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Chapter 1

(1) In the second year of Darius the king {3605 A.H./C-437 B.C.},^a in the sixth month {Ellul [Aug.-Sept.]},^b on the first day of the month {6/1/3605 A.H.}, the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came by Haggai {festive}^c the prophet to Zerubbabel {descended from Babylon}^d the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua {Jehovah saves}^e the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying,

(2) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}^f says, *These people say, The time has not come, the time that the LORD's {Jehovah's} house {temple} should be built.*

(3) Then the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came by Haggai the prophet, saying,

(4) *Is it time for you, O you, to live in your houses with ceilings, and this house {temple}^g lies in waste?*

(5) Now therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says; Consider your ways.

(6) You have sown much, and bring in little; you eat, but you do not have enough; you drink, but you are not filled with drink; you put on clothes, but no one is warm; and he who earns wages earns wages *to put it* into a bag with holes.

(7) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says; Consider your ways.

(8) Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house {temple}; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

1:1a - second year of Darius {Darius Hystaspes} [3605 A.H./C-437 B.C.] - See [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)- 16 years after end of 70 year exile
See Ezra 4-6; Zech. 1:1 [Note: temple construction had been started 15 years earlier, but quickly stopped due to opposition.] [The new temple will be completed 19 years after the end of the 70 years exile - the first temple had been destroyed 19 years after the first exile!]

1:1b - sixth month - month of Ellul [August-September] - See [Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days](#). See also [The Jewish Calendar at www.TheWordNotes.com](#)

1:1c - Haggai {הַגַּי} - festive

1:1d - Zerubbabel {זְרֻבְבָל} - descended from Babylon - a descendant of King David whom Cyrus [who co-reigned with Darius] appointed to be governor over Jerusalem

1:1e - Joshua {יְהוֹשֻׁעַ} - Jehovah saves – see note on Mat. 1:21

1:2f - LORD of hosts - Jehovah sabaoth {יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת} - Lord of armies or multitudes

1:4g - this house - i.e. the Temple of the Lord

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(9) You looked for much, and, indeed, *it came* to little; and when you brought *it* home, I blew upon it. Why? says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}. Because of My house {temple} that is waste, and every man of you runs to his own house.

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

(11) And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon *that* which the ground brings 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 Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD {Jehovah} their God had sent him, and the people feared before the LORD {Jehovah}.

(13) Then Haggai the LORD's {Jehovah's} messenger in the LORD'S message spoke to the people, saying, *I am* with you, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(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 worked in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, their God,

(15) On the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month {6/24/3605 A.H.} {Ellul [Aug.-Sept.]}, in the second year of Darius the king {3605 A.H./C-437 B.C.}.^h

Chapter 2

(1) In the seventh *month* {Tishri [Sept.-Oct.]},^a on the twenty first *day* of the month {7/21/3605 A.H.}, the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came by the prophet Haggai, saying,

(2) *Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the remainder of the people, saying,*

(3) *Who is left among you who saw this house {temple} in her first glory? and how do you see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?*

1:15h – sixth month Ellul [Aug./Sept.] - See [Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days](#). See also [The Jewish Calendar at www.TheWordNotes.com](http://www.TheWordNotes.com)

2:1a - seventh month - Tishri [September-October] - the 21st day of the month is the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles!

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(4) Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD {Jehovah}; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all you people of the land, says the LORD {Jehovah}, and work: because I *am* with you, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts:

(5) *According to* the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you: do not be afraid.

(6) Because this is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes} says; 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 Desire of all nations will come: and I will fill this house {temple} with glory, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}.

(8) The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}.

(9) The glory of this latter house {temple} shall be greater than of the former,^b says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}: and in this place I will give peace, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}.

(10) On the twenty-fourth *day* of the ninth *month* {9/24/3605 A.H.}{Kislev [Nov.-Dec.]},^c in the second year of Darius {3605 A.H./C-437 B.C.}, the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came by Haggai the prophet, saying,

(11) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts says; Ask now the priests *concerning* the law, saying,

(12) If one carries holy meat in the skirt of his clothing, and with his skirt he touches bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and said, No.

(13) Then Haggai said, If *one that is unclean* because of a dead body that touches any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean.

2:10c - the ninth month - Kislev (November-December) - the 24th day - the day before Hanukkah the Feast of Dedication (Also called the Feast of Lights) - Note: the Feast of Dedication is not a Biblical feast, and will not become a time of celebration until the time of the Maccabees a little more than a 100 years after these events -- On this day the foundation of the temple will be laid [Hag. 2:18] – See John 10:22 - See Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days. See also The Jewish Calendar at www.TheWordNotes.com

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(14) Then Haggai answered, and said, So is this people, and so is this nation before Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}; and so is every work of their hands; and that which they offer there is unclean.

(15) And now, I ask you, consider from this day forward, from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the LORD {Jehovah}:

(16) Since those *days* were, when *one* came to a heap of twenty *measures*, there were *but* ten: when *one* came to the wine press to draw out fifty *vessels* out of the press, there were *but* twenty.

(17) I struck you with blasting {hot wind; judgment} and with mildew and with hail in all the labors of your hands; yet you did not *turn* to Me, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(18) Consider now from this day forward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth *month* {9/24/3605 A.H.}{Kislev [Nov.-Dec.]}^d *even* from the day that the foundation of the LORD's {Jehovah's} temple was laid, consider *it*.

(19) Is the seed yet in the barn? yes, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, have not brought forth: from this day forward I will bless *you*.

(20) And again the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Haggai in the twenty-fourth *day* of the month, saying,

(21) Speak to Zerubbabel, governor 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 heathen {ungodly nations}; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those who ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, everyone by the sword of his brother.

(23) In that day, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}, I will take you, O Zerubbabel, My servant, the son of Shealtiel, says the LORD {Jehovah}, and will make you as a signet {ring}: because I have chosen you, says the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies; multitudes}.

2:18d - See Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days. See also The Jewish Calendar at www.TheWordNotes.com – Kislev 24 – Kislev 25 will later become Hanukkah {Feast of Dedication} see note on John 10:22