

Haggai

Haggai 1

- ¶1. In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel ben-Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua ben-Jehozadak, the high priest, saying,
2. Thus says the LORD of Hosts, “These people are saying, ‘The time has not come, the time for Jehovah’s house to be rebuilt.’”
- ¶3. Then the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, saying,
4. “Is it time for you to live in your paneled houses, and this house lie waste?
5. Thus says the LORD of Hosts: Consider how things are with you now!
6. You sow much, but bring in little; *you* eat, but are not satisfied; *you* drink, but are not filled; *you* put on clothes, but no one is warm; and he who earns wages, earns wages *to put* into a bag with holes.
- ¶7. “Thus says the LORD of Hosts: Consider how things are with you!
8. Go up on the mountain and bring wood, and build the house, and I will be pleased with it, and I will be glorified, says Jehovah.
9. *You* looked for much, and behold, a little! And when *you* brought it home, I blew on it. And why? says the LORD of Hosts. Because of my house that is in ruins, while each of *you* runs to his own house.
10. That is why the skies over you have withheld the dew, and the land withheld its yield.
11. And I have called for a drought over the land, on the mountains, and on the grain, and on the wine, on the oil, and on whatever the ground produces, and on man, and on beast, and on all the labor of *your* hands.”
- ¶12. Then Zerubbabel ben-Shealtiel, and Joshua ben-Jehozadak, the high priest, and all the rest of the people obeyed the voice of Jehovah their God and the words of Haggai the prophet when the LORD their God sent him, and the people feared before the LORD.
13. And Haggai, the messenger of the LORD, delivered Jehovah’s message to the people, saying, “I am with you! says Jehovah.”
14. Then Jehovah stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel ben-Shealtiel, the governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua ben-Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the rest of the people, and they came and did work on the house of the LORD of Hosts, their God,
15. on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

Haggai 2

- ¶1. In the seventh month, on the twenty-first of the month, the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, saying,
2. “Speak now to Zerubbabel ben-Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua ben-Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the rest of the people, saying,
3. Who among you is left who saw this house in its former glory? And how do you see it now? In comparison to *the first house*, is it not as nothing in your eyes?
4. Yet now, be strong, Zerubbabel! says Jehovah, and be strong, Joshua ben-Jehozadak, high priest, and let all the people of the land be strong, says Jehovah, and work! For I am with *you*, says the LORD of Hosts,
5. according to the covenant that I made with *you* when *you* came out of Egypt. My spirit remains among you. Do not be afraid!

- ¶6. “For thus says the LORD of Hosts: Once more, in 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 the nations, and they will come with the treasure of all the nations, and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD of Hosts.
8. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of Hosts.
9. The glory of this latter house will be greater than the glory of the former, says the LORD of Hosts. And I will give peace in this place, says the LORD of Hosts.”
- ¶10. On the twenty-fourth of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, saying,
11. “Thus says the LORD of Hosts: Ask the priests about the law, and say,
12. ‘If a man is carrying sanctified flesh in the fold of his garment, and his fold touches the bread, or boiled food, or wine, or oil, or any kind of food, is it made holy?’ And the priests answered and said, ‘No.’”
13. Then Haggai said, “If one who is unclean by a dead body touches any of these, does it become unclean?” And the priests answered and said, “It will be unclean.”
14. And then Haggai answered and said, “So is this people and so is this nation before me, says Jehovah, and so is every work of their hands, and that which they offer there is unclean.
15. So, consider *this* now in your heart, if you will. From this day forward, before one stone is placed upon another in the temple of Jehovah, *I will bless you*.
16. Heretofore, when one came for a heap of twenty, there were ten; and *when* one came to the wine vat to draw fifty from the press, there were twenty.
17. I struck you with blight, and mildew, and hail, even all the work of your hands; and yet, you did not *turn* to me, says Jehovah.
18. Take *this*, I pray you, to heart! From this day forward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, from the day the foundation of Jehovah’s temple was laid, consider *this* in your heart!
19. Is the seed still in the store-house? Though up to now, the vine has produced no fruit, nor the fig tree, nor the pomegranate, nor the olive tree, from this day forward, I will bless!”
- ¶20. Then the word of the LORD came a second time to Haggai on the twenty-fourth of the month, saying,
21. “Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth,
22. and I will change the sovereignty of the kingdoms, and will bring to an end the power of Gentile kingdoms. I will overthrow the chariot and its riders, and the horses and their riders will fall, each man by the sword of his brother.
23. In that day, says the LORD of Hosts, I will take you, Zerubbabel ben-Shealtiel, my servant, says Jehovah, and I will make you like a signet-ring, for I have chosen you, says the LORD of Hosts.”