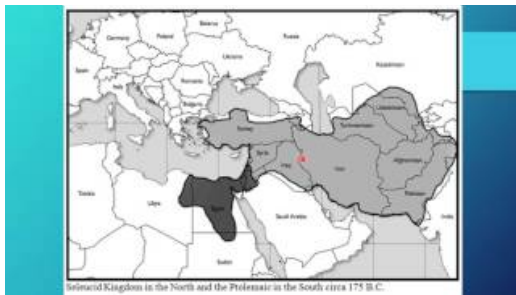


## The Intertestamental Period – Prophecy and Preparation

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Here is a broad historical sketch of some key events in the four centuries between the Old and New Testament

- ★ 0:00 BNT101 Bible Survey: New Testament Dr. Mark S. Krause Nebraska Christian College The Intertestamental Period "The 400 Years of Silence"
- ★ 0:00 Show at 1.50 speed
- ★ 0:24 BABYLONIAN PERIOD 586 BC Fall of Jerusalem - Babylonians capture Jerusalem and destroy the temple - Many Jews taken captive to Babylon (Babylonian Captivity)
- ★ 1:52 MEDO-PERSIAN PERIOD 539 BC The Fall of Babylon to Medo-Persians - Persian King, Cyrus the Great, allows some Jews to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple
- ★ 2:59 515 BC Rebuilt Temple Dedicated
- ★ 3:22 456 BC: Ezra comes to Jerusalem to teach the Law - Synagogue developed because most Jews cannot get to the temple
- ★ 4:05 445 BC: Nehemiah comes to Jerusalem to rebuild the city wall
- ★ 4:24 440 BC: Malachi written - last of 39 Old Testament books
- ★ 4:59 GREEK PERIOD 332 BC: Alexander the Great conquers Palestine
- ★ 5:52 323 BC: Alexander dies - Greek Empire divided into four major parts
- ★ 6:07 Ptolemies (Egypt) and Seleucids (Syria and northeast of Israel) are rivals with Israel in the middle - Greek (Hellenistic) influence is strong - Alexander had been a student of Aristotle
- ★ 9:35 250 BC: The Septuagint (LXX) - Translation of Old Testament from Hebrew to Greek for many Jews who now spoke Greek more fluently than Hebrew - Produced in Alexandria, Egypt - Primary source of Old Testament Quotes in the New Testament - Deuterocanonical books (the Apocrypha) were written in this time frame
- ★ 13:14 167 BC: Temple Defiled by Antiochus IV (Epiphanes)
- ★ 16:53 HASMONEAN PERIOD 167 BC: Maccabean Revolt
- ★ 18:12 164 BC: Temple cleansed, worship restored - Happy Hanukkah! (Festival of Lights )
- ★ 20:03 Samaritans "Half-breed" Jews - Built their own temple in Shechem
- ★ 21:56 ROMAN PERIOD 63 BC: Pompey the Great
- ★ 23:53 40/37 BC: Herod the Great Jacob - Jew Esau - Edomite
- ★ 25:08 20 BC: Herod 's Temple - Expanding and aggrandizing existing 2nd temple - Not finished until 62 AD
- ★ 27:35 Descendants of Herod the Great - Herod the Great had the infant boys killed at Jesus' birth
- ★ 28:10 Herod Archelaus (Ruled 4 BC - AD 6) - Herod the Great's son who reigned after Herod the Great died (Matthew 2)
- ★ 29:05 Herod Antipas (4 BC - AD 39) - Has John the Baptist beheaded and is involved in the trial of Jesus
- ★ 30:19 Herod Agrippa I: (Ruled AD 37 - 44) - Herod the Great's grandson who has Peter in jail when Peter is rescued by an angel in Acts 12
- ★ 30:53 Herod Agrippa II: (Began rule in AD 50) - great grandson of Herod the Great - the last of the Herods - Paul appears before him in Acts 26 There were other Herods, but these are specifically mentioned in the New Testament.



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A more detailed historical look at the Intertestamental Period

- ★ 1:17 Alexander and Tyre – See [Biblical Prophecy About Tyre](#)
- ★ 2:44 Show short Josephus video – [Alexander the Great comes to Jerusalem](#)

