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**From Malachi to Messiah**

# Intertestamental Period:

## 4 Kingdoms

## Persian Period (539 - 331BC)

* Return from Babylonian Captivity 538
* Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Malachi
* Growing Jewish Nationalism

## Hellenistic Period (331 - 164BC)

* Alexander the Great - Conquest
* Antiochus IV Epiphanes – Severe Persecution
* High Priestly family of Zadok removed
* Jewish community founded in Egypt

## Maccabean Period (164 - 63 BC)

* Maccabean Revolt
* Restored Temple Sacrifice
* Conquered by Pompey in 63 BC

## Roman Period (Beginning in 63 BC)

* Continued family infighting
* Last loyal Jewish king fell 37BC

## 3 Jewish Groups

## Sanhedrin

* 70 Priestly Nobility
* Leaders of Jewish life and observance
* Majority Sadducees

## Sadducees

* Wealthy, priestly families
* Narrow view of scripture
* Only honored the Pentateuch – 1st 5 books of OT
* Did not believe in the resurrection of the dead

## Pharisees

* Zealous group growing in influence
* Works-based salvation
* Added many new rules above the Torah

Example: Mark 12:18-27 from Daniel 12:2 and Exodus 3:6

## 2 World Views

## Jews

* Decedents of Abraham
* Main characters of most of the Old Testament
* Promised a coming Messiah

## Gentiles

* Anyone who was NOT a Jew
* Intermarried and mixed with the Jews

## 1 Messiah

# Book of Mark:

Author: John Mark from Peter

Date: late 50’s to 60’s AD

Place: Rome

Themes:

Who is Jesus?

What does it mean to be a real disciple of him?

# Expository Listening

Prepare

Press In

Practice

# References for Further Reading:

* What is a Healthy Church Member by Thabiti Anyabwile (Crossway / 9 Marks) – Short and easy read with excellent 1st chapter on how to be an expositional listener
* Expositional Preaching by David Helm (Crossway / 9 Marks) – Very simple intro to the subject of expositional preaching. We use this same book to train men for preaching.
* ESV Study Bible (Crossway) – Excellent Chapter Introductions & Intro to the New Testament
* An Introduction to the New Testament by D.A. Carson & Doug Moo (Zondervan) – VERY strong introduction to the New Testament. A bit scholarly in parts but excellent in depth and coverage
* Jewish Backgrounds of the New Testament by J. Julius Scott, Jr. (Baker) – Deep dive into Jewish life and customs in the intertestamental period. Happy to loan my copy if you are interested.
* Christ Centered Exposition – Exalting Jesus in Mark by Daniel Akin (Holman) – Chapter by chapter breakdown of each section of the entire book with excellent application questions. Would be a perfect supplement to the sermon series for personal reflection.