A Tour Through the Divine Library (Haggai)

I. General Introduction to Haggai

- -Title/Author: the prophet Haggai (1:1, 3; 2:1, 10,13, 14, 20)
- -Date: 520 BC, the second year of Darius I (1:1; 2:10, 18, 20)
- -Purpose: to stir up the people to finish rebuilding the temple (Ezra 1:1-3; 3:8; 4:4, 5, 24; 5:1-3, 6; 6:6, 7; Hag. 1:3, 4, 9)
- -Structure:
- I. Prophecy of Rebuke (1:1-15)
- II. Prophecy of Encouragement (2:1-9)
- III. Prophecy of Present Blessing (2:10-19)
- IV. Prophecy of Future Blessing (2:20-23)

II. General Overview of Haggai

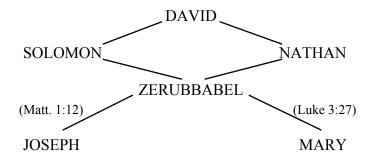
- -First Prophecy (1:1-15): A General Rebuke of the People
- -Second Prophecy (2:1-9): A General Encouragement of the People (2:3 with Ezra 3:10-13; v. 6 quoted in Heb. 12:26
- -Third Prophecy (2:10-19): A Promise of Present Blessing
- -Fourth Prophecy (2:20-23): A Promise of Future Blessing

III. Prominent People and Themes in Haggai

- -People: Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel (1:1, 12, 14; 2:2, 4, 21, 23); Joshua the son of Jehozadak in Hagga and Zechariah (Jeshua the son of Jozadak in Ezra and Nehemiah) (1:1,12, 14; 2:2, 4)
- -Themes: the character of God (righteousness; holiness; faithfulness); importance of holiness, obedience to God; His promised presence (1:13; 2:4, 5)

IV. Christ in Haggai

-In Zerubbabel: signet (Est. 3:12; 8:8, 10; Jer. 32:10, 11; Dan. 6:17); he is the chosen descendant of David who continues the royal line through which Christ would come.



- V. Practical Lessons in Haggai
- 1) God holds the hearts of kings in His hands to do all His holy will (Prov. 21:1).
- 2) We must be about the work God has given us to do.
- 3) Kingdom work isn't easy to do.
- 4) Take seriously the warning of coming judgment and the call to repentance and faith in Christ (Heb. 12:25-29).