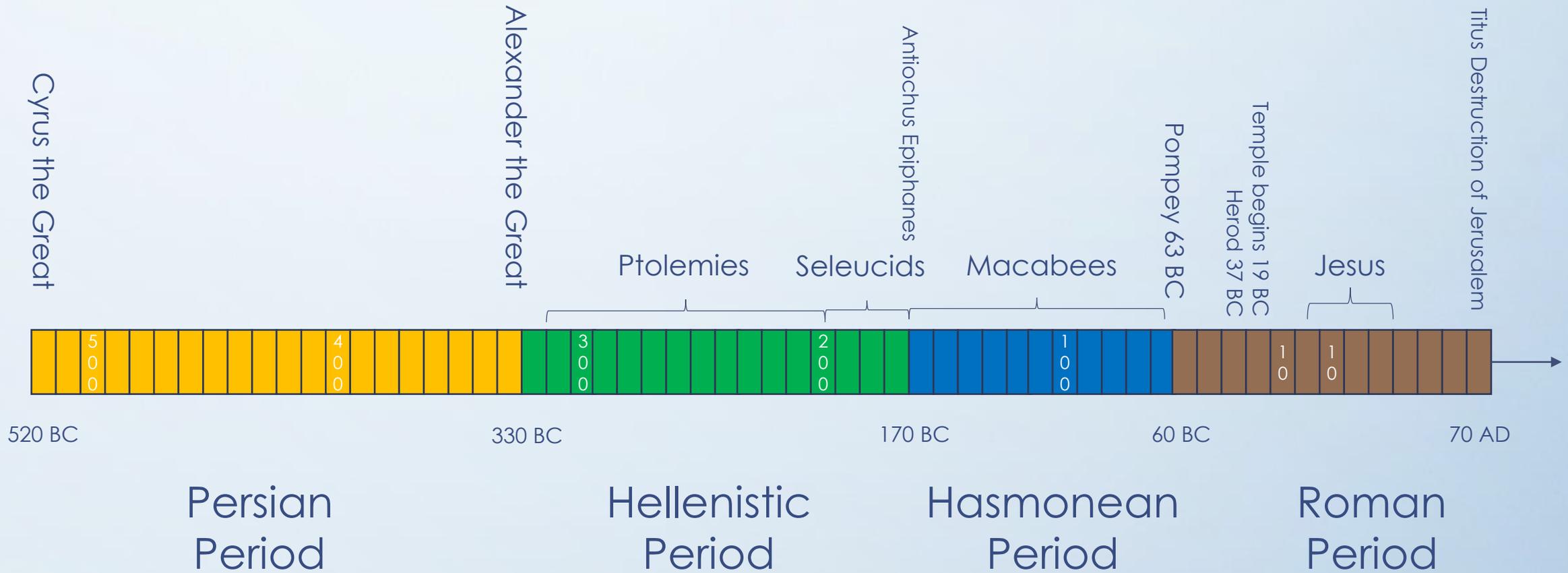




# Bethel School of Discipleship

New Testament Survey  
Synoptic Gospels

# From Malachi to Messiah



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- Birth of Jesus/Magi
- Bethlehem killings

## Archelaus (son) 4 BC-AD 6

- Mary & Joseph avoid Judea when returning from Egypt

## Herod Agrippa I (grandson) AD 37-44

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- Imprisons Peter
- Struck down by angel

Ruled by Roman  
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- Drusilla - Wife of Felix
- Bernice - Paul's Defense

## Herod Phillip I (son)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Husband of Herodias

## Herod Phillip II (son)

4BC - AD 34

- Lk. 3:1

## Herod Antipas (son)

4 BC-39 AD

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Husband of Herodias
- Beheaded John the Baptist
- Pilate sent Jesus to him

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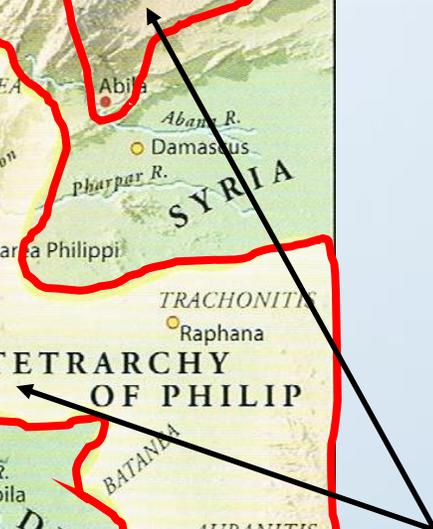
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# Messianic Constellation of Beliefs

- Prophet Like Moses (Dt. 18:15)
- Descendant of David will rule and establish Davidic dynasty (Is. 11:1-5)
- God will bring about restoration of His People
- Isaiah's Servant of YHWH (Is. 42:1-7; 49:1-7; 50:4-9; 52:13-53:12)
- Gathering of scattered Israel (Is. 11:11-13; 43:1-7)
- Purging, Cleansing, and Blessing of Israel & the Land (Is. 4:2-6)
- Overthrow of foreign, pagan oppression (Is. 9:2-7)
- Healing of Deaf, Blind, and Lame (Is. 29:18-19; 35:5-6)
- Establishment of God's True Temple (not Herodian corruption) Ez. 40-48
- Subduing of God's enemies & the judgment of the nations (Is. 9:2-7; 63:1-6)
- Establishment of God's kingdom worldwide from Jerusalem (Isa 2:1-4)
- Blessing of the nations: peace, prosperity, & the worship of YHWH (Isa 19:23-25)
- Outpouring of God's Spirit upon all flesh (Joel 2:28-32)
- Resurrection of the righteous and the unrighteous (Dan 12:2-3)
- Judgment & punishment of evil, and reward of good (Isa 66:15-24)
- Renewal of creation (Isa 65:17-25; 11:6-9)

# Messianic Constellation of Beliefs

- Jewish hopes for God's redemption were drawn from the many, diverse texts which were found in the Law, the Psalms, and the Prophets. However, there was no uniform understanding as to how all these promises fit together, or even how some of them were to be precisely understood.
- Many Jews believed these promises would be fulfilled through a Davidic-Messiah-King and/or Isaiah's Servant of YHWH
  - Fulfillment in a relatively short time frame, violent, and apocalyptic
  - Fulfillment precipitated by prerequisite faithfulness of a righteous remnant
  - Righteousness through Law observance (Pharisees); and either separation (Essenes) or violence (Zealots)

# The Good News

The Gospel is the astonishing message of God's initiative on our behalf to intervene into humanity through Jesus, the Christ, in order to resolve our broken relationships, to restore peace, justice, and liberty, and to renew culture and creation.

God did not leave us to our own attempts to resolve our most dysfunctional relationships with Him, each other, and with nature itself. Instead, He came to us sharing our humanity in Jesus, the Messiah, in order to reveal the love, person, and plans of God.

Through His perfect obedience, He gained God's complete approval and secured all the promises of God on our behalf. Through His sacrificial death and miraculous resurrection, He inaugurated the rule of His kingdom through which he freely offers to all who put their faith in Him, regardless of race, gender, economic status, or age:

- Reconciliation to God through the Forgiveness of our Sins
- Removal of our Shame and Guilt
- Release from Fear and Anxiety
- Relief to the brokenhearted
- Rest and Peace to the Weary
- Reassurance of His love and Mercy toward us
- Adoption into a new and loving Family
- The power and presence of His Spirit in our lives

To all those who consider their ways, turn from evil, and through faith entrust their lives to Him and His rule, He offers hope in the promise of His Return to establish firmly the entirety and fullness of His kingdom on earth which will then encompass:

- The Resurrection of the dead and life everlasting;
- The Resolution and end of suffering;
- The Retribution for all evil;
- The Reward for good;
- The Reign of Peace & Justice among the Nations;
- The Renewal of Humanity and Culture
- The Restoration of Creation

# APOCRYPHA

There are 15 writings that belong to the Intertestamental Period between the Old Testament and the New Testament

- Tobit
  - The Prayer of Azariah and the Song of the Three Jews
  - Judith
  - Susanna
  - The Additions to Esther
  - Bel and the Dragon
  - The Wisdom of Solomon
  - 1 Maccabees
  - 2 Maccabees
  - Ecclesiasticus
  - Baruch 1 Esdras
  - The Letter of Jeremiah
  - The Prayer of Manasseh
  - 2 Esdras
- ❖ Eastern Orthodox Christians add three additional books to the Apocrypha  
3 Maccabees      4 Maccabees      Psalm 151
- ❖ New Testament writers do not quote from any of the apocryphal writings
- ❖ These writings were never included in the Hebrew canon by Jewish scholars
- ❖ Jerome (c. AD 347-420) rejected these as canonical

# Synoptic Gospels

**"MATTHEW, MARK, AND LUKE, SEE ME  
AFTER CLASS.**



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