



spirit of all the rest of the people: They came and set to work on the House of GOD of Hosts, their God,

1:15 on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month. In the second year of King Darius,

2:1 on the twenty-first day of the seventh month, the word of GOD came through the prophet Haggai:

2:2 Speak to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, the governor of Judah, and to the high priest Joshua son of Jehozadak, and to the rest of the people:

2:3 Who is there left among you who saw this House in its former splendor? How does it look to you now? It must seem like nothing to you.

2:4 But be strong, O Zerubbabel—says GOD—be strong, O high priest Joshua son of Jehozadak; be strong, all you people of the land—says GOD—and act! For I am with you—says GOD of Hosts.

2:5 So I promised you when you came out of Egypt, and My spirit is still in your midst. Fear not!

2:6 For thus said GOD of Hosts: In just a little while longer I will shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land;

2:7 I will shake all the nations. And the precious things of all the nations shall come [here], and I will fill this House with glory, said GOD of Hosts.

2:8 Silver is Mine and gold is Mine—says GOD of Hosts.

2:9 The glory of this latter House shall be greater than that of the former one, said GOD of Hosts; and in this place I will grant prosperity—declares GOD of Hosts.

2:10 On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth [month], in the second year of Darius, the word of GOD came to the prophet Haggai:

2:11 Thus said GOD of Hosts: Seek a ruling from the priests, as follows:

2:12 If someone is carrying sacrificial flesh in a fold of their garment, and with that fold touches bread, stew, wine, oil, or any other food, will the latter become holy? In reply, the priests said, “No.”

2:13 Haggai went on, “If someone defiled by a corpse touches any of these, will it be defiled?” And the priests responded, “Yes.”

2:14 Thereupon Haggai said: That is how this people and that is how this nation looks to Me—declares GOD—and so, too, the work of their hands: Whatever they offer there is defiled.

2:15 And now take thought, from this day backward: a backward Or “forward.” As long as no stone had been laid on another in the House of GOD,

2:16 if one came to a heap of twenty measures, a heap of twenty measures Of grain. it would yield only ten; and if one came to a wine vat to skim off fifty measures, the press would yield only twenty.

2:17 I struck you—all the works of your hands—with blight and mildew and hail, but you did not return; you did not return Lit. “there was not with you to Me”; cf. Amos 4.9. to Me—declares GOD.

2:18 Take note, from this day forward—from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, from the day when the foundation was laid for GOD’s Temple—take note

2:19 while the seed is still in the granary, and the vine, fig tree, pomegranate, and olive tree have not yet borne fruit. For from this day on I will send blessings.

2:20 And the word of GOD came to Haggai a second time on the twenty-fourth day of the month:

2:21 Speak to Zerubbabel the governor of Judah: I am going to shake the heavens and the earth.

2:22 And I will overturn the thrones of kingdoms and destroy the might of the kingdoms of the nations. I will overturn chariots and their drivers. Horses and their riders shall fall, each by the sword of his fellow.

2:23 On that day—declares GOD of Hosts—I will take you, O My servant Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel—declares GOD—and make you as a signet; make you as a signet I.e., bring you close to Me; contrast Jer. 22.24–30. for I have chosen you—declares GOD of Hosts.

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