

THE BOOK OF HAGGAI

A study using 18 questions per chapter
The purpose of this study is to find out
What the Bible says.



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INSTRUCTIONS

or suggestions as to how to conduct this study.

I can only suggest how this study was originally conducted and it was very successful. First of all, we tried to arrange a very informal atmosphere with the folks sitting in a loose circle. We would begin the session by having tea, or cokes and an informal time of fellowship. Then we would have a prayer time with everyone suggesting names of those for whom we should pray. It was also mentioned each session that we expected that each individual have at least one person for whom they would agree to pray for in regards to that person's salvation.

To actually begin the study the entire chapter would be read aloud with each one willing to read, taking the number of verses and dividing it by the number of people present and each one reading a portion.

Then the first one on the left (a habit of mine) would begin by reading the first question and giving their answer. The verse where their answer was found must also be given. Then the leader asks if everybody agrees. Let discussion carry on as necessary but not too long. Then go to the next question and the next person until all of the fifteen questions are answered.

For the discussion questions (numbers 16-17-18) each person present should give their answer once again going from the first one on the left and so on. Answer one question at a time, with each person present giving their reasons for their answer to each question. Discussion can be long or short depending on how the group feels. Do not carry the class session on too long.

Encourage each one to prepare his answers BEFORE the session begins if at all possible only because they will get more out of the discussion if they have thought about it.

INTRODUCTION

This book takes place 18 years after Cyrus had given his decree that the people could return to Jerusalem. They set about rebuilding their own home to the neglect of rebuilding the temple. Haggai wrote telling the people it was now time to work on the temple. Zerubbabel and Joshua were given this task. They were to build a better temple than the first one though it might not look as nice. This temple was built between the years 520 and 515 BC.

The people were told that God's glory would fill this temple.

THE BOOK OF HAGGAI - Chapter 1
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Who did God raise up to rebuild the temple? _____. Verse _____
2. What had God done about the land since they had not rebuilt his house? _____. Verse _____
3. What happened to the riches they had brought from Babylon? _____. Verse _____
4. Why did the people obey Haggai the Prophet? _____. Verse _____
5. How long after the message came to Haggai was it that they work began on the temple? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ The people has planted good crops but they did not produce much harvest.
7. _____ The people were told to be careful of what they were thinking.
8. _____ Joshua was the high priest at that time.
9. _____ The Holy Spirit came upon these men so they would rebuild the temple.
10. _____ The timber was to come from the mountains.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Was there a governor over Jerusalem at this time?
12. _____ Did the people ever get enough to eat?
13. _____ Were the people able to save any money?
14. _____ Was their obedience a result of their love for God?
15. _____ Was Jerusalem still under the rule of King Darius?

THINK FOR YOURSELF

16. What is the main theme of this chapter and why do you think so? (Can you do one word?)
17. What is the key verse and why do you think so?
18. What did you learn?

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY: (The following questions could be used in place of or in addition to the ones in the lessons for those who are more advanced in Bible knowledge.)

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2. What does this chapter teach about God?
3. What does this chapter teach about the Holy Spirit?
4. Does this chapter contain promises to be received, commands to be obeyed or warnings to be heeded?

THE BOOK OF HAGGAI - Chapter 2
SHORT ANSWERS

1. When did the Word of the Lord come a second time to Haggai? _____. Verse _____
2. How did this new temple compare to the first one? _____. Verse _____
3. What did God promise concerning his Holy spirit? _____. Verse _____
4. What happens when a person touches a dead body? _____. Verse _____
5. Who in this chapter was chosen as special? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ God promised that he would be with them as they worked.
7. _____ God still had a covenant with his people Israel.
8. _____ God said he was going to shake the world.
9. _____ The priests knew what the law said.
10. _____ God promised blessings from now on.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Can you think of a reason that the people might be afraid when they began to rebuild the temple?
12. _____ Does God need your offerings?
13. _____ Were the people told to think about what things were like BEFORE they began to rebuild the temple?
14. _____ Would brother fight against brother?
15. _____ Does God chose special people for special tasks?

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