

Haggai 2:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And again the word of the LORD came unto Haggai in the four and twentieth day of the month, saying,

Analysis

And again the word of the LORD came unto Haggai in the four and twentieth day of the month (וַיְהִי דְבַר־יְהוָה שְׁנִית אֶל־חַגַּי בְּעֶשְׂרִים וָאַרְבָּעָה לַחֹדֶשׁ/vayehi debar-YHWH shenit el-Chaggai be'esrim ve'arba'ah lachodesh)—God's word came **again** (שְׁנִית/shenit, a second time) on the same day (December 18, 520 BC). Haggai received two messages on this date: the third message (2:10-19) addressed the community's holiness and promised blessing; this fourth message (2:20-23) addresses Zerubbabel specifically with messianic promise. Both were necessary—corporate encouragement and specific hope for Davidic leadership.

The repetition of **the word of the LORD came** (דְבַר־יְהוָה/debar-YHWH) emphasizes prophetic authority. What follows isn't Haggai's speculation but divine revelation. God's multiple messages to the same person on the same day demonstrate that He has much to say to His people—not just one truth but multifaceted revelation addressing different needs and perspectives.

Historical Context

Receiving two distinct messages on the same day suggests an intensive period of prophetic revelation. Haggai's brief ministry (four messages over four months, August-December 520 BC) packed extraordinary theological content addressing holiness, blessing, eschatology, and messianic hope. This fourth message would be Haggai's final recorded prophecy, climaxing with God's promise to Zerubbabel as His chosen signet ring—a remarkable conclusion pointing to Christ.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does God's willingness to speak multiple times on the same day demonstrate His desire to communicate fully with His people?
2. What does it mean to remain receptive to God's word throughout the day, expecting Him to speak through Scripture, circumstances, and the Spirit?
3. How do you distinguish between different messages God may be communicating simultaneously—corporate truth and personal calling, immediate obedience and future hope?

Interlinear Text

וַיְהִי י'	דְּבַר	יְהוָה הַ	שְׁנִית	אֶל	חַגִּי	בְּעֶשְׂרִים יָמִים
H1961	the word	of the LORD	And again	H413	came unto Haggai	and twentieth
	H1697	H3068	H8145		H2292	H6242
וּבְרִבְעָה הַ	לַיּוֹם הַ	לֵאמֹר:				
in the four	day of the month	saying				
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