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Bible Translation Reviewers' Guide

Haggai

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1:1-15

Background: The king of Babylon conquered Judah and took many of the people of Judah as captives to Babylon. Then a Persian king conquered Babylon and said that the people of Judah could go back to Judah. Some did, and they started to rebuild Yahweh's temple. But they had trouble with enemies, and they stopped. Then Darius became king of Persia and he helped the people of Judah.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Yahweh spoke through Haggai and rebuked the governor and the high priest because the people had not repaired Yahweh's house. [1:1-4]
- ☐ Yahweh told them to get wood and rebuild his house. [1:7-8]
- ☐ The reason there was no rain or produce was that Yahweh had caused a drought. [1:9-11]
- ☐ Then the people obeyed Yahweh and feared him. [1:12]
- ☐ Yahweh said that he was with them, and they started repairing his house. [1:13-15]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. When did the word of Yahweh come through Haggai the prophet? [1:1]
It came in Darius's second year as king on the first day of the sixth month.
2. To whom did the word of Yahweh come? [1:2]
It came to Zerubbabel the governor of Judah and Joshua the high priest.
3. What was the condition of Yahweh's house while the people lived in their finished houses? [1:4]
Yahweh's house lay in ruins.
4. What did the people of Judah lack? [1:6]
They lacked enough food, drink, clothing, and money.
5. What did Yahweh command the people to do? [1:8]
He commanded them to get timber and build His house so that He would take pleasure in it and be glorified.
6. What did Yahweh say was the reason that the people were not able to bring home much? [1:9]
Yahweh said that he had blown it all away.
7. Why did Yahweh blow it all away? [1:9]
He blew it away because his house lay in ruins while they were busy with their own houses.
8. How do you think Yahweh blew it all away? [1:10-11]
Yahweh stopped the rain so that there would be no crops.

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9. How did Zerubbabel, Joshua and the people respond to what Yahweh and Haggai said? [1:12]
They obeyed.
10. How did Yahweh respond to the people's obedience? [1:13]
He sent a message through Haggai, his messenger, to tell them, "I am with you."
11. When did Yahweh stir up the governor, the high priest, and all the remnant of the people to go and work on his house? [1:15]
Yahweh stirred them up in the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

Comment Section:

2:1-9

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Yahweh spoke through Haggai again to the governor, the high priest, and the people. [2:1-4]
- ☐ Yahweh said that he would shake the nations, they would bring their precious things to him, and he would fill his house with glory. [2:6-9]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What do you think Yahweh's house was like in the past, and what was it like when Haggai lived? [2:3]
In the past Yahweh's house was glorious, but when Haggai lived, Yahweh's house was like nothing.
2. What did Yahweh tell Zerubbabel, Joshua, and the people to do? [2:4]
He told them to be strong and to work.
3. How did Yahweh encourage them? [2:4]
He said that he was with them.
4. What do you think was the covenant that Yahweh had established with them long before that time? [2:5]
It was probably that he would be with them.
5. What did Yahweh tell them not to do? [2:5]
He told them not to be afraid.
6. What did Yahweh say would happen after he shook the heavens and earth? [2:6-7]
Every nation would bring their precious things to Yahweh, and he would fill his house with his glory.
7. What did Yahweh say about the glory of his house? [2:9]
The glory of his house would be greater in the future than it was at the beginning.

Comment Section:

2:20-23

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The word of Yahweh came to Haggai and told him that He will shake the heavens and the earth. [2:20]
- ☐ Yahweh said he will overthrow the kingdoms of the nations and all their chariots and riders. [2:22]
- ☐ Because he was chosen, Yahweh will make Zerubbabel like a signet ring. [2:23]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Yahweh say he would overthrow or destroy? [2:22]
He would overthrow and destroy the thrones of kingdoms, the strength of the kingdoms of the nations, and chariots with their riders.
2. What do you think thrones represented, and what did chariots and riders represent? [2:22]
The thrones represented kings, and chariots and riders represented their armies.
3. How would God overthrow their chariots and riders? [2:22]
He would cause the riders to fall by their brother's sword. This meant that the soldiers would injure or kill each other.
4. Why would Yahweh set Zerubbabel as the seal on his ring? [2:23]
Yahweh had chosen him.
5. How do you think Zerubbabel would be like a signet ring?
A king's signet ring represented his authority. God is the King, and he was giving Zerubbabel authority to rule.

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