

GODLY LEADERSHIP HAGGAI 1 & 2

Pray and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

Read the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

Begin to answer the questions using your own words.

**Questions are based on New International Version (NIV)*

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1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **Ezra 4** has helped you?

SECTION I: READ HAGGAI 1

2. Read Ezra 4:24-5:1 as background. For approximately 16 years, the work on the temple had stopped. Summarize what the Lord said through Haggai in 1:2-4.

3. In **V5** and **V7**, what phrase is repeated and why?

4. a) In **V6**, list the exiles' five activities and the results.

ACTIVITY	RESULT
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____

- b) In your own words, what was happening in **V6**?

- c) In **V9**, what reason does God give for why their activities did not yield their desired results?

5. In **V8**, what was the ultimate activity God purposed for them and why?

6. In **V10-11**, what did God withhold, and what were the repercussions?

7. a) As you give careful thought to your ways, what is first in your life...your own comforts and convenience or the work of building God's church?
- b) How have your priorities hindered or furthered your ability to impact the kingdom of God?
8. In what ways did Zerubbabel, Joshua and the remnant respond in **V12** and why?
9. What do you learn about God's plan for the remnant? See Isaiah 37:32 and Jeremiah 23:3.
10. a) What did God say and do in **V13-14** that motivated the Israelites to begin work on the temple?
- b) Describe a time when you felt God "stir up your Spirit" and motivate you from complacency.

SECTION II: READ HAGGAI 2:1-9

11. a) Approximately 1½ months into their work on the temple, summarize what God asked them through Haggai in **V3**.
- b) Why do you think God asked them those questions?
12. What instruction and reminder did God give them in **V4-5**?
13. What encouragement do you find from those verses to continue the work God has for you?
14. a) What does God promise will happen in **V6-9**?
- b) In **V7**, to whom do you think "the desired of all nations" points?
- c) In **V9**, how do you think God fulfilled His promise that the glory of the temple the exiles were building would be greater than the glory of Solomon's temple?

SECTION III: READ HAGGAI 2:10-23

15. a) Write the meaning to the words “consecrated” and “defiled” from the dictionary.
- b) In your own words, what do you think God was trying to teach the priests in **V10-14**?
16. a) In **V15-19**, to what realities did God want the Israelites to “give careful thought?”
- b) Re-read 1:5-6 and 2:15-19. Write a truth based on these verses.
17. What attributes of God do you see in **V20-22**?
18. What do you think it means that Zerubbabel is the Lord’s signet ring chosen by Him? Read Matthew 1:12-16 for insight.
19. Write a prayer asking God to stir your heart to continue the building project He has purposed for you.

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1. a) In Haggai 2:23b, the Lord said to Zerubbabel “...for I have chosen you.” Read the following verses and summarize what they say about being chosen by God.
- Matthew 22:14 _____
- John 15:16 _____
- Ephesians 1:4-6 _____
- Colossians 3:12 _____
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13 _____
- 1 Peter 2:9 _____
- b) God also chooses us for His purposes. Read and comment on Ephesians 2:10.

