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- g. ~~Approx~~ 50,000 Jews went back from Babylon to Jerusalem.
- h. Zerubbabel was the governor.
  - 1) This was significant because the Messiah was to come from the line of Zerubbabel.
  - 2) The Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem? How can the Messiah be born in Bethlehem with Zer off in Babylon?]
- i. In 533 B. C., they lay the foundation for the 2nd temple.
- j. When that is finished,
  - 1) Most people are elated.
  - 2) Some people are sad because they know this temple doesn't look anything like before.
- k. Then there was opposition to the building of the temple from, the Samaritans and as a result the building was delayed until the Lord sent along a prophet by the name of Haggai.
  - 1) Haggai said they were to start to build the temple.
  - 2) Another prophet who also greatly encouraged the people of Israel in the rebuilding of the 2nd temple was Zachariah.
  - 3) They started Sept 21, 520 B. C.
  - 4) The 2nd temple was finished in the spring of 515 B. C.
  - 5) The 2nd temple was finished in 4.5 years and it was dedicated to the Lord.
  - 6) There you have what you have in the first six chapters of Ezra.
- l. In 458 B. C. (the 7th year of Artaxerxes), Ezra and a group of Jews come back to Jer.
  - 1) When he comes back, he finds that the people of Israel have intermarried with foreigners.
  - 2) Ezra brings about the reforms that are necessary.
  - 3) The people who married foreigners were made to separate from their wives so that Israel would be a pure nation.
- iv. The next one to come along was Nehemiah
  - a. Nehemiah was the cupbearer of Artaxerxes 1.
  - b. He asked him to let him go back to Jer to rebuild the wall.
  - c. Artaxerxes gave him permission.
  - d. Nehemiah is governor for 12 years for 444-432 B. C.
  - e. During that time the walls around Jerusalem are rebuilt in 52 days.
  - f. And it was dedicated to the Lord.
  - g. After the wall was rebuilt and had been governor for 12 years, Nehemiah went back to Babylon to be Artaxerxes' cupbearer.