

**WEEK 9: HAGGAI, ZECHARIAH, AND MALACHI**  
**DAY 1: HAGGAI REBUKED THE PEOPLE AND ENCOURAGED THEM**

1. This week we will study the last three books of the Little Prophets. They are Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. These three men had returned from Babylon before God called them to be prophets. They were the men who prophesied after the people of Israel returned from Babylon. You see that there are two prophets with names very much the same. Yesterday we studied about Zephaniah. This week we will study about Zechariah.

As we learned last week, what did Zephaniah mean when he spoke of "the day of the Lord"?

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2. Zephaniah meant the time of judgment for all nations. He prophesied before the people were bound in Babylon. But there were three prophets who preached after the people returned. This is what we will learn today.

- (1) Haggai and Zechariah helped the people of Israel to rebuild the temple.
- (2) Haggai helped the people in two ways. First he rebuked them. Then he encouraged them.

Write the names of the three men who prophesied after Israel returned from Babylon.

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3. These prophets were Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. God had finally fulfilled his promise to bring Israel back from Babylon. We read about this in the book of Ezra. Cyrus, the king, announced that those who wanted to rebuild God's house could go back to Jerusalem.

Ezra 1:5:

Then rose up the heads of the fathers' houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites, every one whose spirit God had stirred to go up to rebuild the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem.

What people would Haggai help to rebuild the temple? \_\_\_\_\_

4. He would help the people of Judah. Or as they were sometimes called, the people of Israel. They came back from Babylon under their leader Zerubbabel. They wanted to rebuild the temple, but they found many enemies in their land. The enemies did all they could to stop the work of the people of Israel. Finally the people stopped working.

Ezra 4:24:

Then the work on the house of God which is in Jerusalem stopped; and it ceased until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

What did the people of Israel stop to rebuild? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. They stopped rebuilding the temple or the house of God. They had worked hard at first, but they had only laid the foundation. It was not a large group of people who returned from Babylon. When the enemies began to trouble them, they became discouraged. They thought they were too few to finish the work. It was a hard time. The people needed to be helped and encouraged, so God sent prophets to them.

Ezra 5:1-2:

Now the prophets, Haggai and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem, in the name of the God of Israel who was over them. Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak arose and began to rebuild the house of God which is in Jerusalem; and with them were the prophets of God, helping them.

Which prophets helped the people of Israel rebuild the temple?

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6. Haggai and Zechariah did this. The people had stopped building the temple. Instead they were building beautiful houses for themselves. They said that the time had not yet come to rebuild the house of the Lord. For 15 years, they left the temple unfinished. Then the prophets talked to the people. Haggai preached to them first. He told them it was not right for them to build their own houses and leave God's house.

What did Haggai and Zechariah want the people to do to the temple?

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7. They wanted them to rebuild it. Haggai used two ways to talk to the people.

- (1) He first rebuked them
- (2) Then he encouraged them.

At first Haggai used sharp words with the people. He said they were just making excuses for not building the temple.

Take your Bible now and read Haggai 1:1 to 6. Read verse 2 again. What were the people saying about rebuilding?

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8. They were saying that it was not time to build God's house. They were making their own houses. They were making them very nice.

But what did Haggai and Zechariah want to help them to do? \_\_\_\_\_

9. They wanted them to build the temple. Haggai began by asking some hard questions. He said the people were having troubles because they were not obeying God.

Haggai 1:5-6:

Consider how you have fared. You have sown much, and harvested little; you eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill; you clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; and he who earns wages earns wages to put them into a bag with holes.

Did Haggai speak encouraging words at first? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Haggai first rebuked the people. He used sharp words. He reminded them of their troubles. He said that their troubles were punishment from God.

Haggai 1:9:

You have looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? says the Lord of hosts. Because of my house that lies in ruins, while you busy yourselves each with his own house.

Haggai first rebuked the people and then he encouraged them. The prophet Zechariah helped Haggai.

What did Haggai and Zechariah help the people to do? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. They helped them rebuild the temple. When Haggai spoke to the people, they began to work again. Then he encouraged them and said good things. Have you ever tried to build a new church or repair the old one? It is not easy to get people to do this work. The leader of a church must sometimes help his people want to care for God's house. You must encourage the people. It is your work to help them want a good house for people to worship in.

Haggai encouraged the people, but what did he do first? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. First he rebuked them. He spoke sharp words because they were not doing the right thing. But then he encouraged them. While they worked, Haggai gave them good messages from God.

Did Haggai keep on rebuking them while they worked? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. While they worked, he encouraged them. Some of the people who had seen the first temple cried when they saw the one being built. It would not be beautiful like Solomon's temple. But the prophet gave encouraging words from God. God said that in the end, his house would be more beautiful than in the beginning.

Haggai 2:7-9:

I will fill this house with splendor (or glory), says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of Hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of Hosts.

Which prophet first rebuked the people and then encouraged them to rebuild the temple?

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14. This was Haggai. But Zechariah also worked with him. Haggai preached in the sixth and seventh months of the year. Zechariah preached in the eighth month. God gave Zechariah some visions to encourage the people. These visions showed God's power over man and over the whole world. God showed Haggai and Zechariah that he would judge all nations.

Haggai 2:22:

I am about to destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the nations, and overthrow the chariots and their riders; and the horses and their riders shall go down, every one by the sword of his fellow.

After Haggai rebuked the people, how did he help them? \_\_\_\_\_

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15. He encouraged them. He gave them prophecies of joy. Zechariah also spoke words of encouragement. God would make Jerusalem glorious. God's glory would return to his temple some day. Here are two of the good things Zechariah said.

Zechariah 4:6:

Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts.

Zechariah 8:9:

Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Let your hands be strong, you who in these days have been hearing these words from the mouth of the prophets.

What did Haggai and Zechariah help the people to do? \_\_\_\_\_

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16. They helped the people to rebuild the temple.

Ezra 6:14-15:

And the elders of the Jews built and prospered, through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. They finished their building by command of the God of Israel . . . and this house was finished.

In what two ways did Haggai help the people to work?

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17. Haggai helped the people first by rebuking them and then by encouraging them. There is a lesson in this book for us to learn. People need to know the prophecies and promises in God's word. They need to know God's plans for the future. If they know God's word, then they will believe. They will be encouraged to do the work of God.

Who in your church should do the work of encouraging the Christians?

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18. You as the leader are the one to do this.

What did Haggai and Zechariah help the people of Israel to do? \_\_\_\_\_

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In what two ways did Haggai help the people to work?

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**WEEK 9: HAGGAI, ZECHARIAH, AND MALACHI**  
**DAY 2: ZECHARIAH PEOPHESIED ABOUT THE SUFFERINGS OF CHIRST**

1. What did Haggai and Zechariah help the people of Israel to do? \_\_\_\_\_

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In what two ways did Haggai help the people to work?

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2. Yesterday we learned that Haggai and Zechariah helped the people to rebuild the temple. Haggai first rebuked the people. Then he encouraged them. After the temple was rebuilt, Zechariah gave some very important prophecies.

Many years before the people went to Babylon, David and Isaiah prophesied about Christ. They said he would suffer and die. Later he would come as king and set up his kingdom. Zechariah prophesied the same things. He gave three special prophecies about Christ's suffering. At the end of the lesson you will write two of them.

(1) Christ will be betryed for 30 pieces of silver.

(2) Christ will be beaten.

(3) Christ will be pierced.

Take your Bible now and read Zechariah 11:7 to 14.

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3. God had told Zechariah to go and be a shepherd for awhile. The things that happened to him would show things to come. We do not understand all of the things which happened. But we see that the shepherd was rejected. We also see that 30 pieces of silver were paid and thrown into the temple. Many years later, one of Jesus' disciples betrayed him.

Matthew 27:9:

Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah (or Zechariah) saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel."

For how many pieces of silver was Christ betrayed? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. He was betrayed for 30 pieces of silver. One of his own disciples betrayed him. It was the night before he was crucified. Judas left Jesus and the rest of the disciples. He went to the high priests. They paid him 30 pieces of silver to show them where his master was. Zechariah prophesied that this would happen. He gave this very important prophecy about the suffering of the one who was coming. He said that he would come as king, but first he must suffer.

Who would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Christ would suffer in this way. Zechariah prophesied it. He showed that at first the people would praise Jesus.

Zechariah 9:9:

Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on an ass (or donkey), on a colt the foal (or child) of an ass.

Zechariah showed that the people would praise Christ. But then he would be betrayed. He would suffer and die.

As Zechariah prophesied, what was Judas given for betraying Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. He was given 30 pieces of silver. Later Judas saw that he had done wrong. He was very sorry for what he had done. He tried to give back the money, but the priests would not take it. So he threw the money down in the temple. Even this was prophesied by Zechariah.

Zechariah 11:13:

Then the Lord said to me, "Cast it into the treasury" . . . So I took the thirty shekels of silver and cast them into the treasury in the house of the Lord.

What was the first prophecy Zechariah gave about Christ's suffering? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. These are the prophecies.

- (1) Christ will be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver.
- (2) Christ will be beaten.
- (3) Christ will be pierced.

In the second prophesy Zechariah showed that Christ would be beaten.

Zechariah 13:7:

“Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who stands near to me,” says the Lord of hosts. “Strike the shepherd, that the sheep may be scattered.”

From this verse, what did Zechariah say would happen to the sheep when the shepherd was beaten?

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8. They would be scattered. Jesus used this prophecy to speak about himself. He said this to the disciples.

Matthew 26:31:

Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’”

This is just what happened. When the soldiers came to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, all the disciples were afraid and ran away.

What did Zechariah say would happen to scatter the sheep? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. He said that the shepherd would be beaten. He saw the sheep running away from the shepherd. The shepherd would be beaten and wounded. He wrote about the wounds in the shepherd’s back.

Zechariah 13:6:

And if one asks him, ‘What are these wounds on your back;’ he will say, ‘The wounds I received in the house of my friends.’

Christ would be beaten and his disciples scattered. This was Zechariah’s second prophecy about Christ’s suffering. What was the first?

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10. He first prophesied that Christ would be sold for 30 pieces of silver. This would be hard. But this was not all. Christ would suffer in his own body even before he was crucified.

What was Zechariah's second prophecy about Christ's suffering? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Christ would be beaten. His disciples would be scattered. Christ would be a suffering Saviour. It seems that the people should have understood this. They should have seen it from the prophets. Christ must suffer before he came as king. Some day the people would understand this.

Zechariah 12:10:

... when they look on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him.

Who prophesied that Christ would be betrayed, and beaten, and pierced? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. Zechariah prophesied all this. We know that our Saviour's hands and feet were pierced. The men used nails to put him on the cross. After he died, a soldier pierced his side with a spear. So Zechariah prophesied exactly what would happen. David also prophesied this many years before.

Psalms 22:16:

They pierced my hands and my feet.

Who suffered by being pierced as David and Zechariah prophesied? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. This was Christ. Some day he would come as king, but he must first come as a suffering Saviour. The prophets knew this. They tried to tell the people. When Christ came, the prophecies were fulfilled. Then the disciples understood.

John 19:36-37:

For these things took place that the scripture might be fulfilled, "Not a bone of him shall be broken." And again another scripture says, "They shall look on him whom they have pierced."

Zechariah prophesied that Christ would be betrayed and beaten. What was his third prophecy about the suffering of Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

14. He prophesied that Christ would be pierced. Zechariah and Isaiah gave many prophecies about Christ's suffering. They gave more than any other prophets. They also explained why Christ had to suffer. It was to save Israel and all the world from sin.

Zechariah 13:1:

On that day, there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.

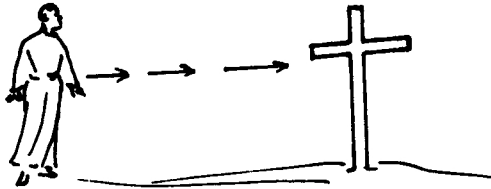
What were the first two prophecies of Zechariah about Christ's suffering?

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15. Christ would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver. He would be beaten. Christ suffered and died to save people from sin. Have you ever thought how the people in the Old Testament received salvation? They had God's word that Christ would come and die for their sins. But he had not yet come. God wanted them to accept his word by faith. They were not saved by what their eyes saw, but by what their hearts believed.

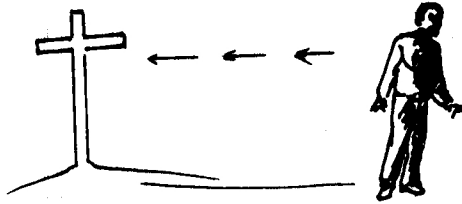


By faith, they looked forward to the cross.

What was Zechariah's third prophecy about Christ's suffering? \_\_\_\_\_

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16. Zechariah prophesied that Christ would be pierced. Now Christ has come. He has died on the cross for our sins. We know this because God's word tells us. We did not see Jesus when he died. God wants us to accept his word by faith. He wants us to believe that Christ came and died for us. We too are not saved by what our eyes see, but by what our hearts believe.



By faith, we look back to the cross.

Your people need to understand this. Prepare a sermon to preach from today's lesson. On another paper, write the big things you will say. Bring the paper to class.

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17. Write two prophecies which Zechariah gave about the suffering of Christ.

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**WEEK 9: HAGGAI, ZECHARIAH, AND MALACHI**

**DAY 3: ZECHARIAH WROTE THAT CHRIST WILL BE PRIEST AND KING**

1. Yesterday we studied the prophecies of Zechariah about the suffering of Christ. Today we will study his prophecies about Christ as king.

Write two prophecies which Zechariah gave about the suffering of Christ.

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2. Zechariah prophesied: Christ will be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver. He will be beaten. He will be pierced.

You remember that Isaiah gave three prophecies about Christ before Israel (Judah) went to Babylon. He said that Christ would come as Saviour. He would come as king. And he would set up his kingdom on earth. Zechariah saw these same prophecies. He saw them after the people returned from Babylon.

Take your Bible now and read Zechariah 14:1 to 4.

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3. Zechariah saw great things which would happen in Jerusalem. He saw that Christ would return as king. This has not yet happened. We know it is still coming. This is what we will learn from Zechariah today.

- (1) Zechariah prophesied that Christ will return to the Mount of Olives.
- (2) He prophesied that Christ will some day be priest and king of the whole earth.

Zechariah 14:2:

For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be taken.

Where did Zechariah say all the nations would some day come to fight?

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4. He said they would come to Jerusalem. Jerusalem is not a city of the Bible only. It is a city on earth today. Perhaps you have heard people on the radio talk about Jerusalem. For many years the Jews did not rule Jerusalem. Now they are ruling it again, but there is much trouble there. Just outside the city of Jerusalem is the Mount of Olives' Zechariah wrote about this mountain.

Zechariah 14:3-4:

Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle. On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives which lies before Jerusalem on the east.

Who did Zechariah say will stand on the Mount of Olives? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Zechariah called him the Lord. From the prophecies, we know that this is Christ. Christ left his disciples on the Mount of Olives when he returned to heaven.

Acts 1:10-12:

And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet (or Olives).

On what mountain did Zechariah say Christ would stand when he comes as king?  
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6. This is the Mount of Olives. Jesus often went to the Mount of Olives when he lived on earth. He sometimes taught his disciples there.

Matthew 24:3:

As he sat on the mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the close of the age?"

What did Zechariah say would happen on the Mount of Olives some day?  
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7. Zechariah said that Christ would stand there when he comes as king. God has not told us when this day will be. But he has given us signs to know when the time is near. Zechariah said that many nations would begin to fight over Jerusalem. We see that this is happening today. Christ will come to fight in the battle. Then he will become king of the whole earth. He will also be the priest for the whole earth. So we see that he will have two positions:

- (1) Priest
- (2) King

On what mountain did Zechariah say Christ will stand when he comes as king?

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8. Christ will stand on the Mount of Olives. He will judge the nations. He will become king.

Zechariah 14:9:

And the Lord will become king over all the earth; on that day the Lord will be one and his name one.

From this verse, when Christ becomes king, how big will his kingdom be?

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9. Christ's kingdom will be the whole earth. He will be a great and powerful king. As we have learned, all people will worship him. But he will be more than a king. God told Zechariah to use Joshua, the priest, as a picture of Christ.

Zechariah 6:11-12:

... make a crown, and set it upon the head of Joshua, the son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, "Behold, the man whose name is the Branch: for he shall grow up in his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord.'"

What was the work of this man, Joshua besides building the temple? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. This man Joshua was a priest. It was his work to make sacrifices. With a crown on his head he showed what would happen to the great king who would come. He would be a king and priest at the same time. David also prophesied this.

Psalm 110:4:

You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Melchizedek lived in the time of Abraham. He was the king of Salem (or Jerusalem) and also a priest of God.

As a priest on a throne, of whom were Joshua and Melchizedek a picture?

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11. They were a picture of Christ. God was giving prophecies through Zechariah that Christ would be something more than a king. Joshua the priest was given the crown of a king. He was a picture of Christ. Melchizedek was king of Salem (or Jerusalem), and he was also the priest of God. He too was a picture of Christ.

Some day Christ will be king of the earth. What other position will he have at the same time?

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12. He will be a priest. He will be priest for the whole earth. This is because he offered a sacrifice for the whole earth. The work of a priest was to give sacrifices for sin. Christ gave his own body for the sins of the world.

Zechariah showed that Christ will be a priest for the whole world. What other position will Christ have?

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13. He will be a king. He will be the king of the whole earth. He will also be the priest for the whole earth.

On what mountain did Zechariah say Christ will stand when he returns to set up his kingdom?

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14. Christ will return. He will stand on the Mount of Olives. He will set up his kingdom on earth. Jerusalem will be the most important city of the world.

What two positions will Christ have when he rules the world from Jerusalem?

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15. Christ will be priest and king of the whole world. The Mount of Olives and Jerusalem are important places in the Bible. Many things happened there. But there are still more things to come. Many of them will happen in Jerusalem. God has not told us everything which will happen. He told us some things through the prophets. We know that there are some hard things and some very good things ahead.

Did you understand before this lesson that many of the places in the Bible can still be visited today?

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16. We will talk about this in class.

On what mountain did Zechariah say Christ will stand when he returns to set up his kingdom?

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What two positions will Christ have when he rules the world from Jerusalem?

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**WEEK 9: HAGGAI, ZECHARIAH, AND MALACHI**  
**DAY 4: MALACHI SAW THAT THE PEOPLE WERE NOT LIVING FOR GOD**

1. Today we will study the last of the Little Prophets. Say the names of the Little Prophets to yourself. Then look in the Bible to see if you said them right.

On what mountain did Zechariah say Christ will stand when he returns to set up his kingdom?  
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What two positions will Christ have when he rules the world from Jerusalem?

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2. Zechariah prophesied that Christ will stand on the Mount of Olives. When he rules the world he will be both priest and king.

The last prophet who wrote in the Old Testament was Malachi. Malachi also preached after the people returned from Babylon. He preached later than Haggai and Zechariah. By the time of Malachi, the people were no longer worshipping God well. God sent Malachi to preach to them.

After Malachi, God waited 400 years to send another prophet. That prophet was John the Baptist. We read about him in the book of Matthew and other books. So when you look at the books of Malachi and Matthew, you know there were 400 years between them.

Take your Bible now and read Malachi 1:6 to 10.

3. By the help of Haggai and Zechariah the people of Israel rebuilt the temple. They worshipped God with sacrifices in the temple again. They did not worship idols now. But after a time they were only making sacrifices. They were not worshipping God with the heart. At this time, Malachi was sent to them. He told them many things which showed that they were not living for God. At the end of the lesson you will write two of these:

- (1) They were offering blind and sick animals as sacrifices to God.
- (2) They were divorcing their wives and marrying heathen women.
- (3) They were not giving God the tenth of all they had.

Can Christians today do these same kinds of sins? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Christians today can do these things. God does not ask for animal sacrifices any longer, but he asks for other things. And sometimes Christians do not give God their best. They keep the best things for themselves. They give God what they do not want. That is what the people were doing in the time of Malachi. It showed that they were not living for God.

Malachi 1:8:

When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that no evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that no evil? Present that to your governor; will he be pleased with you or show you favor? says the Lord of hosts.

What were the people offering to God which showed that they were not living for him?

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5. They were offering blind and sick animals. They did not refuse to give to God. But they did not bring their best things to him. They kept the best animals for themselves. The people were so far from God they could not see their sin. Eight times Malachi told them of their sin. He told them about offering bad sacrifices and many other things. Each time they answered him with a question: How are we doing that? Not once did they accept God's word telling them that they had sinned.

When the people offered blind and sick animals, what did this show about their lives?

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6. It showed that they were not living for God. There were many things which showed Malachi this. He told the people about their sins, but they would not accept God's word.

What was the first thing which showed Malachi that the people were not living for God?

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7. These are the three things:

- (1) They were offering blind and sick animals as sacrifices.
- (2) They were divorcing their wives and marrying heathen women.
- (3) They were not giving God the tenth of all they had.

The prophet saw these things. He saw that the people were not living for God. He told the people about their sins. He said that if they were divorcing their wives, they were not living for God.

Which prophet said that divorce means people are not living for God?

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8. Malachi said this. He said it because God told him to. If a husband and wife are living well for God, you will not hear them talking about divorce. You will not see them running after other men or women.

Malachi 2:13-14:

You cover the altar with tears, with weeping and groaning because he no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor at your hand. You ask, "Why does he not?" Because the Lord was witness to the covenant between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant.

What kind of people get divorces?

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9. You can answer in different ways. You can say people who are not living for God. Or those who are not faithful. When people are not living for God, there are often troubles in the home. The husband and wife do not get along well together.

Malachi 2:15-16:

So take heed to yourselves, and let none be faithless to the wife of his youth. "For I hate divorce," says the Lord the God of Israel.

When people are not living for God and have trouble in their marriages, how do they try to get out of their trouble?

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10. Often they try to get a divorce. This is not what God wants. He wants faithfulness between husband and wife. When people get divorces it shows that they are not living for God.

Divorce was the second thing which showed Malachi that his people were not living for God. What was the first thing?

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11. The people were offering blind and sick animals to God. Often, one thing is enough to show a pastor how people's hearts are. But Malachi saw the people doing many things.

What was the second thing which showed Malachi that his people were not living for God?

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12. (1) They were offering blind and sick animals to God.  
(2) They were divorcing their wives.  
(3) They were not giving God the tenth of all they had.

Malachi saw that his people were keeping what belonged to God. God said they should give him one tenth of all they received.

Malachi 3:8-9:

Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How are we robbing thee?' In your tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me; the whole nation of you.

When the people did not give God one tenth, what did God say they were doing to him?

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13. God said they were robbing him. God gave much to his people. From the time of Abraham, God's people were asked to give one tenth back to him. If they received ten cows, they should give one to God. If they received 100 pieces of money, they should give ten to God. One tenth seems like a very big amount when you are not living well for God.

How were the people robbing God in the time of Malachi?

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14. They were not giving him one tenth of what they received. God called Israel to return to him, and he would return to them. They asked how they should return. God said they should stop robbing him.

Malachi 3:10:

Bring the full tithes (or tenth) into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.

The people offered blind and sick animals and got divorces. What else showed Malachi that his people were not living for God?

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15. They were not giving one tenth to God. Some leaders preach about giving one tenth of what we receive. But they do not do it themselves. They say they are doing the work of God, so they do not have to give him one tenth. But the priests in the Old Testament had to do it. The priests were given the tenth from the people. Then they were commanded by God to give one tenth of this to God. In this way they were a good example to the people.

What were the first two things which showed Malachi that his people were not living for God?

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_

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16. The people were offering blind and sick animals to God. They were divorcing their wives and marrying heathen women. The people were no longer worshipping idols, but they were failing to live for God in other ways. They still needed a Saviour to die for their sins and change their hearts. Malachi prophesied that Christ would come. Next week we will see how he prophesied about this. He said that John the Baptist would prepare the way. There were still a few faithful people who waited for Christ.

Malachi 3:16:

Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another; the Lord heeded and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and thought on his name.

What was the third thing which showed Malachi that most of the people were not living for God?

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17. They were not giving one tenth of what they received to God. Malachi knew his people. You should know your church members. You are their shepherd. It is your work to watch and care for them. You should see when they are turning away from God. You should speak to them about it. This does not mean only the big things. It also means the little things which people do not think about. These things also lead people away from God.

Can you think of things which some of your people do which show they are not living completely for God?

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If you said yes, write one of them. \_\_\_\_\_

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18. We will talk about this in class.

Write two things which showed Malachi that his **people** were not living completely for God.

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_

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**WEEK 9: HAGGAI, ZECHARIAH, AND MALACHI**  
**DAY 5: REVISION**

Today we will go over the things we have learned from the Little Prophets. Try to answer every question. Do not look back until you have finished answering all of them. Then look back to see if your answers are right. If some of your answers are wrong, cross them out. Write the correct answers above yours. Be sure you know all the answers.

Here are the questions from Week 7.

1. What did the life of Hosea and his wife teach the people of Israel? \_\_\_\_\_

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What can this teach us about our work in the church? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What was God's message to Israel through Hosea? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Write the names of the books of the Little Prophets.

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4. What did Joel call the time of God's judgment? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What prophecy of Joel was fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What was Amos before God called him to be a prophet? \_\_\_\_\_

7. What did Amos tell the people of Israel to prepare for? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Who did Obadiah say would be destroyed? \_\_\_\_\_

9. From the book of Obadiah, what should we teach our people about the sins which they do today? \_\_\_\_\_

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Questions from Week 8.

10. When was Jonah not like Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. When was Jonah's life a prophecy about Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. What did Micah prophesy about Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why was it important for the people of Israel to know this? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. What did Nahum prophesy? \_\_\_\_\_

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14. Write God's answers to Habakkuk's questions:  
(1) Why do you let the people of Judah live in sin? \_\_\_\_\_

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(2) How can you let Babylon punish Judah when Babylon is more wicked? \_\_\_\_\_

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15. What did Habakkuk say the good man shall live by? \_\_\_\_\_

16. What did Zephaniah mean when he spoke of "the day of the Lord"? \_\_\_\_\_

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Questions from Week 9.

17. What did Haggai and Zechariah help the people of Israel to do? \_\_\_\_\_

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**18. In what two ways did Haggai help the people to work?**

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_

**19. Write two prophecies which Zechariah gave about the suffering of Christ.**

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_

**20. On what mountain did Zechariah say Christ will stand when he returns to set up his kingdom?**

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**21. What two positions will Christ have when he rules the world from Jerusalem?**

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**22. Write two things which showed Malachi that his people were not living completely for God.**

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_