

Haggai

The Prophecy

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Chapter One

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1. Jews have been neglecting the building of His House
2. God shows them that is why things have been going “bad” for them
3. People fear and obey and start building the Temple

READ AND ANSWER

Haggai 1:1-4

Who was Haggai?

What was Haggai's profession?

When did Haggai speak the Word of the LORD that is recorded in the book of Haggai?

To whom did Haggai give the message from the LORD?

1.

2.

Who was Zerubbabel?

What was Zerubbabel's position?

Who was Joshua?

What was Joshua's vocation?

What title does God take for Himself?

Who, then, would govern the governor of Judah?

Who would be higher than the high priest?

Should they listen closely to what their commander says to them?

God informs the governor and the high priest of what the people are saying. What are the people saying?

POINT OF DEPTH

Why did the house of the LORD need to be rebuilt?

...because in 586 BC it had been destroyed, along with the city of Jerusalem, when the Babylonians laid siege against the city. God had sent the Babylonians to take His people captive because of their unrelenting sin and rebellion. After 70 years of captivity in Babylon, God brought three groups, just small remnants, of His people back to Jerusalem. The first group was under the leadership of Zerubbabel (whose name means 'born in Babylon') who started the rebuilding of the Temple. However, discouragement and fear won out and the work stopped. Now God had something to say to them about it!

Read the book of Ezra.

The Word of the LORD comes again through Haggai the prophet. He is, in essence, using the excuse of the people, and turning it around for them to see the truth. What does He ask them?

What is the proper answer?

Haggai 1:5-11

In light of the fact that it was not right for the LORD's house to lie desolate while they, the people had finished their own homes, what does the LORD tell them to do?

What were their ways? What had they done?

God helps them to see the awful truth by reminding them of the curses He has sent to them. What had they sown?

What had they harvested?

What was the limitation of their food?

What was the limitation of their drink?

They had clothing, but what did they lack?

They had jobs and were earning money, but what happened to it?

God still provided for them, but not in abundance; just enough; that was all. They had to work hard for very little. This, He shows them, was the direct result of not building and finishing His House before their own houses.

Once more God exhorts them to consider their ways. What does it mean to consider your ways? What does it mean to consider?

If they would think things through they would realize very quickly what was wrong. God doesn't wait for them to stop doing wrong; He instead instructs them to do the right thing. What are His instructions?

1.

2.

3.

What will be the result?

1.

2.

Evidently God wants to make sure they fully consider their ways. God continues to remind them of the things that are not going well in their lives, and more importantly, that He is behind it all.

What does God say the people looked for?

What did they get instead of “much”?

What happened to their “little” when they brought it home?

God asks them why He blew their little away and then answers His own question. Why does the LORD blow away their little?

By building their own houses first, what had the people shown about what was first, and Who was not first, in their lives?

What had God told the sky to do?

What had God told the earth to do?

Whose responsibility does God say it is?

God called for a drought on many things. List them.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

8.

9.

What does it mean to have a drought on all the labor of your hands?

What does it mean to have a drought on men?

Haggai 1:12-15

Who obeyed the voice of the LORD their God?

1.

2.

3.

Why did they obey the words of Haggai the prophet?

What did the people show?

How?

What wonderful message did God give to His obedient people?

What did the LORD do next?

Whose spirits did the LORD stir up?

1.

2.

3.

Who came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts?

Who was the LORD of hosts?

Who was their God?

When did they come and work on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God?

READ AND REASON

Haggai 1:1, 13, 15

God declared to His people that He was with them!

For almost sixteen years the work of building the Temple had not been done. Then, on the first day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king of the Medes, the LORD spoke through His prophet Haggai.

Twenty-three days later, after God had rebuked, admonished, disciplined, instructed, and stirred up their spirits, the work began in earnest.

This time, Haggai, the messenger of the LORD, had told them that God *declared* that *He was with them!* No fear, no discouragement, no opposition, no weariness would stop the people—*their God was with them!*

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Chapter Two

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1. Glory of the temple
2. Consider – before you obeyed → I smote you
3. Consider – obey → I will bless you!
4. Future

READ AND ANSWER

Haggai 2:1-9

When did the Word from the LORD come again?

How long had it been since the last Word of the LORD?

How long had it been since Zerubbabel, Joshua, and the remnant of the people came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God?

To whom is the Word of the LORD sent?

1.

2.

3.

What three questions does God ask them?

1.

2.

3.

POINT OF DEPTH

The first temple was built by Solomon, the son of David, King of Israel.

I Kings 5:5

**The house of the LORD was great and wonderful, because God is great.
II Chronicles 2:5, 9**

**Solomon built it using his great wealth and power, even hiring labor for its
completion. It took seven and one-half years to build the first temple.
I Kings 6:1, 37-38**

**When it was finished, the glory of the LORD filled the first temple.
II Chronicles 7:1-3**

**After the dedication of the house, God appeared to Solomon and warned him that
if he or his sons turned away from following God and keeping His
commandments, the house would become a heap of ruins.
I Kings 9:1-9; II Chronicles 7:12-22**

**They did.
And God kept His word.
The temple was razed to the ground by the Babylonians in 586 BC.
II Chronicles 36:15-19**

**But God had a plan.
His intention was to dwell in Jerusalem with His people, Israel.
Isaiah 60; 62:12**

**He was holy,
His city would be holy,
His house would be holy,
And His people would be holy.
Isaiah 4:3; 6:1-4; 29:22-23**

**He was full of glory.
His city would be full of His glory.
His house would be full of His glory.
His people would be full of His glory.
Nehemiah 9:6; Isaiah 35:2b; 40:5**

POINT OF DEPTH

Read Ezra 3:10-13.

Over fifteen years earlier, the remnant, under the leadership of Zerubbabel and Joshua, laid the foundation of the new temple. There were mixed emotions when it was finished: great shouts of joy in the midst of loud voices of weeping. Those who were weeping were the aged men who had seen the first temple. Now, fifteen years later, when the work was resumed on the house of the Lord, God Himself pointed out to those who had seen the former temple in all its glory; this temple was nothing in comparison.

What was God's direction to the people?

Take courage Zerubbabel!

Take courage Joshua!

Take courage all you people of the land!

Why?

Because I AM with you!

Although the reality was that the temple they were building was pale in comparison to the former temple that Solomon built, the people were given one fact that made all the difference. The LORD of hosts declared that Jehovah was with them!

What promise had God given His people when they came out of Egypt?

As a result of God's Spirit abiding in their midst, what injunction did God give to them?

What did the LORD of hosts announce that He was yet going to do?

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Had He done it before?

How do you know?

When was He going to do it?

What would happen as a result of shaking all the nations?

What would God eventually do to the house they were building at that time; the one that had no glory compared to the first temple?

Who owns all the silver?

Who owns all the gold?

What contrast does God make regarding the glory of the house they were building and the glory of the one Solomon built?

What promise does God give concerning this place?

Haggai 2:10-14

The Word of the LORD came again to Haggai, the prophet. When?

How much time had passed since the last message?

What did the LORD tell Haggai to ask the priests to give?

A ruling on what?

What was the ruling?

Will food become holy if it is touched by the covering of holy food?

Haggai asks for a second ruling. What was the ruling?

Will food become unclean if a person, who is unclean from a corpse, touches it?

What is the point? What is God showing His people through the ruling?

Can holiness spread?

Can unholiness or defilement spread?

To what were the people compared?

Haggai 2:15-17

What are the people to consider?

What were their harvests like before they started building the temple?

1. Grain harvest -
2. Wine harvest -

What had God done when they were not obeying Him by building His house?

- 1.
- 2.

With what had God smote them and the work of their hands?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Did they respond rightly to Him?

Haggai 2:18-19

What are the people to consider?

What were their harvests like after they started building the temple?

When did the people start obeying the LORD?

When did the people start building the house of the LORD?

Compare **Haggai 1:15** with **Haggai 2:18**. What does the LORD consider that day to be?

What has the LORD done for them since the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month in the second year of Darius the king?

What promise does the LORD make to them?

Haggai 2:20-23

When did the LORD speak to Haggai again?

To whom was Haggai to give the message?

What did Haggai tell Zerubbabel that God would do to the heavens and the earth?

What did God tell Zerubbabel that He would do to the thrones of kingdoms?

What did God tell Zerubbabel that He would do to the power of the kingdoms of the nations?

What else would God overthrow?

1.

2.

What would happen to the horses and their riders?

How would they go down?

In contrast, what was God going to do to Zerubbabel?

What would God make Zerubbabel like?

Why?

When would God give this great honor to Zerubbabel?

How certain is its happening?

When will God do these things?

POINT OF DEPTH

When is that Day referred to in Haggai 2?

Read through these cross-references and note if you see any similarity.

Haggai 2:6

**“For thus says the Lord of hosts,
‘Once more in a little while, I am going to shake the heavens and the earth,
the sea also and the dry land.**

Haggai 2:7

**‘I will shake all the nations; and they will come with the wealth of all nations,
and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the Lord of hosts.**

Hebrews 12:26

**And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying,
“Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven.”**

Has this Day happened yet?

How do you know?

(Hint: In these verses there are two ‘givens’ that should help you.)

READ AND REASON

Haggai 2:7

**‘I will shake all the nations; and they will come with the wealth of all nations,
and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the Lord of hosts.**

John 1:14; Luke 2:25-32; I Corinthians 6:19-20

The glory of the Lord in us – His temple!

Christ in you; the hope of glory!

Colossians 1:27; Romans 9:23

Glory to glory to glory to glory to glory!

II Corinthians 3:18

**Look at the chart below and reason through it. Note the progression from
darkness (upper left) to light (lower right)! God’s ways are high above our ways!
Be blessed!**

	GOD builds His Temple Jehovah-Mekoddishkem	GOD fills His Temple with His Glory	GOD dwells with man Not other way around AMAZING LOVE!!!
Tabernacle	Exodus 36:1-2 (God gave the skill & desire to do it)	Exodus 40:34, 35 (Tabernacle filled with His Glory)	Exodus 25:8 (God dwelt among them)
Temple	I Kings 7:14 (God gave the skill & desire to do it)	I Kings 8:11 (Temple filled with His Glory)	I Kings 9:3 (Eyes & heart there perpetually)
Rebuilt Temple	Ezra 1:5 (God stirred their spirits to build His house) Ezra 7:27 (God → heart of king) Ezra 7:28 (God gave Ezra the strength) Nehemiah 6:16 (enemies recognized that God had done it) Zechariah 4:6-7 (not by might or power, but by HIS SPIRIT!)	NO GLORY!!! Haggai 2:7, 9 (Promise for the house to be filled with His Glory!) Zechariah 2:5 (Promise for Jerusalem to be filled with His Glory!) Matthew 23:38-39 (<i>Promise for the house to be left desolate until the 2nd Coming of Christ</i>)	Haggai 2:5 (God is still with them – even though NO GLORY!!!) Luke 2:25-32 (Jesus in the Temple = Glory in the Temple) John 1:14 <i>Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory!</i>
Temple – Body of Christ	I Corinthians 3:16-17 I Corinthians 6:19 (Church is the Temple of God) Ephesians 2:19-22 (God builds it) Zechariah 6:12-13 (<i>The Branch will build the Temple!</i>) (<i>Jesus is the King-Priest! Joshua & Zerubbabel together - crown is plural</i>)	II Corinthians 3:18 Colossians 1:25-27 (Church/Temple filled with His Glory)	II Corinthians 6:16 (God dwells in us and lives among us!)
M i l l e n n i a l Temple	Ezekiel 37:26 (God will set His Sanctuary in Jerusalem) Zechariah 1:16 (God will cause it to be built when He again has compassion on them) Zechariah 6:12-13 (<i>The Branch will build the Temple!</i>)	Ezekiel 44:4 (Millennial Temple filled with His Glory)	Ezekiel 37:27-28 (In her midst forever) Ezekiel 43:7 (dwell among the sons of Israel forever) Ezekiel 48:35 (Jehovah Shammah! The Lord is There)
Temple → Lord God Almighty & the Lamb	Revelation 21:2 (God built her)	Revelation 21:11, 23 (New Jerusalem has the Glory of God)	Revelation 21:22 (God dwells with man)