

# Handel's Messiah Review

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Answer the following questions based on your understanding of Handel's Messiah.

1. What is an oratorio?

- A. A type of opera
- B. A large musical work telling a sacred story
- C. A dance performance

2. What biblical passage is a key text in Handel's Messiah?

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3. Handel composed Messiah in 1741.

- True       False

4. Handel's Messiah uses direct \_\_\_\_ texts for its lyrics.

5. How does music help us worship?

- A. It entertains us
- B. It helps express our emotions and connect with God
- C. It makes us dance

6. Why might music be important in understanding biblical stories?

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7. Messiah is primarily a secular musical work.

- True       False

8. The movement of Messiah often moves listeners to \_\_\_\_ as they hear its powerful messages.

9. What is one characteristic of sacred music?

- A. It is always instrumental
- B. It tells a story about God or faith
- C. It is only played in churches

10. How does Handel's Messiah connect to the Baroque Era of music?

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Answer Key

1. 1    2. Isaiah 9:6 is a key text in Handel's Messiah that speaks about the birth of Christ.    3. True    4. biblical    5. It helps express our emotions and connect with God    6. Music can bring the stories to life, making them more memorable and emotional for listeners.    7. False    8. tears    9. It tells a story about God or faith    10. Handel's Messiah reflects the Baroque Era through its grand compositions and emotional depth, typical of the music from that time.