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Haggai

The prophet Haggai received a message from Yahweh in the second year after¹ 1

Darius had become king of Persia. Haggai received this message on the first day of the sixth month of that year. He told it to the governor of Judah, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel. Haggai also told the message to the high priest, Joshua the son of Jehozadak. He of Judah Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, says this: ‘The people², said Yahweh then³ ’.are saying that it is not yet the right time for them to rebuild my temple

It is not right for you to live in⁴ :told the prophet Haggai to tell the people this So this is what⁵ !comfortable houses while you have still not repaired Yahweh's temple Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, is telling you: ‘Think about what you are !doing

.You are planting many seeds, but you are not harvesting many crops⁶

.You eat food, but you never get enough to eat

.You drink wine, but you never get enough to satisfy you

You still have clothes to wear, but they are so worn-out that they no longer keep you .warm

,So this is what Yahweh⁷ ’.You earn money, but it is not enough to pay your expenses the commander of the heavenly armies, is telling you: ‘Think about what you should do

Go up into the hills and cut down trees! Bring the timber from them here⁸ !differently to Jerusalem and rebuild my temple! This will honor me, and I will be proud of my

Yahweh, the commander of the⁹ .temple again.’ That is what Yahweh is telling you heavenly armies, is also telling you, ‘There is a reason why you have not grown many crops even though you have planted many seeds. The reason is that I kept the crops from growing. I did that because you have built comfortable homes for yourselves, but

Because you were not repairing my temple, I kept¹⁰ .you have not repaired my temple the crops from growing by making it so dry that no rain fell from the sky and there was

I have kept the plants from¹¹ .not even any moisture on the ground in the mornings growing in the fields and on the mountains. I have kept your wheat and barley from growing. I have kept your vines from producing grapes. I have kept your olive trees from producing olives. Even though you worked very hard, you were not able to grow The¹² ’.enough food. As a result, both people and animals have not had enough to eat

Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, knew that Yahweh their God had ,governor of Judah told the prophet Haggai to speak this message. The high priest, Joshua the son of

Jehozadak, also knew this. The rest of the people who had returned to Judah from exile in Babylon also knew this. And they all respected Yahweh. So they all obeyed the **Yahweh was pleased that the people had**¹³ .message that Yahweh their God had spoken Yahweh gave Haggai, his messenger, another message to speak to the **obeyed him. So** This message from¹⁴ ”!people. Haggai said, “Yahweh is telling you, ‘I am with you Yahweh made the governor of Judah, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, want to rebuild the temple. It also made the high priest, Joshua the son of Jehozadak, want to rebuild the temple. It also made the rest of the people want to rebuild the temple. So they all gathered together and started rebuilding the temple of Yahweh, the commander of the They started the work on the twenty-fourth day of the¹⁵ .heavenly armies, their God .sixth month of the second year that Darius was king of Persia

Yahweh gave another message to the prophet Haggai on the twenty-first day of¹ **2**

I want“² ,Yahweh told Haggai .of **Darius' second year as king of Persia** the seventh month you to ask a question to the governor of Judah, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and to the Is there“³ ,high priest, Joshua the son of Jehozadak, and to the rest of the people. Ask them still anyone among you who remembers how glorious the temple used to look? If so, do you think that the temple looks glorious now? You must agree that it does not look very Yahweh is telling“ ,**But after Haggai had asked those questions, he said**⁴ ”.glorious at all ,you, Zerubbabel, “Now do not be discouraged!’ Yahweh is also telling you high priest ,Joshua the son of Jehozadak, and all the Jewish people, ‘Do not be discouraged!’ Yahweh the commander of the heavenly armies, is telling you, ‘Repair the temple, because I am That is what I promised your ancestors when I brought them out of⁵ !to help you with you ,**And I am still keeping that promise now** .slavery in Egypt and made a covenant with them of the people who are trying to keep my Spirit is living among you. So do not be afraid since Do not be afraid, because Yahweh, the commander of the⁶ ’!you from rebuilding my temple heavenly armies, is telling you, ‘Soon it will be as if I am shaking the sky and the earth, the It will seem that way because I will be making the other nations respect⁷ .sea and the land you. Then those people will bring their treasures to this temple, and I will make it very glorious again.’ That is what Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, is telling Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, says, “The silver and gold that the⁸ .you Yahweh, the commander of the⁹ .people of other nations have really belong to me heavenly armies, says, ‘The temple will be even more glorious in the future than it was in the past.’ Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, also says, ‘I will protect the Yahweh spoke another message to¹⁰ ”.temple from people who would want to destroy it the prophet Haggai on the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month of Darius' second year as This is what I, Yahweh, the commander of the“¹¹ ,king of Persia. Yahweh told Haggai

heavenly armies, am telling you to do. Ask the priests a question about what Moses
some meat that a **from the altar** Suppose a priest takes¹² ,directed in his instructions. Say
person has offered to Yahweh. And suppose the priest carries the meat within his robe. If
his robe touches some bread or stew or wine or olive oil or any other food, does that food
become like food that someone has offered to Yahweh?’” When Haggai asked the priests
Then Haggai asked the priests this¹³ .this question, they replied, “No, it does not
question: “Suppose someone becomes unclean by touching a dead body. If this unclean
,person then touches any food, does that food also become unclean?” The priests replied
Then Haggai said, “Yahweh is telling you this: ‘I¹⁴ ’.Yes, that food does become unclean“
consider you Jewish people to be unclean as well! And since you are unclean, the crops that
you grow and the animals that you raise are also unclean. And so you cannot offer those
So now¹⁵ .unclean crops or the unclean meat from those animals on the altar at the temple
think about what has been happening to you during this whole time that you have not been
During that time, when you thought you could take 20 measures¹⁶ .rebuilding my temple
of grain from a heap, you found that there were only 10 measures in the heap. When you
thought you could draw 50 measures of wine out of a wine vat, you found that there were
I caused blight, mildew, and hail to destroy all the crops¹⁷ .only 20 measures in the vat
that you worked so hard to raise. Even so, you did not do what I wanted you to do and
Think about what has been¹⁸ .rebuild my temple.’ This is what Yahweh is saying to you
happening to you during the whole time between when you laid the foundation of my
until this day, the twenty-fourth day of the ninth **when you first returned from exile** temple
You have no grain left in your barns. Your grapevines have¹⁹ !month. Yes, think about that
not been producing grapes. Your fig trees have not been producing figs. Your pomegranate
trees have not been producing pomegranates. Your olive trees have not been producing
Yahweh then²⁰ ’’!with an abundance of crops olives. But from now on, I will bless you
Tell Zerubbabel, the²¹ ,gave a second message to Haggai on that same day. He said
.governor of Judah, this for me: ‘It is going to be as if I am shaking the sky and the earth
It will seem that way because I am going to stop kingdoms from ruling over other²²
kingdoms. I am going to make strong nations weak. I am going to do this by making the
nations fight wars against each other. When they do, they will completely destroy one
Tell Zerubbabel for me, Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly²³ ’.another's armies
armies, ‘After I destroy the armies of the other kingdoms, I am going to make you
powerful, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, my servant.’ Tell him for me, Yahweh, ‘Just as a
king seals his orders with a signet ring, so I will use you to accomplish my purposes.’ Tell
him for me, Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, ‘I am going to do this because
’’!I have chosen you