

HAGGAI

“Build the House”

*“Sixteen years had passed since the decree of Cyrus (**EZRA 1v1-4**) BUT a succession of frustrating difficulties, with bitter unremitting opposition, had caused the work to lapse and apathy now held the people in a grip”*

2 Thus **saith 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** ^a by Haggai the prophet, saying,

4 ^b Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ^c cieled houses, and this house *lie waste*?

5 Now therefore thus **saith the LORD of hosts**; ^{2d} Consider your ways.

6 ^e Ye have sown much, and ^f bring in little; ^g ye eat, but ye have not ^h enough; ye ⁱ drink, but ye are not ^k filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and ^m he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag ⁿ with holes.

7 ¶ **Thus saith the LORD 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 ^p I will be glorified, **saith the LORD**.

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

10 Therefore ^u the heaven over you ^v is stayed from ^w dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit.

11 And ^x I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the ^y 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 ^z all the labour of the hands.

12 ¶ ^a Then ^b Zerubbabel the son of ^m Shealtiel, and ⁿ Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all ^o the remnant of the people, obeyed **the voice of**

^a Ezra 5. 1.
^b Cp.
^c 2 Sam. 7. 2.
^d Ps. 132. 3-5.
^e Deut. 33. 21.
^f Heb.
^g Set your heart on your ways.
^h ver. 7.
ⁱ ch. 2. 15, 16.
^j ver. 9.
^k ch. 2. 16, 17.
^l Deut. 28. 38.
^m Is. 5. 10.
ⁿ Mic. 6. 15.
^o 2 Sam. 9. 10.
^p Lev. 26. 26.
^q Hos. 4. 10.
^r Mic. 6. 14.
^s Is. 23. 18.
^t Is. 5. 10.
^u Amos 5. 11.
^v Gen. 43. 34.
^w ch. 2. 4.
^x Ezra 5. 2.
^y Zech. 8. 10.
^z Cp. ver. 1.
^a Heb.
^b pierced through.
^c Cp. Lev. 23. 34, 36.
^d Cp.
^e ch. 2. 9.
^f Heb. by the hand of.
^g ch. 1. 1.
^h ch. 2. 17.
ⁱ Or, blow it away.
^j Ezek. 22. 20, 21.
^k ver. 4.
^l Neh. 2. 3.
^m Jer. 33. 10, 12.
ⁿ ch. 1. 12.
^o 1 Kin. 8. 35.
^p Ezra 3. 12.
^q Dan. 9. 24.
^r Zech. 8. 12.
^s Cp.
^t Zech. 4. 10.
^u 2 Kin. 8. 1.
^v Zech. 4. 7.
^w Hos. 2. 8.
^x ch. 2. 17.
^y Ps. 128. 2.
^z Cp.
^a Job 10. 3.
^b ch. 1. 13.
^c Ezra 5. 2.
^d 1 Chr. 3. 19.
^e Cp. Ex. 29. 45, 46.
^f Ps. 105. 8.
^g 1 Chr. 3. 17.
^h Ezra 3. 2.
ⁱ Neh. 12. 7.
^j ver. 14.
^k ch. 2. 2.
^l Neh. 9. 20.
^m Is. 63. 11.
ⁿ Zech. 4. 6.
^o Zech. 8. 13.

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**.

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 ⁱ did work in the house of the LORD of hosts, their God,

15 ⁿ In the four and twentieth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

CHAPTER 2.

¹ The greater glory of the second temple. ²⁰ God's promise to Zerubbabel.

¶ **I**n the seventh month, in the one and twentieth day of the month, came **the word of the LORD** ^a by the prophet Haggai, saying,

2 Speak now to ^b Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to ^c the residue of the people, saying,

3 ^d Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? ^e Is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?

4 Yet now ^f 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 ^g I am with you, **saith the LORD of hosts**;

5 ^h According to ⁱ the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so ^j my spirit remaineth among you: ^k fear ye not.

6 For thus **saith the LORD of hosts**; ^a Yet once, it is ^b a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;

7 And I will shake ^c all nations, and ^d the desire of all nations ^e shall come: and I will fill this house with ^f glory, **saith the LORD of hosts**.

8 ^g The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, **saith the LORD of hosts**.

9 ^h The glory ⁱ of this latter house shall be greater than of ^j the former, **saith the LORD of hosts**; and in this place will I give ^k peace, **saith the LORD of hosts**.

10 ¶ ^l In the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, ^m in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,

11 Thus **saith the LORD of hosts**; ⁿ Ask now the priests concerning the law, saying,

12 If one bear ^o 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, ^p No.

13 Then said Haggai, If one that is ^q unclean by a dead body ^r touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean.

14 Then answered Haggai, and said, ^s 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, ^t consider from this day and upward, from before a stone was laid

^a Cited
^b Heb. 12. 26.
^c Hos. 8. 10.
^d Zech. 8. 10.
^e ch. 1. 6.
^f ver. 22.
^g Cp.
^h Dan. 11. 37.
ⁱ 2 Sam. 9. 20.
^j Is. 5. 2.
^k Gen. 49. 10.
^l Mal. 3. 1.
^m Heb. 10. 37.
ⁿ Is. 60. 1.
^o Cp.
^p Ps. 24. 7-10.
^q Deut. 28. 22.
^r Amos 4. 9.
^s Cp.
^t Mal. 2. 3.
^u 1 Chr. 29. 14, 15.
^v Ex. 9. 25.
^w ver. 14.
^x Ps. 90. 17.
^y Jer. 5. 3.
^z Amos 6. 6.
^a Zech. 2. 5.
^b John 1. 14.
^c Cp.
^d Mat. 12. 6.
^e Cp. ch. 1. 8.
^f Cp. ver. 3.
^g Ezra 3. 12.
^h ver. 10, 19, 20.
ⁱ Ps. 85. 8, 9.
^j Zech. 8. 9.
^k Cp.
^l Ezra 3. 10.
^m ver. 18, 20.
ⁿ ch. 1. 1.
^o Cp.
^p Zech. 8. 12.
^q Joel 1. 17.
^r Lev. 10. 10, 11.
^s 1 Chr. 35. 3.
^t Joel 2. 14.
^u Jer. 21. 15.
^v Cp.
^w Lev. 6. 27.
^x ch. 1. 1.
^y Cp.
^z Zech. 4. 6.
^a ver. 6.
^b ver. 14.
^c ver. 7.
^d Dan. 2. 44.
^e Zech. 12. 9.
^f Mat. 24. 7.
^g Lev. 22. 4.
^h Num. 19. 11, 22.
ⁱ Mic. 5. 10.
^j Cp.
^k Tit. 1. 15.
^l Zech. 14. 13.
^m Is. 43. 10.
ⁿ ch. 1. 5.
^o Jer. 22. 24.
^p Is. 42. 1.

upon a stone in the temple of the LORD:

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

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

18 Consider now from this day and upward, ^h from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, even from ⁱ the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid, consider it.

19 ^j Is the seed yet in ^k 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 ^l 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 ^a Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, ^b I will shake the heavens and the earth;

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

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

CHRONOLOGY

**70 years
captivity**

BC 606 - Babylon captivity

BC 586 - Temple destruction

BC 536 - Decree of Cyrus (**EZRA 1v1-4**)

**70 years
temple
desolation**

BC 534 - Foundation of temple laid (**EZRA 3v8**)

BC 532 - Work ceased! (**EZRA 4v24**)

BC 520 - Work recommenced (**EZRA 4v24; 5v2**)

BC 516 - Work completed (**EZRA 6v16**)

*“He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and
he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap”*

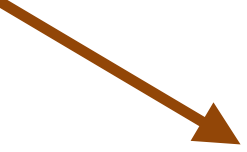
(ECCLESIASTES 11v4)

“They had not neglected their own houses, but they had neglected God’s house, this was wrong and altogether opposite to David”

“Cieled”

Hebrew = *“Saphan”*

Meaning = *“To hide by covering; to roof OR
wainscot”*



*“Wooden panels used to line
the walls of a room”*









*“And he provided the first part for himself,
because there, in a portion of the lawgiver
was he seated...”*

DEUTERONOMY 33v21

*“So he built the house, and finished it; and
covered the house with beams and
boards of cedar”*

1 KING 6v9

*“And it was covered with cedar above
upon the beams, that lay on forty five
pillars, fifteen in a row”*

1 KING 7v3

*“Then he made a porch for the throne where he might judge, even the porch of judgement: and it was **covered** with cedar from one side of the floor to the other”*

1 KING 7v7

*“I will build me a wide house and large chambers, and cutteth him out window; and it is **cieled** with cedar, and painted with vermilion”*

JEREMIAH 22v14

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JEREMIAH 22v14

*“All the labour of man is for his mouth, and yet
the appetite (Mg. “Soul”) is not filled”*

ECCLESIASTES 6v7

HAGGAI 1

5 Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; ² **Consider** your ways.

6 ^e Ye have **sown** much, and ^u ye **eat**, but ye have not ^h enough; ye ⁱ **drink**, but ye are not ^k filled with drink; ye **clothe** you, but there is none warm; and ^m **he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag ³ with holes.**

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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 ^p I will be glorified, saith the LORD.

LUKE 12

22 ¶ And he said unto his disciples, ^d Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall **eat**; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.

23 The life is more than meat, and the body is more than **raiment**.

24 **Consider** the ravens: for they neither **sow** nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor ⁱ barn; and ^k God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?

25 And which of you with taking thought can add to his ^o stature ^p one cubit?

26 If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?

27 **Consider** the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

28 If then God so **clothe** the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he **clothe** you, O ye of little faith?

29 And seek not ye what ye shall **eat**, or what ye shall **drink**, ² neither be ye of doubtful mind.

30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.

31 ¶ But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

32 Fear not, ^v little flock; for ^e it is your Father's good pleasure to give you ^a the kingdom.

33 ^b Sell that ye have, and ^c give alms; ^d provide yourselves bags which wax not old, ^e a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief

*“But look ahead from this day onwards, start from when the foundation of the temple of the eternal was laid, will your seed be lying idle in your barns? Will the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate and the olive still fail to bear fruit? **NO, from now on i will bless you with prosperity**”*

HAGGAI 2v18-19 (MOFFATT)

LESSONS

1. When we face opposition, Its rarely an indication that the work is not God's will.
2. Dont wait for perfect conditions before commencing work! (You'll never start)
3. Materialistic pursuits produce only temporary satisfaction, and are unable to provide lasting fulfilment!
4. Lasting satisfaction and fulfilment is only found when we involve ourselves in working for God!
5. Our Number 1 priority in life must be the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.
6. If we make that our priority in life, Our God will look after us and provide us with the sufficient material things we have need of in this life, And will bless us in the future age with a place in His Kingdom.

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