

**HAGGAI – 'I HAVE CHOSEN
YOU', SAYS THE LORD**

Timeline of Haggai

Nebuchadnezzar
of Babylon
conquers Judah

Cyrus decrees
return of Jews

Temple
rebuild
stops

Haggai then
Zechariah
begin ministry

Temple
completed

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Cyrus of Persia
conquers Babylon

Temple
rebuild
begins

Darius
becomes King
of Persia

3 Main People:

Haggai – Prophet

Joshua – Priest

Zerubbabel – Politician : Governor of Judah.

Haggai 2 v1-9

Does it not seem to you like nothing in comparison?



Zechariah 4:10a 'Do not despise these small beginnings for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin' – Zechariah was reminding the Jews that the rebuilding of the small temple was 'no small thing' in God's eyes.

Haggai 2: 10-14

NASB

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"Then the priests answered and said, "No."
And Haggai said, "If one who is unclean because of a dead body touches any of these, will it be unclean?"
So, the priests answered and said, "It shall be unclean."
Then Haggai answered and said, " 'So is this people, and so is this nation before Me,' says the LORD, 'and so is every work of their hands; and what they offer there is unclean.

Haggai 2: 15-19

15 'And now, carefully consider from this day forward: from before stone was laid upon stone in the temple of the LORD—since those days, when one came to a heap of twenty ephahs, there were but ten; when one came to the wine vat to draw out fifty baths from the press, there were but twenty. I struck you with blight and mildew and hail in all the labors of your hands; yet you did not turn to Me,' says the LORD.

'Consider now from this day forward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, from the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid—consider it: Is the seed still in the barn? As yet the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have not yielded fruit.

But from this day I will bless you.'

Haggai 2: 20-23

20 And again the word of the LORD came to Haggai on the twenty-fourth day of the month, saying, 'Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying: 'I will shake heaven and earth. I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms; I will destroy the strength of the Gentile kingdoms. I will overthrow the chariots and those who ride in them; The horses and their riders shall come down, everyone by the sword of his brother.'

'In that day,' says the LORD of hosts, 'I will take you, Zerubbabel My servant, the son of Shealtiel,' says the LORD, 'and will make you like a signet ring; for I have chosen you,' says the LORD of hosts.

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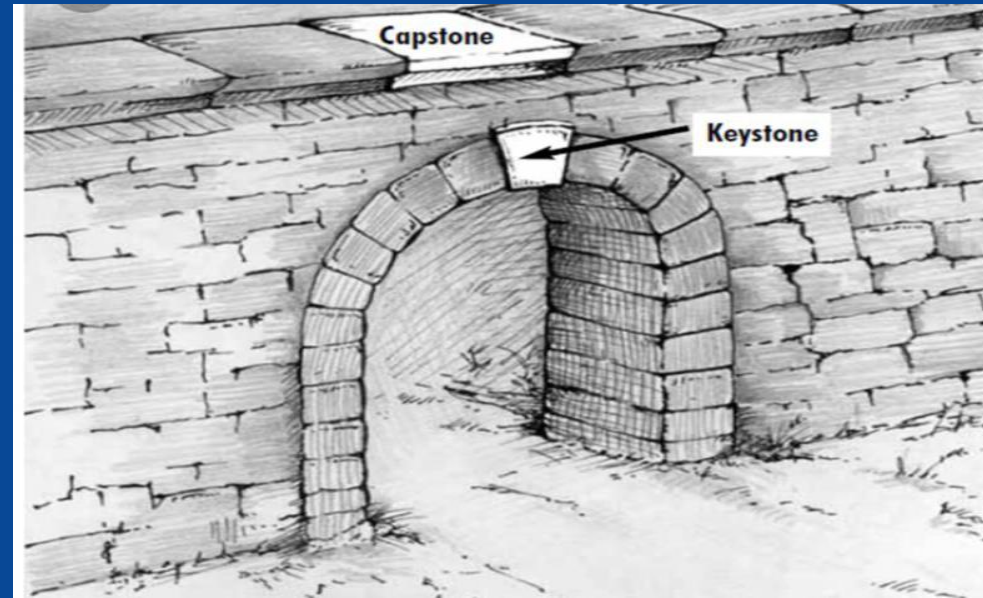


Zechariah 4: 6-10

6 "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty....."What are you, mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. Then he will bring out the capstone to shouts of 'God bless it! God bless it!'" (Grace to it, Grace to it- KJV)

Then the word of the LORD came to me: 'The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; his hands will also complete it. Then you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you.

'Who dares despise the day of small things, since the seven eyes of the LORD that range throughout the earth will rejoice when they see the chosen capstone in the hand of Zerubbabel?'



Haggai 2: 23

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Abraham



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Solomon

(son of David)



Zerubbabel

Joseph

Matt 1 v12-16



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Nathan

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Zerubbabel

Joseph

Math 1 v13-16

Mary

Luke 3 v27

JESUS

