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## ARTICLE FORTY-FIVE PARAGRAPHS OF THE BIBLE – EZRA 1-6

### **ONE**

- A. Jeremiah had predicted it; Cyrus now proclaims it (1:1-4)
- B. He gave them the desire to go (1:5-6)
- C. Taking back the temple treasures (1:7-11)

### TWO

- A. The leaders who led (2:1-35)
- B. Both priests and Levites (2:36-54)
- C. The seed of Solomon's servants (2:55-58)
- D. Jews with lost genealogies (2:59-63)
- E. Fifty thousand people, eight thousand animals, head for the Holy City (2:64-70)

#### **THREE**

- A. Up with the altar (3:1-6)
- B. The foundation is finished (3:7-9)
- C. What an unusual dedication service (3:10-13)

#### **FOUR**

- A. "Thanks, but no thanks," they said (4:1-5)
- B. The poisonous pen of the pagans (4:6-10)
- C. "Check the records for yourself! This is trouble city!" (4:11-16)
- D. "Accusations confirmed! Cease construction immediately!" (4:17-22)

### FIVE

- A. God's dynamic duet (5:1-2)
- B. Their enemies hated but could not halt the project (5:3-5)
- C. "They told us the decree had been signed by Cyrus himself!" (5:6-17)

### SIX

- A. Sure enough, just as they said (6:1-5)
- B. Better not hinder them! Better help them . . . or else! (6:6-12)
- C. Project completed! Aided by prayers, prophets, and the people! (6:13-15)
- D. Dedication of the temple followed by celebration of the Passover (6:16-22)