

# HAGAI.

The period of Hagai's Prophetic Ministry was about 520 B.C.

1 **I**N the second year of King Darius  
in the sixth month, on the first  
day of the month, the Command of  
the EVER-LIVING came by the  
medium of Hagai the Preacher to  
Zerubabel-ben-Shalathiel, Governor  
of Judah, and to Joshua-ben-Jhozad-  
dak, the High Priest, to say;—  
2 "Thus says the LORD OF HOSTS!  
This people say, 'It is not the time  
to go to the House of the EVER-  
LIVING to rebuild it!'"  
3 The command of the EVER-LIV-  
ING, however, came by means of  
Hagai the Preacher to say;—  
4 "Is it a time for you to rest in  
your wainscoted houses,—when this  
5 HOUSE is in ashes? So now," thus  
says the LORD OF HOSTS, "fix your  
6 hearts on your proceedings. You  
sow much, but it produces little.  
You eat and are not satisfied. You  
drink, but are not quenched. You  
clothe, but are not warm. And the  
workman earns for a purse with  
holes!"  
7 Thus says the LORD OF HOSTS.  
"Fix your hearts on your proceedings!  
8 Go up to the hill and bring timber  
and build the HOUSE, and I shall be  
pleased and honoured by it," says the  
EVER-LIVING.  
9 "You went for much, and found  
little; you brought that home, but I  
blew it away!—Why?"—the LORD  
OF HOSTS asks, "Why?—Because  
My House is a heap of ashes, while  
you all run to your own homes!  
10 Therefore the skies withhold dew from  
you, and the earth withholds her pro-  
11 duce. So I proclaimed a drought  
upon the land, and upon the hills,  
and on the corn, and on the wine,  
and on the oil, and on whatever  
grows from the ground, and upon  
man, and upon beast, and on the  
works of your hands."  
12 Then Zerubabel-ben-Shalathiel  
and Joshua-ben-Jhozadak the High

Priest, and all the fragments of the  
People, consequently listened to the  
voice of their EVER-LIVING GOD,  
and to the address of Hagai the  
Preacher, which their EVER-LIVING  
GOD had sent to him. And the  
People paid reverence to the EVER-  
LIVING.

Then Hagai the Messenger of the 13  
EVER-LIVING spoke about the  
Messages of the EVER-LIVING to the  
People, and said,—“The LIFE says I  
am with you.”

The EVER-LIVING also roused the 14  
spirit of Zerubabel-ben-Shalathiel,  
the Governor of Judah, and the spirit  
of Joshua-ben-Jhozadak, the High  
Priest, and the spirit of all the  
fragments of the People, and they  
went and did work at the HOUSE of  
the LORD OF HOSTS, their GOD, on  
the twenty-fourth day of the sixth  
month, in the second year of the  
King Darius.

On the seventeenth, of the first 2  
month the command of the EVER-  
LIVING came by means of Hagai the  
Preacher, to say;—

“Speak now to Zerubabel-ben- 2  
Shalathiel, Governor of Judah, and  
Joshua-ben-Jhozadak the High Priest,  
and the fragments of the People, and  
ask;—

“Who remains amongst you who 3  
saw this house in its former splendour?  
—And how does it look now? Is it  
not as nothing in your sight?—So 4  
now support Zerubabel,” says the  
EVER-LIVING, “and support Joshua-  
ben-Jhozadak the High Priest, and  
support all the people of the country,”  
says the EVER-LIVING, “and work,  
for I am with you,” says the LORD OF  
HOSTS,—“with the promise I made  
to you on bringing you out from the  
Mitzeraim. My Spirit also stands 5  
amongst you. Fear not!”—For thus 6  
says the LORD OF HOSTS;

