

the number of visions and speech figures that are used to make the point of the prophet meaningful. And now back to the days when I was caught in my “Zechariah phase”

MESSAGE # 1: WHAT HOLDS BACK THE WORK OF THE LORD?

Biblical Passages: Survey in Haggai and Zechariah

I. Synopsis of the Message

We determine this by making a survey of the problems that kept the temple from coming to completion as seen in the ministry areas of Haggai and Zechariah. The particular problems are addressed and you will not be surprised to see that what really holds back the work of the Lord is....”we” The sluggishness of the people is the real enemy. (One will need to check the historic background for this...in the series at Asheville I had already done it, more or less)

II. Outlined points of the message:

A. Opposition by the foes: Ezra 4

B. The self-contentedness (smugness) of the people: Haggai 1:4

C. The memory of the past Haggai 2:3, et al

D. The lack of vision and obedience: Haggai 2:9ff

III. Conclusion: These were the items that inhibited the work on the Temple as well as the other parts of the spiritual structure for Jerusalem. They are things that still perplex us today. But they are not problems for the Lord if and when we are willing to yield ourselves and give ourselves to His work whether it is evangelism, church building, fellowship, or any other of the particular things our Lord wants us to do.

MESSAGE # 2: PROFITING FROM THE PAST

Biblical passages: Zech. 1:1-6; 7:8-14; 8:16-17

I. Synopsis of the message: