

***Study Hints for Thinking Further***  
***International Bible Lessons***

**Haggai 1:1-15**

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Five Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be the answers to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class.

**Five Questions for Discussion and  
Thinking Further**

**1. What three leadership roles do the three leaders in Haggai 1:1 fulfill? Which of these roles did Jesus fulfill?**

Prophet, Priest, and King

Prophet: Jesus preached and made predictions as a prophet of God and the Word of God.

Priest: Jesus is our Mediator and Sacrifice. He is the Mediator between God and us. He serves as our High Priest in heaven.

King: Jesus is Lord and King over all. He came into the world as the Messiah and now reigns from heaven at the right hand of God.

## **2. What name, title, or description of God does the Book of Haggai use the most? What does this title tell us about God?**

The LORD of hosts: In Haggai 1:2, 5, 7, 9, 14  
As the LORD of Hosts, Yahweh or Jehovah is the Supreme Ruler over all; including the angels in heaven and all created beings in heaven, on the earth, and under the earth. God has the power to achieve whatever He knows is right and wise.

## **3. How is Haggai described?**

Haggai is described as a prophet: Haggai 1:1, 3, 12  
Haggai is described as the messenger of the LORD: Haggai 1:13

## **4. How is Haggai's message described?**

The word of the LORD: Haggai 1:1, 3  
The voice of the LORD: Haggai 1:12  
The Lord's message: Haggai 1:13

## **5. Why did God send Haggai to the leaders and people in Jerusalem?**

After the people had built their homes and began farming their fields and raising their flocks, God's house still lay in ruins while the people were spending their time and resources making their own homes more beautiful and comfortable. God sent Haggai to tell the people that they were not prospering because they were neglecting to do His will and rebuild the temple as a place for gathering to worship Him. God sent Haggai to teach the people and motivate the leaders and people to rebuild the temple.

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