

Zephaniah

Haggai

Characters worth remembering...

Nebudchadnezzar :

- Babylonian King, sent the Israelites into Exile, Stole the Temple artifacts

Cyrus

- “Cyrus instituted a policy of placating the gods of the his subject people instead of carrying off their idols as the Assyrians and the Babylonians had done earlier.”
- Cyrus Cylinder, “May all the gods whom I have resettled in their sacred cities ask Bel and Nebo daily for a long life for me.”

Sheshbazzar

- Leads the first group of Exiles back & then disappears from the narrative

Zerubbabel & Jeshua

- Political leader & religious leader from the line of David

Darius

- Re-instates the Temple project; Temple completed under his reign in 516

Haggai & Zechariah

- Prophets who encourage the continued work of restoring the Temple

Tattenai

- Governor who protests the work of the Temple Project
- Appeals to Darius to check the record of Cyrus

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Observations

The consequences of disobedience are often disguised as _____
_____.

Leaders are those who allow God to _____.

A leader's spirit is _____.

God blesses _____.

There is no shortcut to _____.