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## NEW FORMAT HAGGAI CHAPTER 1

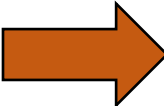
Scripture passage included then commentary underneath each verse

### King James Version (KJV)

Verse (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,

Notice in this verse how God's timing is 100% precise all the time. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> year...in the 6<sup>th</sup> month, in the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month. God works in His ways within His timing which means He does things only He can do. So, there will be occurrences which we desire to control but God puts forth His result that does not align with ours. Instead, God opens doors no man could foresee for a purpose no man knows.

There are positions of authority (men and women) that will not be able to explain the will of God to the glory of God. Nonetheless, God gets the glory - Only God can do this. Notice the various authority figures in this verse alone - a chain of 3 people (**Prophet, Governor, and High Priest**).



The platform here is that man believes their authority is supreme, but God lets us all know that He is supreme. Within the everyday happenings of life God is maneuvering. **Here the people of God have an opportunity to run the temple of God the right way not any old way. Within these platforms, God determines what opportunities He will open and lets us know which doors to proceed through in faith.**

God's Love, God's Power, God's Plan

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Verse (2): Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD's house should be built.

**Notice: God determines the time since He is beyond time, whereas; man is in time. Recall from this Ministry Website Owners July 4h 2019 Annual Study where God is the Number (7), Satan (was) Number (7) who (became Number (8)) and was pushed out of the creation by God (Reference: Revelation 17:11), and Man who is Number (6) and is in creation unless we choose to also (become Number 8).**

**Revelation 17:11 (King James Version), “And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition”.**

**Out from this, the Lord’s House is then built-in accordance with the Characteristics God determines. There is a cleaning before the proceeding.**

Verse (3): Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,

**Notice here, once God determines the time and the Characteristics – then God does turn over the specific calling unto whom He decides to bring the message. That is what we see here.**

Verse (4): Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste?

**Look here, God is blunt through the prophet Haggai indicating that it is time to build the house of God in accordance with the Characteristics of God almighty.**

Verse (5): Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

**The key: Start with self not others. “...Consider your ways”. This is how the house of God is built by a self-conscious state that then extends outward. This is an upfront look here meaning the time is at hand. This stems from practiced daily neglect that then festers and taints God’s house because people become self-absorbed rather than being in a state of self-consciousness.**

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Verse (6): Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

**God is chastising His people for disturbing His work. This is a lesson for leaders who are to 1st (live) by example 2nd (lead) by example. Our human nature is such that sin is present so this is a continual tug-of-war. What God is chastising is that the tug-of-war is not present thus causing the disturbance.**

**Look what all the money chasing caused, nothing but holes and coldness. Absolutely nothing warm in this verse whatsoever. Where there is no warmth there is no tug-of-war to do right; only holes to find all the wrong and exploit as much as possible = coldness.**

**Just a Plain Old Cold – no spirit driven nothing.**

Verse (7): Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

**Notice God accentuates to dust off the Just a Plain Old Cold from verse (6). God indicates to “...Consider your ways” – personal and collective.**

**When God says something one time, it is of eternal significance, but two times in verse (5) and verse (7). God is doubling down here. Go back to Verse (2), this Ministry Website Owners July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Annual Study – in this study God’s creation is perfect and God will make the imperfect removed for all eternity. Humans have a distinct Grace opportunity for the Perfection of Salvation unto the renewal of the creature itself (Animal Kingdom Romans 8:20-21) whereas, the disobedient Angels have no such opportunity.**

**Romans 8:20-21 (King James Version), “For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God”.**

Verse (8): Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.

- 1. Verse (6): After the Plain Old Cold / Nothing spiritual then**
- 2. Verses (5 and 7): Doubling down, after Considering the Plain Old Cold then**
- 3. Verse (8): God says get warm and GO (God shows us He will be glorified)**  
**Notice the action is to build then and only then will God take pleasure**  
**= God Glorified**

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Verse (9): Ye looked for much, and, lo it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.

**God indicates in Verse (9) to build off Verses (6 – 8) that the people looked for much within themselves and found little.**

**God tested and did not approve; Plain and Simple – nothing Spiritual whatsoever.**

Verse (10): Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit.

**The End result of Verses (6 through 9) is Just A Plain Old Cold.**

**Notice the consequences = No Fruit Just Trudging Along Going Through The Motions.**

Verse (11): And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands.

**God who “Calls” us unto His Ministry here in this verse “Calls” for a drought upon the land, upon the mountains, upon the corn, upon the drink, upon the oil, (and) upon the land, men, cattle, all labor.**

**If this isn’t Just A Plain Old Cold, then Nothing is!**

Verse (12): Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him, and the people did fear before the LORD.

**Notice after the Just A Plain Old Cold; then the Leaders and the remnant of the People obeyed. After the Just A Plain Old Cold; the people looked for God’s Callings unto warmth. The Fear of the Lord is because He is God from which we cannot take all in.**

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Verse (13): Then spake Haggai the LORD's messenger in the LORD's message unto the people, saying, I am with you, saith the LORD.

**Here is the key: The messenger of the Lord said to the Just A Plain Old Cold of Verse (6 through 9) that I am with you unto the warm as the Calling is from the Lord. The Fear of the Lord was both in comfort and reverence that God is greater than man.**

Verse (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,

**(The Flow)**

**In this verse (14) the LORD stirred the Spirit, and it got warm.**

**Notice: The Just A Plain Old Cold of Verses (6 through 9) accepted the chastisement because it was correct. This is the 1st step towards warmth. Then the Spirit of God. Then the warmth.**

Verse (15): In the four and twentieth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

**Going back to Verse (1) (as) here in Verse (15) Notice how God's timing is 100% precise, all the time. "In the 4th and 20th day of the 6th month, in the 2nd year of Darius the king." More to follow because God's kingdom is eternal.**