Haggai Bible Quiz

15 questions. Choose the best answer for each question. The answer key is on the last pages.

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1. What does God promise about the glory of the second temple?

Ⓐ It will be smaller but more beautiful
Ⓑ It will be exactly like Solomon's temple
Ⓒ It will never compare to the first temple
Ⓓ The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former

2. What cultural background influenced the themes and messages of Haggai?

Ⓐ Egyptian customs
Ⓑ Babylonian exile and return
Ⓒ Greek philosophy
Ⓓ Roman governance

3. What rhetorical question does Haggai ask about their priorities?

Ⓐ Why are you working so hard
Ⓑ When will the Messiah come
Ⓒ Is it time for you to dwell in your paneled houses while this house lies in ruins
Ⓓ How can we please God better

4. Which historical figure is directly addressed by Haggai to rally the people to rebuild the temple?

Ⓐ Zerubbabel, the governor
Ⓑ Nehemiah and Jeremiah
Ⓒ Darius, king of Persia
Ⓓ King David

5. What encouragement does God give through Haggai when the people start working?

Ⓐ Don't expect My help anymore
Ⓑ Work faster to make up for lost time
Ⓒ Be strong, for I am with you
Ⓓ You're on your own now

6. What was the primary message Haggai conveyed to the Israelites in his first prophecy?

Ⓐ To fast and pray
Ⓑ To return to Egypt
Ⓒ To prepare for war
Ⓓ To rebuild the temple and prioritize God's house

7. What excuse were the people giving for not rebuilding the temple?

Ⓐ The time has not come for the Lord's house to be built
Ⓑ They were waiting for the Messiah
Ⓒ They didn't have government permission
Ⓓ They lacked sufficient materials

8. What agricultural problem does Haggai connect to their disobedience?

Ⓐ Their crops are too abundant to handle
Ⓑ Only their enemies have crop failures
Ⓒ They have no agricultural problems
Ⓓ They sow much but harvest little, and earn wages to put in a bag with holes

9. Who were the leaders that responded to Haggai's message?

Ⓐ King Darius and his generals
Ⓑ The elders of each tribe
Ⓒ Ezra and Nehemiah
Ⓓ Zerubbabel the governor and Joshua the high priest

10. Who was the governor of Judah during the time Haggai delivered his prophecies?

Ⓐ Ezra
Ⓑ Zerubbabel
Ⓒ Nehemiah
Ⓓ Joshua

11. When did Haggai prophesy according to the book?

Ⓐ Before the exile to Babylon
Ⓑ During Solomon's reign
Ⓒ In the second year of King Darius
Ⓓ During the Babylonian captivity

12. How does Haggai connect to the Book of Zechariah?

Ⓐ They both prophesy about the coming of the Messiah
Ⓑ They both encourage the restoration of Jerusalem and the temple after exile
Ⓒ They both focus on rebuilding Jerusalem's walls
Ⓓ They are written by the same author

13. What does Haggai teach about ceremonial cleanliness?

Ⓐ Everything becomes holy by association
Ⓑ Holy things don't make unholy things clean, but unclean things contaminate
Ⓒ Only priests need to worry about purity
Ⓓ Cleanliness doesn't matter to God

14. In what year did Haggai deliver his messages to the people, according to biblical chronology?

Ⓐ 458 BC
Ⓑ 520 BC
Ⓒ 537 BC
Ⓓ 586 BC

15. What is the significance of the phrase 'from this day I will bless you' in Haggai?

Ⓐ It predicts the coming of the Messiah
Ⓑ It signifies God's approval and blessing upon their obedience
Ⓒ It refers to a future exile
Ⓓ It promises victory in battle

Answer key: Haggai Bible Quiz

Each answer has a short explanation and the Bible passage to read.

1. **D. The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former**

Haggai 2:9 promises that the glory of the latter house will be greater than the former, and God will give peace in this place.

2. **B. Babylonian exile and return**

Haggai's messages are rooted in the context of the Israelites returning from Babylonian captivity and rebuilding their national and religious identity (Haggai 1:1).

3. **C. Is it time for you to dwell in your paneled houses while this house lies in ruins**

Haggai 1:4 contrasts their nice homes with the ruined state of God's house, highlighting their misplaced priorities.

4. **A. Zerubbabel, the governor**

Haggai specifically addresses Zerubbabel, encouraging him and the people to rebuild the temple (Haggai 1:1, 2:2).

5. **C. Be strong, for I am with you**

Haggai 2:4 contains God's encouragement to be strong because He is with them, repeated three times for emphasis.

6. **D. To rebuild the temple and prioritize God's house**

Haggai 1:1-15 emphasizes the need to rebuild the temple, highlighting the importance of God's house over personal comfort.

7. **A. The time has not come for the Lord's house to be built**

Haggai 1:2 records the people saying 'The time has not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built.'

8. **D. They sow much but harvest little, and earn wages to put in a bag with holes**

Haggai 1:6 describes their frustrating economic situation where hard work yields little return, like putting money in a bag with holes.

9. **D. Zerubbabel the governor and Joshua the high priest**

Haggai 1:12 records that Zerubbabel (governor) and Joshua (high priest) obeyed the voice of the Lord through Haggai.

10. **B. Zerubbabel**
Zerubbabel was the governor of Judah and led the efforts to rebuild the temple, as mentioned in Haggai 1:1.

11. **C. In the second year of King Darius**
Haggai 1:1 dates the prophecy to the second year of Darius the king, around 520 BC during the Persian period.

12. **B. They both encourage the restoration of Jerusalem and the temple after exile**
Both books, Haggai and Zechariah, address the post-exilic community, urging them to rebuild Jerusalem and the temple (Zechariah 1:16; Haggai 2:18).

13. **B. Holy things don't make unholy things clean, but unclean things contaminate**
Haggai 2:11-14 uses this principle to show that their offerings were defiled by their disobedience - uncleanness spreads more easily than holiness.

14. **B. 520 BC**
Haggai's prophecies occurred in the second year of King Darius I, around 520 BC, as detailed in Haggai 1:1.

15. **B. It signifies God's approval and blessing upon their obedience**
In Haggai 2:19, God promises to bless the people if they obey and rebuild the temple, emphasizing divine blessing linked to obedience.

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