

# The Seven Dispensations Continued

1. The Fifth Dispensation: From the Babylonian captivity to Calvary
  - A. When it began – II Chron. 36:14-20
    1. The length of the captivity – II Chron 36:21. See Lev. 26:31-35: 70 years: to make up for 490 years of not letting the land rest.
  - B. II Chron. 36:22 – the return of the captives to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. Compare with Ezra 1:1-3. About 50,000 people.
    1. The leaders of this group were Zerubbabel and Joshua – Ezra 5:2
    2. The prophets were Haggai, the elder and Zechariah, the younger – Ezra 5:1
    3. They finished the temple 21 years later. Ezra 6:14-15. This return is recorded in Ezra 1-6.
  - C. The events in Ezra chapter 7-10 happened 78 years after Ezra chapter 6. This is when Ezra, a high priest, and about 1,500 men (besides women and children) went to Jerusalem. Ezra taught them the Word of God and brought Israel back in harmony with God.
  - D. Nehemiah came to Judah from Persia 13 years after Ezra to rebuild the city of Jerusalem.
  - E. The book of Esther was written during this time also.
  - F. The book of Malachi written by the last prophet in the Old Testament: about 400 years BC