



Background

Haggai was a prophet during the Persian period, after the return of the Jewish exiles from Babylon to Jerusalem around 520 BC. He played a crucial role in encouraging the rebuilding of the Temple, which had been destroyed by the Babylonians.

Chapter section verse(s)	Bible text (World English version)	Questions
1 to 4	1 In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, the LORD's word came by Haggai the prophet, to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying, 2 "This is what the LORD of Armies says: These people say, 'The time hasn't yet come, the time for the LORD's house to be built.' " 3 Then the LORD's word came by Haggai the prophet, saying, 4 "Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your panelled houses, while this house lies waste?	What is the LORD's message to Zerubbabel and Joshua?
5 to 9	5 Now therefore this is what the LORD of Armies says: 'Consider your ways. 6 You have sown much, and bring in little. You eat, but you don't have enough. You drink, but you aren't filled with drink. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; and he who earns wages earns wages to put them into a bag with holes in it.' 7 "This is what the LORD of Armies says: 'Consider your ways. 8 Go up to the mountain, bring wood, and build the house. I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified," says the LORD. 9 "You looked for much, and, behold, it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why?" says the LORD of Armies, "Because of my house that lies waste, while each of you is busy with his own house.	What does the LORD want the people to do and what has the LORD done to encourage obedience?
10 to 12	10 Therefore for your sake the heavens withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its fruit. 11 I called for a drought on the land, on the mountains, on the grain, on the new wine, on the oil, on that which the ground produces, on men, on livestock, and on all the labour of the hands." 12 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the LORD their God's voice, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him; and the people feared the LORD.	What has the LORD done and what is the reaction of Zerubbabel, Joshua and the people?
13 to 15	13 Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, spoke the LORD's message to the people, saying, "I am with you," says the LORD. 14 The LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of Armies, their God, 15 in the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.	What is the LORD's message to the people and what did he do?