

Haggai

Date 520 – 518 BC

Historical background

The Decree of Cyrus 538 BC – allowed the Jews to return to build the temple.

First exiles return to Jerusalem 536 BC

The work on the Temple began 536 BC

Work on the Temple stopped following opposition 534 BC (Ezra 4-6)

Through the prophesying of Haggai and Zechariah, and the leadership of Zerrubabel the work began again in 520 BC

Temple completed 516 BC

Message of Haggai

Chapter One

Building the Temple

Chapter Two

The Glory of the Temple

The inferiority of the building compared with the former (2:1-3)

Nations shaken and the greater glory of the latter temple (2:4-9)

Call to consecration (2:10-14)

Building the temple brings blessing on the nation (2:15-19)

The throne of nations overthrown (2:20-22)

The authority of Zerubbabel secure – the signet ring (2:23)