

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—and beyond**. **See Daniel 11:3—12:3**.

168 BC Antiochus IV Epiphanes desecrates the Jerusalem Temple.

166 BC Judas Maccabeus defeats Antiochus IV Epiphanes & captures Jerusalem. (Maccabean = “the Hammerer,” hammering down the enemy.)

165 BC The Jerusalem Temple is rededicated for eight days in the month of Chislev (our December, the eighth day being December 25— **Hannukah/Feast of Lights** to the Jews).

142 BC Jewish independence under Simon, one of the five Maccabean brothers. **MESSIAH expectation prevalent!!!**

(See Braun, *TBT*, selected.)

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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**.

11. Comments on the **PSEUDIPIGRAPHA**.