

## Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship

Every word inspired.



Every word proclaimed.



*"We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ." Col 1:28*

### 2 Tim 2:15

15 Study to present yourself approved to God as a **workman** who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.



## **"The Silence of God"**

**Luke 1:1-4**

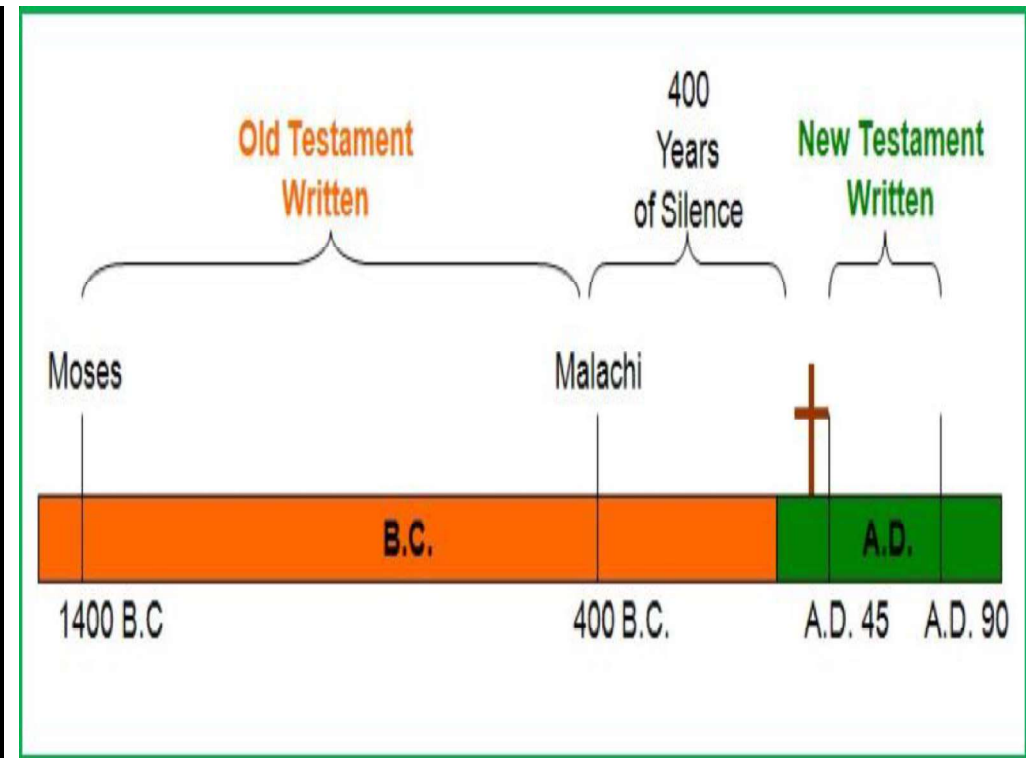
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### **Luke 1:1-4**

- 1 Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us,
- 2 just as they were handed down to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word,
- 3 it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus;
- 4 so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.

“But when the fullness of the time came,  
God sent forth His Son,”

Gal 4:4



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	DANIEL 2		DANIEL 7	DANIEL 8	DANIEL 11, 12
GOLD		BABYLON		NONE	NONE
SILVER		MEDO-PERSIA			 FOUR KINGS (Verse 2)
BRASS		GREECE			 MIGHTY KING (Verses 2-12)
IRON		ROME			 KING OF THE NORTH (Verses 14-35)
IRON AND CLAY		DIVIDED KINGDOMS 1260 YEARS			 KING OF THE NORTH (Verses 30-35)
STONE CUT OUT WITHOUT MAN'S HANDS		INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT			TIME OF THE END (Verses 40-45)
STONE FILLS WHOLE EARTH		CHRIST'S KINGDOM			MICHAEL STANDS UP (Chapter 12:1-3)

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**Rome** - 63 BC – 476 AD Brought peace. Systematized the land, Roman roads. Soldiers by the roads. Safety at sea – no pirates.

## 10 reasons why we reject the Apocrypha as canonical Scripture:

1. The Apocrypha has different doctrine and practices than Holy Scripture.
2. The Apocrypha is never cited In the New Testament as Scripture.
3. The Apocrypha has always been rejected by the Jews as Scripture.
4. The books of the Apocrypha were written during the Silent Years.
5. The Apocrypha is not a well-defined unit
6. The Apocrypha contains historical errors and contradictions.
7. The early church, when putting the canon together, did not have the Apocrypha books on any canonical list for consideration.
8. None of the books in the Apocrypha claim Divine authority.
9. Jesus never quoted from the Apocrypha.
10. The content of the Apocrypha lacks the level of theological integrity that is contained in the rest of Scripture.

# WHO ACCEPTS THE APOCRYPHA?

CRAIG EVANS, NONCANONICAL WRITINGS AND NEW TESTAMENT INTERPRETATION  
(PEABODY, MA: HENDRICKSON PUBLISHERS, 1992), 189.

ROMAN CATHOLICISM	GREEK ORTHODOX	RUSSIAN ORTHODOX	COPTIC
	1 ESDRAS	1 ESDRAS	1 ESDRAS
TOBIT	TOBIT	2 ESDRAS	2 ESDRAS
JUDITH	JUDITH	TOBIT	TOBIT
ADDITIONS OF ESTHER	ADDITIONS OF ESTHER	JUDITH	JUDITH
WISDOM OF SOLOMON	WISDOM OF SOLOMON	ADDITIONS OF ESTHER	ADDITIONS OF ESTHER
SIRACH	SIRACH	WISDOM OF SOLOMON	WISDOM OF SOLOMON
BARUCH	BARUCH	SIRACH	SIRACH
LETTER OF JEREMIAH	LETTER OF JEREMIAH	BARUCH	BARUCH
SONG OF THREE	SONG OF THREE	LETTER OF JEREMIAH	LETTER OF JEREMIAH
SUSANNA	SUSANNA	SONG OF THREE	SONG OF THREE
BEL AND THE DRAGON	BEL AND THE DRAGON	SUSANNA	SUSANNA
	PRAYER OF MANASSEH	BEL AND THE DRAGON	BEL AND THE DRAGON
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**Pseudepigrapha** - "False writings" – books – Assumption of Moses, Ascension of Isaiah, Book of Enoch, Book of Jubilee, etc.

**The Sanhedrin** - Jewish "Supreme Court" ruling over civil and religious matters. 70 members who presided over the high priests.

**The Pharisees** - conservatives who came out of the Maccabees (who had become Hellenized). So they became separatists.

**The Sadducees** - Hellenized, aristocratic Jews. Greek lovers. Liberal. Guardians of the Temple policies and practices. Only accepted the Torah. No resurrection, final judgment, the supernatural or after life. Opposed the Pharisees but teamed with them against Jesus.

**The Scribes** – interpreters of the Law.

**The Rabbis** – teachers of the Law.

**The Essenes** - Came out of the Pharisees. Took the position of isolation from Hellenism. These were ultra-separatists. Moved to the caves around the Dead Sea.

**The Synagogue** – replaced the Temple during the Bab. Captivity. Met in homes. Later in buildings set aside for worship and instruction. and continues to this present day.

## Why 4 Gospels?

- To present to the world the testimony of 4 witnesses to the life and ministry of Jesus the Messiah and Savior of the world.
- To present 4 different views from 4 different personalities, backgrounds, jobs, and walks of life.
- To present the evidence and the gospel to 4 different groups of people:
  - Matthew – Jews – Presented as King.
  - Mark – Romans – Presented as Servant.
  - Luke – Gentiles – Presented as the Son of Man.
  - John – World – Presented as the Son of God.

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