

Between the Old Testament and the New Testament

POLITICAL

RELIGIOUS/CULTURAL

Medeo-Persian rule, Cyrus allows Jews return to the land

538-336 BC

Second Temple, last of the prophets, writing of Talmud begins

Alexander the Great conquers Persia, gains control of Judea

336-323 BC

Synagogues spread, Greek becomes universal language

Egypt/Ptolemies control of Judea

323-198 BC

Septuagint tran of Hebrew Bible to Greek started

Selucids take Judea, harsh suppression of Jews

198-110 BC

Start of Pharisees and Saducees

Brief Jewish independence under Hasmonean Dynasty

APPROX. 140-63/37 BC

Begin by restoring the Temple, years of fighting continue

Rome steps in and takes over, approves the Herodian dynasty in 37 BC

63 BC THRU NT TIMES

No longer Davidic king, no longer Aaronic priesthood



Though no prophets were speaking, God protected His people who continued to trust Him and look forward to a Messiah during the 400 years between the Testaments.

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The world of the New Testament is very different than the one we left in the Old Testament.

This chart shows the progression of political powers and the religious and cultural developments of the various stages in between the Testaments.

For a complete lesson on this, go to the Bible 805 Lesson, **The Time Between the Testaments, and what to do when God seems silent**, at <https://wp.me/pazrJD-xU>