

BETWEEN THE TESTAMENTS

GOALS

1. On your “**BETWEEN the TESTAMENTS**” timeline, view five [5], even six [6] names of the most *prominent* personalities who lived between **420-4 BC**.
2. Study “**SUPPLEMENT 2**” to learn the dates of the activities of several prominent personalities, coupling with them some pertinent data (today’s handout).
3. Connect with **Alexander the Great** by (1) recalling Daniel 8, (2) reading **Daniel 11:1-3**, (former handout), and then, as a surprise, (3) analyze **Ezekiel 26** (today’s handout).

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4. Observe the “**middle section**” of our “**BETWEEN the TESTAMENTS**” timeline (handout).
5. Show special attention to **Ptolemy II Philadelphus** (see Surburg, *IIP*, p. 24).
6. Give details of the rise of **Antiochus IV Epiphanes** and the response of the **Maccabees**.
See Daniel 11:3—12:3.

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7. Summarize the **Apocrypha**, book-by-book.

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8. Introduce facts about the Jewish sects—**Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes, Herodians, & Zealots** (today’s handout).
9. The many extra Laws of the Pharisees.

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10. Concluding our “**INTERTESTAMENTAL**” study by viewing the “**third section**” of your “**BETWEEN the TESTAMENTS**” timeline.

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SUPPLEMENT 2

FROM ALEXANDER THE GREAT TO HEROD THE GREAT TO CHRIST

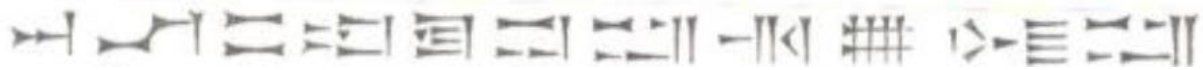
- 336 BC** That is, **336-323 BC**, **Alexander the Great** conquers the known world in 13 years.
- 332 BC** **Alexander the Great** conquers Tyre, giving opportunity for Alexandria, Egypt to become the dominate commercial center of the Mediterranean Sea (**cp. Ezekiel 26:12a**).
- 311 BC** **Seleucus** conquers Babylon, beginning the Seleucid dynasty.
- 283 BC** That is, **283-247 BC**, **Ptolemy II Philadelphus** rules in Alexandria, Egypt. Library!!!
- 223 BC** That is, **223-187 BC**, **Antiochus (III) the Great** becomes Seleucid ruler of Syria.
- 198 BC** **Antiochus (III) the Great** defeats Egypt; gains control of Palestine.
- 175 BC** That is, **175-166 BC**, **Antiochus IV Epiphanes** rules Syria; Judah is subjected to him.
- 167 BC** **Mattathias and his sons** (all priests) rebel against Antiochus; begin Maccabean revolt.
- 166 BC** That is, **166-160 BC**, **Judas Maccabeus** takes the *military* leadership.
- 160 BC** That is, **160-142 BC**, **Johnathan Maccabeus** becomes High Priest.
- 142 BC** That is, **142-134 BC**, **Simon Maccabeus**, High Priest, creates the Hasmonean dynasty.
- 134 BC** That is, **134-104 BC**, **John Hyrcanus**, son of Simon Maccabeus, expands holdings of the dependent Jewish state. Beginnings of the **Pharisees**, of which John was an adherent until he later sided with the upstart **Sadducees**.
- 104 BC** That is, **104-63 BC**, much religious corruption, and political vying for power among the Jewish priesthood as the struggle between those Jews who favored Greek culture over Jewish OT tradition.
- 63 BC** **Pompey** invades Palestine; Roman rule begins.
- 63 BC** That is, **63-40 BC**, **Hyrcanus II** rules the Jews; is subject to Rome. **Antipater**, father of Herod the Great (both Idumean/Edomites) exercises increasing power.
- 44 BC** **Julius Caesar** is assassinated.
- 40 BC** That is, **40-37 BC**, Parthians conquer Jerusalem and establish **Aristobulus II** (67-63 BC) as High Priest and king.
- 37 BC** That is, **37 BC -AD 14**, **Caesar Augustus** (Octavian Caesar) becomes first Roman Emperor after defeating Mark Antony & Cleopatra VII of Egypt.
- 37 BC** That is, **37-4 BC**, **Herod the Great**, the Idumean/Edomite, rules as king over Palestine by Roman appointment.
- 4 BC** That is, **8 BC -4 BC**, the **Birth of Christ**.

EZEKIEL 26

TYRE (Contrast Hiram in the days of David & Solomon.)

1 On the first day of the month in the eleventh year, the LORD said to me, **2** “Son of man, Tyre has said against Jerusalem, ‘Aha, the city that was the gate for the nations is broken and swung open to me. I’ll get rich now that she is ruined!’ **3** That is why the Lord GOD says: ‘**I am against you, Tyre,** and **(a) I will bring many nations against you** as the sea dashes its waves against the shore. **4 (b)** They will destroy the walls of Tyre and tear down her towers. **(c)** I will scrape the soil off her and make her a bare rock. **5 (d)** In the middle of the sea she will be a place for men to spread their nets, for I have spoken,’ says the Lord GOD. **(e)** ‘She will become spoil taken by the nations. **6 (f)** On the mainland the sword will kill off the towns depending on her. Then they will know I am the LORD.’

7 “The Lord GOD says, **(g)** ‘I am going to bring against Tyre from the north **Nebuchadrezzar** (Nabu-kudurri-usur [“Nabu protect my boundary”]),



king of Babylon, the king of kings, with horses, chariots, war horses, a horde of people and many troops. **8** He will put to the sword the towns on the mainland depending on you. He will hold up a roof of shields against you, throw up ramparts against you, and raise against you grappling hooks. **9** He will aim his battering rams against your walls and with his axes cut down your towers. **10** His horses will be so many their dust will cover you. The noise of the war horses, wagon wheels, and chariots will shake your walls when he enters your gates as men enter a conquered-city. **11** With his horses’ hoofs he will trample on all your streets. He will kill your people with the sword, and your strong *pillars* will fall to the ground [**pillars = obelisks—gold & emerald—at the temple of Heracles at Tyre; the pillars were dedicated to Melkarth (cp. 1 Kgs. 7:15)**].

12 (h) “They will plunder your riches and take your goods as spoil. **(i)** They will destroy your walls **(j)** and tear down your delightful homes. **(k)** They will dump your stones, lumber, and soil into the water.

13 (l) “I will silence your noisy songs, and no music will be heard from your lyres anymore [Tyre was the music capitol of the ancient world.] **14 (m)** I will make you a bare rock. **(n)** You will be a place to spread fishing nets. **(o)** You will never be built again, for I the LORD have spoken,” says the Lord GOD.

15 “The Lord GOD says to Tyre: ‘Will the crash—when you fall—not shake the people who live by the sea? The wounded will groan and people will be killed. **16** Then all who rule the coastal lands will step down from their thrones, lay aside their robes, and take off their richly woven garments. Dressed with terror, they will sit on the ground trembling every moment and shuddering over you. **17** Then they will sing a lament/dirge over you and say to you:

O how you have been destroyed,
you have been shattered by the sea.
O city that was praised,
you and your kings were stronger than the sea;
all your kings spread abroad their terror.’

18 “But now your fall will make the people who live by the sea tremble, and the end of you will terrify the coastal lands.

19 “The Lord GOD says: **(p)** ‘When I make you a city of ruins like the towns where no one lives, when I bring over you the ocean depths and the great sea covers you, **20** then I will bring you down with those who descend to the grave, to the people of long ago. I will make you live in the netherworld, like the ancient ruins, with those who go down to the grave. You will never return and be restored to the land of the living. **21** I will make you a terror, and you will be no more. People may look for you but will never find you again, says the Lord GOD.’”