**POST-EXILIC PROPHETS COURSE PLAN**

1. INSPIRATION-(Haggai-1) Unleashing God Into My Life
2. CONTEXT-(Haggai-2) Understanding What God Said
3. SPIRITUAL HEALTH-(Haggai-3) Dangers of Spiritual Indifference
4. THEOLOGY-(Haggai-4) Theology: Transforming Truth About God
5. COMPASSION-(Zechariah-1) God's Plan for Israel & Church
6. PROPHECY-(Zechariah-2) Armageddon: How It All ENDS
7. JERUSALEM-(Zechariah-3) Satan's Endless Hatred for the Jews
8. MILLENNIUM-(Zech-4) Satan vs. God's Amazing Plans For Israel
9. SANCTIFICATION-(Malachi-1) How to Be USEFUL to God
10. MARRIAGE-(Malachi-2) God's ULTIMATE Plan for Marriages

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**Post-Exilic Prophets Class Work:**

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**The Devotional Method Project**

Our course project is picking ten chapters from Haggai, Zechariah & Malachi to spiritually digest, using a method called the **“Devotional Method of Bible Study”** that follows these steps after you read each chapter:

- Write down a **Title** for the Chapter;
- Write down a **Summary** for each of the lessons, truths, or doctrines that you find;
- Write out a prayer from you to the Lord, asking Him: to change you, to work in you, and impact your life by a personal application of the truths you found in that passage.

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**My Personal Biblical Framework**

**Evangelist** (people must be saved);

**Imputationist** (Christ alone saves);

**Inerrantist** (The Scriptures are inspired);

**Creationist** (God made everything in 6 solar days);

**Catastrophist** (Noah's Flood really happened);

**Cessationist** (Revelation of Scripture has ended);

**Maximalist** (God’s historic/scientific facts true);

**Dispensationalist** (Israel is not the Church).
HOSEA: GOD IS FAITHFUL  
JOEL: GOD IS WRATHFUL  
AMOS: GOD IS JUST  
OBADIAH: GOD IS JEALOUS  
JONAH: GOD IS MERCIFUL  
MICAH: GOD SEES EVERYTHING  
NAHUM: GOD IS PATIENT  
HABAKKUK: GOD WANTS OUR FAITH  
ZEPHANIAH: GOD IS WITH US  
HAGGAI: GOD WANTS FIRST PLACE  
ZECCHARIAH: GOD PICKED JERUSALEM  
MALACHI: GOD WANTS OUR LOVE  

Seven Reasons Why God’s Word is True!  
1. The absolute affirmation of Jesus.  
2. The absolute confidence of the writers.  
3. The incredible unity across 1,600 years & 40 writers.  
4. The perfectly fulfilled prophecy.  
5. The precise scientific accuracy.  
6. The complete archaeological verification.  
7. The amazing endurance through the ages.  

Jesus affirmed the historical reliability of:  
- Adam & Eve as the first two humans (Mt. 19:4-5);  
- Noah & the global catastrophe called the Flood (Mt. 24:37-38);  
- Abraham as a person who lived and who knew Christ as God the Son (John 8:56);  
- Abel (Mt 23.35);  
- Moses & the Burning Bush (Mt. 12.26);  
- David (Mt 12.3);  
- Elijah (Luke 4:25);  
- Daniel (Mt 4.17); and  
- Jonah (Mt. 12:40-41).  

The Bible in Isaiah 40:8—  
Revealer: John 16:7-10  
Remover: John 17:17; Hebrews 9:14  
Restorer: Romans 15:4  
Resistor: Ephesians 6:17  
Refiner: 2 Corinthians 3:18  
Reviver: Psalm 119:25
## CONTEXT

The **PRIMARY** interpretation is based on the: Historical Context, the Geographical Context, and the Scriptural Context. When combined with the Grammatical Context, you have proper Biblical Interpretation.  

So, the first rule of textual interpretation is: "What did God mean when He spoke to the original recipients of that portion of Scripture?"

## GEOGRAPHY:
**EVERYTHING HAPPENED SOMEWHERE**

## HISTORY:
**EVERYTHING HAPPENED SOMETIME**
**WHAT IS A PROPHET?**
Prophets are distinct from other Biblical authors in that their writings center around oracles, laments, visions, proclamations, and warnings.

The Prophets have less emphasis on narrative or chronology and more emphasis on God’s direct message to his people.

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**THREE MEGA-THEMES**

1. Trust God
2. Fear God
3. Love God

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**OT Prophecies Quoted in the Gospels**

- He was in David’s family 2 Sam 7:12-16; Ps 89:3-4; 110:1; 132:11; Isa 9:6, 7; 11:1
- He would be born of a virgin Gen 3:15; Isa 7:14
- He would be born in Bethlehem Micah 5:2
- He would sojourn in Egypt Hos 11:1
- He would live in Galilee Isa 9:1, 2
- in Nazareth Isa 11:1
- To be announced by an Elijah-like herald Isa 40:3-5; Mal 3:1; 4:5
- Would occasion massacre of Bethlehem’s children Gen 35:19-20; Jer 31:15
- Would proclaim a Jubilee to the world Isa 58:6; 61:1
- His mission would include the Gentiles Isa 42:1-4
- Ministry would be one of healing Isa 53:4
- He would teach by parables Isa 6:9-10; Ps 78:2
- He would be disbelieved, rejected by Rulers Ps 69:4; 118:22; Isa 6:10; 29:13; 53:1
- Would make a triumphal entry into Jerusalem Zech 9:9; Ps 118:26
- Would be like a smitten shepherd Zech 13:7
- Betrayed by friend for 30 pieces of silver Zech 11:1-13; Ps 41:9
- Would be given vinegar and gall Ps 69:21
- They would cast lots for His garments Ps 22:18
- Not a bone would be broken Ex 12:46; Num 9:12; Ps 34:20
- Side would be pierced Zech 12:10; Ps 22:16
- Would die among malefactors Isa 53:9, 12
- His dying words foretold Ps 22:1; 31:5
- Would be buried by a rich man Isa 53:9
- Rise from dead on 3rd day Gen 22:4; Ps 16:10-11; Jon 1:7; Hos 6:2
- Resurrection then destruction of Jerusalem Dan 9:26; 11:31; 12:1,11
Our God of Sacrifice

Key Verse: 1:4

Haggai (520 BC) Contemporary with: Zechariah (520-480 BC).

The Decree of Cyrus

Ezra 1:1–4

Message One: A Present Need of Completing the Temple 9/1/520 BC.

Haggai 1:1-11
Message Two:
A Present Obedience
Recorded 9/24/520 BC
Haggai 1:12-15

TIMELESS TRUTHS
1-GOD’S POWER
HAGGAI 2:6-9

TIMELESS TRUTHS
2-GOD’S EXPECTATION
HAGGAI 1:7,9,14;
2:4,11,23

TIMELESS TRUTHS
3-GOD’S ATTRIBUTES
HAGGAI 1:2-3,9;
2:5,9,15,23
1. The Lord is Powerful

Haggai 2:6

2. The Lord is Jealous

Haggai 1:2-3; Exodus 34:14; 1 Corinthians 10:22

Lives That Reflect We Are Trusting Changeless Truths About God

Haggai 2:6
Lesson One:
Unleash The Truth of His Eternity
Talk to God
Trust God

Lesson Two:
Unleash the Truth of His Unchangeableness
God Has Already Given The Best Advice
Trust God Enough To Obey His Unchanging Advice

Lesson Three:
Unleash the Truth of His Wisdom
Learn to seek God’s perspective on life’s events
Trust God’s way as perfect

Lesson Four:
Unleash the Truth of His Omniscience
Seek to be Sanctified
Ask for Grace
Zechariah is the most messianic, apocalyptic, and eschatological book in the Old Testament.

God’s Unchanging Social Compassion

The Application of the Study
God’s prophets in Israel confronted the social issues of Israelite society including the following:

- Any exploitation or oppression of the poor, orphans, widows, and aliens,
- Any perversion of justice,
- Any dishonest business practices,
- Any excessive indulgence in wine and strong drink,
- All violence of any sort, including bloodshed and plotting evil,
- All adultery, immorality, and sexual deviations as defined by the Scriptures,
A Biblical Worldview Produces Compassionate People

1. God desires us to **Seek Biblical Deliverance** for People Captivated by Enslaving Sins around us, by telling them the Gospel. Isaiah 58:6

2. God desires us to Seek to **Feed the Needy & Hungry** around us, by showing them Christ's love and compassion. Isaiah 58:7a

3. God desires us to **Seek Shelter** for the Homeless and the Unprotected Around Us, by showing them Christ's love and compassion. Isaiah 58:7b

4. God desires us to **Seek to Never Get Calloused & Indifferent** for the Oppressed around us, by maintaining Christ's love and compassion in our lives. Isaiah 58:7c

5. God desires us to **Seek to Refuse Prejudice** in any form around us, by treating others the way Christ's love and compassion was displayed towards sinners. Isaiah 58:9b

6. God desires us to **Seek to Display Christ's love** for the poor, needy, outcast & afflicted in society around us. Isaiah 58:10

In this **sin-parched world**, we are overflowing with Spirit of God generated streams of living water. In this **sin-darkened world**, we are reflecting the Light of the World who lives in us. In this **sin-cursed** and starving world, we are sharing the Bread of Life who lives in us.
1. Israel persecuted by the Antichrist (Jer. 30:5-7; Dan. 12:1; Zech. 13:8; Matt. 24:21-22)
2. Jerusalem is ravaged (Zech. 14:1-4)
3. Jews flee Jerusalem facilitated by topographical changes (Zech. 14:5)
4. A remnant of Israelites turn to the Lord and are forgiven and cleansed (Hosea 14:1-5; Zech. 12:10; 13:1)
5. National deliverance of Israel from the Antichrist (Dan. 12:1b; Zech. 12:10; 13:1; Rom. 11:26-27)
6. Christ begins His reign on earth (Ps. 72:8; Isa. 9:6-7; Dan. 2:14-35; 44; 7:13-14; Zech. 9:9; Rev. 20:4)
7. Topography and geography of the earth changed (Isa. 2:2; Ezek. 47:1-12; 48:8-20; Zech. 14:4, 8, 10)
8. Crops abundant (Isa. 27:6; 35:1-2, 6-7; Amos 9:13; Zech. 14:8)
10. Nations worship in Jerusalem (Isa. 2:2-4; Micah 4:2; Zech. 8:20-23; 14:16-21)
11. Israel at peace in the land (Deut. 30:1-10; Isa. 32:18; Hosea 14:5, 7; Amos 9:15; Micah 4:4; 5:4-5a; Zech. 9:9; Rev. 19:15)
12. Christ rules over and judges the nations (Isa. 11:3-5; Micah 4:2-3a; Zech. 14:9)
13. Universal peace prevails (Isa. 2:4; 32:17-18; 60:18; Hosea 2:18; Micah 4:2-4; 5:4; Zech. 9:9b)
14. Jerusalem made the world's capital (Jer. 3:17; Ezek. 48:30-35; Joel 3:16-17; Micah 4:1; 6:8; Zech. 8:2-3)
THE BOOK OF ZECHARIAH
THE COMING DAY OF THE LORD

God Gives the Specific Details on the End of the World
Zechariah 12-14; Matthew 24:8, 33-34 expanded into Revelation 6-19

What Motivated the Early Church?
Hebrews 10:24-25

Are you Living Like Jesus was Coming to Get You Today?
Ancient Voices for God

Zechariah—Satan’s Endless Hatred for the Jews

Zechariah—Jerusalem is God’s TIMER for the END of the WORLD
Zechariah 12-14

The End of Days is Marked by a Confederacy of Hate for Israel
Psalm 83:1-18

Jerusalem is the Trigger

“No city has been coveted and fought over as much as Jerusalem, the City of Peace. Babylonians, Macedonians, Ptolemies, Selucids, Romans, Byzantines, Persians, Arabs, Seljuks, Crusaders, Mongols, Mamelukes, Turks, British and Jordanians are only some of the conquerors whose names have fluttered across the pages of its bloody and anguished past. Jerusalem is a sacred city; a city that has played a role in history out of all proportion to its economic importance or size!”
When Jesus told His disciples and us about the future he built every word of it around one spot on earth. In theological circles this message (Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21) is called the Olivet Discourse. Jesus framed His words about the rest of the history of this planet by the sight of Jerusalem in all its earthly glory spread in front of Him.

Look again at Christ's very first words in Matthew 24:2. All that He says about His second coming is introduced by those words. He said keep your eye on Jerusalem. I am ascending from the Mount of Olives (the center of Jerusalem then and now) and I am returning to the Mount of Olives.

Jerusalem is mentioned over 800 times in God’s Word (814x in 766 verses; plus Zion 160x; City of David 46x) — Jerusalem is a very important place.

It was in Jerusalem that God promised Christ’s coming as the Lamb of God to Abraham.

It was here in Jerusalem, David was promised a future Son that would have an endless kingdom.

It was here in Jerusalem, that God has worked the work of redemption.

Ezekiel 36-39 & Understanding the Fight for Jerusalem

Jerusalem & the Tribulation Period

The fourth period is still future. The battle of Armageddon will spill over to Jerusalem. Zechariah writes, ‘For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished, and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city’ (Zechariah 14:2).
Zechariah—
God’s Eternal Plans
for Israel
Zechariah 12-14

THE DOCTRINE OF THE
CREATION OF ANGELS

God Created ALL Angels

One-Third Rebelled

Some are in Prison

Two-Thirds Obey & Serve Him

The Map of the Future God Left in His Word
Revelation 1-22
**The Judgment of Satan — His Restraint**

- Rev. 20:1-3

**The Millennium — The Rule of the Messiah**

- Rev. 20:4-6

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**The Millennium in 40+ Chapters**

- **Promised to David, (3 chapters)** 2 Sam 7:12-17; 23:5; Under oath: Ps 89:34-37;

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**The Millennium**

- Isaiah 35, 65-66; Revelation 20

- Creation changed:
  - Physical changes: Zech 4:9,10; Isa 35:1-10
  - Curse lifted: Isa 11:6-9
  - Creation redeemed: Gen 3 → Rom 8:20-22
  - Earth full of knowledge of Lord: Isa 11:9; Hab 2:14
- Yet, not eternity:
  - Death, sin: Isa 65:20
  - Each to have land: Micah 4:15
  - Fruitful: Amos 9:13
Ancient Voices for God
Malachi—God’s Ownership Of our Lives

7 Questions for Nehemiah’s Team
Malachi 1:2, 6, 7; 2:17; 3:7, 8, 13

First Lesson:
Responding to God’s Love
Malachi 1:1-5

Second Lesson:
Honoring God’s Name
Malachi 1:6-2:9
Third Lesson: Exposing God's Unfaithful People
Malachi 2:10-16

Fourth Lesson: Trusting God
Malachi 2:17-3:6

Fifth Lesson: Acknowledging God's Ownership
Malachi 3:7-12

Sixth Lesson: Fearing God
Malachi 3:13-4:3
THE SEVERITY OF GOD ON DIVORCE
Malachi 2:13-16

Our Goal: Lives & Marriages That Are Useful to God

What is a Biblical Marriage & Partner Really Like?

- Marriage is to be like joyful rivers of intoxicating blessings (Proverbs 5:18-19).
- Marriage is to be goodness and favor from the Lord (Proverbs 18:22).
- Marriage is to be a companion of our youth (Malachi 2:14-15) to whom we make a life long, covenant to.
What is a Biblical Marriage & Partner Really Like?

- Marriage is to be **such wonderful attraction** that seven years of hard labor waiting for this is like a moment (Jacob in Genesis 29:20).
- Marriage is to be **like a fruitful vine that delightfully grows** around our lives (Psalm 128:3).

Be & Become—> Wait & Find

- A person who **believes that God designed marriage** and that wants to follow His plan. Genesis 2:18
- A person who **will correspond to you**. Genesis 2:20

The Curriculum
God Sent for His Church

**Titus 2:1-8**

His 12-Part Plan
For Godly Men & Women

God wants HUSBANDS Who REFLECT Christ’s LOVE for His Church

(Ephesians 5:22-33)