THE BOOK OF HAGGAI

1 In the second year of Darius the king, in the
sixth month, in the first day of the month, came
the word of Jehovah by Haggai the prophet unto
Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Ju-
dah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high
priest, saying, 2 Thus speaketh Jehovah of hosts,
saying, This people say, It is not the time *for us*
to come, the time for Jehovah's house to be built.
3 Then came the word of Jehovah by Haggai the
prophet, saying, 4 Is it a time for you yourselves
to dwell in your ceiled houses, while this house
lieth waste? 5 Now therefore thus saith Jehovah
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 Jehovah of hosts: Consider your
ways. 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 Jehovah. 9 Ye looked
for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when
ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why?
saith Jehovah of hosts. Because of my house that
lieth waste, while ye run every man to his own
house. 10 Therefore for your sake the heavens
withhold the dew, and the earth withholdeth its

fruit. 11 And I called for a drought upon the land,
and upon the mountains, and upon the grain, 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 labor of the
hands.

12 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and
Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with
all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice
of Jehovah their God, and the words of Haggai
the prophet, as Jehovah their God had sent him;
and the people did fear before Jehovah. 13 Then
spake Haggai Jehovah's messenger in Jehovah's
message unto the people, saying, I am with you,
saith Jehovah. 14 And Jehovah stirred up the spirit
of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Ju-
dah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak,
the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant
of the people; and they came and did work on
the house of Jehovah of hosts, their God, 15 in the
four and twentieth day of the month, in the sixth
month, in the second year of Darius the king.

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1 In the seventh *month*, in the one and twentieth
day of the month, came the word of Jehovah by
Haggai the prophet, saying, 2 Speak now to Zerub-
babel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and
to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest,
and to the remnant of the people, saying, 3 Who
is left among you that saw this house in its former
glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your

eyes as nothing? 4 Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith Jehovah; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith Jehovah, and work: for I am with you, saith Jehovah of hosts, 5 *according to* the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, and my Spirit abode among you: fear ye not. 6 For thus saith Jehovah 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 precious things of all nations shall come; and I will fill this house with glory, saith Jehovah of hosts. 8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith Jehovah of hosts. 9 The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, saith Jehovah of hosts; and in this place will I give peace, saith Jehovah of hosts.

10 In the four and twentieth *day* of the ninth *month*, in the second year of Darius, came the word of Jehovah by Haggai the prophet, saying, 11 Thus saith Jehovah 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 food, shall it become holy? And the priests answered and said, No. 13 Then said Haggai, If one that is unclean by reason of a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean. 14 Then answered Haggai and said, So is this people, and so is this nation before me, saith Jehovah; 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 backward, before
a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of
Jehovah. 16 Through all that time, when one came
to a heap of twenty *measures*, there were but ten;
when one came to the winevat to draw out fifty
vessels, there were but twenty. 17 I smote you with
blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the
work of your hands; yet ye *turned* not to me, saith
Jehovah. 18 Consider, I pray you, from this day and
backward, from the four and twentieth day of the
ninth *month*, since the day that the foundation of
Jehovah's temple was laid, consider it. 19 Is the
seed yet in the barn? yea, the vine, and the fig-tree,
and the pomegranate, and the olive-tree have not
brought forth; from this day will I bless *you*.

20 And the word of Jehovah came the second
time unto Haggai in the four and twentieth *day*
of the month, saying, 21 Speak to Zerubbabel, gov-
ernor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens
and the earth; 22 and I will overthrow the throne
of kingdoms; and I will destroy the strength of
the kingdoms of the nations; 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 Jehovah of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubba-
bel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith Jehovah,
and will make thee as a signet; for I have chosen
thee, saith Jehovah of hosts.

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