosea    | ✓ Haggai     |
| ✓ Micah    | ✓ Zechariah  |
| ✓ (Isaiah) | ✓ Malachi    |
| ✓ Nahum    |              |

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## Introduction to Haggai

### Title

- ✓ Hebrew = *Haggai* (חַגַּי; “My festivals”; cf. Ezra 6:19, 22)
- ✓ Greek = *Hangaios* (ΑΓΓΑΙΟΣ; “Haggai”)

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## Introduction to Haggai

### WHO—Authorship

- ✓ Haggai

### WHO—Audience

- ✓ To Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah, Joshua, the high priest, and the small remnant of people who returned to the land

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## Introduction to Haggai

### WHEN

- ✓ August 29, 520 BC to December 18, 520 BC
- ✓ Dates mentioned in the book:
  - ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> Day of 6<sup>th</sup> Month of 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of Darius (Aug 29, 520 BC)
  - ❖ 21<sup>st</sup> Day of 7<sup>th</sup> Month of 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of Darius (Oct 17, 520 BC)
  - ❖ 24<sup>th</sup> Day of 9<sup>th</sup> Month of 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of Darius (Dec 18, 520 BC)
  - ❖ 24<sup>th</sup> Day of 9<sup>th</sup> Month of 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of Darius (later in the day; Dec 18, 520 BC)
- ✓ Among the most specific dates we have in Scripture
- ✓ Haggai was written/compiled by as early as the end of 520 BC.

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## Introduction to Haggai

### WHERE

- ✓ Jerusalem
- ✓ The threat of jealous neighbors (see Ezra 4:1–24; esp. 4:4)
- ✓ Haggai and Zechariah instill life into the people (Ezra 5:1 – 6:22)
- ✓ Haggai primarily focuses on the horizontal and the present

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## Introduction to Haggai

### WHY

To exhort the remnant of Israelites who returned to the land of Judah to holiness and to prioritize Yahweh by reestablishing the beacon of God's plan to the nations in rebuilding temple and restoring His festivals.

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## Introduction to Haggai

### HOW—Terminology

- ✓ Festivals (no references; but see Ezra 6:19, 22)
- ✓ Temple (1:2, 4, 8, 9 (2x), 14; 2:3, 7, 9)
- ✓ Yahweh of Hosts (1:2, 5, 7, 9, 14; 2:4, 6, 7, 8, 9 (2x), 11, 23 (2x))

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## Introduction to Haggai

### HOW—Themes

- ✓ Davidic Covenant

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## Introduction to Haggai

### HOW—Literary Structure

- ✓ *Message 1, August 29, 520 BC:*  
Exhortation to Rebuild the Temple (1:1–15)
- ✓ *Message 2, October 17, 520 BC:*  
The Promise of a Better Temple Glory (2:1–9)
- ✓ *Message 3, December 18, 520 BC:*  
Exhortation to Holiness (2:10–19)
- ✓ *Message 4, December 18, 520 BC:*  
The Promise of the Messiah (2:20–23)

The book is neatly organized around 4 prophetic messages given to Haggai in the fall and winter of 520 BC (1:1; 2:1, 10, 20).

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## Introduction to Zechariah

### Title

- ✓ Hebrew = *Zechariah* (זְכַרְיָה; “Yahweh Remembered”)
- ✓ Greek = *Zacharias* (ΖΑΧΑΡΙΙΑΣ; “Zecharias”)

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## Introduction to Zechariah

### WHO—Authorship

- ✓ Zechariah, son of Berechiah, son of Iddo

### WHO—Audience

- ✓ To the small remnant of people who returned to the land

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## Introduction to Zechariah

### WHEN

- ✓ October, 520 BC to December 7, 518 BC
- ✓ Dates mentioned in the book:
  - ❖ 8<sup>th</sup> Month of 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of Darius (Oct 27, 520 BC)
  - ❖ 24<sup>th</sup> Day of 11<sup>th</sup> Month of 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of Darius (Feb 15, 519 BC)
  - ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> Day of 9<sup>th</sup> Month of 4<sup>th</sup> Year of Darius (Dec 7, 518 BC)
- ✓ Zechariah was written/compiled by as early as the end of 518 BC.

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## Introduction to Zechariah

### WHERE

- ✓ Jerusalem
- ✓ The threat of jealous neighbors (see Ezra 4:1–24; esp. 4:4)
- ✓ Haggai and Zechariah instill life into the people (Ezra 5:1 – 6:22)
- ✓ Zechariah primarily focuses on the vertical and the future

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## Introduction to Zechariah

### WHY

To encourage Israel that Yahweh remembers them even after a disappointing return to the land and the memory of exile still fresh, and to remind them that Yahweh will one day bring His Messiah to shepherd His people into holiness.

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## Introduction to Zechariah

### HOW—Terminology

- ✓ Remember (6:14; 10:9; 13:2)
- ✓ Return, Repent (1:3 (2x), 4, 6, 16; 4:1; 5:1; 6:1; 7:14; 8:3, 15; 9:8, 12 (2x); 10:9, 10; 13:7)
- ✓ Temple (1:16; 3:7; 4:9; 6:12, 13; 7:3; 8:9; 14:20, 21)
- ✓ Yahweh of Hosts (1:3 (3x), 4, 6, 12, 14, 16, 17; 2:8, 9, 11; 3:6, 9, 10; 4:6, 9; 5:4; 6:12, 15; 7:3, 4, 9, 12 (2x), 13; 8:1, 2, 3, 4, 6 (2x), 7, 9 (2x), 11, 14 (2x), 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23; 9:15; 10:3; 12:5; 13:2, 7; 14:16, 17, 21 (2x))

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## Introduction to Zechariah

### HOW—Themes

- ✓ Yahweh controls the nations
- ✓ Yahweh will restore Israel
- ✓ The coming Shepherd/King and Priest (5:13)

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## Introduction to Zechariah

### HOW—Literary Structure

- ✓ Remember to Repent (1:1–6)
- ✓ Eight Night Visions of God's Remembrance of His People (1:7 – 6:15)
- ✓ God Remembers His Messiah Priest-King (6:9–15)
- ✓ Remember God's Promises of Blessing for Obedience (7:1 – 8:23)
- ✓ Two Oracles That God Remembers His Kingdom (9:1 – 14:21)
  - ❖ The King's Unexpected Coming (9:1 – 11:17)
  - ❖ God Establishes His Kingdom (12:1 – 14:21)

Zechariah is structured mostly by visions/oracles given with a specific month/year (1:1, 7; 7:1), but in 6:9, a section break is made from the eight visions (1:7 – 6:15) and the next series of oracles (7:1 – 8:23). The final two oracles stand alone beginning with the phrases, "An oracle of the word of Yahweh."

- ❖ The Horsemen (1:7–17)
- ❖ 4 Horns and 4 Craftsmen (1:18–21)
- ❖ The Measuring Line (2:1–13)
  - ❖ Joshua, the High Priest (3:1–10)
  - ❖ Golden Lampstand & 2 Olive Trees (4:1–14)
- ❖ The Flying Scroll (5:1–4)
- ❖ The Woman in the Basket (5:5–11)
- ❖ The 4 Chariots (6:1–8)

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