

{37} Haggai

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Chapter 1

(1) In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying,
 (2) Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD'S house should be built.
 (3) Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,
 (4) *Is it* time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house *lie* waste?
 (5) Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.
 (6) Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages *to put it* into a bag with holes.
 (7) Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

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(1) In the second year of Darius the king^{*a}, in the sixth month {Ellul [Aug./Sept.]}^b, on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came by Haggai {festive}^c the prophet to Zerubbabel {descended from Babylon}^d the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua^e the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying,
 (2) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts^f says, **This people says, The time has not come, the time that the LORD {Jehovah}'S house {temple} should be built.**
 (3) Then the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came by Haggai the prophet, saying,
 (4) ***Is it* time for you, O you, to live in your houses with ceilings, and this house {temple}^g *lies* in waste?**
 (5) **Now therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts says ; Consider your ways.**
 (6) **You have sown much, and bring in little; you eat, but you do not have enough; you drink, but you are not filled with drink; you put on clothes, but no one is warm; and he who earns wages earns wages *to put it* into a bag with holes.**
 (7) **This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts says; Consider your ways.**

1:1a - second year of Darius {Darius Hystaspes}- 16 years after end of 70 year exile
 See Ezra 4-6; Zech. 1:1 [Note: temple construction had been started 15 years earlier, but quickly stopped due to opposition.] [The new temple will be completed 19 years after the end of the 70 years exile - the first temple had been destroyed 19 years after the first exile!]
 See [Appendix G :World Time Line of Biblical History](#)
 1:1b - sixth month - month of Ellul [August-September]
 1:1c - Haggai {חגי} - festive
 1:1d - Zerubbabel {זרובבל} - descended from Babylon - a descendant of King David whom Cyrus [who co-reigned with Darius] appointed to be governor over Jerusalem
 1:1e - Joshua {יהושע} - Jehovah saves
 1:2f - LORD of hosts - Jehovah sabaoth {יהוה צבאות} - Lord of armies or multitudes
 1:4g - this house - i.e. the Temple of the Lord
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(8) Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.

(9) Ye looked for much, and, lo, *it came* to little; and when ye brought *it* home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that *is* waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.

(10) Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed *from* her fruit.

(11) And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon *that* which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands.

(12) Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him, and the people did fear before the LORD.

(13) Then spake Haggai the LORD'S messenger in the LORD'S message unto the people, saying, I *am* with you, saith the LORD.

(8) Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house {temple}; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(9) You looked for much, and, look, *it came* to little; and when you brought *it* home, I blew upon it. Why? says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts. Because of My house {temple} that *is* waste, and every man of you runs to his own house.

(10) Therefore the heaven over you has stayed from dew, and the earth has stayed *from* her fruit.

(11) And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon *that* which the ground brings forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labor of the hands.

(12) Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD {Jehovah} their God had sent him, and the people feared before the LORD {Jehovah}.

(13) Then Haggai the LORD {Jehovah}'s messenger in the LORD'S message spoke to the people, saying, I *am* with you, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

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(14) And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the LORD of hosts, their God,
(15) In the four and twentieth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

Chapter 2

(1) In the seventh *month*, in the one and twentieth *day* of the month, came the word of the LORD by the prophet Haggai, saying,
(2) Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying,
(3) Who *is* left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? *is it* not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?
(4) Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I *am* with you, saith the LORD of hosts:
(5) *According to* the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.

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(14) And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts, their God,
(15) On the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month {Ellul [Aug./Sept.]}, in the second year of Darius the king.

Chapter 2

(1) In the seventh *month* {Tishri [Sept./Oct.]}^a, on the twenty first *day* of the month, the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came by the prophet Haggai, saying,
(2) *Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the remainder of the people, saying,*
(3) *Who is left among you who saw this house {temple} in her first glory? and how do you see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?*
(4) *Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD {Jehovah}; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all you people of the land, says the LORD {Jehovah}, and work: because I am with you, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts:*
(5) *According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you: do not be afraid.*

2:1a - seventh month - Tishri [September-October] - the 21st day of the month is the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles!

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(6) For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry *land*;
(7) And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.
(8) The silver *is* mine, and the gold *is* mine, saith the LORD of hosts.
(9) The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.
(10) In the four and twentieth *day* of the ninth *month*, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,
(11) Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Ask now the priests *concerning* the law, saying,
(12) If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and said, No.
(13) Then said Haggai, If *one that is* unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean.

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(6) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts says; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry *land*;
(7) And I will shake all nations, and the Desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house {temple} with glory, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts.
(8) The silver *is* Mine, and the gold *is* Mine, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts.
(9) The glory of this latter house {temple} shall be greater than of the former, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts: and in this place I will give peace, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts.
(10) On the twenty-fourth *day* of the ninth *month* {Kislev [Nov./Dec.]}^b, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came by Haggai the prophet, saying,
(11) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts says; Ask now the priests *concerning* the law, saying,
(12) If one carries holy meat in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt he touches bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and said, No.
(13) Then said Haggai, If *one that is* unclean because of a dead body that touches any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean.

2:10b - the ninth month - Kislev (November-December) - the 24th day - the day before Hanukah the Feast of Lights - Note: the Feast of Lights is not a Biblical feast, and will not become a time of celebration until the time of the Maccabees a little more than a 100 years after these events -- On this day the foundation of the temple will be laid [Hag. 2:18]

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(14) Then answered Haggai, and said, So is this people, and so is this nation before me, saith the LORD; and so is every work of their hands; and that which they offer there is unclean.

(15) And now, I pray you, consider from this day and upward, from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the LORD:

(16) Since those *days* were, when *one* came to an heap of twenty *measures*, there were *but* ten: when *one* came to the pressfat for to draw out fifty *vessels* out of the press, there were *but* twenty.

(17) I smote you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the labours of your hands; yet ye *turned* not to me, saith the LORD.

(18) Consider now from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth *month*, *even* from the day that the foundation of the LORD'S temple was laid, consider *it*.

(19) Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth: from this day will I bless *you*.

(20) And again the word of the LORD came unto Haggai in the four and twentieth *day* of the month, saying,

(21) Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth;

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(14) Then Haggai answered, and said, So is this people, and so is this nation before Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}; and so is every work of their hands; and that which they offer there is unclean.

(15) And now, I ask you, consider from this day forward, from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the LORD {Jehovah}:

(16) Since those *days* were, when *one* came to an heap of twenty *measures*, there were *but* ten: when *one* came to the wine press to draw out fifty *vessels* out of the press, there were *but* twenty.

(17) I struck you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the labors of your hands; yet you did not *turn* to Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(18) Consider now from this day forward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth *month*, *even* from the day that the foundation of the LORD {Jehovah}'S temple was laid, consider *it*.

(19) Is the seed yet in the barn? yes, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, have not brought forth: from this day forward I will bless *you*.

(20) And again the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Haggai in the twenty-fourth *day* of the month, saying,

(21) Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth;

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(22) And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother.

(23) In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the LORD, and will make thee as a signet: for I have chosen thee, saith the LORD of hosts.

(22) And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the ungodly nations; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those who ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother.

(23) In that day, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts, I will take you, O Zerubbabel, My servant, the son of Shealtiel, says the LORD {Jehovah}, and will make you as a signet ring: because I have chosen you, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts.