

Introduction to Haggai and Zechariah (Ezra 1:1–4; 3:1–4:3)

Big Idea: When God’s people feel small and weak, they need the words of their great God.

I. Events Prior to These Prophets

a. Return from Exile to Build God’s Temple (1:1–4)

Jeremiah 29:10–14

b. The Altar Rebuilt and Sacrifices Renewed (3:1–6)

Genesis 12:1–7

c. The Materials Secured and the Foundation Laid (3:7–9)

2 Chronicles 2:11–16

d. Initial Celebration and Loud Weeping (3:10–13)

Haggai 2:2–5; Zechariah 4:8–10a

e. False Fellowship Rejected (4:1–3)

2 Kings 17:24–34, 41

f. Intimidation and Intrigue (4:4–5)

Ezra 5:1–2; Haggai 1:1–5; Zechariah 1:1–6; Proverbs 29:18

II. Timeless Principles for Christ’s Church

a. The Lord’s temple and worship are all-important.

Micah 3:9–4:2; Zechariah 6:9–15; Ephesians 2:19–21

b. Small works of God call for praise more than sorrow.

c. Disobedient shortcuts and alliances are a trap.

1 Corinthians 3:10–17; 2 Corinthians 6:11–7:1

d. Building the temple requires courage and perseverance.

2 Timothy 1:3–12; 2:1–13