In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest:

This is what the LORD of hosts, says, "These people say, 'It is not yet time for the LORD's house to be rebuilt.'"

Then the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying,

"Is it the right time for you yourselves to live in extravagant paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins?"

Now therefore this is what the LORD of hosts says:

"Consider your ways.
You have sown much,
and harvested little;
you eat,
but do not have enough;
you drink,
but you are not satisfied;
you put on clothes,
but cannot stay warm;
and he who earns wages
earns wages only to put them into a bag with holes."

This is what the LORD of hosts says: "Consider your ways.
Go up to the hills, and bring back wood, and build the house. Then I will take pleasure in it and be honored," says the LORD.

"You expected much, but it came to little, and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why?" says the LORD of hosts. "Because my house lies in ruins, while you hurry off, each one to your own house.
Therefore for your sake the heavens have withheld the dew, and the earth has withheld its produce.
I called for a drought on the land and the hills, and on the grain, the new wine, and the olive oil, and on that which the ground produces. It will also have impact on humans, and on livestock, and on all the work of your hands."

Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God. They listened to the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him, and the people feared the LORD.
Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, spoke the LORD's message to the people, saying, "I am with you," says the LORD.

The LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people. They came and did work on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God,
in the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month, of the second year of King Darius.
In the seventh month, on the twenty-first day, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying,

"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,

Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not look like nothing in your eyes?

Even so, be strong, Zerubbabel,' says the LORD. 'Be strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong all you people of the land,' says the LORD. 'Get to work, for I am with you,' says the LORD of hosts.

Do not be afraid, for I have made a promise with you when you came out of Egypt, and my Spirit remains among you.'

For this is what the LORD of hosts says. 'Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land.

I will shake all nations, and all nations will come with their treasures. I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD of hosts.

'The silver is mine, and the gold is mine,' says the LORD of hosts.

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

In the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying,

"This is what the LORD of hosts says: 'Ask the priests about the law, saying:

If someone carries consecrated meat in the fold of his garment, and that fold touches bread, stew, wine, olive oil, or any food, will it become holy?"

The priests answered, "No."

Then Haggai said, "If someone who is unclean having had contact with a dead body, touches any of these foods, will it be unclean?"

The priests answered, "It will be unclean."

Then Haggai replied, ''So it is with this people and this nation before me," says the LORD; 'and so is every work of their hands, and that which they offer there is unclean.

But now, please consider from this day on, now it was before one stone was laid on another in the temple of the LORD.

From that time when one came expecting twenty measures, but there were only ten; when one came to the winepress to draw out fifty measures, but there were only twenty.

I struck you and all the work of your hands with blight and mildew, yet you did not turn back to me,' says the LORD.

'Please consider from this day on, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, to the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid, think carefully about it.

Is the seed still in the barn? Have the vine, fig tree, pomegranate, and the olive tree not produced? From this day on I will bless you.'"
The word of LORD came the second time to Haggai in the twenty-fourth day of the month:

"Tell Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, 'I will shake the heavens and the earth.

I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms and destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the nations. I will overthrow the chariots, and those who ride on them; and the horses and their riders will fall, everyone of them by the sword of his brother.

In that day,' says the LORD of hosts, 'I will take you, Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel,' says the LORD, 'and will make you like a signet ring; for I have chosen you,' says the LORD of hosts."