

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:

- n Haggai is second only to Obadiah in brevity among the books of the Old Testament.
- n Haggai's name is mentioned 9 times in the book.
- n 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
- n 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.

HAGGAI

n At the time of the book of Haggai, it had been 16 years since the initial work on rebuilding the Temple had begun.

n 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.

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

