

“The Time Between”

A Walk Through the Old Testament - Class 24

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Purpose: After the voice of Malachi went silent no word from God was heard for about four hundred years. The time between the Testaments is called the Intertestamental Period and is important for a variety of reasons. First, the world was prepared for Christ’s coming and the Apostles He would send into the outer most parts of the world. Second, it is helpful to know this time period in order to understand many groups and conditions that appear in the New Testament.

I. The Persians and the Greek Conquest

1. The Persian Ploy

2. Alexander’s Exploits

II. The Jews under Ptolemy

1. A Divided Empire

2. Ptolemy

III. The Jews under Seleucid

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IV. The Impact of Hellenism

1. The Double Edged Sword
2. Bible Interpretation
3. Life in the Polis

V. The Struggle against Hellenism

1. The Controversy that Broke the Camel’s Back
2. The Maccabees

VI. The Rise & Fall of the Hasmonean Dynasty

1. Some Rulers
2. Some Problems

VII. The Romans: They All Fall Down