

## **THIS INTER-TESTAMENT PERIOD**

- **Feast of Dedication (John 10:22)**
- **The Triumphal entry and the hatred of Jesus**
- **The start of the Pharisees and Sadducees**
- **The start of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers**

## **THIS INTER-TESTAMENT PERIOD**

- **Explanation of Paul's statement "concerning the law, he was a Pharisee"**
- **The meaning of Jesus statement about Sadducees erred not knowing the Scriptures of the power of God.**
- **The start of the Herod's and the Caesar's**

## **THIS IMPORTANCE OF THE INTER-TESTAMENT PERIOD IN GOD'S PLAN**

- **Daniel 2:44**
- **Galatians 4:4**
- **Romans 5:6**

**People living and dying just like people today!**

## **THIS INTER-TESTAMENT PERIOD**

- **Scattering of the Jews**
- **Synagogue**
- **Septuagint**

**God was silent but there was plenty of activity by man!**

## **POLITICAL FACTS ABOUT THE INTER-TESTAMENT PERIOD**

- **Persians (536-333 B.C.)**
- **Greeks (333-323 B.C.)**
- **Egyptian (323-204 B.C.)**
- **Syrian (204-165 B.C.)**
- **Maccabean Period (165-63 B.C.)**
- **Roman Empire (63 – forward to N. T.)**

## **RELIGIOUS FACTS ABOUT THE INTER-TESTAMENT PERIOD**

- **Pharisees**
- **Sadducees**
- **Herodians**
- **Synagogue**
- **Scribes**
- **Sanhedrin**

**The Common People!**

## **MISC. FACTS ABOUT THE INTER-TESTAMENT PERIOD**

- **Epicurean (Epicures) – Man wholly mortal.**
- **Stoics – (Zeno, Athens, Greece) – be good for sake of being good.**
- **Socrates (350 B.C.) – Greeks should think for themselves**
- **Plato – one should not only think, but think on a spiritual level.**

## **MISC. FACTS ABOUT THE INTER-TESTAMENT PERIOD**

- **Aristotle – wasn't concerned about "what" to think, but "how" to think. He gave the world the greatest "rules of logic".**
- **Alexander the Great – Daniel 7**

These Years Help Us Understand History Of The Lord's Church

## ***The Silent Years***

***Malachi***



***Matthew***

## ***Between The Testaments***

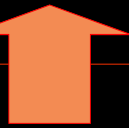
### **PROPHECY FULFILLED**

- Matthew 1:18-25
- Matthew 27:45-66
- Matthew 28:1-8
- Acts 1:9-11
- Acts 2 (church established)
- Acts 17:16-34
- Ephesians 3:1-21
- Ephesians 2:19-22
- Ephesians 5:22-33
- Colossians 1:9-18
- Colossians 1:19-23
- I Corinthians 15:3-8

**The Lord's Church  
Is Different**

## **IN ORIGIN**

- *Prophesied in O. T.* ←
- *In Jerusalem* ←
- *In Days of Roman Kings*
- *In Last Days*
- *Foretold by Christ* ←
- *Made Known in Acts 2*



## **AUTHORITY ESTABLISHED**

- **400 Silent Years**
- **Matthew 17:5**
- **Matthew 28:16-20**
- **Ephesians 1:22-23**
- **The church – the body of Christ – under the headship of Christ Himself who has all authority is where the saved are found – Ephesians 5:23**

## ***UNDERSTANDING THE CHAIN OF AUTHORITY***

- God = Creator – **Gen. 1:1-3; Rom. 3:23**
- Spoke through prophets – **Heb. 1:1**
- Listen to His Son – **Mt. 17:5; Heb. 1:1-4; I Cor. 15:56-57**
- Gave the words to His Son to speak – **John 12:44-50**
- No one comes to God except through the Son –  
**John 14:6**
- The Son departs so the Holy Spirit can come to give apostles guidance -  
**John 16:5-15**
- Must continue in apostles doctrine – **Acts 2:42; Eph. 2:19-22**
- Must pass on to others – **2 Timothy 2:12**

## **THE CHURCH**

- “ekklesia” --- ek (out of), kaleo (to call)
- Called out or an assembling of people **Acts 19:39; Acts 7:38; Acts 19:40-41.**
- “ekklesia” emphasizes the “assembled” nature of the church.
- “ekklesia” in the sense that we as Christians use it (an assembly of Christians) **I Cor. 14:19, 35; I Thess. 1:1; I Cor. 1:2; Eph. 1:22-23; Heb. 12:22-23**



# THE CHURCH

- “Universal”---whole assembly of people who are saved.

**Ephesians 5:23, 25-27**

“The Body of Christ”---**Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 2:19; I Cor. 12:27; Rom. 12:5**

“The Household of God”---**I Tim. 3:15; Matt. 12:48-50; Mark 10:28-30**

“The Temple of God”---**Eph. 2:19-22; I Pet. 2:5**

“The Kingdom of Christ”---**Col. 1:13**

“The Bride of Christ”---**II Cor. 11:2**

# THE CHURCH

- “Universal”---whole assembly of people who are saved.
- Composed of all Christians--- **Matt. 16:18; Heb. 12:22-24**
- Only “one body”- Church---**Eph. 1:22-23; Eph. 4:4**
- Began on Day of Pentecost--- **Acts. 2:1-47; Acts 11:15**
- Enrollment is in Heaven---**Heb. 12:23; II Tim. 2:19**

# THE CHURCH

- “Universal”---whole assembly of people who are saved.
- Consists of All the Saved--- Eph. 5:25-27
- Eternally Saved will come from His Body---Eph. 5:23
- No “Earthly” Organization---Eph. 2:19-22; I Pet. 2:5
- Cannot be Divided---Eph. 4:4; I Cor. 1:10
- Membership not Affected by Death---Heb. 12:22-23; Phil. 1:21-23; I Thess. 5:10

# THE LORD'S CHURCH

- Proper Name --- Rom. 16:16; I Cor. 1:2; I Thess. 2:14; (Name alone does not always give us proper identity)
- Proper Doctrine (The Gospel of Christ)---Rom. 6:17; II Thess. 2:14; Gal. 1:6-9

## New Testament Christians

**Heard** the Word of God---Rom. 10:17

**Believed** that Jesus was the Son of God---  
Acts 8:37

**Repented** of their sins--- Acts 2:38

**Confessed** that Jesus was the Son of God---  
Romans 10:8-10

**Baptized** into Christ for the remission of their  
sins--- Acts 2:38

**Raised** in newness of life--- Rom. 6:4

**Instructed** to remain faithful unto death---  
Rev. 2:10