

Festivals in Haggai

The fourth time I led a group through the book of Haggai, one person asked a question no one had ever asked before: why were such specific dates given for the oracles?

The person asking wondered if they aligned with any of the Jewish festivals, and when we discovered that [Haggai's name means 'festive'](#) or 'my festival', it definitely seemed worth looking into.

This one takes a bit of work, and not all the given dates seem to align with any festivals or significant dates, but some do. Do a bit of digging and see what you can find.

To help you, here is a list of the names of the months in the Jewish calendar (as elsewhere in the Bible they are often referred to by name rather than 'the sixth month', etc) ([Source](#)):

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| 1. Nisan | 4. Tammuz | 7. Tishrei | 10. Tevet |
| 2. Iyyar | 5. Av | 8. Heshvan | 11. Shevat |
| 3. Sivan | 6. Elul | 9. Kislev | 12. Adar |

Leviticus 23 lists the seven main appointed feasts, and I've put in a couple of other references where they might be helpful, but I'll allow you to use your preferred search engine, or the notes in your Study Bible on this occasion, too. Happy hunting!

Reference	Date (dd/mm)	What happens in Haggai?	During or near any festivals or significant dates?	Thoughts/ reflections
Haggai 1:1			(See also 1 Chron 23:31, and 2 Kings 5:8-9)	
Haggai 1:14-15				
Haggai 2:1				
Haggai 2:10 and Haggai 2:20				
Ezra 6:14- 15				

Bonus question: What happens on the 14th day of the first month?