

# Differences between the Old & New Testaments in Israel



400 year gap

## CLOSE OF OLD TESTAMENT

Judea is under Persian rule, moderate oversight.

A descendant of King David, Zerrubabel was leader, though not formally powerful.

Temple modest, but rebuilt, Aaron's descendant the High Priest.

Old Testament in Hebrew primarily.

Center of worship, religious identity the Temple.

Teachers were prophets and scribes.

## OPENING OF NEW TESTAMENT

Under Roman rule, tightly controlled.

A descendant of Esau, Herod the Great, was now King of the Jews.

Temple monumental, impressive, High Priest a political position.

Old Testament in Greek.

Center of worship, religious identity Temple and the Synagogue.

A variety of teachers, viewpoints including Pharisees, Sadducees, and Essenes.

For how all this came about, see the lesson  
***Time Between the Testaments***  
on [www.Bible805.com](http://www.Bible805.com)

When you turn the page from the Old Testament to the New Testament, you find a completely different world.

This chart summarizes the major differences.

Check out the lesson, ***Time Between the Testaments, and what to do when God seems silent*** for an expanded study on it.

The study, plus notes, another chart, and an eBook that goes with the lesson is available at [www.Bible805.com](http://www.Bible805.com).