

Haggai 2:15-19 **When all looks hopeless in human sight – Yahweh will Bless**

15 'And now, carefully consider from this day forward: from before stone was laid upon stone in the temple of Yahweh (the Lord) —

16 since those days, when one came to a heap of twenty ephahs, there were but ten; when one came to the wine vat to draw out fifty baths from the press, there were but twenty.

17 I struck you with blight and mildew and hail in all the labors of your hands; yet you did not turn to Me,' says Yahweh (the Lord).

18 'Consider now from this day forward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, from the day that the foundation of Beit Yahweh (the Lord's temple) was laid — consider it:

19 Is the seed still in the barn? As yet the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have not yielded fruit. But from this day I will bless you.'"

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Yahweh calls the people to remember the situation before the building of the Temple was started.
- ✧ Yahweh, to get their attention, had struck them with blight mildew, and hail to call them to repentance, but to no avail, they did not return to Him.
- ✧ Work on rebuilding the Temple had been stopped during the reign of Ahasuerus king of Persia and the people fell into complacency. [\[Ezra 4:6-24\]](#)
- ✧ Now in the second year of Darius King of Persia, to those who have returned from captivity, and are not working on the Temple because the work had been stopped, He is calling them back to work with a promise of His blessing though the task looks bleak and times are hard in the dead of winter.
- ✧ From the 24th day of the ninth month, "From this day, I will bless you."