

HAGGAI

CHAPTER 1

In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the Lord by the hand of the prophet Haggai, saying, Speak unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, of the tribe of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying, ²Thus speaketh the Lord Almighty, saying, This people say, The time is not come to build the Lord's house. ³Then came word of the Lord by the hand of the prophet Haggai, saying, ⁴Is it time for you to dwell in your ceiled houses, seeing Our house lieth desolate? ⁵Now therefore thus saith the Lord Almighty; Consider your ways, I pray you. ⁶Ye have sown much, but brought in little; ye have eaten, and are not satisfied; ye have drunk, and are not satisfied with drink; ye have clothed you, and are not become warm in them: and he that earneth wages hath gathered them into a bag full of holes. ⁷Thus saith the Lord Almighty; Consider your ways. ⁸Go up to the mountain, and cut wood; build the house, and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord. ⁹Ye looked for much, and there came little; and it was brought into the house, and I did blow it away. Therefore thus saith the Lord Almighty; Because Mine house is desolate, and ye run every one into his own house, ¹⁰therefore shall the heaven withhold dew, and the earth shall stay her fruit. ¹¹And I will bring a sword upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the wine, and upon the oil, and all that the ground bringeth forth, and upon the men, and upon the cattle, and upon all the labours of their hands. ¹²Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, of the tribe of Judah, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and all the remnant of the people, hearkened unto the voice of the Lord their God, and the words of the prophet Haggai, according as the Lord their God had sent him to them, and the people did fear before the Lord. ¹³Then spake Haggai the Lord's messenger among the Lord's messengers unto the people, saying, I am with you, saith the Lord. ¹⁴And the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, of the tribe of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and the spirit of the remnant of all the people; and they went in and wrought in the house of the Lord Almighty their God, ¹⁵in the four and twentieth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

CHAPTER 2

In the seventh month, in the one and twentieth day of the month, the Lord spake by Haggai the prophet, saying, ²Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, of the tribe of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the

high priest, and to all the residue of the people, saying, ³Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? And how do ye look upon it now, as it were not existing before your eyes? ⁴Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the Lord; and strengthen thyself, O Joshua, the high priest, the son of Josedech; and let all the people of the land strengthen themselves, saith the Lord Almighty; ⁵and My Spirit remaineth in the midst of you; be of good courage. ⁶For thus saith the Lord Almighty; Yet once I will shake the heaven, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry *land*; ⁷and I will shake all the nations, and the desire of all the nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord Almighty. ⁸The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, saith the Lord Almighty. ⁹For the glory of this house shall be great, the latter more than the former, saith the Lord Almighty: and in this place will I give peace, even peace of soul for a possession to every one that buildeth, to raise up this temple. ¹⁰In the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the Lord to Haggai the prophet, saying, ¹¹Thus saith the Lord Almighty; Inquire now of the priests concerning the law, saying, ¹²If a man take holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and the skirt of his garment touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and said, No. ¹³Then said Haggai, If an unclean person 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. ¹⁴Then answered Haggai and said, So is this people, and so is this nation before Me, saith the Lord; and so are all the works of their hands; and whosoever shall approach them shall be unclean by reason of their early burdens: they shall be pained because of their toils; and ye have hated him that reproached in the gates. ¹⁵And now, I pray you, consider from this day and beforetime, even before they laid one stone upon another in the temple of the Lord, what manner of men ye were. ¹⁶When ye cast twenty measures of barley into the corn bin, and there were twenty measures of barley: and ye went into the vat to draw out fifty measures, and there were *but* twenty. ¹⁷I smote you with barrenness, and with blasting, and all the works of your hands with hail; yet ye returned not unto Me, saith the Lord. ¹⁸Set now your hearts from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, even from the day when the foundation of the temple of the Lord was laid; ¹⁹consider in your hearts, whether any thing shall be known on the cornfloor, and whether yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive trees that bear no fruit will be known: from this day will I bless you. ²⁰And the word of the Lord came the second time unto Haggai the prophet, in the four and twentieth day of the month, saying, ²¹Speak to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, of the tribe of Judah, saying, I do shake the heaven, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry *land*; ²²and I will overthrow the thrones of kings, and I will destroy the power of the kings of the nations; and I will overthrow chariots and riders; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword striving against his brother. ²³In that day, saith the Lord Almighty, I will take thee, O Zerubbabel, the son

of Shealtiel, My servant, saith the Lord, and will make thee as a signet: for I have chosen thee, saith the Lord Almighty.