

CASKET E.M.P.T.Y

A STUDY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

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- E: EXPECTATIONS
- M: MESSIAH
- P: PENTECOST
- T: TEACHING
- Y: YET TO COME

THE BIBLE...

IS

- DIVINELY INSPIRED
- A UNIFIED STORY LEADING TO THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST
- REDEMPTIVE HISTORY

IS NOT

- RELIGIOUS TALES
- ACCOUNTS OF MORALITY
- A BOOK THAT DROPPED OUT OF HEAVEN
- BASIC INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE LEAVING EARTH

E: EXPECTATIONS

INTERTESTAMENTAL PERIOD

- 430 B.C.- Malachi. Last book of OT.
- 6-4 B.C.- Year of Jesus' birth.

400 YEARS

Daniel 2

- Head: Fine gold **BABYLON**
- Chest and arms: Silver **PERSIA**
- Midsection: Bronze **GREECE**
- Legs and Feet: Iron mixed with clay **ROME**

Daniel 7

- Lion **BABYLON**
- Bear **PERSIA**
- Leopard **GREECE**
- Beast with horns and teeth **ROME**



400 YEARS

5TH KINGDOM

Daniel 2: 44

In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.

5TH FIGURE

Daniel 7: 13-14

In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

ON THE SCENE

Pharisees

Name means to separate. Moral lay movement seeking to live in purity and holiness. They inherit and create a vast body of interpretations of the Old Testament known as “the tradition of the elders.” Some Pharisees believe Jesus, but many violently oppose.

Sadducees

Priestly and aristocratic families who conducted temple worship through the high priesthood and held many seats in the ruling body, the Sanhedrin.

Essenes

Ascetic community who lived in the wilderness focused on the study of Scriptures, prayer, and ritual purity.

Zealots

Motto was “No king but God.” Desired to overthrow Roman rule and were inspired by Maccabees and Judas the Hammer. Simon, one of Jesus’ disciples was a zealot.

Herod the Great

King of the Jews and Friend of the Romans. Herod completed colossal building projects including a lavish renovation of the temple. He orders the massacre of male babies under age of 2.

Caesar Augustus

Roman Emperor from 27 BC-AD 14 during the birth of Jesus. His coins have the Latin inscription DIVI FILIUS- “Of the divine one, the son.”

Resources:

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