

**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 chiastic 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 chiastic patterns exist in the subunits within these larger units.