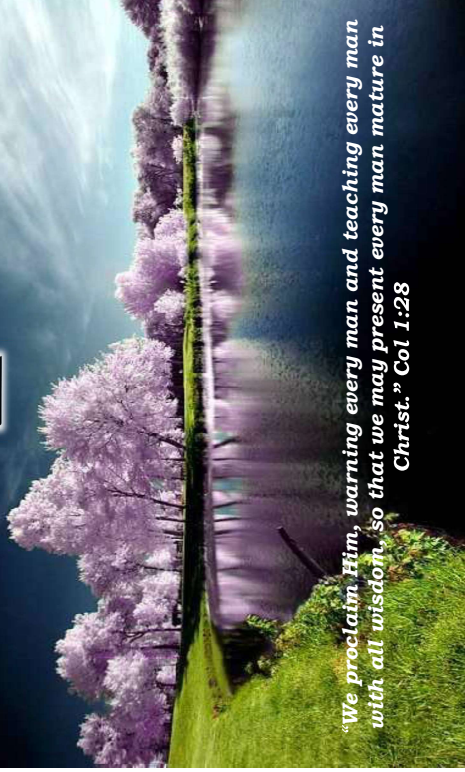


# Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship

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*

## "The Silence of God"

Luke 1:1-4

April 18, 2021

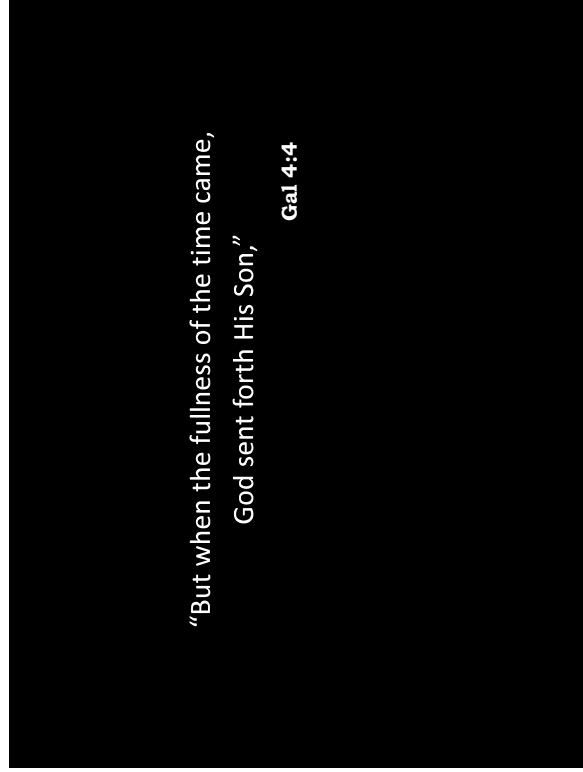
### 2 Tim 2:15

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



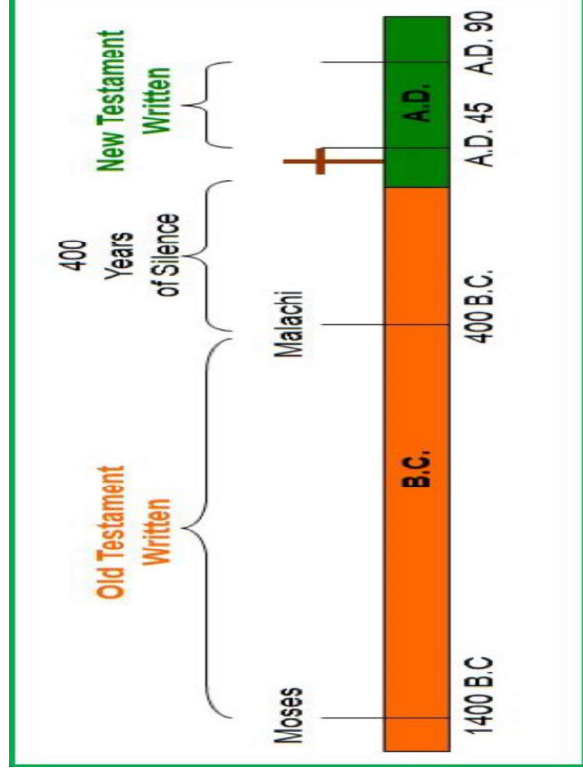
### Luke 1:1-4

- 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



# 400 Years of Silence

God has stopped speaking through the prophets.

The next time God will speak will be through John the Baptist.

## I. Ruling world.

**Babylon** - 612 BC – 539 BC

**Persia** - 539 BC -330 BC Malachi ends in 425 BC

**Greece** - 330 BC – 63 BC Language, educational systems, ways of commerce.

- **Maccabee's** - 166 BC – 63 BC 168 BC Judas Maccabee led a revolt against Antiochus Epiphanes IV Later the Hasmonean dynasty was established.

# 400 Years of Silence

God has stopped speaking through the prophets.

The next time God will speak will be through John the Baptist.

## I. Ruling world.

**Babylon** - 612 BC – 539 BC

**Persia** - 539 BC -330 BC Malachi ends in 425 BC

**Greece** - 330 BC – 63 BC Language, educational systems, ways of commerce.

- **Maccabee's** - 166 BC – 63 BC 168 BC Judas Maccabee led a revolt against Antiochus Epiphanes IV Later the Hasmonean dynasty was established.

## II. Religious world.

- God's preparing of his people for the Messiah from the revelation given in the O.T., is complete. God has said all He has to say.

**Israel** -

**The Septuagint** - 250-125 BC – Greek translation of the OT for the use by the Greek speaking world. 72 men worked on it.

**The Targum** - translation of Heb. Scriptures into Aramaic.

**The Talmud** - comments on the Law by the Rabbis. Contains the Mishna, the Gemara and the Midrash. Comments on the comments.

**Apocrypha** - 11-17 books written during the 400 years.

DANIEL 2	DANIEL 7	DANIEL 8	DANIEL 11, 12
GOLD	BABYLON	NONE	NONE
SILVER	MEDO-PERSIA	WOLF WITH TWO HORNS	POUR AN OIL
BRASS	GREECE	HE GOAT	MIGHTY KING (POUR AN OIL)
IRON	ROME	LITTLE HORN	KING OF THE NORTH (POUR AN OIL)
IRON AND CLAY	DIVIDED AND 1260 YEARS	LITTLE HORN	KING OF THE NORTH (POUR AN OIL)
STONE RILLS WITHOUT MAN'S HANDS	INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT	CLEANING HEAVEN'S SANCTUARY	TIME OF THE END (POUR AN OIL)
STONE RILLS WHOLE EARTH	CHRIST'S KINGDOM	EXECUTIVE JUDGMENT	MICHAEL (POUR AN OIL)

# 400 Years of Silence

God has stopped speaking through the prophets.

The next time God will speak will be through John the Baptist.

## I. Ruling world.

**Babylon** - 612 BC – 539 BC

**Persia** - 539 BC -330 BC Malachi ends in 425 BC

**Greece** - 330 BC – 63 BC Language, educational systems, ways of commerce.

- **Maccabee's** - 166 BC – 63 BC 168 BC Judas Maccabee led a revolt against Antiochus Epiphanes IV Later the Hasmonean dynasty was established.

**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 ff 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
TOBIT	1 ESDRAS	2 ESDRAS	1 ESDRAS
JUDITH	TOBIT	TOBIT	2 ESDRAS
ADDITIONS OF ESTHER	JUDITH	JUDITH	TOBIT
WISDOM OF SOLOMON	ADDITIONS OF ESTHER	ADDITIONS OF ESTHER	JUDITH
SIRACH	WISDOM OF SOLOMON	WISDOM OF SOLOMON	ADDITIONS OF ESTHER
BARUCH	SIRACH	SIRACH	WISDOM OF SOLOMON
LETTER OF JEREMIAH	BARUCH	LETTER OF JEREMIAH	SIRACH
SONG OF THREE	LETTER OF JEREMIAH	SONG OF THREE	BARUCH
SUSANNA	SONG OF THREE	SUSANNA	LETTER OF JEREMIAH
BEL AND THE DRAGON	SUSANNA	BEL AND THE DRAGON	SONG OF THREE
	BEL AND THE DRAGON	PRAYER OF MANASSEH	SUSANNA
1 MACCABEES	PRAYER OF MANASSEH	1 MACCABEES	BEL AND THE DRAGON
2 MACCABEES	1 MACCABEES	2 MACCABEES	PRAYER OF MANASSEH
	2 MACCABEES	3 MACCABEES	1 MACCABEES
	3 MACCABEES	4 MACCABEES	2 MACCABEES
	4 MACCABEES	PSALM 151	3 MACCABEES
	PSALM 151		PSALM 151



## II. Religious world.

- God's preparing of his people for the Messiah from the revelation given in the O.T., is complete. God has said all He has to say.

Israel-

**The Septuagint** - 250-125 BC – Greek translation of the OT for the use by the Greek speaking world. 72 men worked on it.

**The Targum** - translation of Heb. Scriptures into Aramaic.

**The Talmud** - comments on the Law by the Rabbis. Contains the Mishna, the Gemara, and the Midrash. Comments on the comments.

**Apocrypha** - 11-17 books written during the 400 years.

**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?

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