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The Book of Haggai

Hag. 1:12-15

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13 Then spake Haggai the LORD'S messenger in the LORD'S message unto the people, saying, *I am* with you, saith the LORD.

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 did work in the house of the LORD of hosts, their God,

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Ezra 4:24 Then ceased the work of the house of God which *is* at Jerusalem. So **it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.**

Ezra 5:1 Then the prophets, **Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo,** prophesied unto the Jews that *were* in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the **God of Israel,** *even* unto them.

2 Then rose up **Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak,** and began to build the **house of God which *is* at Jerusalem:** and with them *were* the prophets of God helping them.

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C. The Blessing, 1:12-15

1. The Response, 1:12

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Isa. 10:20 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.

21 The remnant shall return, *even* the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God.

"God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world." C. S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*, p. 81.

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2. The Reassurance, 1:13

Hag. 1:13 Then spake Haggai the LORD'S messenger in the LORD'S message unto the people, saying, **I am with you, saith the LORD.**

Josh. 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for **the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.**

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Mt. 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, **lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.** Amen.

3. The Revival, 1:14-15

Hag. 1:14 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 did work in the house of the LORD of hosts, their God,

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a. The Truth, 1:14

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Zerubbabel = the political leader

Joshua = the spiritual leader

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2 Chron. 36:22 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD *spoken* by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, **the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia**, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* also in writing, saying, 23 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah. Who *is there* among you of all his people? The LORD his God *be* with him, and let him go up.

Ezra 1:5 Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with **all them whose spirit God had raised**, to go up to build the house of the LORD which *is* in Jerusalem.

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Phil. 2:13 For **it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.**

b. The Time, 1:15

Hag. 1:15 In **the four and twentieth day of the sixth month**, in the second year of Darius the king.

Hag. 1:1 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 Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying,

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After 24 days, the message produced fruit!

August 30, 520 B.C. – Haggai delivered the message to Zerubbabel and Joshua.

September 22, 520 B.C. – The work was re-started on the Temple.

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Conclusion

Hos. 11:4 **When Israel was a child, then I loved him,** and called my son out of Egypt.

2 As they called them, so they went from them: they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense to graven images.

3 I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them.

4 **I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love:** and I was to them as they that take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid meat unto them.

Jer. 31:3 The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, *saying*, **Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.**

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Jn. 6:44 No man can come to me, **except the Father which hath sent me draw him:** and I will raise him up at the last day.

Jn. 12:32 And I, **if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.**

Zech. 4:6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This *is* the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, **Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit,** saith the LORD of hosts.

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