Interesting Facts About Haggai

**MEANING:** “Festival” or “Festive.”

**AUTHOR:** Haggai

**TIME WRITTEN:** According to Haggai 1:1, September 24 520 B.C. was when “the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel.”

**POSITION IN THE BIBLE:**
- 37th Book in the Bible
- 37th Book in the Old Testament
- 15th of 17 books of Prophecy (Isaiah - Malachi)
- 10th of 12 minor prophets (Hosea - Malachi)
- 29 Books to follow it.

**CHAPTERS:** 2

**VERSES:** 38

**WORDS:** 1,131

**OBSERVATIONS ABOUT HAGGAI:**
- Haggai is second only to Obadiah in brevity among the books of the Old Testament.
- Haggai’s name is mentioned 9 times in the book.
- Haggai is known only from this book as well as two references to him in the Book of Ezra.
  - Ezra 5:1
  - Ezra 6:14
- Haggai returned from Babylon with the remnant that returned under the leadership of Zerubbabel.
- Upon his return, he lived in Jerusalem.
- God used two prophets to urge the people to complete the construction of the Temple.
  - Haggai
  - Zechariah
- Darius (521-486 B.C.) was King of Persia during the time of the work of Haggai & Zechariah.

- At the time of the book of Haggai, it had been 16 years since the initial work on rebuilding the Temple had begun.
- Chronology of the rebuilding of the Temple:
  - 536 B.C. - The work began.
  - 534 B.C. - After two year (534 B.C.) the work was discontinued for 14 years.
  - 520 B.C. - The work was resumed and completed four years later.
  - 516 B.C. - The work on the Temple was completed.
  
  **NOTE:** Six years of actual work was done over a twenty-year period.

- In Haggai 2:23, Zerubbabel becomes the center of the Messianic line, like a signet ring sealing both branches together.

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  Matthew 1:12
  Luke 3:27
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  David
  Solomon
  Nathan
  ZERUBBABEL
  Joseph
  Mary
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