Return from Exile

The Time has Come!
Haggai 1-2
Lesson 4

Trinity Bible Church Sunday School
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Three Groups of Minor Prophets

1. Prophets of Israel: Jonah—Amos—Hosea
3. Post Exilic Prophets: Zechariah—Haggai—Malachi

Kingdoms: Isaiah
Exile: Jeremiah—Ezekiel—Daniel
Restoration: 

Irving Jensen, Jensen's Survey of the Old Testament
## Haggai – 4 Messages from the LORD of Hosts

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Haggai’s Messages

- Rebuild the temple
- The former glory and the future glory
- A lesson on uncleanness
- Zerubbabel, like a signet ring
The first message (1:1-11)

- The LORD of hosts
- Zerubbabel – grandson of Jeconiah
- Joshua – descendant of Zadok the High Priest
- Historical setting: Ezra 3-4
- The time has not yet come to rebuild . . .
The first message (1:1-11)

› Consider your ways
  • “Set your heart upon”
  • Consider wisely the way you have chosen for yourself

› The way of futility
  • Sow much and harvest little
  • Eat and drink but never satisfied
  • Clothe yourself but not warm
  • Earn money but it is not enough
The first message (1:1-11)

- Consider your way – by the word of the LORD
- Build the temple for God’s pleasure and glory
- Consider God’s ways
  - “I blew it away”
  - “I have called for a drought”
- God’s priorities v. our own priorities
The response (1:12-15)

- The work resumed – in 23 days
- The LORD stirred up their spirits
- The people feared the LORD– Proverbs 1:7
- Zerubbabel, Joshua, the remnant of the people
The second message (2:1-9)

- 1 month later
- Former glory v. present glory
- Be strong and work
- A startling revelation – future glory
The second message (2:1-9)

- I am with you – according to the Covenant that I made when you came out of Egypt
  - Exodus 2:24
  - Exodus 19:4-6
  - Genesis 17:7-8
- My Spirit is in your midst – current blessing
- A future glory for this temple (2:5-9)
- “I will shake the heavens and the earth”
  - Isaiah 2:12-21; 3:13
  - Matthew 24:29-30
  - Hebrews 12:26
The second message (2:1-9)

- I will fill this house with glory
  - The “desire of all nations”
  - The “treasures of all nations”
  - A greater glory than the former glory (2 Corinthians 3:7-11)

- I will give peace
  - 1 Corinthians 15:25-26
The third message (2:10-19)

- Ask the priests about the Law
  - Does the holy transfer to the unclean?
  - Does the unclean transfer to the holy?
- This nation and their offerings are unclean
- Consider – the judgment of God
- Consider – the promise of God – “I will bless”
The fourth message (2:20-23)

▷ 3½ months later

▷ Addressed to Zerubbabel – heir to the throne

▷ “I am about to shake heaven and earth.”
  ▷ The Day of the LORD
  ▷ Overthrow kingdoms (Genesis 19:25; Exodus 15)

▷ Zerubbabel, My servant

▷ “I will make Zerubbabel like a signet ring.”

▷ Declares the LORD of hosts
Haggai’s message

- A contemporary message
- A universal message