

**BULLSEYE!
ACCURATE BIBLE KNOWLEDGE!
"HAGGAI – THE CARROT AND A STICK PROPHET"**

The '**stick**' was used to get the temple rebuilt after being captives in Babylon

The '**carrot**' was the promise of a more glorious temple to come in the book of The Revelation of St John the Divine.

THE PROPHETS – 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 understanding the full meaning and importance of their words, the prophets were still 100% obedient.

THERE WERE 16 PROPHETS DIVIDED INTO 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. THE 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. THE OTHER NATIONS were **ASSYRIA** (Nineveh) with the two prophets **Jonah** and **Nahum**; and **EDOM** (Esau) with the prophet **Obadiah**

THE 16 PROPHETS ARE GROUPED AS FOLLOWS

ISRAEL Northern Tribes	JUDAH Southern Tribes	Other Nations
Amos	Joel	Jonah Assyria, Nineveh Nahum Assyria, Nineveh
	Isaiah	
	Micah	
	Jeremiah	

Hosea	Habakkuk	Obadiah Edom (Esau)
	Zephaniah	
BEFORE CAPTURE TO BABYLON		
	Daniel	
CAPTIVES IN BABYLON		
	Ezekiel	
RETURN FROM CAPTIVITY		
	Haggai	
	Zechariah	
	Malachi	

**THE FOLLOWING IS A ONE PAGE PICTURE
OF THE KINGS AND THE ASSOCIATED PROPHETS**

“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		1390	
		(450 yrs with gaps Acts 13:20)			
		Saul 40yrs		1050	Samuel 1100-1050 BC
		David 40yrs		1010	Nathan
		Solomon 40yrs		970	
	930	KINGS NORTHERN	KINGS SOUTHERN	930	
		reign years	reign years		
	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	875-854	7 Ahab 22	4 Jehoshaphat 25	874-850	
875-850	855-854	8 Ahaziah 2	5 Jehoram 8	850-843	
	854-843	9 Joram 12	6 Ahaziah 1	843	
	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	
	790-749	13 Jeroboam II 41	9 Uzziah 50	787-735	
Elisha	748	14 Zachariah 6 mth	10 Jotham 15	749-734	
850-800	748	15 Shallum 1 mth			JONAH 790-
	748-738	16 Menahem 10			770
	738-736	17 Pekahiah 2			
	748-730	18 Pekah 20	11 Ahaz 15	741-726	ISAIAH 745-695
AMOS	730-722	19 Hoshea 9	12 Hezekiah 30	726-697	
780-740					
HOSEA					MICAH 740-700
760-720					

	ASSYRIA CAPTIVITY	13 Manasseh	55	697-642	
	734-722				
		14 Amon	2	641-640	
		15 Josiah	30	639-608	ZEPHANIAH 639-608
		16 Jehoahaz	1	608	
		17 Jehoakim	10	608-597	NAHUM 630-610
		Assyria falls 607 - Rise of Babylon			
		18 Jehoakin	1	597	JEREMIAH 626-586
		19 Zedekiah	10	597-586	HABAKKUK 606-586
					OBADIAH 586
		BABYLON CAPTIVITY			DANIEL 606-534
				606-586	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

THE PROPHET HAGGAI

AFTER THE 70 YEARS OF CAPTIVITY

About 50,000 Jews, by the decree of King Cyrus of Persia, having conquered Babylon, 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 'tag 'man team, sent by the LORD, 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-Zec 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 ([Ezra 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

Fifteen 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

1. REBUILDING THE TEMPLE;

2. THE 2ND COMING OF A GREATER TEMPLE

Temple rebuilding from 520-516.

Since the Jews return in 536, nothing done for 15 years.

Chapter 1 Foundation laid but no interest & poor crops.

Chapter 2 Future glory of temple.

1. Haggai's 1st appeal [Hag 1:2](#)
2. Work begins [Hag 1:4](#)
3. Haggai's 2nd appeal [Hag 2:1-9](#)
4. **Zechariah** 1st speech [Zec 1:1](#)

5. Haggai's 3rd [Hag 2:12-19](#)
6. Haggai's 4th [Hag 2:21-23](#)
7. Zechariah's vision [Zech 1:7](#)
8. Zechariah's vision [Zech 7:1](#)

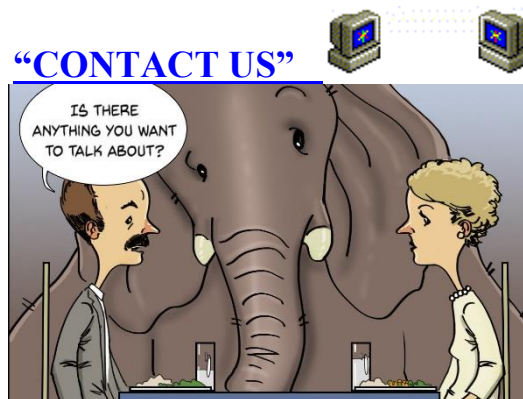
Haggai tells of the future of

1. Armageddon [Hag 2:6,22](#)
2. Millennium [Hag 2:7-9](#)

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