



Listening to the Prophets-Part 2

Chapter 11

Haggai
520 B.C.

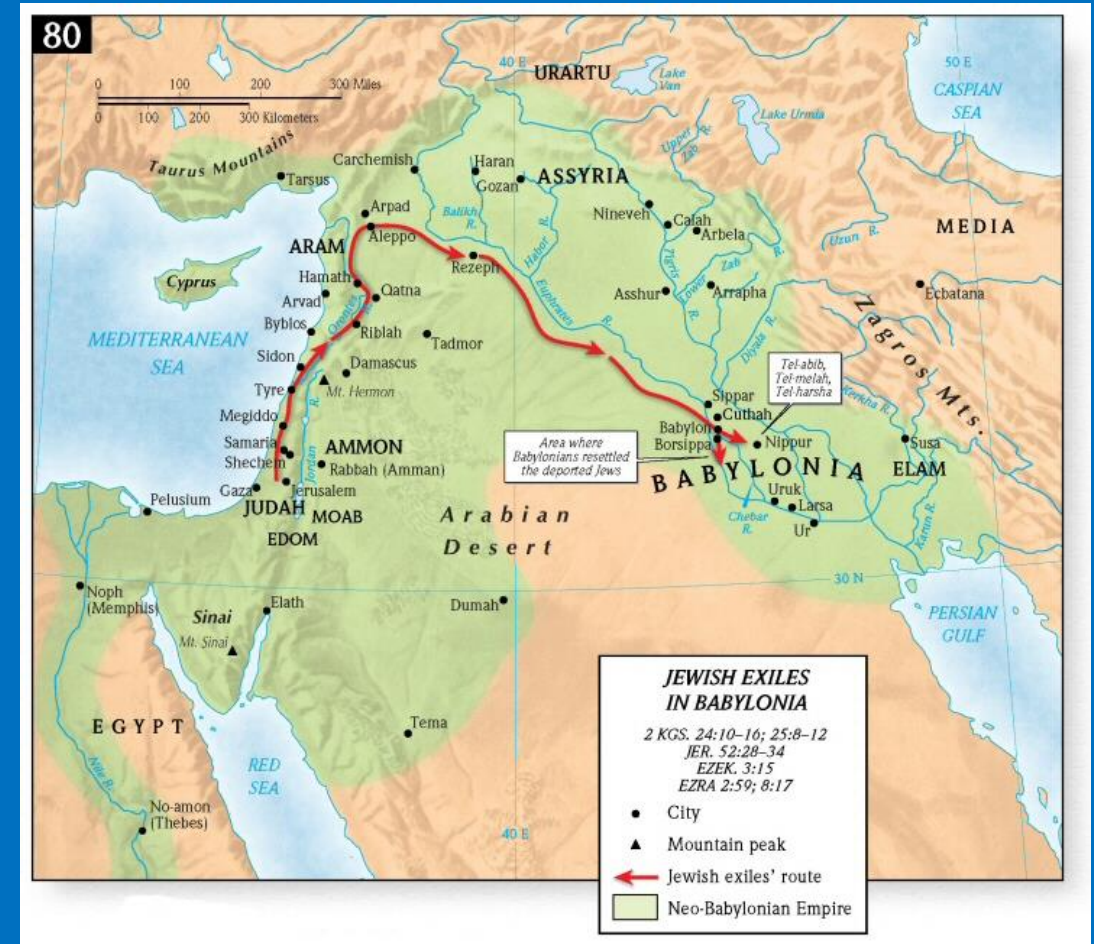
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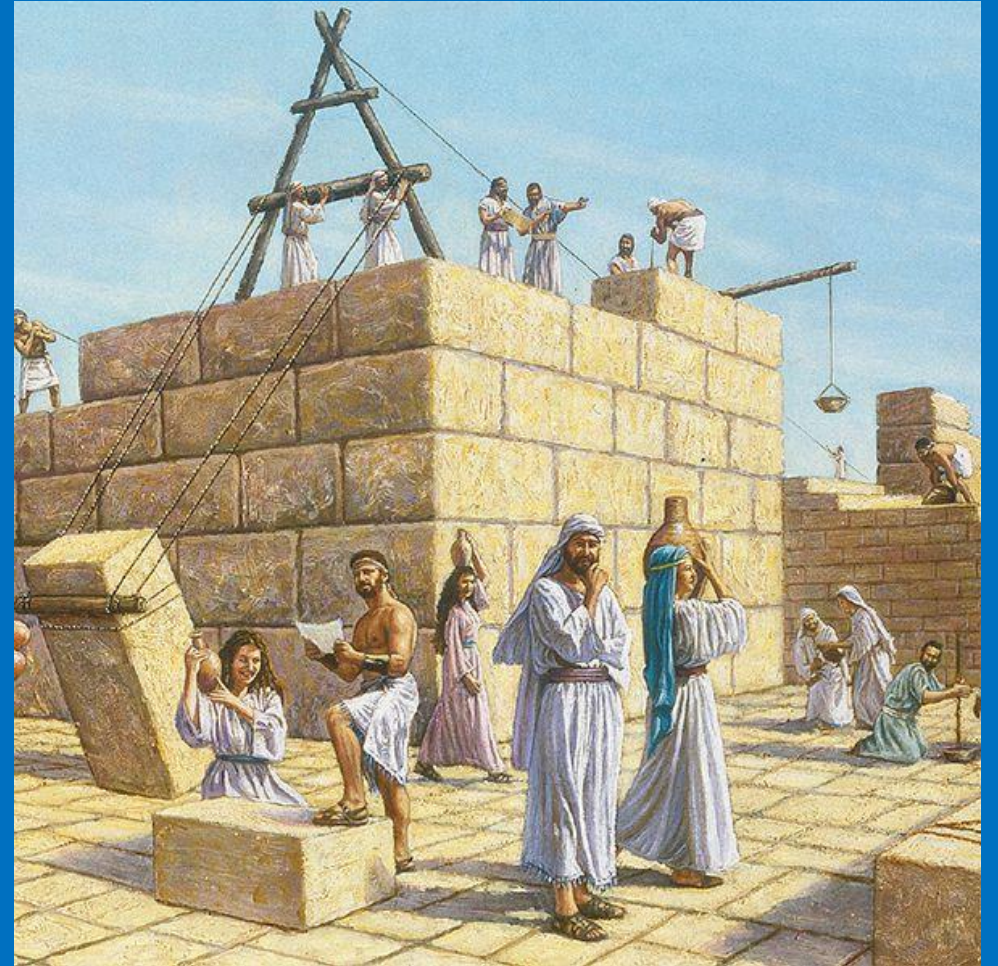


Introduction

- The book of Haggai takes place after Jerusalem's 70-year captivity and after the return of the Jews under Zerubbabel.
- Haggai's name means "my feast". Zephaniah "The Lord Hides)
- In 538 B.C., Cyrus of Persia made a decree giving the Jews permission to return to Jerusalem.



- Construction on the temple began in 536 B.C., which ended the 70-year captivity as prophesied by Jeremiah.
- Construction of the temple halted in 530 B.C. due to conflicts with the surrounding nations.



- In 520 B.C. Haggai and Zechariah began to prophecy and encourage Zerubbabel to finish the temple.



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- Haggai's prophecies took place between August and December 520 B.C. This occurred one year after Darius became king of Persia.
- The completion of the temple took place four years later in 515 B.C.

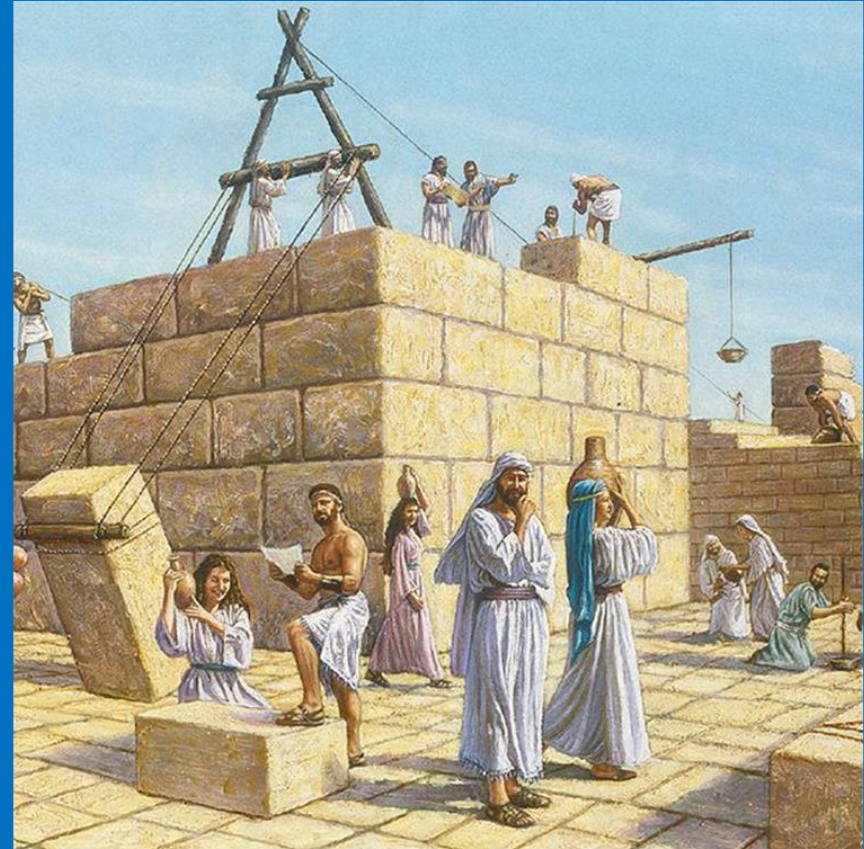
Chronology Of The Prophets

	To Israel	To Judah	To Foreign Nations
Assyrian Age	Amos (c. 763-750 B.C.) Hosea (c. 755-715 B.C.)	Isaiah (c. 740-770 B.C.) Micah (c. 737-690 B.C.)	Jonah (c. 770-750 B.C.)
Babylonian Age		Habakkuk (c. 630-605 B.C.) Zephaniah (c. 640-609 B.C.) Jeremiah (c. 627-580 B.C.) Daniel (c. 605-530 B.C.) Ezekiel (c. 593-570 B.C.)	Nahum (c. 663-615 B.C.)
Persian Age		Haggai (520 B.C.) Zechariah (c. 520-518 B.C.) Joel (c. 800-500 B.C.) Malachi (c. 433 B.C.)	Obadiah (c. 586-553 B.C.)

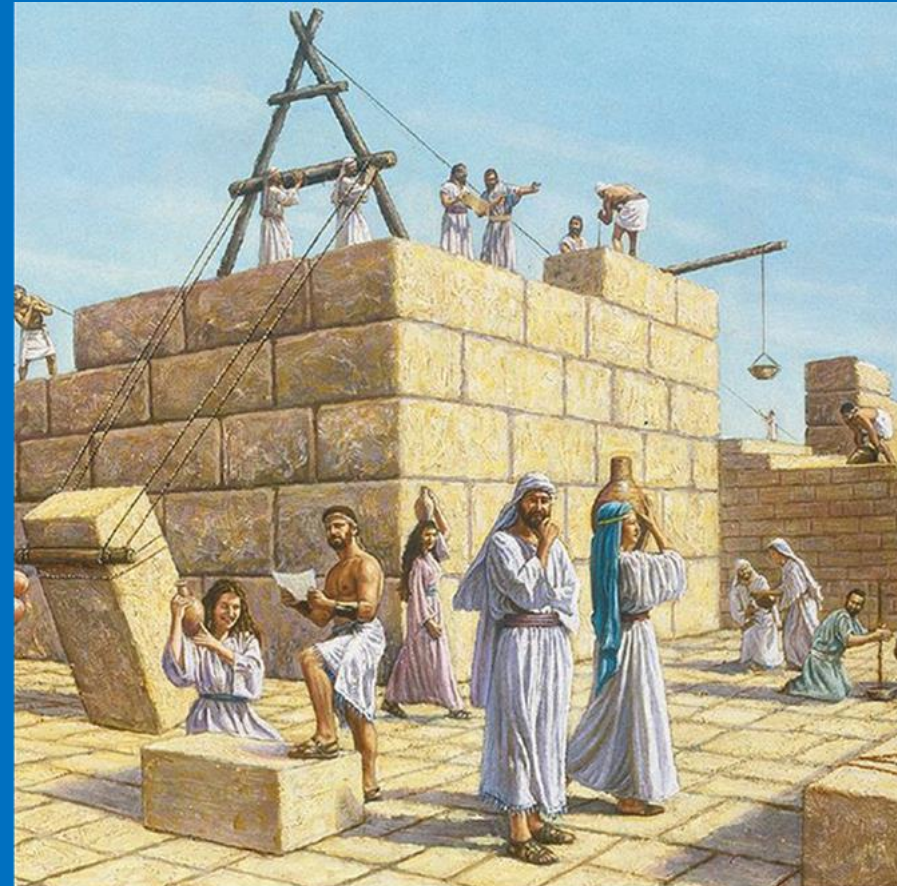
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Chapter 1-A Call to Construct the Temple

- Haggai prophesied that Zerubbabel needed to finish the temple (1:1-2). []
- Verse 1:6 illustrates the truth found in Matthew 6:19, 33.[]
- Due to bad economic conditions, inflation drained the people's money.



- Rebuilding the House of the Lord would remedy the poor economic conditions (1:7-11). []
- The people responded at once to Haggai's words (1:12-14). []



Chapter 2:1-9-A Call for Courage in the Lord

- Some of the Israelites remembered the glory of Solomon's temple and wept over the simplicity of the new temple.
- This attitude discouraged the people.



- Haggai told the people not to fear. Haggai said the glory of the new temple would exceed the glory of former years (2:1-9). []



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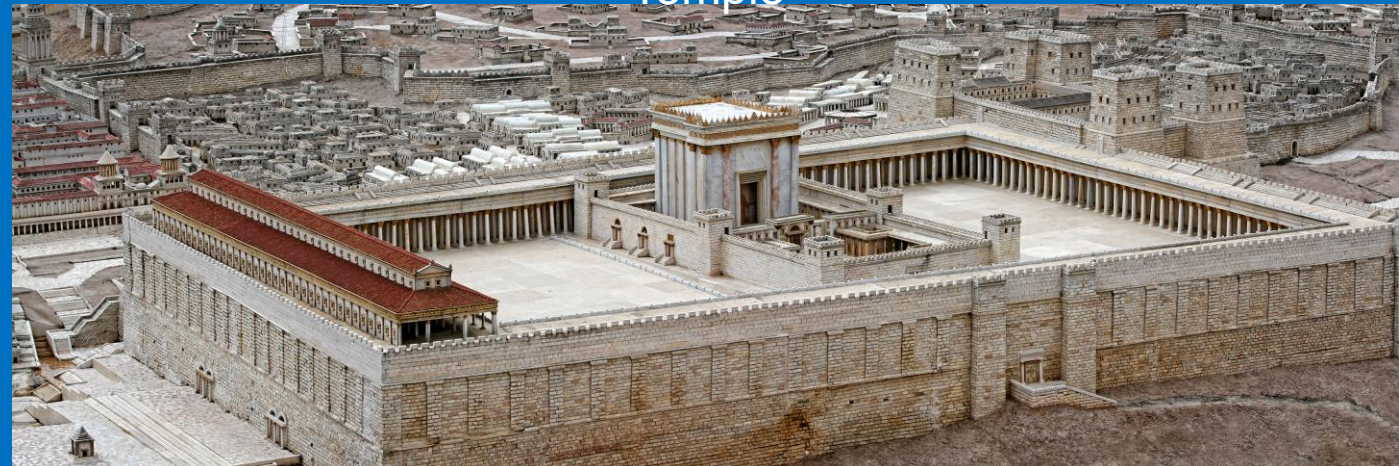
- “This house” (2:9) may refer to Zerubbabel’s temple, the temple improvements made by King Herod, the peace made by Christ on the cross, or to the Millennial Temple and to world peace Christ will bring at His Second Coming (Ryrie).

Artist’s Depiction
of Solomon’s
Temple



<http://detroitarchitectjournal.blogspot.com/2012/03/queen-of-sheba-and-prince-hall.html>

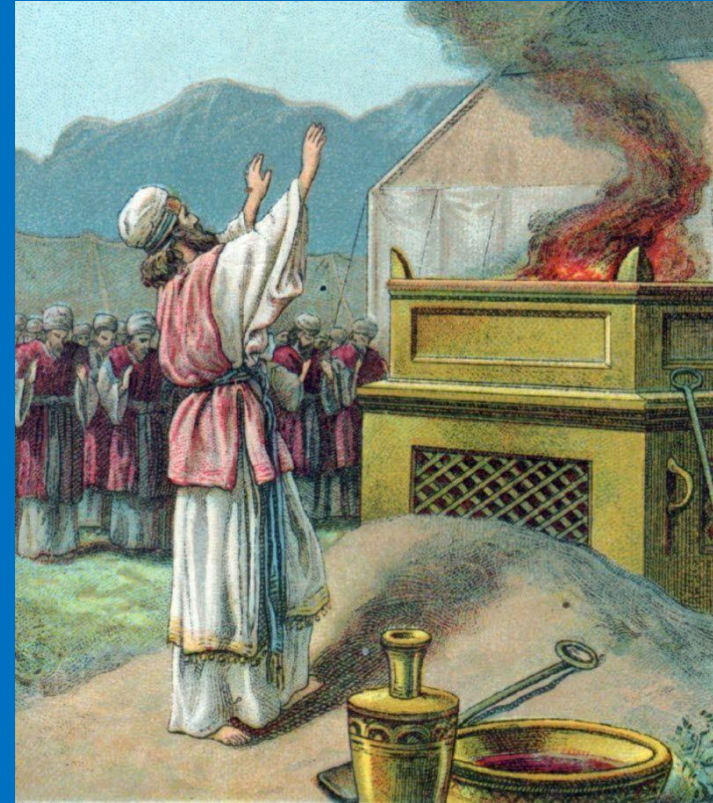
Model of Herod’s Temple-This was an add-on to Zerubbabel’s
Temple



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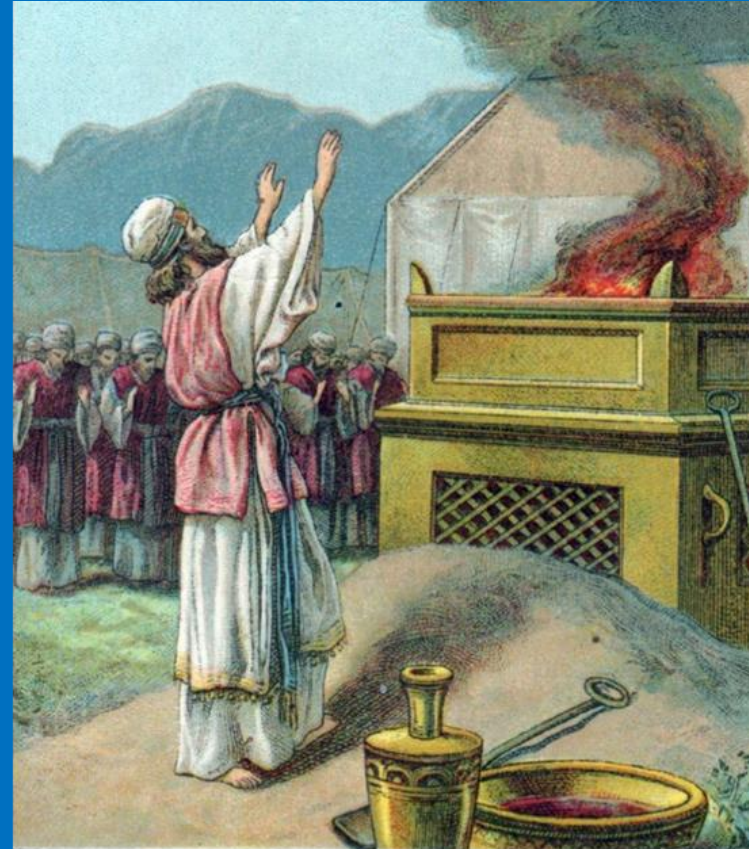
Chapter 2:10-19 A Call to Cleanness of Life

- Haggai poses two important questions in chapter 2:



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- The first question (vs. 10-13) is: If a man were to carry holy meat meant for a sacrifice (Leviticus 6:27), can he transfer that sanctification to things he touches? The answer is, “No” (Ryrie).



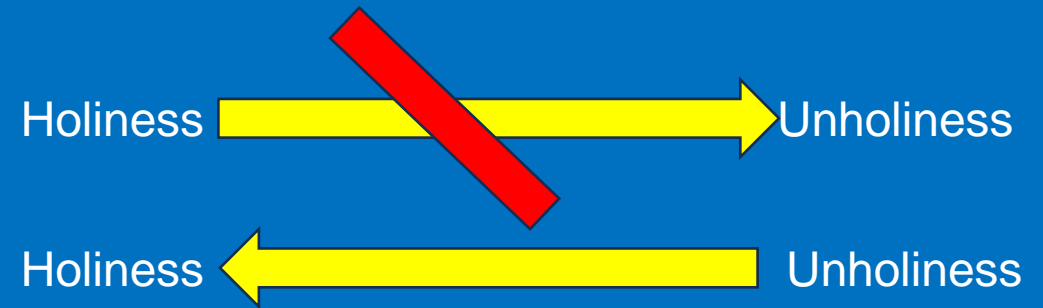
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○ The Second question is: If a man touched a defiled corpse, does he transfer that defilement to other things he touches (Numbers 19:11-13)? The answer is, “Yes” (Ryrie).

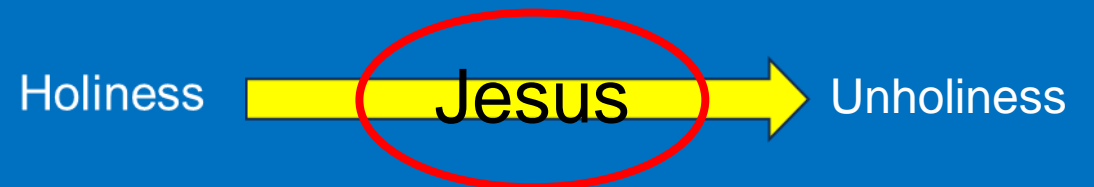


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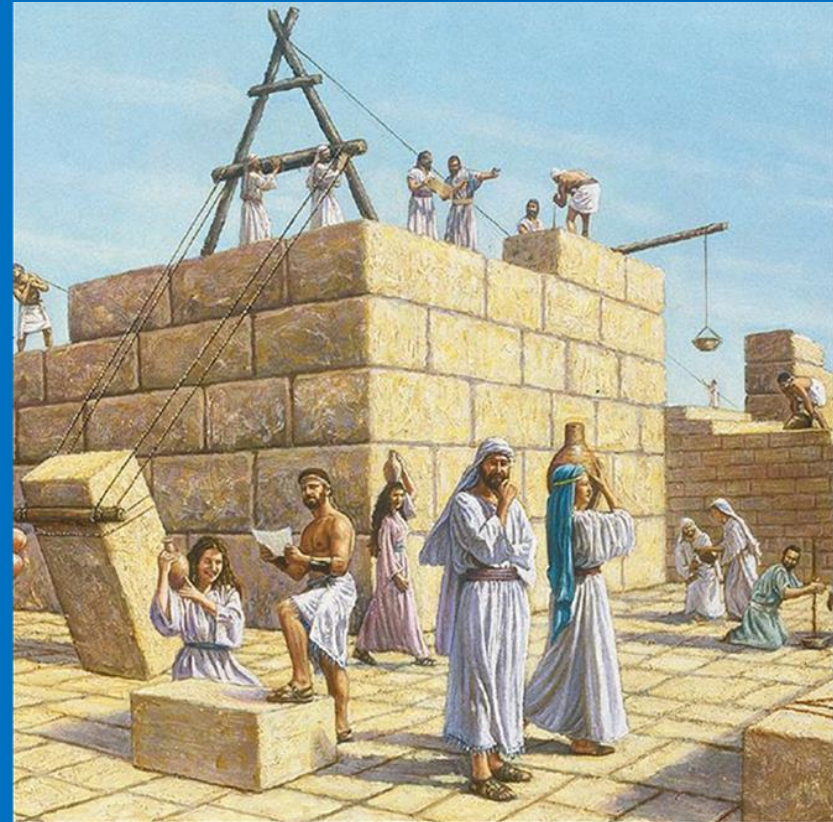
- The main point of these two questions is: Sanctification or cleanness cannot transfer; however, defilement can transfer. Just as health is not contagious, disease is contagious. Disobedience, like a corpse, contaminates everything (v. 14-Ryrie). []



Only through Jesus can Holiness transfer to Unholiness.

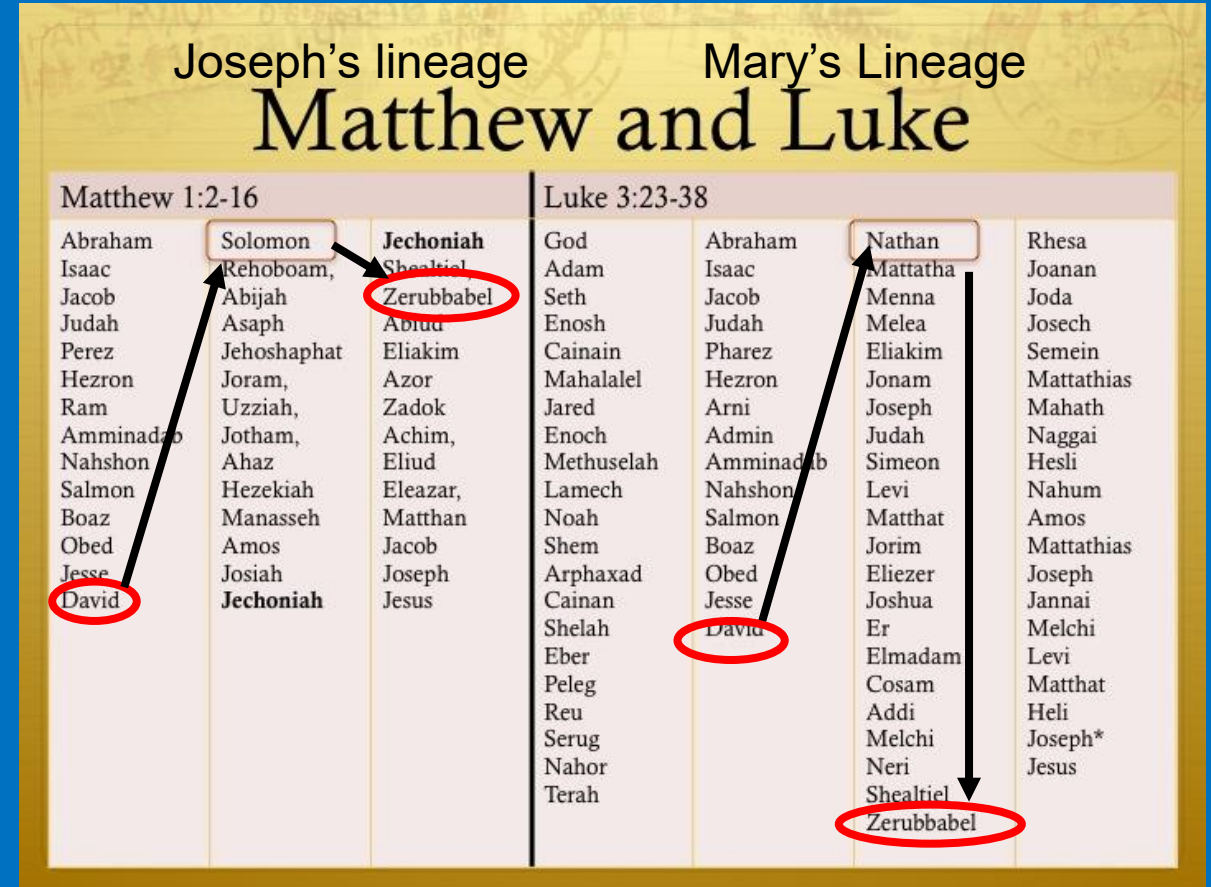


- Not finishing the temple led to poor economic conditions (2:15-17). []
- The Lord promised to bless the people for responding to Haggai's call (2:18-20). []

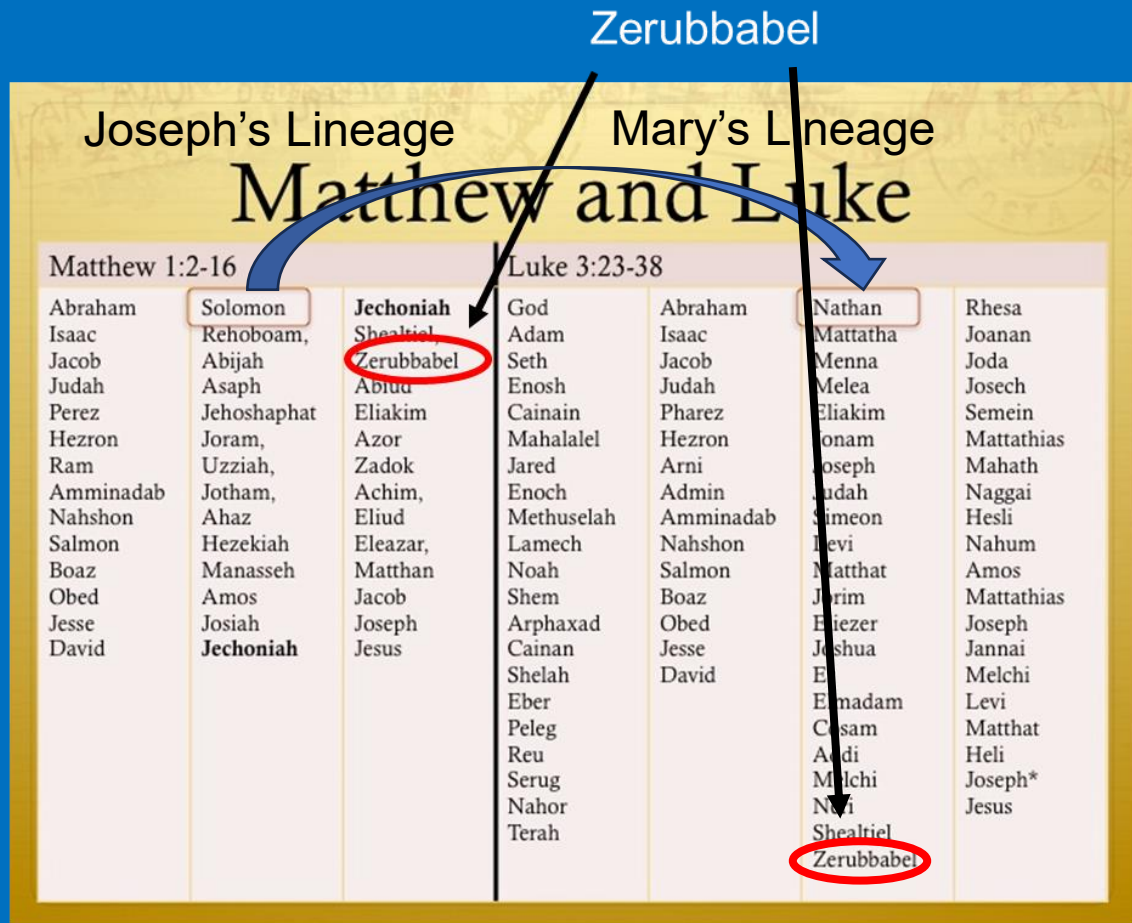


Chapter 2:20-23 A Call to Confidence for the Future

- This prophecy looks toward the time of Christ's millennial reign (2:20-22). []
- God promised to make Zerubbabel a continuation of the Davidic line.
- Christ's genealogy lists Zerubbabel in Matthew 1:12-13. []



- The genealogy of Jesus in Matthew follows Joseph's lineage while the genealogy of Jesus in Luke appears to follow Mary's lineage.



Summary

- God always gave Israel an ultimate promise of blessing after chastising them for disobedience.
- The promise of eternal security should give every believer faith and hope concerning their position in Christ.
- God encourages us to stay courageous during challenging times.
- Though we may face insurmountable odds, God always has an answer.
- Do not look at circumstances or at inadequacies; God can work miracles with what we have. [Over---]

- Is God calling you back to ministry?
- Pray and ask God if there is any unfinished or new ministry He wants you to complete or begin.

[End---]

Haggai 1:1-2

1 In the second year of Darius the king, on the first day of the sixth month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying, 2“This is what the Lord of armies says: ‘This people says, “The time has not come, the time for the house of the Lord to be rebuilt.” ’ ” []

Haggai 1:6

6 You have sown much, only to harvest little; you eat, but there is not enough to be satisfied; you drink, but there is not enough to become drunk; you put on clothing, but there is not enough for anyone to get warm; and the one who earns, earns wages to put into a money bag full of holes.”

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Matthew 6:19, 33

19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided to you. []

Haggai 1:7-11

7 The Lord of armies says this: “Consider your ways! 8 Go up to the mountains, bring wood, and rebuild the temple, that I may be pleased with it and be honored,” says the Lord. 9 “You start an ambitious project, but behold, it comes to little; when you bring it home, I blow it away. Why?” declares the Lord of armies. “It is because of My house which remains desolate, while each of you runs to his own house.

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10 Therefore, because of you the sky has withheld its dew,
and the earth has withheld its produce. 11 And I called for a
drought on the land, on the mountains, on the grain, on the
new wine, on the oil, on what the ground produces, on
mankind, on cattle, and on all the products of the labor of
your hands.” []

Haggai 1:12-14

12 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the Lord their God and the words of Haggai the prophet, just as the Lord their God had sent him. And the people showed reverence for the Lord. 13 Then Haggai, the messenger of the Lord, spoke by the commission of the Lord to the people, saying, “‘I am with you,’ declares the Lord.”

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14 So the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the Lord of armies, their God... []

Haggai 2:1-9

1 On the twenty-first of the seventh month, the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet, saying, 2 “Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, saying, 3 ‘Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? Does it not seem to you like nothing in comparison?’

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4 But now take courage, Zerubbabel,' declares the Lord, 'take courage also, Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and all you people of the land take courage,' declares the Lord, 'and work; for I am with you,' declares the Lord of armies. 5 'As for the promise which I made you when you came out of Egypt, My Spirit remains in your midst; do not fear!' 6 For this is what the Lord of armies says: 'Once more in a little while, I am going to shake the heavens and the earth, the sea also and the dry land.

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7 I will shake all the nations; and they will come with the wealth of all nations, and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord of armies. 8 'The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine,' declares the Lord of armies. 9 'The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former,' says the Lord of armies, 'and in this place I will give peace,' declares the Lord of armies." []

Haggai 2:14

14 Then Haggai responded and said, “ ‘So is this people. And so is this nation before Me,’ declares the Lord, ‘and so is every work of their hands; and what they offer there is unclean. []

Haggai 2:15-17

15 But now, do consider from this day onward: before one stone was placed on another in the temple of the Lord, 16 from that time when one came to a grain heap of twenty measures, there would be only ten; and when one came to the wine vat to draw fifty measures, there would be only twenty. 17 I struck you and every work of your hands with scorching wind, mildew, and hail; yet you did not come back to Me,' declares the Lord. []

Haggai 2:18-19

18 'Do consider from this day onward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month; from the day when the temple of the Lord was founded [536 BC], consider: 19 Is the seed still in the barn? Even including the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree, it has not produced fruit. Yet from this day on I will bless you.' " 20 Then the Lord spoke again to Haggai on the twenty-fourth day of the month: [December 18, 520 BC] []

Haggai 2:20-22

20 Then the word of the Lord came a second time to Haggai on the twenty-fourth day of the month, saying, 21 “Speak to Zerubbabel governor of Judah, saying, ‘I am going to shake the heavens and the earth. 22 And I will overthrow the thrones of kingdoms and destroy the power of the kingdoms of the nations; and I will overthrow the chariots and their riders, and the horses and their riders will go down, every one by the sword of another.’ []

Matthew 1:12-13

12 After the deportation to Babylon: Jeconiah fathered Shealtiel, and Shealtiel fathered Zerubbabel. 13

Zerubbabel fathered Abihud, Abihud fathered Eliakim, and Eliakim fathered Azor. []

GRAVES INTO GARDENS

I searched the world, but it couldn't fill me

Man's empty praise and treasures that fade are never enough

Then You came along and put me back together

And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

[Over---]

Oh, there's nothing better than You

There's nothing better than You

Lord, there's nothing

Nothing is better than You

[Over---]

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness

My failures and flaws, Lord, You've seen 'em all, and You still call me friend

'Cause the God of the mountain is the God of the valley

There's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me again

[Over---]

Oh, there's nothing better than You

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Lord, there's nothing

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[Over---]

You turn mourning to dancing

You give beauty for ashes

You turn shame into glory

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