

## Haggai Outline

### I. First Message: The Call to Rebuild the Temple ([1:1-11](#))

- A. The People's Lame Excuse ([1:1-4](#))
- B. The Poverty of the People ([1:5-6](#))
- C. The Reason God Has Cursed Them ([1:7-11](#))

### II. The Response of Zerubbabel and the People ([1:12-15](#))

- . The Leaders and Remnant Obey ([1:12](#))
  - A. The Lord Strengthens the Workers ([1:13-15](#))

### III. Second Message: The Temple to Be Filled with Glory ([2:1-9](#))

- . The People Encouraged ([2:1-5](#))
  - A. The Promise of Glory and Peace ([2:6-9](#))

### IV. Third Message: A Defiled People Purified and Blessed ([2:10-19](#))

- . The Rapid Spread of Sin ([2:10-14](#))
  - A. Poor Harvests because of Disobedience ([2:15-17](#))
  - B. Blessing to Come as the Temple Is Rebuilt ([2:18-19](#))

### V. Fourth Message: The Promise to Zerubbabel ([2:20-23](#))

- . The Judgment of the Nations ([2:20-22](#))
  - A. The Significance of Zerubbabel ([2:23](#))

It is also possible to outline the book in a chiasmic *a-b / b-a* pattern:

- a Negative effects of the unbuilt house ([1:1-11](#))
  - b The Lord's presence energizes the present work ([1:12-15](#))
  - b1 The Lord's presence guarantees future glory ([2:1-9](#))
- a1 Positive effects of the rebuilt house ([2:10-23](#))

Similar chiasmic patterns exist in the subunits within these larger units.