



HAGGAI

Serving God Like You Mean It

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A watercolor illustration of a man with a full, dark beard and long, wavy hair. He is wearing a dark, textured robe and is pointing his right index finger directly at the viewer. The background is a soft, ethereal landscape with rolling hills and a cloudy sky, rendered in light, airy watercolor washes. The overall color palette is dominated by soft blues, greys, and whites, with some darker tones in the man's hair and beard.

SESSION 1

Alignment



Zerubbabel
[GOVERNOR]

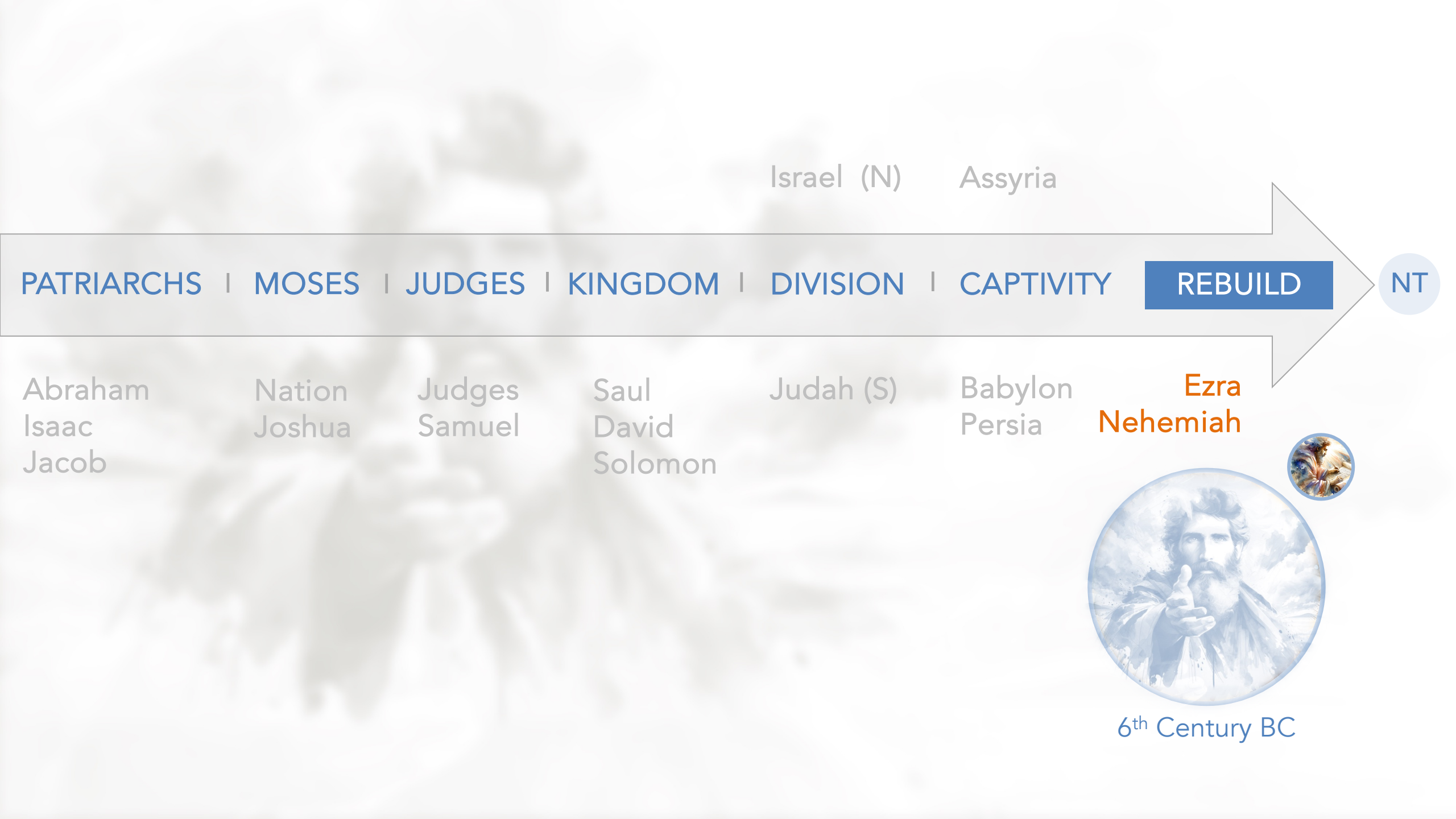


Jeshua
[PRIEST]



HISTORICAL CONTEXT





PATRIARCHS

MOSES

JUDGES

KINGDOM

DIVISION

CAPTIVITY

REBUILD

NT

Abraham
Isaac
Jacob

Nation
Joshua

Judges
Samuel

Saul
David
Solomon

Judah (S)

Babylon
Persia

Ezra
Nehemiah



6th Century BC





THE

PROBLEM



Nebuchadnezzar
(586 BC / Babylon)

THE PERSIAN EMPIRE (CA. 538-332 B.C.E.)



MACEDONIA

LYDIA

CAPPADOCIA

CILICIA

ASSYRIA

EGYPT

MEDIA

PARTHIA

SOGDIANA

BACTRIA

ARACHOSIA

ELAM

PARSIA

Athens

Damascus

Samaria

Jerusalem

Memphis

Elephantine

Babylon

Susa

Persepolis

Black Sea

Caspian Sea

Mediterranean Sea

Persian Gulf

Red Sea

REGION NAME

• City Name



King Cyrus
(538 BC / Persia)



ISAIAH 45

¹³ I will raise up Cyrus
to fulfill my righteous purpose,
and I will guide his actions.

He will restore my city
and free my captive people—
without seeking a reward!
I, the Lord of Heaven's Armies,
have spoken!"

EZRA



EZRA 1

¹ In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia,
the Lord fulfilled the prophecy
he had given through Jeremiah.
He stirred the heart of Cyrus
to put this proclamation in writing
and to send it throughout his kingdom:

EZRA 1

2 "This is what King Cyrus of Persia says:
"The Lord, the God of heaven,
has given me all the kingdoms of the earth.
He has appointed me to build him
a Temple at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

EZRA 1

³ Any of you who are his people may go to Jerusalem in Judah to rebuild this Temple of the Lord, the God of Israel, who lives in Jerusalem. And may your God be with you!”

EZRA 2

¹ Here is the list of the Jewish exiles of the provinces who returned from their captivity...

² Their leaders were **Zerubbabel**,
Jeshua, Nehemiah...



Zerubbabel
[GOVERNOR]



Jeshua
[PRIEST]

EZRA 3

¹¹ With praise and thanks,
they sang this song to the Lord:

“He is so good!

His faithful love for Israel endures forever!”

Then all the people gave a great shout,
praising the Lord because the foundation
of the Lord’s Temple had been laid.

EZRA 4

¹ The enemies of Judah and Benjamin heard that the exiles were rebuilding a Temple to the Lord, the God of Israel.

EZRA 4

- ⁴ Then the local residents tried to discourage and frighten the people of Judah to keep them from their work.
- ⁵ They bribed agents to work against them and to frustrate their plans.

EZRA 4

²⁴ So the work on the Temple of God in Jerusalem had stopped, and it remained at a standstill until the second year of the reign of King Darius of Persia.



Darius

“I am Darius, the great King,
the King of kings, the King of Persia...”







3 SYMPTOMS OF MISALIGNMENT



SESSION 1

HAGGAI 1:1-15 (NLT)

¹ On August 29
of the second year of King Darius's reign,
the Lord gave a message
through the prophet Haggai



to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel,
governor of Judah,
and to Jeshua son of Jehozadak,
the high priest.



2 "This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says:
The people are saying,
'The time has not yet come
to rebuild the house of the Lord.'"



³ Then the Lord sent this message
through the prophet Haggai:
⁴ "Why are you living in luxurious houses
while my house lies in ruins?"





- FIRST SYMPTOM -

Misplaced **PRIORITIES**

1 CORINTHIANS 12

18 ...In fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.

JOHN 17

4 "I have brought you glory on earth
by finishing the work
you gave me to do."



What is your
PURPOSE?

⁵ This is what the Lord
of Heaven's Armies says:
"Look at what's happening to you!"



⁶ You have planted much but harvest little.
You eat but are not satisfied.
You drink but are still thirsty.
You put on clothes but cannot keep warm.
Your wages disappear as though you were
putting them in pockets filled with holes!



⁷ This is what the Lord
of Heaven's Armies says:
"Look at what's happening to you!"



⁸ Now go up into the hills,
bring down timber, and rebuild my house.
Then I will take pleasure in it
and be honored,
says the Lord.



⁹ You hoped for rich harvests,
but they were poor.
And when you brought your harvest home,
I blew it away.



Why?

Because my house lies in ruins,
says the Lord of Heaven's Armies,
while all of you are busy
building your own fine houses.



¹⁰ It's because of you
that the heavens withhold the dew
and the earth produces no crops.
¹¹ I have called for a drought
on your fields and hills



a drought to wither the grain and grapes
and olive trees and all your other crops,
a drought to starve you and your livestock
and to ruin everything you have worked
so hard to get."





- SECOND SYMPTOM -

LACK OF SATISFACTION



What is your
CONDITION?

¹² Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel,
and Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest,
and the whole remnant of God's people
began to obey the message
from the Lord their God.



When they heard the words
of the prophet Haggai,
whom the Lord their God had sent,
the people feared the Lord.





- THIRD SYMPTOM -

DRIVEN BY FEAR

EZRA 6

7 "Do not disturb the construction of the Temple of God.

Let it be rebuilt on its original site, and do not hinder the governor of Judah and the elders of the Jews in their work."

EZRA 6

⁸ "Moreover, I hereby decree that you are to help these elders of the Jews as they rebuild this Temple of God. You must pay the full construction costs, without delay, from my taxes collected in the province west of the Euphrates River so that the work will not be interrupted."



What is
DRIVING YOU?

¹³ Then Haggai, the Lord's messenger,
gave the people this message
from the Lord:
"I am with you, says the Lord!"



14 So the Lord sparked the enthusiasm
of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel,
governor of Judah,
and the enthusiasm
of Jeshua son of Jehozadak,
the high priest,
and the enthusiasm
of the whole remnant of God's people.



They began to work on the house of their God,
the Lord of Heaven's Armies,
¹⁵ on September 21
of the second year
of King Darius's reign.



EZRA 6

¹⁴ So the Jewish elders continued their work,
and they were greatly encouraged
by the preaching of the prophets Haggai
and Zechariah son of Iddo.

EZRA 6

The Temple was finally finished, as had been commanded by the God of Israel and decreed by Cyrus, Darius, and Artaxerxes, the kings of Persia.

¹⁵ The Temple was completed on March 12, during the sixth year of King Darius's reign.

EZRA 6

22 ...There was great joy throughout the land because the Lord had caused the king of Assyria to be favorable to them, so that he helped them to rebuild the Temple of God, the God of Israel.



Alignment



ARE YOU FULFILLING
YOUR CALLING?



WHAT
ABOUT
YOU?

- ➔ Purpose?
- ➔ Fear?
- ➔ Action?

WHAT
DOES IT
TAKE?

Courageous Obedience
God's Timing
+ God's Direction

Alignment

1 CORINTHIANS 15

58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters,
stand firm.

Let nothing move you.

Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord,
because you know that your labor in the Lord
is not in vain.



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