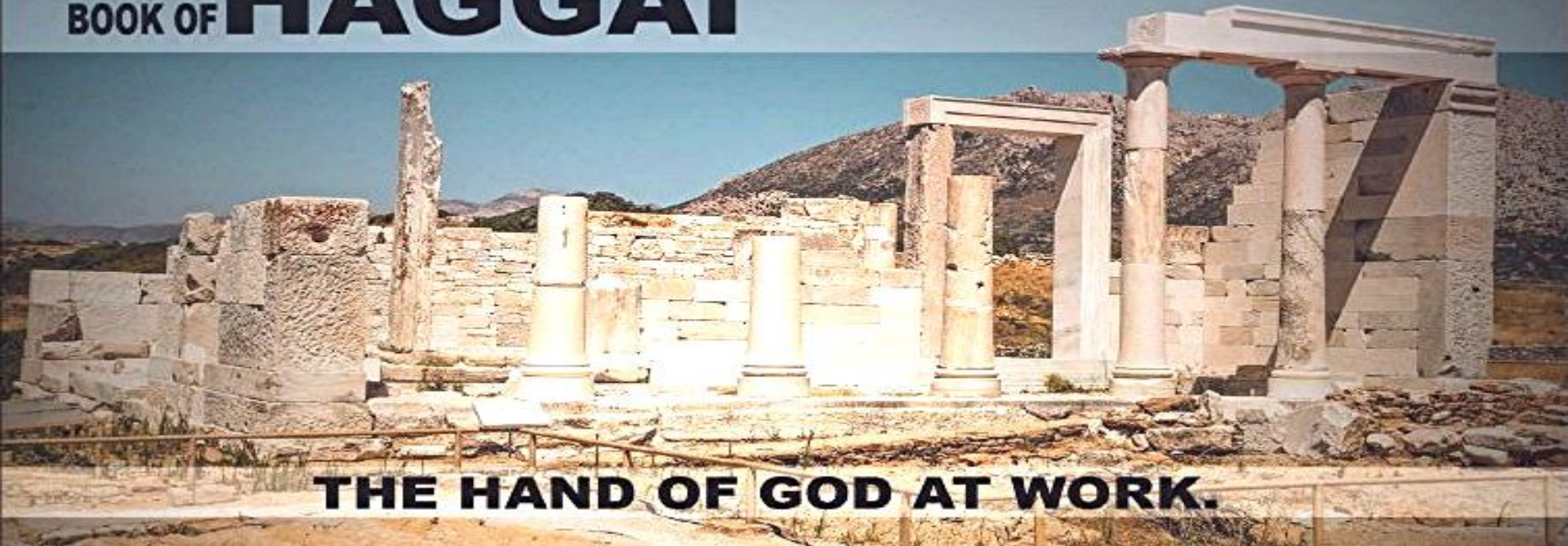


THE BOOK OF HAGGAI



THE HAND OF GOD AT WORK.

- Haggai records chronologically and historically
- No such thing as B.C. at that time, and no universally applied calendars
- Saying, ***“the 6th month of the 2nd year of Darius”*** means Haggai is using the Regnal calendar
- The 6th month is Elul, about the same as September, late summer/early fall season
- Harvesting was underway in Yehud (formerly Judah)

ISRAEL

the TIMES of the GENTILES

- Cyrus → Cambyses → Darius
- This address from God happened about 520 B.C.
- Luke 21: 22 – 24
Times (Age) of the Gentiles was already in effect,
long before Yeshua, and it is still in effect today
- “Dabar YHWH” is a compound term = a prophetic
revelation (it is NOT “the word of the Lord”)

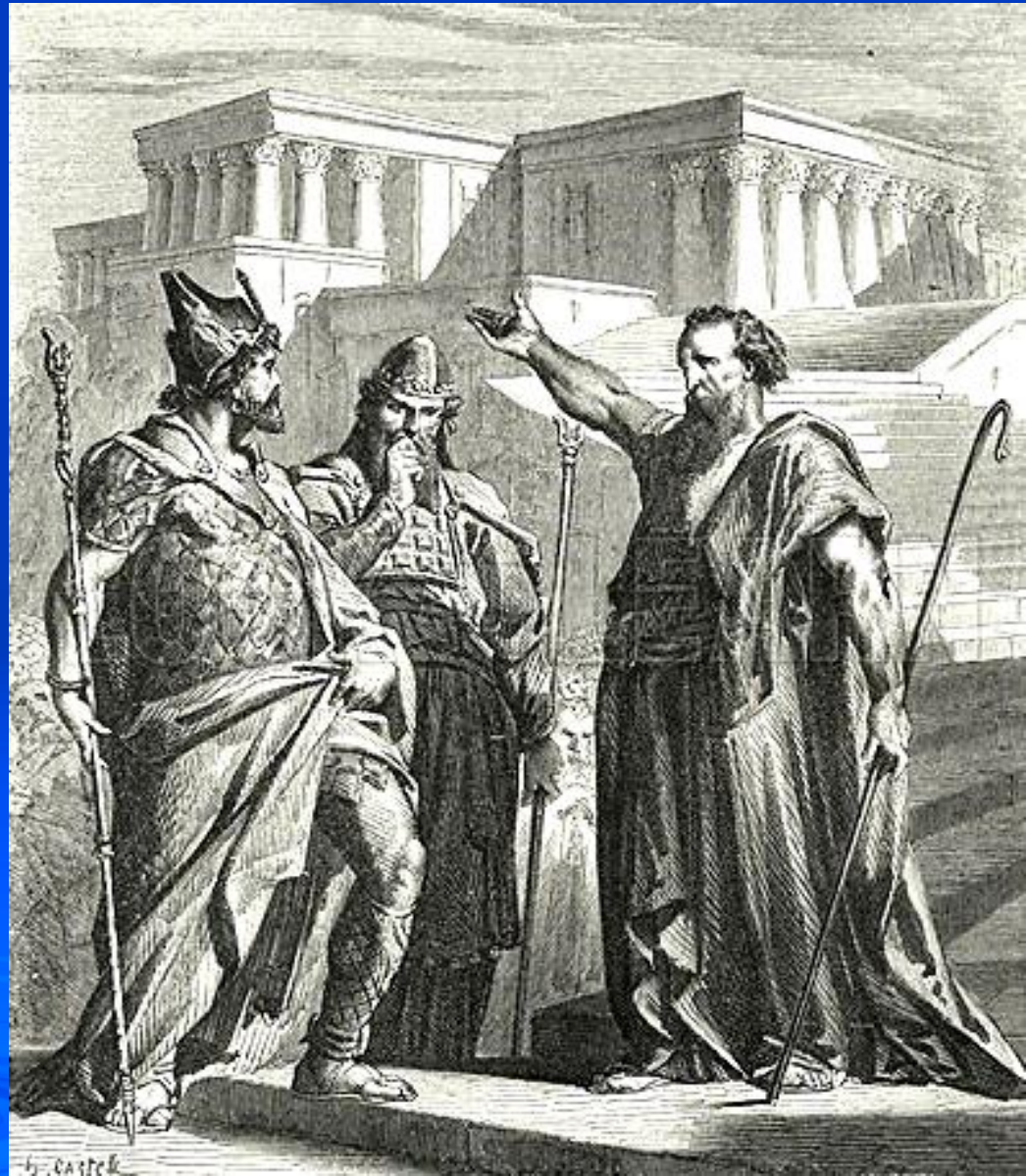
THE CONCEPT OF PROPHETIC REVELATION



- “the word of YHWH” comes from the language and realm of ancient royal courts
- God’s Divine Council consists of a caste of divine beings (*elohim*) who are the administrative rulers of Heavens
- Israelite thought pictured God as the great judge/king who sits above and proclaims oracles in collaboration with His Council
- This is how we are to understand what is being said

ZERUBBABEL AND JOSHUA

- Zerubbabel= seed of Babylon
- A descendant of David
- Joshua High Priest, descended from proper High Priest line
- Zerubbabel is not Sheshbazzar
- Joshua spelled Yehoshua or Yeshua
- Means Yehoveh saves
- Yeshua represents God's saving will



How come I never have enough....

*Time?

*Money?

*Necessities of life?



- Vs. 2 is a rebuke of the Jews for not rebuilding God's House
- The Jews came home with more interest in reclaiming farms and land than rebuilding the Temple
- Building on the Temple had stopped for 15 years
- "Think about your lives" = ponder your designs and actions, and their consequences
- The problem is a lack of enthusiasm for rebuilding the Temple



**The purpose
of tithing is
to teach you
always to put
God first in
your lives.**

Deut 14:23^{TLB}

- Tithing is a commandment of God, not an option
- Prosperity Doctrine is nonsense!
- In Haggai, God says to look at the result of their disobedience to give to rebuild God's House
- God says in the rebuilding of the Temple, He "will be glorified"

GOD'S GLORY

NOT THIS !



THIS !



- RSV Haggai 1:8
- Here, God's Glory does not mean "in His splendor"
- The Glory of God was, to the Hebrews, another manifestation of God!
- The cloud in Solomon's Temple was God's visible Glory
- A double curse
- Vs. 9 ***"BECAUSE my house lies in ruins..."***



- Better reading of vs. 9: “...*what you have brought to the House, I have blown away...*”
- The Altar was being used even though the Temple wasn't standing
- The Torah says that the smoke of the sacrifices is a sweet aroma to God... He is accepting the sacrifices
- Blown away means God blows the smoke away instead of inhaling it... He is rejecting the sacrifices

BABYLON



WHY IS THERE A LACK?

- The land is not producing due to not enough rain
- Drinking water for humans and animals had become scarce
- Returning Jews not used to farming when rain was needed to water the crops
- Haggai says their lack was due to not rebuilding the Temple

YEHUD





HAS THE CHURCH LOST THE FEAR OF THE LORD



- Fearing God has two biblical meanings:
1) allegiance, 2) a healthy trepidation
- Proverbs 9:10
“The fear of Adonai is the beginning of wisdom”
- Ignoring the Prophets is to ignore God’s Word
- ***“I am with you”*** means Israel will be tangibly protected from sickness or an enemy



- “Roused the spirit” means an arousal to action!
- Work began on the 24th day of the 6th month, so it had been only 23 days since Haggai gave God’s oracle
- The Prophetic Word literally is what brings God’s will into action
- Once the Word is announced, nothing can stop it