

# Post-exilic Prophets

Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi



# The End of the Story

- Creation
- Fall
- Salvation promised
- A people and blessing for the nations promised
- The exodus
- The law
- Land and a king promised
- Warnings provided
- Failure to enter the land
- Delay
- Entering the land with a mission to drive out God's enemies
- Failure to worship God alone and follow His law
- Demand for an earthly king
- A line of kings provided
- A future perfect king promised
- Failure to to worship God alone and follow His law (again)
- Captivity
- Return to the land

# Post-exile

- Ezra and Nehemiah
  - God began orchestrating events to bring His people back to the land and to rebuild, just as He promised He would do (Jeremiah 29:10-11).
- Something was off
  - The new temple and Jerusalem was not living up to the old temple and Jerusalem, let alone prior prophets' visions of new glories.
  - The rebuilding was marked by opposition, sloth, and sin.
  - Expectations were not meeting reality.

# Haggai



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- Purpose
  - Rebuilding the temple
  - Remind the people of the vision and their need to put God first
- Outline
  - 1:1-11 God rebukes the people
  - 1:12-15 The people respond in obedience
  - 2 God promises to bring restoration and blessing

# Zechariah



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- Purpose
  - Encourage God's people to remain faithful to His plan despite opposition from without and sin from within
- Outline
  - 1:1-6 God rebukes the people
  - 1:7-6:16 God gives visions of judgment and salvation
  - 7:1-8:23 God answers a question about fasting
  - 9:1-14:21 God promises a coming victory and peace



# The Eight Visions of Zechariah

Vision	Passage	Description	Meaning
1	1:7-17	Man among the Myrtle Trees	God Promises Prosperity to Israel
2	1:18-21	Four Horns and Four Craftsmen	God Judges the Nations that attacked Israel
3	2:1-13	Man with a Measuring Line	God Rebuilds Jerusalem
4	3:1-10	Cleansing of the High Priest	God Purifies both High Priest and People
5	4:1-14	Golden Lampstand and Two Olive Trees	God Rebuilds the Temple
6	5:1-4	Flying Scroll	God Removes Imparted Sin/Idolatry
7	5:5-11	Woman in a Basket	God Removes the System of False Religion
8	6:1-8	Four Chariots	God Brings Peace and Rest to Israel
Appendix	6:9-15	Coronation of the High Priest	Messiah assumes of the office of both King and Priest



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# Malachi



# Malachi

- Purpose
  - After the people had settled into the land again, Malachi wrote to renew Israel's worship that had given way to sin and apathy.
- Outline
  - 1:1-3:5 God rebukes the people
  - 3:6-4:6 God promises judgment and salvation

Silence

# Application

Questions?