

Haggai 2:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

In the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,

Analysis

In the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet—This date (December 18, 520 BC) marks Haggai's third and fourth messages, delivered on the same day. Three months had passed since work resumed (1:15, September 21), and two months since his second message about the temple's glory (2:1, October 17). The people were actively building, but God had more to teach them about holiness, blessing, and messianic hope.

The precise dating emphasizes that God's word comes at specific historical moments addressing real circumstances. Biblical prophecy isn't timeless philosophy but divine revelation spoken into concrete situations. The repetition of **came the word of the LORD** (חַיָּה דְּבַר־יְהוָה/hayah debar-YHWH) authenticates what follows as God's authoritative message, not Haggai's personal opinion. Every word that follows carries the weight of divine truth demanding response.

Historical Context

By this date, the temple rebuilding had been underway for three months. The people had obeyed God's call, resumed construction, and were laboring faithfully. Yet spiritual maturity required understanding not just that obedience matters but why—the theological principles underlying covenant relationship. Haggai's third message (2:10-19) addresses holiness and blessing; his fourth (2:20-23) addresses

messianic hope through Zerubbabel. Both were necessary for sustaining faithful work over the remaining years until completion (516 BC).

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does God's timing in delivering His word demonstrate His attentiveness to your specific circumstances and spiritual needs?
2. What difference does it make that Scripture addresses real historical people in concrete situations rather than offering abstract principles?
3. How do you cultivate receptivity to God's word when it comes, recognizing it as divine authority requiring response?

Interlinear Text

בְּעֶשְׂרִי יָמִים	וּבְאַרְבָּעָה	לַתְּשִׁיעַ יוֹם	בְּשָׁנָה	שְׁתֵּי יָמִים		
and twentieth	In the four	day of the ninth	year	month in the second		
H6242	H702	H8671	H8141	H8147		
לְדָרִיּוֹשׁ	הָיָה	דִּבֶּר	יְהוָה	אֵל	חַגִּי	הַנָּבִיא יֶאֱחִיָּה
of Darius	H1961	came the word	of the LORD	H413	Haggai	the prophet
H1867		H1697	H3068		H2292	H5030
לֵאמֹר:						
saying						
H559						

Additional Cross-References

Haggai 2:20 (Word): And again the word of the LORD came unto Haggai in the four and twentieth day of the month, saying,

Haggai 1:1 (Word): 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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