

- h. When he went back, the people of Judah fell into sin again.
  - 1) They started to intermarry.
  - 2) They weren't keeping the Sabbath.
  - 3) They weren't paying their tithe.
- i. Thus two more prophets came on the scene:
  - 1) Joel
  - 2) Malachi
- j. Nehemiah asks Artaxerxes could make a 2nd trip back to Jerusalem and Artaxerxes grants him permission.
- k. When he went back, he brought about reform (Nehemiah 13).
  - 1) He made sure the Sabbath was kept properly.
  - 2) He made sure that the tithe was taken.
  - 3) He made sure that intermarriage didn't take place.
- v. The book of Esther
  - a. The king of Persia was Xerxes.
    - 1) Darius 1 was the king when that 2nd temple was built from 520 to B. C.)
    - 2) Then came Xerxes and then Artaxerxes (king at time of Nehemiah).
  - b. Xerxes was the one to whom Esther was married.
  - c. The Lord used Esther to save her people.
  - d. Haman wanted to wipe out the entire nation.
  - e. If that nation had been wiped out, what would have happened to the promise of the Messiah coming? So the Lord raised up Esther and through her the Jews were saved and the godly line through whom the Messiah would come was preserved.
  - f. The name of God never appears.
  - g. But while it doesn't appear, you can see the hand of God at work behind the scenes.
- vi. For these periods, Mr. Harding wants us to know what characterized these periods, the prophets in these periods. *o/*
  - a. You don't have to know kings that reigned one or two years.
  - b. He just wants us to know the main kings.
  - c. Know the timeframes.
  - d. Know when those prophets prophesied and the areas.
  - e. <sup>Know</sup> Now the dates of the deportation for Samaria and Judah.
  - f. Know when Samaria and Judah fell.
  - g. Know the time of the captivity and who prophesied in the captivity.