



Move it!

Haggai 1
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1 In the second year of **King Darius**, on the first day of the sixth month, the word of the Lord came through **the prophet Haggai** to **Zerubbabel** son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jozadak, a the high priest:



History of Israel





Pre-exilic	Exilic	Post-exilic
Before Babylonian exile	During Babylonian exile	After Babylonian exile
Obadiah	Daniel	Haggai
Joel	Ezekiel	Zecharuah
Amos		Malachi
Isaiah		
Hosea		
Micah		
Nahum		
Jeremiah		
Zephaniah		
Habakkuk		



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Ezra 1:1-4

1In the first year of **Cyrus king of Persia**, in order to fulfill the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah, the Lord moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia to make a proclamation throughout his realm and also to put it in writing:

2“This is what Cyrus king of Persia says:

“ ‘The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and he has appointed me to build a temple for him at Jerusalem in Judah. 3Any of his people among you may go up to Jerusalem in Judah and build the temple of the Lord, the God of Israel, the God who is in Jerusalem, and may their God be with them. 4And in any locality where survivors may now be living, the people are to provide them with silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with freewill offerings for the temple of God in Jerusalem.’ ”



Return from exile

1st Return	2nd Return	3rd Return
Led by Zerubbabel	Led by Ezra	Led by Nehemiah
536-516 BC	458-456 BC	444-432 BC
Haggai (520 BC)		
Zechariah (520-515 BC)		Malachi 432-425 BC)



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Ezra 4:4, 11-13

4 Then the peoples around them set out to discourage the people of Judah and make them afraid to go on building.^a 5 **They bribed officials to work against them and frustrate their plans** during the entire reign of Cyrus king of Persia and down to the reign of Darius king of Persia.

11 (This is a copy of the letter they sent him.)

To King Artaxerxes,

From your servants in Trans-Euphrates:

12 The king should know that the people who came up to us from you have gone to Jerusalem and are rebuilding that rebellious and wicked city. They are restoring the walls and repairing the foundations.

13 Furthermore, the king should know that if this city is built and its walls are restored, no more taxes, tribute or duty will be paid, and eventually the royal revenues will suffer.



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1 Kings 6:14-18

14 So Solomon built the temple and completed it. **15** He lined its interior walls with cedar boards, paneling them from the floor of the temple to the ceiling, and covered the floor of the temple with planks of juniper. **16** He partitioned off twenty cubits at the rear of the temple with cedar boards from floor to ceiling to form within the temple an inner sanctuary, the Most Holy Place. **17** The main hall in front of this room was forty cubits *!* long. **18** The inside of the temple was cedar, carved with gourds and open flowers. Everything was cedar; no stone was to be seen.



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5Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: “**Give careful thought to your ways.** 6You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.”

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Reflect

- "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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12 Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the whole remnant of **the people obeyed the voice of the Lord their God** and the message of the prophet Haggai, because the Lord their God had sent him. And the people feared the Lord.

13 Then Haggai, the Lord's messenger, gave this message of the Lord to the people: "**I am with you,**" declares the Lord.

14 So the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of the Lord Almighty, their God,



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Matt 6:33

28“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?31So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.