

The prophet Haggai served in about 520BC during the building of the second temple following the return of the exiles to Jerusalem from Babylon.

He is mentioned along with the prophet _____ by Ezra at 5:1 & 6:14 as being instrumental in successfully completing the temple.

In Haggai's time, _____ was the king of Persia, Zerubbabel was the governor of _____ & Joshua was the high priest.

Haggai 1:1-11 – Haggai's work begins as the word of the Lord comes to him in the 2nd year of Darius, king of Persia on the 1st day of the 6th month

1) Haggai's prophetic work is addressed to Zerubbabel & Joshua & begins with a _____ of those who have returned to build because they have begun to give their attention more to their own _____ rather than the house of God. He asks, *"Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your _____ houses while this house sits desolate?"*

2) The prophet warns, *"You have _____ much, but _____ little. You eat, but there is not enough to be _____. You drink, but there is not enough to become drunk. You put on clothes, but no one is _____ enough and he who earns wages puts them into a purse with _____. "* God says what they bring home he will _____ away.

Haggai 1:12-15

3) At Haggai's words the people _____ and show reverence for God. By the commission of God, Haggai then tells the people that God says he is _____ them. At this point the Lord stirs up the _____ of Zerubbabel & Joshua and all the people who renew their work on the temple on the 24th day of the 6th month of the same year.

Haggai 2:1-9

4) This time the message of God to Zerubbabel & Joshua on the 21st day of the 7th month begins with three _____:

- a) *"Who is left among you who saw this _____ in its former glory?"*
- b) *"How do you see it now?"*
- c) *"Does it not seem to you like _____ in comparison?"*

- 5) How does the “conversation” progress from these questions? List some of the things God says even if you don’t understand them

Haggai 2:10-20 – This word comes on the 24th day of the 9th month

- 6) Based on God’s response in verse 14, what do you believe was his purpose for asking the priests for a ruling on holiness?
- 7) What does God say is significant about this 24th day of the 9th month?

Haggai 2:20-23

- 8) The word of the Lord comes a second time on this same day, but this time it is a message for & about Zerubbabel. What is God going to do with him and what does this mean?