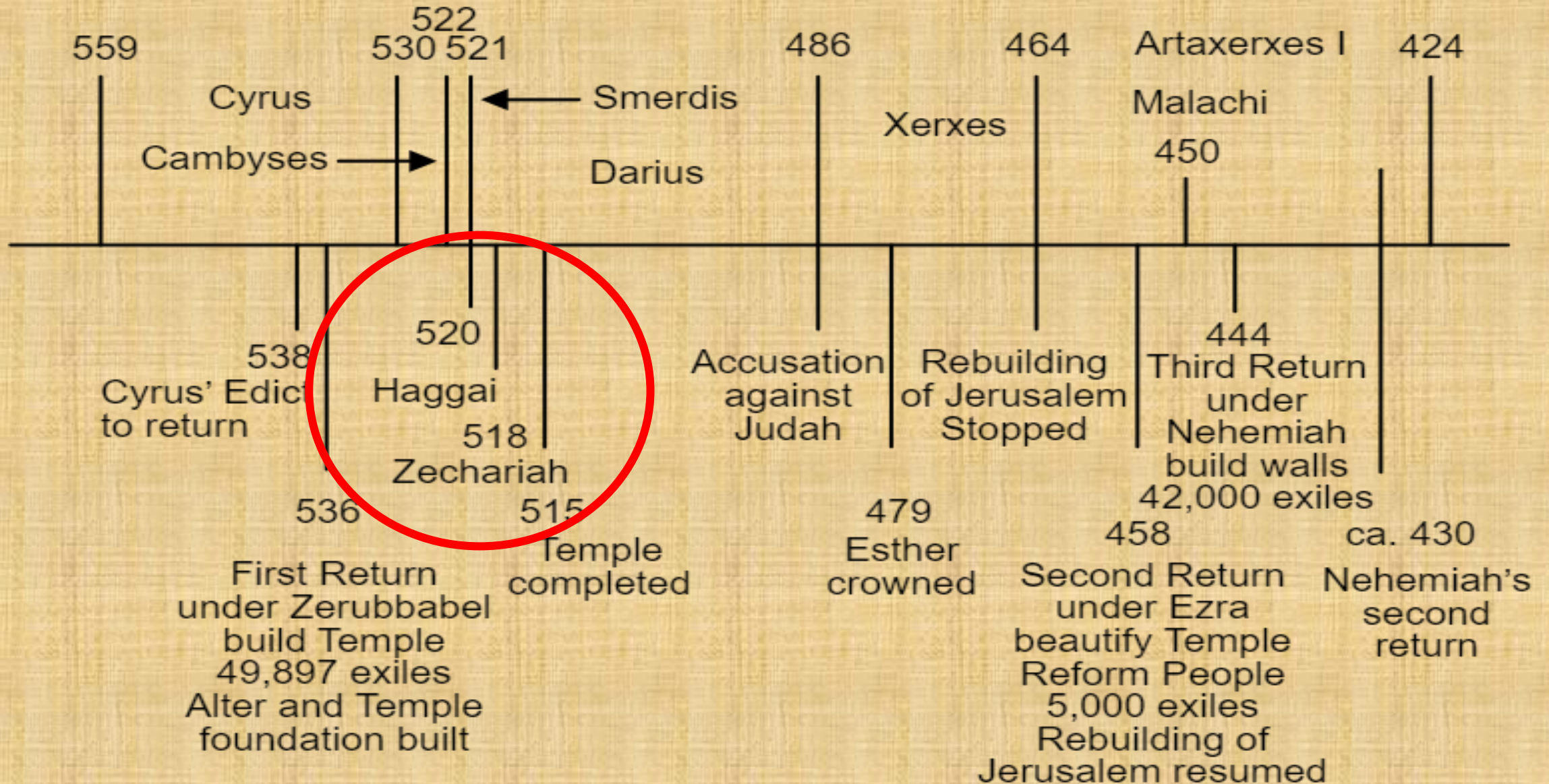


Haggai Timeline



536-480 BC

Timeline of Ezra, Haggai & Zechariah

	Date	Event		Date	Event
1st	536-520BC	Building is hindered (Ezra 4:1-5). Building ceases (Ezra 4:24).	7th	519-518BC	Tattenai's letter to Darius to oppose the building (Ezra 5:3-6:14).
2nd	Aug 29 520BC	Haggai's 1 st Message – Repent & return to work (Hag 1:1-11, Ezra 5:2).	8th	Feb 15 519BC	Zechariah's 8 Night Visions (1:7-6:8).
3rd	Oct 17 520BC	Haggai's 2 nd Message – Building Encouraged (Hag 2:1-9).	9th	Feb 16 519BC	Joshua the High Priest crowned (6:9-15).
4th	Nov 520BC	Zechariah begins preaching (1:1-6).	10th	Dec 7 518BC	Zechariah urges Repentance (Chs. 7-8).
5th	Dec 520BC	Haggai's 3 rd Message – Decline & Change (Hag 2:10-19).	11th	Mar 12 516BC	Dedication of The Temple (Ezra 6:15-18).
6th	Dec 520BC	Haggai's 4 th Message – Encouraging Zerubbabel (Hag 2:20-23).	12th	480BC	Zechariah's final prophecy (Chs. 9-14).

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Outline

1st Message: The Call to rebuild the Temple (1).

- The people have finished building their homes, but the Temple remains unfinished, and the people wonder why they toil but never have enough.

2nd Message: The Temple will be filled with 'Glory' (2:1-9).

- The 2nd Temple looks inferior to Solomon's temple, but will see greater glory (Messiah).

3rd Message: A defiled people, purified & blessed (2:10-19).

- Decline is irreversible without real change (substantive v's apparent) .

4th Message: The Promise to Zerubbabel (2:20-23).

- The Nations will be judged, and one 'like' Zerubbabel will restore Israel.

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Message 1

Haggai reproaches the people for rebuilding AND embellishing their homes (1:4), but neglecting the rebuilding of the Temple.

- The Altar and Cov't Communion has been re-established.
 - Relationship is restored.
- The rebuilding of the temple is opposed.
- The People's attention shifts to their creature comforts.
- The People toil, but never seem to have enough.
- The Temple represents, God's presence; and God's Cov't plans & purposes.

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The Temple

Message 1

- God's 'House', dwelling place, amongst His People.
 - Represented God's 'Presence' amongst His People.
- Israel were called by God to build a Temple for Him.
 - Israel's greatest purpose was for God to bring forth His Messiah.
- The Temple was essential to the keeping of the 'Feasts'.
 - Haggai = 'My Holidays/Feasts'.
- The Messiah would fulfil the 'Feasts' (Soteriologically + Eschatologically).
- The Temple represents God's Cov't plans & purposes.

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Message 1

- The People don't have the right (God's) priority.
 - They have a misguided sense of what constitutes their purpose & fulfilment (Gods Cov't plans & purposes).
- They don't invest in their God given purpose (seek God's Plans).
- They are not sufficiently grateful to God for His purpose, thus...
- They misunderstand what (who) actually guarantees (underpins) their wellbeing (which involves trust).
 - God will supply their needs (according to His Cov't purposes).
- Investing in the Flesh, will only fuel it's appetite, which can never be satisfied.
 - This can only diminish faith, as God's provision will seem inadequate (from a Fleshly perspective).

- Listen, Learn & Obey (Hag 1:12).
- Fear, Revere The Lord (v13).
- Receive The Word (presence) of The Lord (v13).
- Be stirred by The Lord (v14, 2nd Tim 1:6-7, Zech 1:3).
 - Encourage (stir up) others.
- Put Faith in God's Promises (not OUR plans) into action (v14).
- Be aware of God's timing (v15, Colossians 4:5).