

HAGGAI

Chapter 1

Call to Built the Lord's House

1 ¶ In the ^asecond year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by ^bHaggai the prophet to ^cZerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to ^dJoshua the son of ^eJozadak, the high priest, saying,

2 “Thus speaks the LORD of armies, saying, ‘This people says, ‘The time has not come, the time that the LORD’S house should be built.’”

3 ¶ Then the word of the LORD ^fcame by Haggai the prophet, saying,

4 “*Is it* ^gtime for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses and this house *lies* waste?”

5 Now therefore, thus says the LORD of armies, ^h“Consider your ways.

6 “You have ⁱsown much and bring in little. You eat, but you do not have enough. You drink, but you are not filled with drink. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And ^jhe who earns wages earns wages *to put* into a bag with holes.”

7 ¶ Thus says the LORD of armies, “Consider your ways.

8 “Go up to the ^kmountain and bring wood, and build the house. And I will take pleasure in it and I will be glorified,” says the LORD.

9 ^l“You looked for much, and behold, *it came* to little. And when you brought *it* home, ^mI blew it *away*. Why?” says the LORD of armies. “Because of My house that *is in* ruins while each of you runs to his own house.

10 “Therefore, ⁿthe heaven over you has withheld its dew, and the earth has withheld her fruit.

11 “And I ^ocalled for a drought on the land and on the mountains and on the grain and on the new wine and on the oil, and on *that* which the ground brings forth, and on men and on cattle and on ^pall the labor of the hands.”

12 ¶ ^qThen Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jozadak, 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 feared before the LORD.

13 Then Haggai, the LORD’S messenger spoke the LORD’S message to the people, saying, “*I am* with you,” says the LORD.

14 Then ^rthe LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, ^sgovernor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all

Chapter 1: a Er 4:24 b Er 5:1; 6:14 c Er 2:2 d Er 5:2,3 e 1 Ch 6:15 f Er 5:1 g 2 Sm 7:2 h Lm 3:40 i Dt 28:38-40 j Zc 8:10 k Er 3:7 l Hg 2:16 m Hg 2:17 n Dt 28:23 o 1 Kg 17:1 p Hg 2:17 q Er 5:2 r Mt 28:20 s Er 1:1 t Hg 2:21

the remnant of the people. "And they came and worked on the house of the LORD of armies their God,

15 in the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

Chapter 2

Glory of the House

1 ¶ In the seventh month, in the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying,

2 "Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, saying,

3 "Who *is* left among you who saw this house in its former glory? And how do you see it now? ^bDoes it not seem to you like nothing in comparison?

4 'Yet now ^cbe strong, O Zerubbabel,' says the LORD, 'and be strong, O Joshua, the son of Jozadak, the high priest. And be strong all you people of the land,' says the LORD, 'and work, for I *am* with you,' says the LORD of armies.

5 ^d"According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so ^eMy Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.'

6 ¶ "For thus says the LORD of armies, ^f"Yet once again in a little while ^gI will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land.

7 'And I will shake all nations, and they will come to ^hthe desire of all nations. And I will fill this house with

ⁱglory,' says the LORD of armies.

8 'The silver *is* Mine and the gold *is* Mine,' says the LORD of armies.

9 ^j"The glory of this latter house will be greater than of the former,' says the LORD of armies. 'And in this place I will give ^kpeace,' says the LORD of armies."

Blessing of the People

10 ¶ In the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying,

11 "Thus says the LORD of armies, ^lAsk the priests now what the law says,

12 'If one carries holy meat in the fold of his garment, and with his skirt touches bread or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any *other* food, will it be holy?'" And the priests answered and said, "No."

13 Then Haggai said, "If *one who is* ^munclean by a dead body touches any of these, will it be unclean?" And the priests answered and said, "It will be unclean."

14 Then Haggai answered and said, ⁿ"So *is* this people and so *is* this nation before Me," says the LORD. And so *is* every work of their hands, and that which they offer there *is* unclean."

15 ¶ "But now ^ogive careful consideration from this day and onward, from before one stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the LORD,

16 "since those *days* ^pwhen *one* came to a heap of twenty *ephahs*, there

u Er 5:2,8 u Er 5:2,8 **Chapter 2:** a Er 3:12,13 b Zc 4:10 c Zc 8:9 d Ex 29:45,46 e Ne 9:20 f Hb 12:26 g Jl 3:16 h Gn 49:10 i Is 60:7 j Jn 1:14 k Ps 85:8,9 l Mt 2:7 m Nm 19:11,22 n Ti 1:15 o Hg 1:5,7; 2:18 p Zc 8:10

were *but* ten, when *one* came to the wine vat to draw fifty *vessels* out of the vat, *and* there were *only* twenty.

17 ^q“I smote you with a blasting wind and with mildew and with hail ^rin all the labors of your hands. ^sYet you did not *turn* to Me,” says the LORD.

18 “Consider now from this day onward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth *month*, *even* from the ^tday that the foundation of the LORD’S temple was laid, consider *it*.

19 ^u“Is the seed still in the barn? As yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, have not yielded fruit. From this day I will ^v‘bless *you*.’”

Zerubbabel and the Signet Ring

20 ¶ And again the word of the

LORD came to Haggai in the twenty-fourth *day* of the month, saying,

21 “Speak to Zerubbabel, ^wgovernor of Judah, saying, ^x“I will shake the heavens and the earth.

22 ^y“And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the nations. And ^zI will overthrow the chariots and those who ride in them. And the horses and their riders will come down, everyone by the sword of his brother.

23 ‘In that day,’ says the LORD of armies, ‘I will take you, O Zerubbabel, My servant, the son of Shealtiel,’ says the LORD, ‘and ^awill make you as a signet. For ^bI have chosen you.’” says the LORD of armies.

q Dt 28:22 r Hg 1:11 s Am 4:6-11 t Zc 8:9 u Zc 8:12 v MI 3:10 w Zc 4:6-10 x Hg 2:6,7 y Dn 2:44 z Mc 5:10 a Ss 8:6 b Is 42:1; 43:10