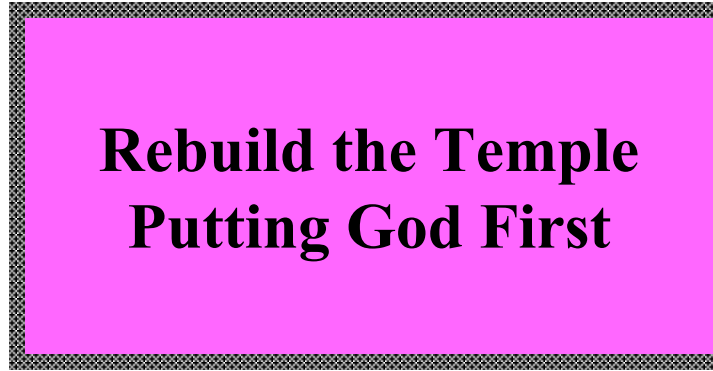


## Theme: The House of the Lord

### Key Words or Phrases:

The word of the LORD (says, declares), the LORD, the LORD of hosts, house (temple) consider, shake, prophecies, dates



### Purposes:

- 1) to stir up the Jews to finish rebuilding the Temple & thus fulfill the word of the Lord through Jeremiah the prophet
- 2) to help them reorder their priorities and put God first
- 3) encourage them in the midst of their economic hardships, & discouraging circumstances to press on in the work of God
- 4) to announce God's blessings on their continued obedience
- 5) to give them a pledge of the certainty of the fulfillment of God's covenant with them

Author: Haggai the Prophet

Recipients: (1) Zerubbabel, (2) Joshua (3) the remnant of the people (4) the priests

When written: c. 520 BC

### Historical Setting:

Political: 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Darius the king

Economic: food shortages (1:6), unmet expectations (1:9), spoilage & spillage (2:16)

Physical: drought (1:10, 11), blasting wind, mildew, hail (2:17)

Religious: House of the Lord is left desolate (1:4, 9), apathy, indifference (1:2), wrong priorities (1:9), undiscerning (1:11), unclean (2:14), unrepentant (2:17)

**BUT still religious (2:14)**

# Haggai Chapter One

## v1-2 The Introduction / The Background

**v1a The Period** – 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Darius the king

**v1b The Prophet** – Haggai

**v1c The People** – Zerubbabel & Joshua

**v2 The Problem** – misreading the times

## v3-11 The Indictment / The Burden

**v3-4 Wrong Priorities** – Self before God

**v5,7-8 Wise Proposals**

Consider Your Ways (v5,7)

Go, bring, rebuild (v8)

**v6, 9-11 Woeful Prospects** – economic distress & widespread drought

## v12-15 The Result / The Blessing

**v12 The Response** – they obeyed

**v13 The Reassurance** – “I am with you”

**v14-15 The Revival** – “the Lord stirred up the spirit of....”

Admonition to Build and Its Results  
The Desolate House of the Lord

# Haggai Chapter Two

## v1-3 The Comparison

- the people’s discouragement exposed

## v4-5 The Comfort

**v4** “take courage..., take courage..., take courage... and work, for I am with you” says the Lord of hosts

**v5** “My Spirit is abiding in your midst; do not fear”

## v6-9 The Conclusion

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Admonition to Consider and Its Results  
The Glorious House of the Lord

# Haggai Chapter 2

## The Admonition to Consider and Its Results The Glorious House of the Lord

### v1-3 The Comparison

1 On the twenty-first of the seventh month,  
the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet saying,  
2 "Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah,  
and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest,  
and to the remnant of the people saying,  
3 'Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory?  
And how do you see it now?

Does it not seem to you like nothing in comparison?

### v4-5 The Comfort

4 'But now

take courage, Zerubbabel,' declares the LORD,

take courage also, Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest,

and all you people of the land

take courage. declares the LORD,

'and work;

for I am with you,' says the LORD of hosts.

### v6-9 The Conclusion

5 'As for the promise which I made you when you came out of Egypt,

My Spirit is abiding in your midst;

do not fear!'

### v6-7a The shaking of all Nature and all Nations

6 'For thus says the LORD of hosts,

### v7b-9 The Splendor of this House – Greater Glory

'Once more in a little while,

I am going to shake the heavens and the earth, the sea also and the dry land.

7 'And I will shake all the nations;

and they will come with the wealth of all nations;

and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD of hosts.

8 'The silver is Mine,  
and the gold is Mine,' declares the LORD of hosts.

9 'The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts,  
'and in this place  
I shall give peace,' declares the LORD of hosts."

v10-19 The Call to Consider

10 On the twenty-fourth of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius,  
the word of the LORD came to Haggai the prophet saying,

v10-19a The Unclean People  
& God's Judgment

11 "Thus says the LORD of hosts,

'Ask now the priests *for* a ruling:

12 'If a man carries holy meat in the fold of his garment,  
and touches bread with this fold, or cooked food, wine, oil, or any *other* food,  
will it become holy?'"

And the priests answered and said, "No."

13 Then Haggai said,

"If one who is unclean from a corpse touches any of these,  
will *the latter* become unclean?"

And the priests answered and said, "It will become unclean."

14 Then Haggai answered and said,

"So is this people.

And so is this nation before Me,' declares the LORD,

'and so is every work of their hands;

and what they offer there is unclean.

15 'But now, do consider from this day onward:

before one stone was placed on another in the temple of the LORD,

16 from that time *when* one came to a *grain* heap of twenty *measures*,  
there would be only ten;

and *when* one came to the wine vat to draw fifty measures,  
there would be *only* twenty.

17 'I smote you *and* every work of your hands with blasting wind, mildew, and hail;  
yet you *did not come back* to Me,' declares the LORD.

18 Do consider from this day onward,  
from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month;  
from the day when the temple of the LORD was founded,

consider:

19 'Is the seed still in the barn?

Even including the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree,  
it has not borne *fruit*.

Yet from this day on

I will bless *you*."

**v19b The Cleansed People  
& God's Blessing**

**v20-23 The Choice**

20 Then the word of the LORD came a second time to Haggai

on the twenty-fourth day of the month saying,

21 "Speak to Zerubbabel governor of Judah saying,

'I am going to shake the heavens and the earth.

22 'And I will overthrow the thrones of kingdoms

and destroy the power of the kingdoms of the nations;

and I will overthrow the chariots and their riders,

and the horses and their riders will go down, everyone by the sword of another.'

23 'On that day,' declares the LORD of hosts,

'I will take you, Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, My servant,' declares the LORD,

'and I will make you like a signet *ring*,

for I have chosen you," declares the LORD of hosts.

**v20-21 The Elements Shaken**

**v22 The Enemies Shattered**

**v23 The Servant Exalted**

# Timing in the Book of Haggai

<p><b>Elul</b> August to September 29 days</p>	<p><b>Tishri / Ethanim</b> September to October 30 days</p>	<p><b>Bul / Marcheshvan</b> October to November 29 days</p>	<p><b>Kislev</b> November to December 30 days</p>
<p><b>AUTUMN</b></p>			<p><b>WINTER</b></p>
<p><b>Processing of Grapes, Figs and Olives</b></p>	<p><b>PLOWING</b></p>	<p><b>Sowing of Wheat and Barley</b></p>	<p><b>WINTER RAINS BEGIN</b></p>
<p><b>New Moon Festival – 1</b></p>	<p><b>Season of Repentance Begins</b> Elul 1 to Tishri 10 The shofar is blown every morning from the sabbath before the new moon of Elul</p>		<p><b>New Moon Festival – 1</b></p>
<p><b>New Moon Festival – 1</b></p>	<p><b>Feast of Trumpets – 1</b></p>	<p><b>Day of Atonement – 10</b></p>	<p><b>Feast of Tabernacles – 15-21</b></p>
<p><b>New Moon Festival – 1</b></p>	<p><b>Feast of Dedication – 25Kislev to 2 Tebeth (8days)</b></p>		

520 B.C. (the Second Year of Darius the King, 521-486 B.C.)

**1<sup>st</sup> day of the 6<sup>th</sup> month  
Haggai's 1<sup>st</sup> Message  
(Haggai 1:1-13)**

**24<sup>th</sup> day of the 6<sup>th</sup> month  
The People Worked on  
the House of the Lord  
(Haggai 1:14-15)**

**21<sup>st</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month  
Haggai's 2<sup>nd</sup> Message  
(Haggai 2:1-9)**

In the 8<sup>th</sup> month, Zechariah began his prophetic ministry. His primary mission & work was to bring the temple building to completion. This he did successfully. He preached till the 4<sup>th</sup> year of Darius (518 B.C.)

**24<sup>th</sup> day of the 9<sup>th</sup> month  
Haggai's 3<sup>rd</sup> Message  
(Haggai 2:10-19)  
Haggai's 4<sup>th</sup> Message  
(Haggai 2:20-23)**

# Israel's Agricultural Calendar

<b>Nisan</b>	<b>Ziv (Iyyar)</b>	<b>Sivan</b>	<b>Tammuz</b>	<b>Ab</b>	<b>Elul</b>	<b>Tishri (Ethanim)</b>	<b>Bul (Marcheshvan)</b>	<b>Kislev</b>	<b>Tebeth</b>	<b>Shebat</b>	<b>Adar</b>	<b>Adar Sheni</b>
March -April	April- May	May- June	June- July	July- Aug	Aug- Sep	Sep- Oct	Oct- Nov	Nov- Dec	Dec- Jan	Jan- Feb	Feb- Mar	
30 days	29 days	30 days	29 days	30 days	29 days	30 days	29 days	30 days	29 days	30 days	29 days	29 days
<b>SPRING</b>			<b>SUMMER</b>			<b>AUTUMN</b>			<b>WINTER</b>			
barley + flax harvest begins	barley harvest  dry season begins	wheat harvest	tending vines	ripening of grapes, figs + olives	processing of grapes, figs + olives	plowing	sowing of wheat & barley	winter rains begin	rainy winter months	new year for trees	almond tree blossoms citrus fruits harvest	

■ **Passover**  
 ■ **Unleavened Bread**  
 ■ **First-fruits**

■ **Pentecost**

■ **9 Av**  
**Destruction of Temple in 586 BC & 70 AD**

■ **Trumpets–Tishri 1**  
 ■ **Atonement–Tishri 10**  
 ■ **Tabernacles–Tishri 15-21**

■ **Feast of Dedication Hanukkah (John 10:22), 8-day feast from 25 Kislev**

■ **Purim 14,15 Adar**

- **Israel's calendar was an agricultural one, based on the moon.**
- **A lunar cycle requires 29 days, 12 hours 44 minutes 2.8 seconds between two successive new moons. Therefore Marcheshvan, as often as necessary, is lengthened to 30 days.**
- **Yom Kippur can't be on a Friday or a Sunday because of the great inconvenience of preparing food.**
- **Rosh Hashanah can't occur on Sunday, Wednesday or Friday. So, adjustments were made to Marcheshvan & Kislev in the preceding year.**

	The Past	The Future
Feast of Tabernacles	<p><b>When:</b> Tishri 15-21; 21<sup>st</sup> day of 7<sup>th</sup> month, 520BC</p> <p><b>Where:</b> Jerusalem temple</p> <p><b>What:</b> holy convocation on 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> day, many offerings presented; take foliage of trees &amp; rejoice before the Lord for 7 days; live in booths (Leviticus 23:33-44; Deuteronomy 16:13-17; Ezra 3:1-7; Nehemiah 8:13-18)</p> <p>* in Zerubbabel &amp; Ezra's days, feast celebrated</p>	<p><b>When:</b> Tishri 15-21; in the Millennium</p> <p><b>Where:</b> Jerusalem temple</p> <p><b>What:</b> all the nations will go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts &amp; to celebrate the Feast of Booths (Zechariah 14:16-19)</p> <p>* No rain, plague for nations who do not come</p>
The Temple of God	<p>Solomon's Temple (Haggai 2:3)</p> <p>Zerubbabel's Temple (Ezra 3:10-13; Hag 2:6-7)</p> <p>Comparison: less glorious</p>	<p>Latter glory will be greater than the former (Haggai 2:9)</p> <p><u>Ezekiel 43:1-7a</u> – the glory of the God of Israel returns to the Millennial Temple</p>
The Great Shaking	<p>The 1<sup>st</sup> shaking occurred at Mount Sinai (Exodus 19:16-20; Psalm 68:8)</p>	<p>The 2<sup>nd</sup> shaking will occur when Jesus returns (Haggai 2:20-22; Isaiah 24:1-6, 19-23; Jeremiah 51:29; Ezekiel 38:18-23; Joel 3:14-17; Zechariah 14:1-11; Hebrews 12:26-29)</p> <p>* the wealth of the nations &amp; peace (Hag 2:6-9; Isa 60:1-14; Joel 3:1-2; Zech 14:1, 14)</p>
Status of Israel	<p><u>24<sup>th</sup> day of 9<sup>th</sup> month</u></p> <p><u>Hag 2:10-19a – The Unclean People &amp; Their judgment</u> – “I smote you &amp; every work of your hands with blasting wind, mildew, &amp; hail; yet you did not come back to Me. Do consider...consider”</p> <p><u>Hag 2:19b – The Cleansed People &amp; Their Blessing</u> – “from this day on I will bless you”</p> <p><u>Hag 2:20-23 – Zerubbabel, God's signet ring</u></p>	<p><u>When Jesus Returns</u></p> <p>Israel will be the Blessed People</p> <p><u>Haggai 2:22</u> – Kingdoms of the nations will be overthrown</p> <p><u>Haggai 2:23</u> – Zerubbabel, My Servant = the Lord Jesus Christ</p> <p>Signet ring = symbol of honor, authority &amp; power</p>

# Feast of Tabernacles / Booths (Succot)

<p><b>When:</b> Tishri 15-21</p> <p><b>Where:</b> the place where God chooses to establish His name (Deut 16:5)</p>	<p><b>What:</b> (1) holy convocation on 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> day; (2) live in booths (insecure, temporary) =&gt;God is our Shelter, so don't hold to temporary things (see. Isaiah 25:4); (3) time of compulsory joy (Lev 23:40; Deut 16:14)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Significance</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. commemorates life during wilderness wanderings (Lev 23:43)</li> <li>2. Season of our joy</li> <li>3. Festival of Ingathering &amp; the fruit harvest / Waving of the Lulav + etrog/citron + hadesim/myrtle + aravot/willow</li> <li>4. Feast of the Nations</li> <li>5. Water Libation Ceremony</li> <li>6. Temple Lighting Ceremony</li> <li>7. Hoshana-Rabbah Ceremony (7<sup>th</sup> day)</li> <li>8. Simchat Torah, 8<sup>th</sup> day, Rejoicing in the Law</li> <li>9. Shmini Atzeret (8<sup>th</sup> day, solemn assembly)</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Future Significance</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. spiritual pilgrims &amp; aliens / booths represents our physical bodies &amp; symbolizes men's dependence on God for food &amp; water</li> <li>2. Jesus' birth was in the season of joy (Luke 2:10)</li> <li>3. Blessedness (Daniel 12:12), Harvest = end of the age (Mt 13:39); lulav/palm branches (Rev 7:9-17); etrog represents Gentiles who join themselves to Israel</li> <li>4. Nations celebrated Feast in the Millennium (Zech 14:16-18; Isa 43:10; Rev 14:1-7)</li> <li>5. Jesus is the living water (John 4:14); believers (John 7:37-39)</li> <li>6. Jesus is light of the World (John 8:12; 9:5); believers (Mt 5:14-16)</li> <li>7. Giving of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost, Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:16-21)</li> <li>8. Continue studying the Word (Ps 119:105)</li> <li>9. Rev 21:1-8 – the 8<sup>th</sup> day symbolizes the eternal day</li> </ol>

Shmini Atzeret  
Simchat Torah

Hoshana-Rabbah

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Shabbat

Eternity

# 40 days – Season of Repentance

beginning with the sabbath before the new moon of Elul, shofar is blown every morning

Coronation of the King of kings (Dan 7:9-14)

10 days of Awe / Penitence

Rosh Hashanah

7 days cf Gen 7:1-5

Yom Kippur

30 days

= 2-day / 1-day festival

door shut (Gen 7:16)

Elul 1

Tishri 1

Tishri 10

28 Aug, 03

27 Sep, 03

17 Aug, 04

16 Sep, 04

5 Aug, 05

4 Oct, 05

24 Aug, 06

23 Sep, 06

14 Aug, 07

13 Sep, 07

21 Aug, 08

20 Sep, 08

10 Aug, 09

9 Sep, 09

30 Aug, 10

29 Sep, 11

18 Aug, 12

17 Sep, 12

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Sign of the Son of Man

Tribes Mourn (Zech 12:10-14)

## Day of Wrath

1. Yom Ha-Din (Day of Judgment)
2. Yom Teruah (Day of the awakening blast or blowing / breathing)
3. Yom Ha-Keseh (Day of Concealment) = the Hidden Day
4. Yom Ha-Zekavon (Day of Memorial or Remembrance)

- a. the day the world was created
- b. the day Adam was judged; he repented & was forgiven

Note: From Yom Kippur to Hannukah is always an interval of 75 days (30 + 45)

During the Days of Awe, Jewish tradition holds that divine judgment is rendered to determine whether a person will continue to live or die in the coming year. It is believed that God reviews the books of judgment on Rosh Hashanah and metes out final judgment on Yom Kippur.

# Earthquakes

- More than 1,000,000 minor quakes every year that are registered by seismologists.
  - ≈ 2740 minor quakes a day
  - ≈ 114 minor quakes every hour
  - ≈ 1.9 minor quakes every minute
- Approximately 100,000 earthquakes are strong enough to be felt, with approximately 1,000 causing some degree of physical damage.
- Killer earthquakes = major disturbances that register more than 6.5 on the Richter scale. An earthquake that registers 6.6 on the register 6.6 on the Richter scale is double the size of the one that registers 6.5.

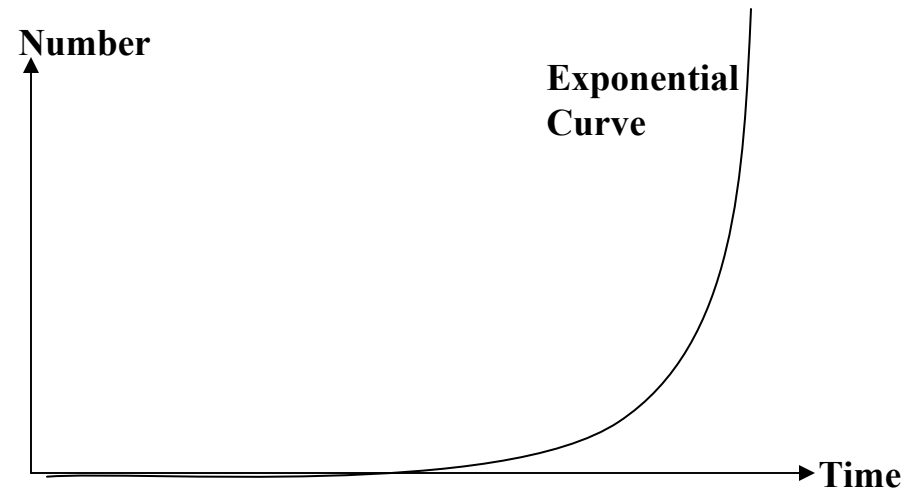
<u>Decade</u>	<u>No. of Major Quakes</u>
1890-1899	1
1900-1909	1
1910-1919	3
1920-1929	2
1930-1939	5
1940-1949	4
1950-1959	9
1960-1969	13
1970-1979	56
1980-1989	74
1990-1995	125

Source: U.S. Geological Survey  
 Earthquake Report (Boulder, Colorado)  
 From Grant Jeffrey "The Signature of God" – p. 251-252

## Energy Released by Earthquakes

<u>Magnitude on the Richter Scale</u>	<u>≈ TNT Energy (in tons)</u>
4.0	6
5.0	199
6.0	6,270
7.0	199,000
8.0	6,270,000
9.0	99,000,000

Source: U.S. Geological Survey  
<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/faq/meas.html>



**FOR GENTILES**

**Haggai 2:6-7a** – God shakes heavens & earth, sea & dry land, & all nations

In that day the Lord will be the only one, & His name the only one (Zechariah 14:9)  
The Lord will reign on Mt Zion & in Jerusalem (Isaiah 24:23)

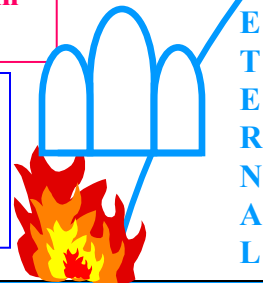
**Haggai 2:7-9** – Nations come with their wealth to God's house. God fills His House with glory & gives peace in this place

**Ezekiel 38:18-23**  
Gog judged for invading Israel – great EQ, sword, pestilence & blood, torrential rain, hailstones, fire & brimstone

**Isaiah 24:1-6, 19-20** – God lays the earth waste, devastates it, distorts its surface – inhabitants burnt, few men left  
The land writes & quakes (Jer 51:29)



sky split apart every mountain & island moved (Revelation 6:12-17)



ETERNAL

**THE GREAT DAY OF THEIR WRATH**

**MILLENNIUM**

**Zechariah 14:1-11**

- \* All nations gathered to Jerusalem to battle
- \* City captured, houses plundered, women ravished, ½ city exiled; rest of people will not be cut off from the city
- \* **THEN the Lord will go forth & fight against those nations**
- \* In that day, His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives – split from east to west
- \* **THEN the Lord will come & all the holy ones with Him**
- \* No light, luminaries will dwindle – a unique day, but light at evening time
- \* Topography of Israel changed
- \* **In that day the Lord will be the only one, & His name the only one**

**Isaiah 24:21-23** – the Lord will punish the host of heaven on high, and the kings of the earth, on earth, they will be gathered together & confined in prison. After many days, they will be punished  
**Jeremiah 51:29** – God makes Babylon a desolation

**Joel 3:14-16** – The day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision BUT the Lord is a refuge for His people & a stronghold for Israel

**Joel 3:17** – The Lord dwells in Zion. Jerusalem will be holy, & strangers will pass through it no more

STATE

**FOR BELIEVERS**



Matthew 24:29-31

Zech 14:1-5

Zech 14:6-11 Topography of Israel changed

**MILLENNIUM**

**FOR JEWS**

**GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF THE LORD**