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1 In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month,
on the first day of the month, the word of Yahweh was
by the hand of Haggai the prophet to the governor of Judah,
Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, and to the high priest, Joshua son
of Jehozadak, saying, 2 "Thus says Yahweh of Armies, saying:
'This people, they say, "The time has not come to rebuild the
house of Yahweh."'" 3 Then the word of Yahweh came by the
hand of Haggai the prophet, saying, 4 "*Is it* a time for you
yourselves to live in your paneled houses, while this house
is desolate? 5 So now, thus says Yahweh of Armies: 'Set your
heart upon your ways!

6 You have sown much, but you have brought in little.
You eat, but not to satiety.
You drink, but not *enough* to become drunk.
One wears clothes, but he does not warm himself.
And the wage earner earns wages into a punctured
bag!' 7 Thus says Yahweh of Armies: 'Set
your heart upon your ways!
8 Go up *to* the mountain and bring timber and
build the house,
and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be
glorified,' says Yahweh.
9 'You looked for much, but behold, little!
And you brought *it* home, but I blew upon it!

Because of what?'—the declaration of Yahweh of Armies.

'Because of my house, that it *is* desolate,
but you are running, a man to his house.
10 Therefore the heavens above you refrain from dew
and the earth withholds its produce.
11 And I have called for desolation upon the land
and upon the mountains
and upon the grain and upon the new wine
and upon the oil and upon what the ground produces
and upon the man and upon the beast
and upon all the labor of *your* hands!'"

12 Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Joshua son of
Jehozadak, the high priest, and all of the remnant of the
people listened to the voice of Yahweh their God and to the
words of Haggai the prophet, because Yahweh their God had
sent him and the people feared the face of Yahweh. 13 Then
Haggai, the messenger of Yahweh, spoke the message of Yahweh
to the people, saying, "'I *am* with you!'—the declaration of
Yahweh." 14 And Yahweh awakened the spirit of the governor
of Judah, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, and the spirit of Joshua
son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all of the
remnant of the people, and they came and did the work on the
house of Yahweh of Armies, their God, 15 on the twenty-fourth
day of the sixth month in the second year of Darius the king,

2 in the seventh, on the twenty-first of the month, the word
of Yahweh was by the hand of Haggai the prophet, saying,
2 "Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, the governor of
Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and
to the remnant of the people, saying, 3 'Who is the one left
among you who saw this house in its former glory? How are
you seeing it now? Compared with that, *is it* not like nothing in
your eyes? 4 But now, be strong, Zerubbabel!'—the declaration
of Yahweh—'and be strong, Joshua son of Jehozadak, you high
priest, and be strong, all people of the land!'—the declaration
of Yahweh—'and work, for I *am* with you!'—the declaration
of Yahweh of Armies. 5 'The word that I covenanted with you
when you came out of Egypt, and my Spirit remains in your
midst. Do not fear!' 6 For thus says Yahweh of Armies: 'Yet
once, it *will be* a little *while*,

and I *will be* shaking the heavens and the earth
and the sea and the dry land!
7 And I will shake all of the nations,
and they will come *with* the treasure of
all of the nations,
and I will fill this house *with* glory,' says Yahweh of
Armies. 8 'The silver is mine, and the gold is
mine'—the declaration of Yahweh of Armies.
9 'The latter glory of this house *will be* greater
than the former,' says Yahweh of Armies,
'and in this place I will give peace'—the
declaration of Yahweh of Armies."

10 On the twenty-fourth of the ninth, in the second year
of Darius, the word of Yahweh was to Haggai the prophet,
saying, 11 "Thus says Yahweh of Armies: 'Now ask the priests
about the law, saying, 12 "If a man carries holy flesh in the
fold of his garment and he touches with his fold upon bread
or upon stew or upon wine or upon oil or upon any food, does
it become holy?"'" And the priests answered and said, "No."
13 Then Haggai said, "If the unclean by a person touches any
of these, will it be unclean?" And the priests answered and
said, "It will be unclean." 14 And Haggai answered and said,
"'Thus *is* this people and thus *is* this nation to my face!'—the
declaration of Yahweh—'and thus *is* every work of their hands,
and what they offer there, it *is* unclean! 15 And now, do set
your hearts from before until this day, from before the placing
of stone upon stone in the temple of Yahweh. 16 From their
being, one came to a heap of twenty but there were ten; one
came to a vat to draw out fifty *from* the press but there were
twenty. 17 I struck you with blight and with mildew and with
hail, all of the work of your hands, but it was not you to
me'—the declaration of Yahweh. 18 'Now set your hearts from
before until this day, from the day that the temple of Yahweh
was founded until this twenty-fourth day of the ninth. Set your
hearts! 19 *Is* the seed yet in the storehouse? And the vine and
the fig tree and the pomegranate tree and the olive tree have
not yet produced! From this day I will bless *you*!'"

20 And the word of Yahweh was to Haggai a second time on
the twenty-fourth of the month, saying, 21 "Speak to Zerubbabel,
the governor of Judah, saying,

'I *am* shaking 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 nations!
And I will overthrow the chariot and its rider,
and the horses and their riders will fall,
a man by the sword of his brother.

23 On that day'—the declaration of Yahweh of
Armies—'I will take you, Zerubbabel son
of Shealtiel, my servant'—the declaration
of Yahweh—'and I will make you like
a signet ring, for I have chosen you'—the
declaration of Yahweh of Armies!"