

First Things First

Haggai 1:1-15

Introduction

I. The Environment (1)

August 586 BC—The first Jewish temple is destroyed by the Babylonians (The Jewish people are in exile in Babylon for 70 years—605-536. It takes until 536 BC for the people to settle in the land and receive a harvest.

October 539 BC—Cyrus the Persian conquers Babylon and allows the Jewish people to return to their land to rebuild the temple. In 538, about 50,000 exiles return to the land (Ezra 1—2).

536 BC—The temple foundation is laid (Ezra 3:1—4:5), but the work stops, and the project lies dormant for 16 years (Ezra 4:24).

520 BC—God raises up two prophets—Haggai (“festival”) and Zechariah to call the people to repent and rebuild the temple (Ezra 5:1).

August 29, 520 BC—Haggai delivers his first message.

II. The Excuse (2-4)

III. The Evaluation (5-11)

IV. The Effect (12-14)

Conclusion

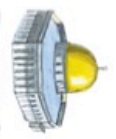


Ark placed beneath Holy of Holies

Roman eagle insignia defiles sanctuary

Ark is undisturbed by Roman destruction

Islamic shrine defiles site of the Holy of Holies



Dome of the Rock

Abomination of Desolation desecrates Third Temple



Tribulation Temple (2 Ths 2:4; Rev 11:1-2)

All of Jerusalem becomes God's throne (Jer 3:16-17) and is called "Holy to the Lord" (Zech 14:20)



Millennial Temple (Ezk 40-48; Hag 2:6-9)

Ark re-installed by Messiah and Shekinah returns (Ezk 43:4-7)



Tabernacle

Ark is installed in the Tabernacle

The Shekinah glory fills the Holy of Holies



First Temple

Ark is transferred to the Temple

Shekinah glory fills the Holy of Holies

485 Years
Conquest & Settlement

374 Years
Monarchy

70 Years
Exile

586 Years
Gentile Domination

70th Week (Dan 9:27)
7 Years
Tribulation

1000 Years
Millennial Kingdom

1446 B.C. Exodus
Ark is built by Moses & Bezalel
Tabernacle constructed

960 B.C. Ark captured and returned

960 B.C. First Temple built (Solomon's)

586 B.C. First Temple destroyed (Zerubbabel's)

516 B.C. Second Temple built (Zerubbabel's)

19 B.C. Second Temple enlarged (Herod's)

70 A.D. Second Temple destroyed

Temple site is preserved through history
Church Age
Search for the ark increases as the end nears and Jews re-establish their sovereignty over the Temple Mount and make preparations to rebuild Temple

First Half
Israel enters into a covenant with Antichrist, recovers the ark, and rebuilds the Temple

Midpoint
Third Temple is desecrated by Antichrist as he enthrones himself on the ark

Second half
Restoration of national Israel and new heavens and earth (eternal state)
Reign of Christ on earth
Resumption of animal sacrifices and festival worship schedule