

P.T. BIBLE SURVEY

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- ⦿ Who wrote it?
 - Haggai (1:1)
 - Haggai was most probably born in Babylon during Israel's captivity, then returned with Zerubbabel and lived in Judah.

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- Haggai was about seventy-five years old when he prophesied in 520 B.C.

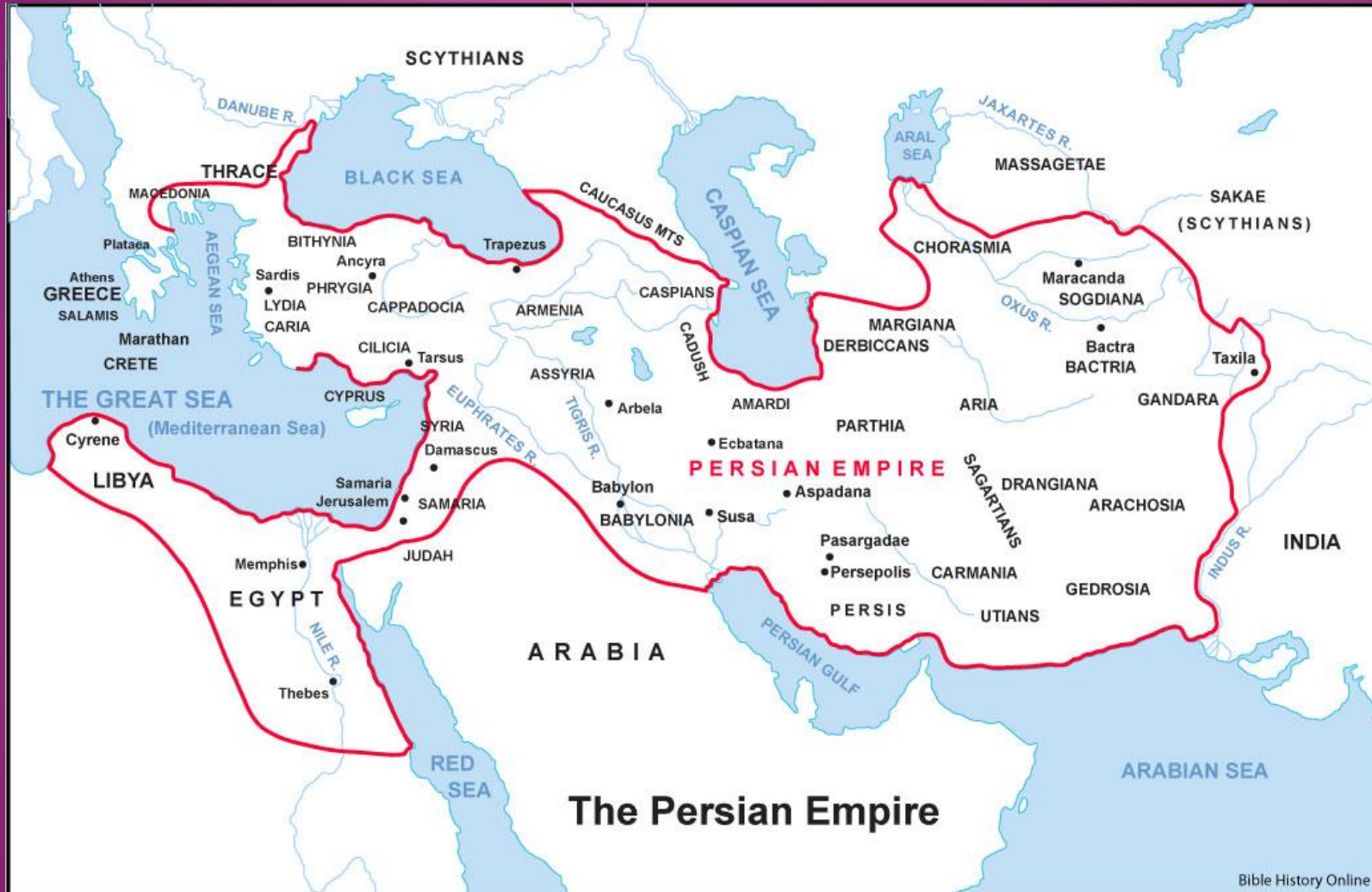
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- ◎ Summary in 10 words or less:
 - Jews returning from exile need to rebuild God's temple.

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◎ Cast of Characters:

- **God:** promising a time of prosperity, security, and increased faith
- **Haggai:** prophet who encourages the people to remember the Lord and build His Temple
- **Zerubbabel:** governor of Judah; chosen of God
- **Joshua:** the high priest who helps spread Haggai's message
- **Darius:** ruler of Persia during Haggai's ministry

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- ◎ Where is the work of Christ?
 - Through Haggai the Lord says He will shake the elements of creation and the nations. Then the nations will come to worship at the new temple that God will fill with His glory (2:6,7). Simeon saw in the baby Jesus a light for the Gentile nations and glory for Israel (Luke 2:32).
 - The Messiah is also portrayed in the person of Zerubbabel (2:23), who is in the lineage of Jesus (Matt. 1:12).

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Verse to Remember

“Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways.”

(Haggai 1:5)

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◉ Interesting Facts:

- Haggai is second only to Obadiah in brevity among the books of the Old Testament.
- At the time of the book of Haggai, it had been 16 years since the initial work on rebuilding the Temple had begun.
 - The work began in 536 B.C.
 - The work stopped in 534 B.C.
 - The work resumed in 520 B.C.
 - The work was completed in 516 B.C.

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- What is my take away?
 - You must finish the work that God has given you to do.

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◎ Home Study

- Read Zechariah this week.
- Review your One-Sentence Summaries.
- Recite your memory verses.