

# Christ Fellowship

Series. Minor Prophets  
Lesson 19  
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## “Haggai”

### Straight Talk To Stagnant People When Ministry Has Taken A Backseat To Mammon!

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#### I. Introduction, Hag 1.1

<b>Assyrian Empire</b>	c. 900—612 B.C., Their foreign policy was to exchange one population for another. This is what put the “Samaritans” in the land. (2 Kings 17.24-41) [the Northern Kingdom of Israel was taken captive during this time, 722 B.C., for their rebellion against the Lord and His covenant as seen in their false worship, hypocrisy, idolatry, arrogance, materialistic, selfish, and immoral lives.]
<b>Babylonian Empire</b>	612—539 B.C., Their foreign policy was deportation of the population. [the Southern Kingdom of Israel was taken captive during this time, 586 B.C., for their rebellion against the Lord and His covenant as seen in their false worship, hypocrisy, idolatry, arrogance, materialistic, selfish, and immoral lives.]
<b>Persian Empire</b>	539-331 B.C., Their foreign policy was to put the people back and let them pay tribute. Cyrus sent everybody home, with their treasure (Ezra 5.13-14)! 538 B.C. Decree of Cyrus, Ezra 6.3-5 538 B.C. Return under Zerubbabel, Ezra 1.1 537 B.C. Alter and Temple foundation are set, Ezra 3.2, 6, 8; 5.16 522—486 B.C. Darius I reigned in the Persian Empire 520 B.C. The date of our book, Haggai 1.1

#### II. The Lord tests His people’s priorities and points to the consequences in their lives. (1.2-6)

#### III. The Lord challenges the people to please and glorify Him instead of themselves. (1.7-11)

**Our lives are communicating a message of priorities!**

#### IV. The people respond to the Lord in obedience and worship and service. (1.12-15)