

First Baptist Church of Progress Village
Haggai – Introduction & Background
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I. Josiah's descendants become kings of Judah after his death.

A. Hebrew Name meanings

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| 1) Jehoahaz means Jehovah <u>seized</u> . | 4) Necho means beaten, <u>afflicted</u> . |
| 2) Eliakim means God of <u>raising</u> . | 5) Jehoiachin means Jehovah will <u>establish</u> . |
| 3) Jehoiakim means Jehovah will <u>raise</u> . | 6) Zedekiah means <u>righteousness</u> of God. |

B. Last Kings of Southern Kingdom

LAST FIVE KINGS OF JUDAH

Judah King	Ancestry	Age	Ruled	Obeyed God
Josiah	Mannaseh's son	8	31 Years	YES
Jehoahaz	Josiah's son	23	3 Months	NO
Eliakim	Josiah's son (Jehoahaz's brother)	25	11 years	NO
Jehoiachin	Eliakim's son	8	3 Months 10 days	NO
Zedekiah	Eliakim's son (Jehoiachin's brother)	21	11 Years	NO

2 Chronicles 36:1-11 (KJV) *Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's stead in Jerusalem. Jehoahaz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. And the king of Egypt put him down at Jerusalem, and condemned the land in an hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold. And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and turned his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took Jehoahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt.*

⁵ *Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD his God. Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar also carried of the vessels of the house of the LORD to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon. Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead. Jehoiachin was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem: and he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD. And when the year was expired, king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the goodly vessels of the house of the LORD, and made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem. Zedekiah was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.*

C. All of Josiah's heirs, disobeyed God and ignored his laws for the Jews.

2 Chronicles 36:12-19 (KJV) *And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD his God, and humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet speaking from the mouth of the LORD. And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto the LORD God of Israel. Moreover all the chief of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the heathen; and polluted the house of the LORD which he had hallowed in Jerusalem. And the LORD God of their fathers sent to*

them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place: But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy. Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave them all into his hand. And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon. And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof.

II. Judah, Southern Kingdom is carried into captivity by Babylon.

2 Chronicles 36:20 (KJV) *And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia:*

A. Babylon rules until Persia overtakes them and claims control of Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 36:21 (KJV) *To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.*

B. **70** years of Exile to account for Israel's disobedience. Every 7 years that God told them to let the land rest. 490 years divided by 7 = 70 years exile

III. Persia conquers Babylon and the permits the return of exiles to Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 36:22-23 (KJV) *Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, ...*

A. Jeremiah's message gets through.

Ezra 1:1-11 (KJV) *Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* also in writing, saying, Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah. Who *is there* among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (he *is* the God,) which *is* in Jerusalem. And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of God that *is* in Jerusalem. Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all *them* whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the LORD which *is* in Jerusalem. And all they that *were* about them strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, beside all *that* was willingly offered. Also Cyrus the king brought forth the vessels of the house of the LORD, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Jerusalem, and had put them in the house of his gods; Even those did Cyrus king of Persia bring forth by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and numbered them unto Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah. And this *is* the number of them: thirty chargers of gold, a thousand chargers of silver, nine and twenty knives, Thirty basons of gold, silver basons of a second *sort* four hundred and ten, *and* other vessels a thousand. All the vessels of gold and of silver *were* five thousand and four hundred. All *these* did Sheshbazzar bring up with *them* of the captivity that were brought up from Babylon unto Jerusalem.*

B. The first expectation was that the Temple would be restored using all the resources being sent.

The Book of **HAGGAI** begins at the end of the 70 year exile