

THE BOOK OF EZRA:

Begins in 538 BC | Spans about 80 years
Tells of the first 2 “waves” of returning exiles to Jerusalem
after the Babylonian Captivity

- **FIRST WAVE - Under Jeshua [Joshua], the High Priest, & Zerubbabel [Governor],** “a descendent of the last king of Judah,” and “heir to the throne of David.”

Chapters 1-6: REBUILDING of the TEMPLE

- **SECOND WAVE (60 YEARS LATER) - Under Ezra** (“a skilled scribe in the law of Moses”).

Chapters 7-10: RESTORATION OF WORSHIP

EZRA CHAPTER 3: THE WORK BEGINS

VS. 1-3: “**When the seventh month had come... the people gathered together... and built the altar of the God of Israel... they set the altar on its bases; and... offered burnt offerings on it to the LORD, both the morning and evening burnt offerings.**”

VS. 6: “... **although the foundation of the temple of the LORD had not been laid.**”

**DON'T WAIT TO START!
DO WHAT YOU CAN!**

VS. 8: “**In the second month of the second year of their coming to the house of God... Zerubbabel... [and]... Jeshua... the... priests and the Levites, and all those who had come out of... captivity... began work... [on] the house of the LORD.**”

EZRA CHAPTER 4: OPPOSITION ARISES

VS. 1-3: **“When the adversaries of [the people] heard that the descendants of the captivity were building the temple... they came to Zerubbabel and... said... “Let us build with you, for we seek your God as you do...” – “But Zerubbabel and Jeshua... said to them: ‘You may do nothing with us... we alone will build to the LORD God of Israel...”**

VS. 4-5: **“Then the people of the land tried to discourage the people of Judah. They troubled them in building, and hired counselors against them to frustrate their purpose...”**

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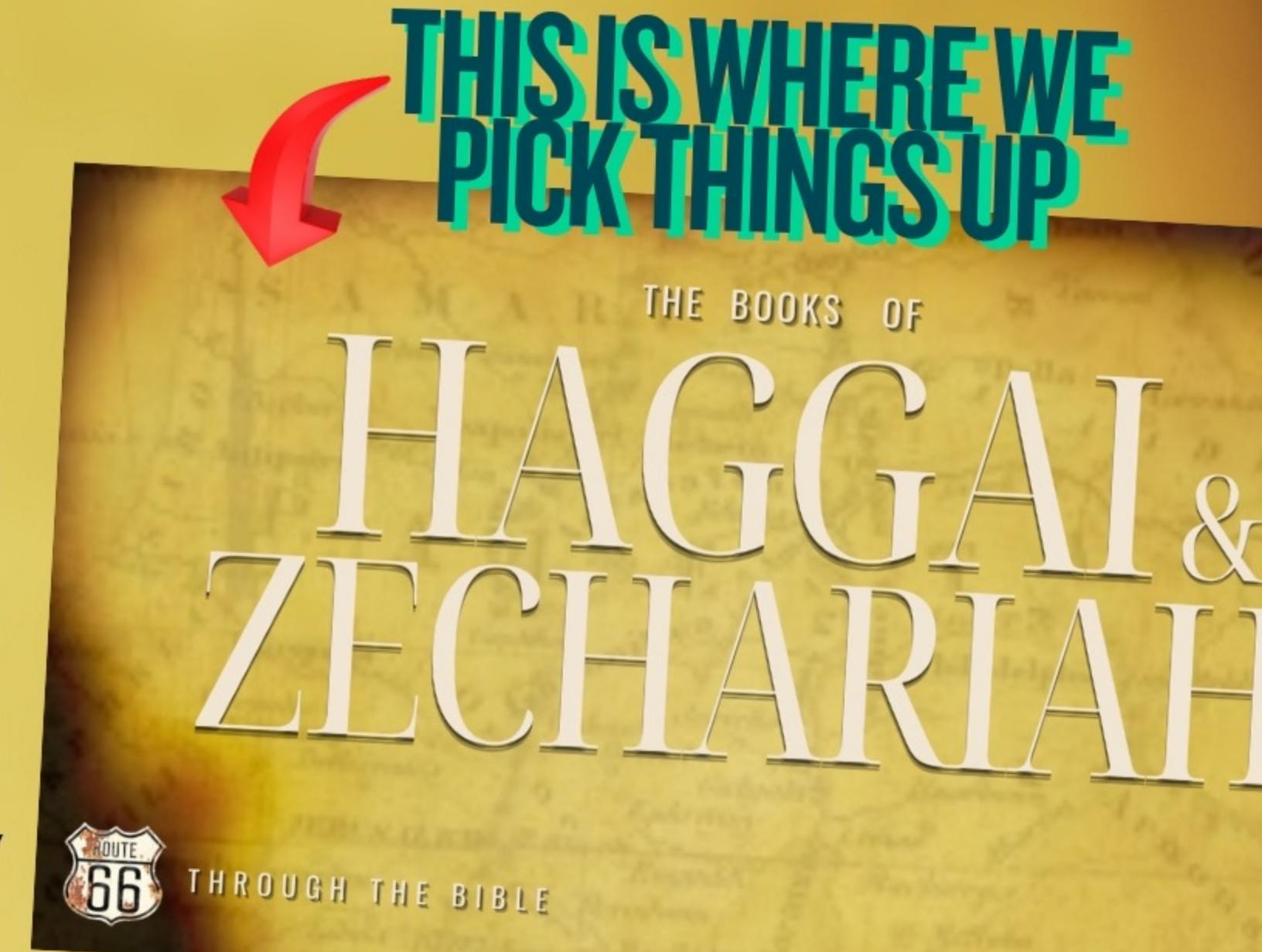
VS. 6-13: **“They wrote an accusation against [the Israelites]... to Artaxerxes king of Persia...”** – And said: **“Let it be known to the king that the Jews who came up from you... are building [a] rebellious & evil city...”** – **“If this city is built and the walls completed, they will not pay tax, tribute, or custom, and the king’s treasury will be diminished.”**

VS. 17-24: **“King Artaxerxes gave the command to make the [Israelites] cease, that [the] city may not be built until”** **“When [a] copy of... Artaxerxes’ letter was read... the work of the house of God... ceased, and it was discontinued until the second year... of Darius king of Persia.”**

THE BOOKS OF HAGGAI & ZECHARIAH

Ezra 4:24: "...the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem ceased..."

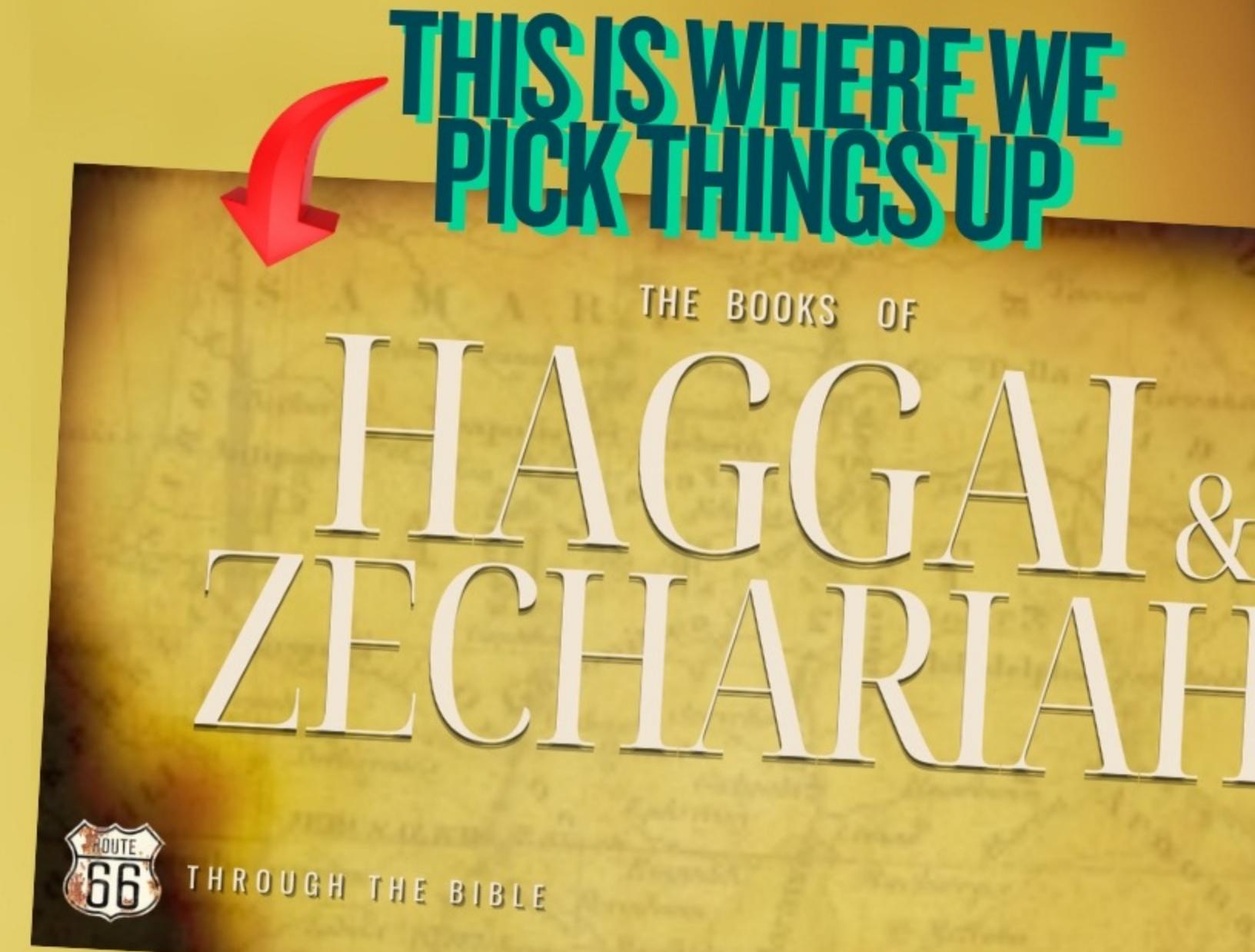
Ezra 5:1: "Then the prophet Haggai and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophets, prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem, in the name of the God of Israel, who was over them."



THE BOOKS OF HAGGAI & ZECHARIAH

“[These] two prophets who... proclaim their message... appear at a time of deep depression... mired in discouragement and derailed by a lack of focus... They were not borne on... a wave [of] religious revival...” (Walter Adeney)

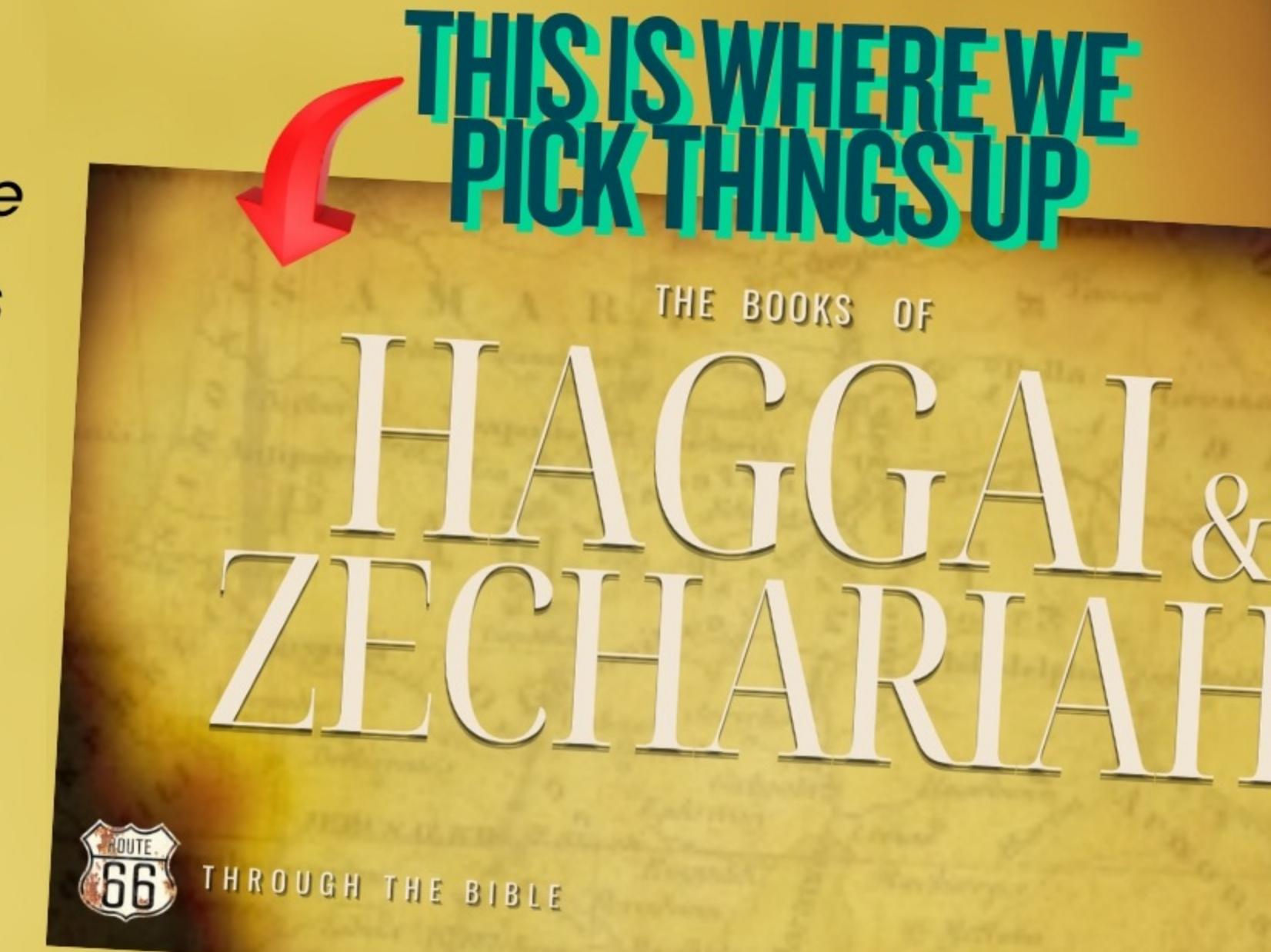
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ZECHARIAH = THEIR WORSHIP



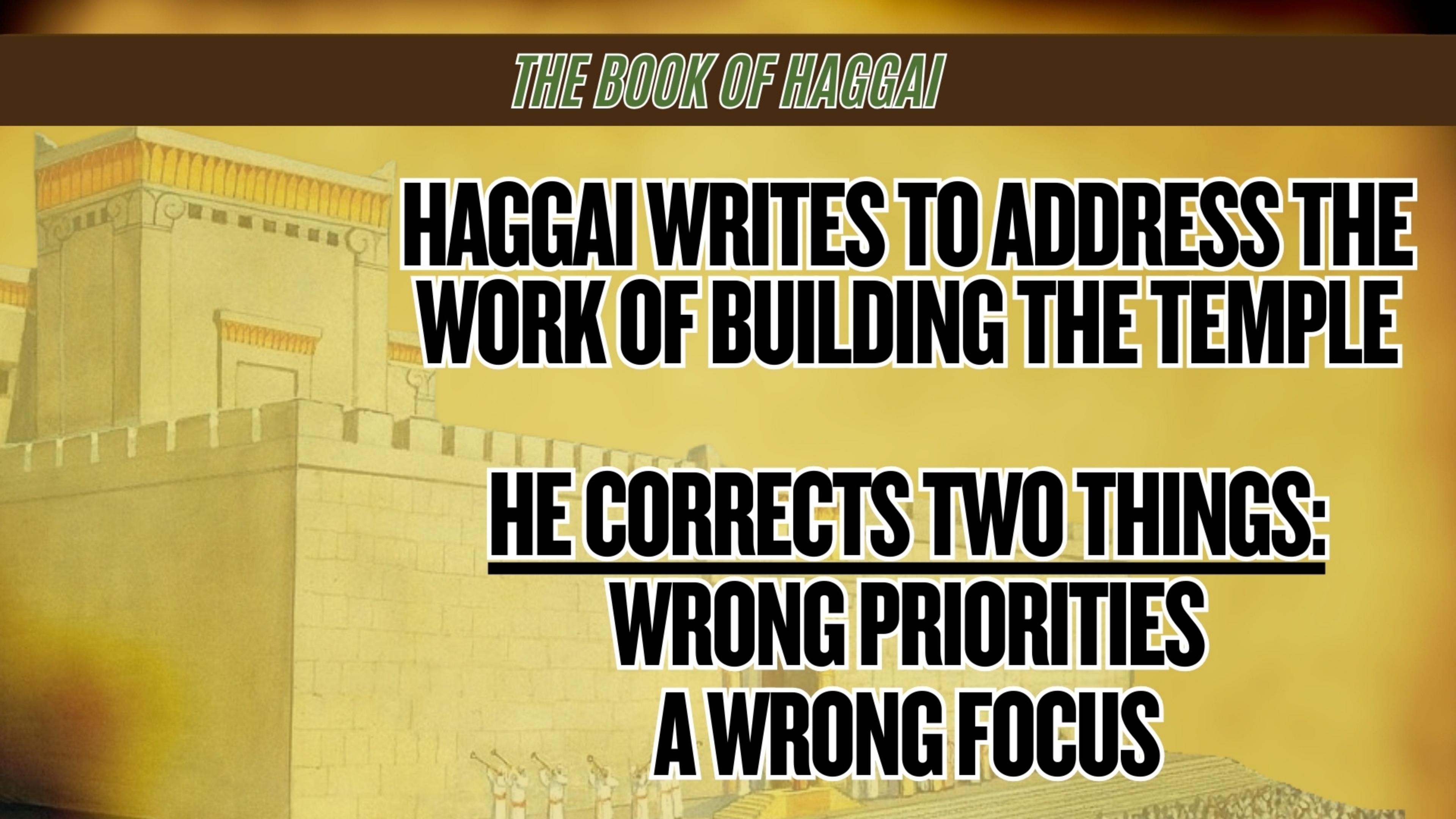
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"Haggai's prophecy [is] more [a] direct encouragement to [resume] the work of... the temple; Zechariah's prophecy was... directed to the spiritual condition of the... exiles. If all we had was Haggai to go by, we might conclude that... God was [more] interested in... the temple. [But] Zechariah... shows how God is interested in lives, not only buildings." **(David Guzik)**

HAGGAI = THE WORK
ZECHARIAH = THEIR WORSHIP



THE BOOK OF HAGGAI



**HAGGAI WRITES TO ADDRESS THE
WORK OF BUILDING THE TEMPLE**

HE CORRECTS TWO THINGS:
WRONG PRIORITIES
A WRONG FOCUS

THE BOOK OF HAGGAI

Hag. 1:2: **“Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, saying: ‘This people says, ‘The time has not come, the time that the LORD’s house should be built.’””**

“Consider your ways”
Verses 5 & 7

“To think carefully about”



LET'S MAKE A COMPARISON

**The Book of Haggai
is all about God
building His TEMPLE**

“I will build My church” (Matt. 16:18)

The Church is the **“temple of God”**
(1 Cor. 3:16, 2 Cor. 6:16)

Ephesians 2:19-22: **“[we are] no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens... members of the household of God,”** with **“Jesus Christ [as] the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord...”**

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**God used PEOPLE to
build His TEMPLE**

**Jesus builds His CHURCH
(the “temple of God”)**

**Jesus uses PEOPLE to
build His CHURCH**

**Eph. 4:12: “...the equipping
of the saints for the work of
ministry, for the edifying of
the body of Christ...”**

THE BOOK OF HAGGAI

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Hag. 1:4-5: **“Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins?” Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: “Consider your ways!”**

THE BOOK OF HAGGAI

Hag. 1:6: **“You have sown much, and bring in little; you eat, but do not have enough; You drink, but you are not filled with drink; You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm, and he who earns wages, earns wages to put into a bag with holes.”**

Hag. 1:9-11: **“You looked for much, but indeed it came to little; and when you brought it home, I BLEW IT AWAY.”**
“the heavens... withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its fruit.” – **“I called for a drought on the land and the mountains, on the grain and the new wine and the oil, on whatever the ground brings forth, on men and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands.”**

GOD DID THIS!

THE BOOK OF HAGGAI

**God DELIBERATELY AFFECTED the ECONOMY
God brought FINANCIAL HARDSHIP to
GET THEIR ATTENTION**

**Hag. 1:9: “Why?” says the LORD of hosts. “Because
of My house that is in ruins, while every one of you
runs to his own house.”**

**The PEOPLE were MORE INVESTED in their
OWN COMFORT than the WORK OF GOD**



Taxation

- Government Increases Taxes
- Effect on the Economy

- Government Decreases Taxes
- Supply Side or Trickle Down Economics
- Effect on the Economy



8 WAYS GOVERNMENT WRECKS THE ECONOMY.



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Haggai’s Message is like an ALARM CLOCK: unwelcome, but necessary!



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in it and be glorified...”**

Hag. 2:4: **“...be strong, Zerubbabel... and be strong,
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“THE
EQUIPPING OF
THE SAINTS
FOR THE WORK
OF MINISTRY...
(EPH. 4:12)

THE BOOK OF HAGGAI

**GOD EXPECTED THEM to GIVE UP
TIME working on their OWN
house, so they could SPEND
TIME working on God's House**

THE BOOK OF HAGGAI

“It’s easy to see how this happened, [and we can hear the people’s excuses]: “We can’t get much done at the temple, and I’m tired of living in a wreck. Time to start the remodel.”

– “God wants me to give attention at home – home comes first.” – “I would fund more [temple] construction, but all my money is tied up in my home renovation.” – “I’m not living extravagantly – look at the other houses in my neighborhood!” – “Someone should get to work on the temple. I hope someone steps up to the job.” – “The temple hasn’t been open for more than 50 years – a little while longer won’t matter.” – “The altar is there... at least we can sacrifice to the LORD. We’re getting by.”

THE BOOK OF HAGGAI

“The excuses sound familiar – but God saw through them in the days of Haggai, and He sees through them today. They were content to let the cause of [God] suffer rather than give up their comfort. Instead, they should have felt no rest until the work of God was as prosperous—or more!—than their personal lives. They should have been as willing to sacrifice for the work of God as they were for personal comfort and luxury.”

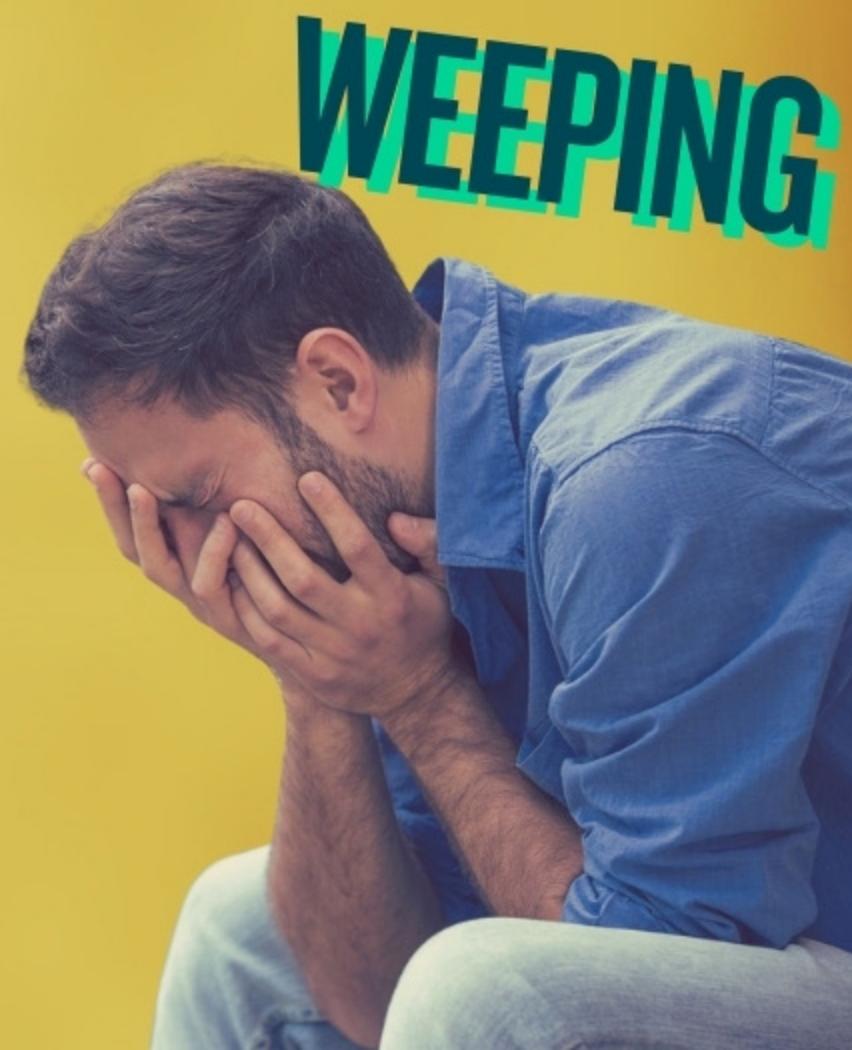
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EZRA CHAPTER 3: THE WORK BEGINS

VS. 10-11: **“When the builders laid the foundation of the temple... the priests... and the Levites... [began] to praise the LORD... [and] all the people shouted with a great shout... because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.”**



VS. 12-13: **“BUT, many of the priests and Levites... old men who had seen the first temple, wept with a loud voice when the foundation of this temple was laid...”** – **“So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy... from the noise of the weeping...”**



HAGGAI CHAPTER 2: A WRONG FOCUS

VS. 3: **“Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? In comparison with it, is this not in your eyes as nothing?”**

VS. 9: **“The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,’ says the LORD of hosts. ‘And in this place I will give peace,’ says the LORD of hosts.”**

Eccl. 7:10: **“Do not say, ‘Why were the former days better than these?’ – For you do not inquire wisely concerning this.”**

**“YOU DON’T KNOW
WHAT YOU’RE
TALKING ABOUT”**

HAGGAI CHAPTER 2: A WRONG FOCUS

“You’re looking BACKWARDS!”
“You’re looking the WRONG DIRECTION!” – “You think Solomon’s Temple was greater than THIS one? The glory of THIS temple will be GREATER than the first.” – “And—if you’re NOT looking in the right direction, you’re gonna MISS it.”



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“Herod remodeled this second temple into something greater than Solomon’s temple. Second, the LORD of Glory - Jesus - personally visited it and worshipped there. That alone made it greater.”

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THE WORK RESUMES!

Hag. 1:14: **“Zerubbabel... and Joshua... with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God... and the people feared the presence of the LORD.... So, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel... and... Joshua... and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God...”**

THE BOOK OF
ZECHARIAH



THROUGH THE BIBLE

STUFF IN ZECHARIAH:

Zechariah 9:9: “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.”



STUFF IN ZECHARIAH:

Zech. 3:1-4: “Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him... Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments... Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, “Take away the filthy garments from him.” And to him He said, “See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes.”

**A GLIMPSE INTO
SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

STUFF IN ZECHARIAH:

Zech. 6:1-3: "...behold, four chariots were coming from between two mountains... With the first chariot were red horses, with the second chariot black horses... with the third chariot white horses, and with the fourth chariot dappled horses..."

"Essentially... the same as the four horsemen of Revelation 6... In the usual Scriptural symbolism red speaks of war, black [speaks] of famine & death... white of victory... and grizzled... of pestilence."
(William F. Luck)

STUFF IN ZECHARIAH:

Zech. 6:12-13: **“Behold, the Man whose name is THE BRANCH!** (cf Is. 4 & 11, Jer. 23 & 33)

THE BRANCH = Messianic Term

“In the Hebrew text [this] prophecy begins ‘Behold the Man,’ the [same] words Pilate used to present... Christ to the people of Jerusalem...”
(James Montgomery Boice)

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“From His place He shall branch out, and He shall build the temple of the LORD; Yes, He shall build the temple of the LORD. He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule on His throne; So He shall be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.”

ONLY MESSIAH UNIQUELY OCCUPIES THE ROLE OF BOTH KING & PRIEST [this was forbidden in the Old Testament]

ZECHARIAH CHAPTER 4:

Zech. 4:2-3: “I am looking, and there is a lampstand of solid gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the stand seven lamps with seven pipes to the seven lamps.” – “Two olive trees are by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left.”

Zech. 4:11-12: “What are these two olive trees—at the right of the lampstand and at its left?” – “And... What are these two olive branches that drip into the receptacles of the two gold pipes from which the golden oil drains?”

ZECHARIAH CHAPTER 4:

**Zech. 4:14: “These are the two anointed ones,
who stand beside the Lord of the whole earth.”**

ZERUBBABEL & JESHUA
(Governor & High Priest)

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ZERUBBABEL & JESHUA

Rev. 11:3-4: "I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy 1,260 days... These are the two olive trees and... two lampstands standing before the God of the earth."

THE TWO WITNESSES

LIFTED
DIRECTLY FROM
ZECHARIAH
CHAPTER 4

ZECHARIAH CHAPTER 4:

**THIS WAS
HAGGAI'S
MESSAGE**

**“...be strong, Zerubbabel... and be
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(*Not Man's Effort, or Man's Ingenuity*)

ZECHARIAH CHAPTER 4:

Zech. 4:6: “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the LORD of hosts.”

Zech. 4:9: “The hands of Zerubbabel have LAID THE FOUNDATION of the temple... and HIS HANDS SHALL FINISH IT...”

Zech. 4:7: “...he shall bring forth the capstone [of the temple] with shouts of “Grace, grace to it!””

**THINK HOW
ENCOURAGING
THIS WOULD
HAVE BEEN FOR
ZERUBBABEL
TO HEAR!**

ZECHARIAH CHAPTER 4:

**Zech. 4:7: “Who are you, O great mountain?
Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain!”**

(Not “WHAT are you,” or “WHY are you?”)

**SOMETIMES THE GREATEST OPPOSITION
TO GOD’S WORK IS PEOPLE**

**(Perhaps Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabel, Rehum the commander,
or Shimshai the scribe... ALL mentioned in Ezra as
OPPOSING the construction of the temple)**

ZECHARIAH CHAPTER 4:

Zech. 4:10: **“Who has despised the day of small things? – For these seven rejoice to see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel.”**

‘DESPISE’ = “to under-value”

We always tend to think that if something is BIGGER – or MORE POPULAR – it is more VALID, or LEGITIMATE. Not so. Jesus did some of His most incredible works with just 3 people!

THE NATION OF ISRAEL



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Zech. 12:2: **“Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem.”**

Zech. 12:3: **“...it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.”**



THE NATION OF ISRAEL

“Global antisemitism has surged dramatically in the last two years, with reports indicating an increase of over 340% when comparing data from 2022 to 2024. In the United States, antisemitism... soared by 140% in 2023 alone.”



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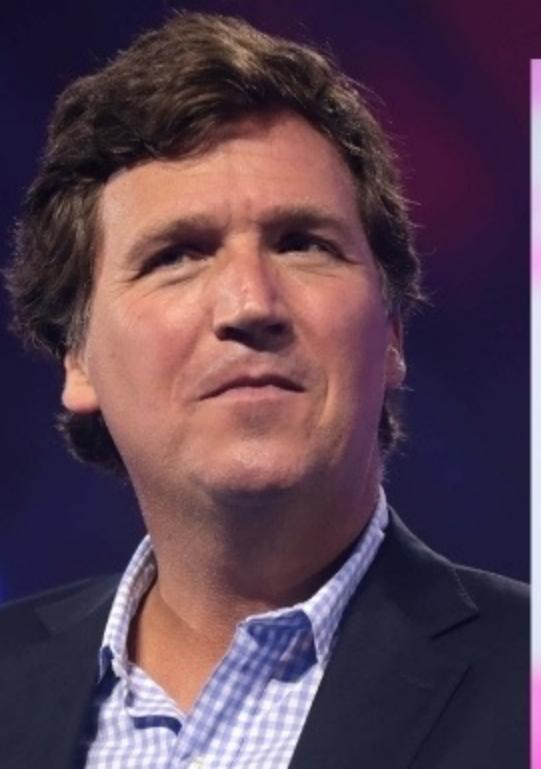
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“Who could have imagined when the Old Testament was written that all the nations of the world would be involved in deciding the fate of Israel? And this involvement of all nations in dividing Israel has occurred exactly as prophesied and is still in the process of being implemented.”

Dave Hunt, apologist, author, speaker, radio commentator, founder of The Berean Call



GOD WILL DEFEND ISRAEL

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“GOG & MAGOG?”
EZ. 38-39

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GOG AND MAGOG

UNDERSTANDING THE
TIMES | EZEKIEL 38-39

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ISRAEL IS SAVED?

Zech. 12:10: “I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; [and] then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.”

THIS CORROBORATES THIS

Romans 11:25–26: “...blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved...”

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IS THIS THE SAME EVENT?

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BEGINNING OF GREAT TRIBULATION?

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GOG & MAGOG | RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH | ISRAEL BEING SAVED | BEGINNING OF TRIBULATION

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THE TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE (JER. 30:7)

SALVATION

Zech. 13:1: “In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and... the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and... uncleanness.”

TRIBULATION

Zech. 13:8-9: “It shall come to pass in all the land... That two-thirds... shall be cut off and die, but one-third shall be left... I will bring... one-third through the fire [and] refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, and I will answer them. I will say, ‘This is My people’; And each one will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’”

THE TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE (JER. 30:7)

“[These verses] suggest that only 1/3 of Jewish people survive the great tribulation... No wonder [this is] called the time of Jacob’s trouble in Jeremiah 30:7, and why Jesus said [that] the tribulation will be the most horrific time in human history. This group—which includes the 144,000 of Revelation 7 & 14, but is not limited to [them]—make up the core of a restored Israel as Jesus establishes His...

[reign] over the earth.”

(David Guzik | EnduringWord.com)

ZECHARIAH 14: THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

Zech. 14:1: "...the day of the LORD is coming... For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem..."

[cf Rev. 16: "the kings of the earth and... the whole world, [gathered]... to the battle of [the] great day of God Almighty... to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon"]

Zech. 14:3: "the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations..." [cf. Revelation 19]

Zech. 14:4: "His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives..." [cf. Revelation 14]

ZECHARIAH 14: THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

Zech. 14:4: “His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives...” [cf. Revelation 14]

VS. 4: “...the Mount of Olives [will] split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south.”

Zech. 14:5(b): “Thus the LORD... will come, and all the saints with You.” [cf Revelation 19, Jude 14]

ZECHARIAH 14: ARMAGEDDON INTO MILLENIUM

Zech. 14:6-9: “It shall come to pass in that day that there will be no light; the lights will diminish. It shall be one day which is known to the LORD—neither day nor night. But at evening time it shall happen that it will be light. And in that day it shall be that living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and half of them toward the western sea; in both summer and winter it shall occur. And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be—“The LORD is one,” and His name one.”

ZECHARIAH 14: MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

Zech. 14:16-21: "...everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles... it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the LORD... on them there will be no rain."

ZECHARIAH 12 - 14: A QUICK OUTLINE

**WRITE
THESE IN!**

Zechariah Chapter 12:
“Gog & Magog” (Ez. 38 & 39)
& Rapture of the Church (1 Thess. 4)

Zechariah Chapter 13:
Salvation of Israel / Great Tribulation



Zechariah Chapter 14:
Armageddon / Millenium

THE BOOKS OF

HAGGAI & ZECHARIAH



THROUGH THE BIBLE

WHAT'S AHEAD on 'ROUTE 66:'

**ONLY 2 BOOKS LEFT
in the OLD TESTAMENT:**

December 7:

Nehemiah

December 14:

Malachi

December 21:

Family Christmas Service

December 28:

Family Pancake Breakfast

