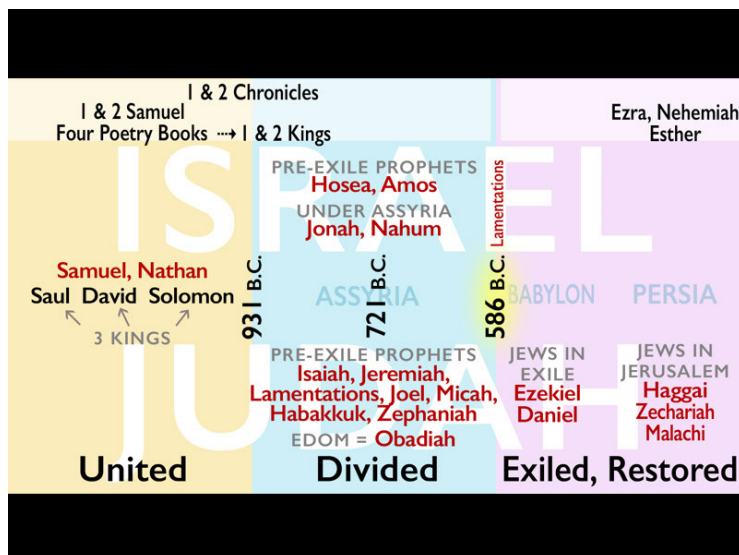


Defining Moment = an event that typifies or determines all subsequent related occurrences

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2 Chronicles 36:15-16, 18-21

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<sup>1</sup>Now the prophets, Haggai and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem, in the name of the God of Israel who was over them.

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<sup>2</sup>Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak arose and began to rebuild the house of God that is in Jerusalem, and the prophets of God were with them, supporting them. —Ezra 5:1-2 **ESV**

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<sup>2</sup>“Thus says the LORD of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the LORD.” <sup>3</sup>Then the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet,

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<sup>4</sup>“Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? <sup>5</sup>Now, therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways.”

—Haggai 1:2-5 ESV

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I. The People were Excusing Personal Obedience for Practical Convenience  
Haggai 1:2

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“... the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the LORD.”  
—Haggai 1:2 ESV

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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, as the LORD their God had sent him. And the people feared the LORD. —Haggai 1:12 ESV

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“God doesn’t want to be part of your life; He wants preeminence in your life!”

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2. The Lord was Affirming Forward  
Progress Through His Powerful Presence  
Haggai 1:13-15; 2:4-9

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“God’s purpose for His  
people and work through His  
people are not hindered by  
conditions or circumstances.  
If the Lord is with His  
people, then His presence is  
their path forward.”

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“... the word of the LORD...”  
Haggai 1:3; 2:2, 10, 20

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“We don’t live our lives based on  
explanations, but on promises.”  
—Warren W. Wiersbe

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3. The Church Has Been Chosen and Sent  
to Declare the Glorious Gospel of Christ  
and His Coming Kingdom Haggai 2:20-23

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“I have chosen you.”

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You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you. —John 15:16 ESV

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<sup>15</sup>I do not ask that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As You sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

—John 17:15-18 ESV

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<sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

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<sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

—Matthew 28:18-20 ESV

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"Consider your ways"  
Haggai 1:5, 7; 2:15, 18

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<sup>20</sup>Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

—Ephesians 3:20-21 ESV

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