Haggai

1 In the second year of King Darius, on the first
day of the sixth month, the word of the LORD
came through Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel
son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to
Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest:
2 “This is what the LORD of hosts says: This
people says, ‘The time has not come—the time
for the LORD’s house to be rebuilt.’ ”
3 Then the word of the LORD came through
Haggai the prophet:
4 “Is it time for you yourselves to live in your
paneled houses while this house lies in ruins?
5 Now this is what the LORD of hosts says:
Consider your ways.
6 You have sown much but brought in little.
You eat but are not satisfied. You drink but do
not become drunk. You put on clothes but are
not warm. Those who earn wages put their
wages into a bag full of holes.
7 This is what the LORD of hosts says: Consider
your ways.
8 Go up the mountain, bring wood, and build
the house. I will take pleasure in it and be
glorified,” says the LORD.
9 “You looked for much, but it came to little.
When you brought it home, I blew it away.
Why?” declares the LORD of hosts. “Because my
house lies in ruins while each of you runs to his
own house.

10 Therefore, because of you, the heavens have
withheld their dew and the earth has withheld
its produce.
11 I called for a drought on the land and the
mountains, on the grain, the new wine, and the
oil, on whatever the ground produces, on people
and livestock, and on all the labor of your
hands."
12 Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua
son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and 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 feared the LORD.
13 Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, spoke
the LORD's message to the people: "I am with
you," declares the LORD.
14 The LORD stirred up the spirit of
Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah,
the spirit of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high
priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the
people. They came and worked 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 King Darius.

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1 On the twenty-first day of the seventh
month, the word of the LORD came through
Haggai the prophet:
2 "Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel,
governor of Judah, to Joshua son of Jehozadak,

the high priest, and to the remnant of the
people, and say:
3 'Who is left among you who saw this house
in its former glory? How do you see it now?
Does it not seem like nothing in your eyes?
4 Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel,' declares the
LORD. 'Be strong, Joshua son of Jehozadak, the
high priest. Be strong, all you people of the
land,' declares the LORD, 'and work, for I am
with you,' declares the LORD of hosts.
5 'This is the word I covenanted with you
when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit remains
among you. Do not be afraid.

6 For this is what the LORD of hosts says: Once
more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens
and the earth, the sea and the dry land.
7 I will shake all the nations, and the treasures
of all the nations will come. I will fill this house
with glory,' says the LORD of hosts.
8 'The silver is mine, and the gold is mine,'
declares the LORD of hosts.
9 'The later glory of this house will be greater
than the former,' says the LORD of hosts. 'And in
this place I will give peace,' declares the LORD of
hosts."

10 On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth
month in the second year of Darius, the word of
the LORD came to Haggai the prophet:
11 "This is what the LORD of hosts says: Ask
the priests for a ruling:
12 'If someone carries holy meat in the fold of
his garment, and that fold touches bread, stew,

wine, oil, or any other food, will it become holy?' " The priests answered, "No."

13 Then Haggai said, "If someone who is unclean through contact with a dead body touches any of these things, will it become unclean?" The priests answered, "It will become unclean."

14 Then Haggai answered, "So it is with this people, and so it is with this nation before me," declares the LORD. "So it is with all the work of their hands. What they offer there is unclean.

15 Now consider carefully, from this day back to the time before stone was laid upon stone in the temple of the LORD:

16 When someone came to a heap of about twenty bushels, there were only about ten. When someone came to the winepress to draw about fifty gallons, there were only about twenty.

17 I struck you and all the work of your hands with blight, mildew, and hail, yet you did not turn to me," declares the LORD.

18 "Consider carefully from this day on, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, from the day the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid. Consider carefully:

19 Is the seed still in the granary? The vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have not yet borne fruit. From this day on I will bless."

20 The word of the LORD came to Haggai a second time on the twenty-fourth day of the month:

21 “Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah,
and say: I am shaking the heavens and the earth.
22 I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms
and destroy the power of the kingdoms of the
nations. I will overturn the chariot and its
riders. Horses and their riders will fall, each by
the sword of his brother.
23 On that day,” declares the LORD of hosts, “I
will take you, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, my
servant,” declares the LORD, “and make you like
a signet, for I have chosen you,” declares the
LORD of hosts.

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