



Class 14 - Esther, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

Old Testament Seminar - Immanuel Church

Esther

Historical Context

- Events occur between 483 and 473 BC
- A group of Jews remained in Persia, where enemies abound

Theme

God protects his people, even if we can't see how he is working.

God Will Judge

God Works Through Circumstances

God Will Save His People

Conclusion

Haggai

Context

- The people are preoccupied with their own interests.
- The people are neglecting the reconstruction of the temple.

- Temple construction resumes in 520 BC.

Theme

Yahweh is turning the hearts of His people to seek His glory and to please Him in rebuilding His temple, which serves as a type of the greater glory of the coming end-times temple.

Whose Pleasure and Whose Glory? – Haggai 1:7-8

Yahweh's Sovereign Reign Over the Heart – Haggai 1:13-14

The Greater Glory – Haggai 2

Zechariah

Context

- Zechariah a contemporary of Haggai.
- Zechariah looks forward to the coming Messiah.

Theme

Yahweh has restored the old ways to prefigure and prophesy unto new ways in the future: the grand restoration from exile by the coming Messiah.

The Coming Messianic-Priest-King – Zechariah 6:9-15

Zechariah's Messianic Message – Zechariah 9-14

Malachi

Context

- Late 5th century BC.
- The people are drifting into secularism.
- The last prophet before the Day of the LORD.

Theme

Yahweh's people are beginning to drift away again, so Yahweh will need to come visit them soon.

Yahweh Will Not Be Despised – Malachi 1:6-2:9

Yahweh Will Not Allow Marriage Infidelity – Malachi 2:10-16

Yahweh Will Not Be Robbed – Malachi 3:8-12

“Elijah” Will Come First – Malachi 4:5-6

Study Outlines

A Study Outline for Esther

- i. Esther 1-2 – Esther's Rise
- ii. Esther 3-5 – Haman's Plot
- iii. Esther 6-7 – Mordecai's Victory

- iv. Esther 8-10 – Jews' Celebration

A Study Outline for Haggai

- i. Haggai 1 – Type in History
- ii. Haggai 2 – Antitype in Christ

A Study Outline for Zechariah

- i. Zechariah 1:1-6 – Zechariah's Call to Repentance
- ii. Zechariah 1:7-6:8 – Zechariah's Vision of the Night
 - a. The People are Restored – 1:7-17
 - b. Protection Restored – 1:18-21
 - c. The Temple Restored – ch. 2
 - d. The High Priest Restored – ch. 3
 - e. The King Restored – ch. 4
 - f. Honesty Restored – 5:1-4
 - g. Sins Purged – 5:5-11
 - h. The Day of the LORD – 6:1-8
- iii. Zechariah 6:9-15 – The Coronation of the High Priest
- iv. Zechariah 7-8 – A Question about Fasting
- v. Zechariah 9-14 – The Coming of the King and the Day of the LORD

A Study Outline for Malachi

- i. Malachi 1:1-4:3 – Disputes between Yahweh and His People
 - a. Yahweh has loved His people – 1:1-5
 - b. Yahweh's people have despised Him – 1:6-2:9
 - c. Yahweh's people have broken covenants – 2:10-16
 - d. Yahweh's people have wearied Him – 2:17-3:7
 - e. Yahweh's people have robbed Him – 3:8-12
 - f. Yahweh's people have spoken against Him – 3:13-4:3
- ii. Malachi 4:4-6 – A Sign before the Day of the LORD – 4:4-6

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