

***Old Testament History***  
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**Parts Seven and Eight**  
**Between the Testaments**

**CHRONOLOGY TO INTRODUCE THE**  
**INTERTESTAMENTAL PERIOD**

**Persian Period**

Date B.C.

612	Nineveh destroyed by Medes and Babylonians.
587	Jerusalem destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar.
559	Cyrus inherits kingdom of Anshan, tributary to the Medes.
549	Cyrus of Anshan conquers Astyages, the Mede.
539	Babylon falls to Cyrus. End of Neo-Babylonian Empire.
530-522	Cambyses succeeds Cyrus. Conquest of Egypt.
522-486	Darius I ruler of the Persian Empire.
515	Completion of Second Temple in Jerusalem.
486-465	Xerxes I attempts the conquest of Greece. Time of Esther.
480	Greek naval victory at Salamis. Xerxes flees.
464-424	Artaxerxes I rules Persia. Age of Nehemiah.

**The Hellenistic Period**

334-323	Alexander the Great conquers the East.
330	Macedonian conquest of Palestine.
311	Seleucus conquers Babylon. Beginning of the Seleucid dynasty.
223-187	Antiochus (III) the Great, Seleucid ruler of Syria.
202	Rome defeats Carthage at Zama.
198	Antiochus III defeats Egypt, gains control of Palestine.
175-163	Antiochus (IV) Epiphanes rules Syria-Palestine. Proscribes Judaism. Persecution of the orthodox Jews.
168	Battle of Pydna. Romans defeat the Macedonians.
167	Mattathias and his sons rebel against the Syrians. Beginning of the Maccabean Revolt.
166-160	Leadership of Judas Maccabaeus.
160-142	Jonathan, High Priest.

146	Scipio Africanus destroys Carthage. Rome controls western Mediterranean.
142-135	Simon, High Priest.
134-104	John Hyrcanus, son of Simon, High Priest and King.
103	Aristobulus.
102-76	Alexander Jannaeus.
75-67	Salome Alexandra ruler; Hyrcanus II High Priest.
66-63	Aristobulus II. Dynastic battle with Hyrcanus II.
63	Pompey invades Palestine. Roman rule begins.
63-40	Hyrcanus II rules, subject to Rome. Antipater exercises increasing power.
40-37	Parthians conquer Jerusalem. Establish Aristobulus II as High Priest and King.
37-4	Herod the Great, son of Antipater, rules as king, subject to Rome.
31	Battle of Actium. Octavian emerges as ruler of the Roman world.