

Between the Testaments: Season of Silence

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Scripture: Galatians 4:4-5 (with Acts 2)

SUMMARY

What was God doing in the 400 "silent" years between the Testaments? Missy Carfield shows that even in the silence God was preparing the world for Jesus.

OVERVIEW

In the first of a two-week look at the roughly 400 years between the Old and New Testaments, Missy Carfield invites us not to jump straight into the familiar Gospel stories, but first to feel what God's people were living through as they waited.

Even in the silence, God is not absent. "When the set time had fully come, God sent His Son" (Galatians 4:4).

KEY POINTS

- *Waiting is unsettling.** Like Floridians waiting on an insurance claim or someone waiting for test results, Israel lived in a long silence. Even back in the land and ruled by one empire after another, they still felt like exiles.
- *God was working in the silence.** During those centuries Koine Greek became a common language ("like Wi-Fi") across cultures, so the New Testament could later reach people from every corner of the world. Pentecost in Acts 2 shows how the gospel crossed language barriers.
- *God was preparing His Word for the world.** Jewish scholars in Alexandria translated the Old Testament into Greek (the Septuagint), putting Scripture into the hands of Gentile God-fearers long before Jesus came.

MEMORABLE LINES

None pulled yet from the transcript.

TAKEAWAY

If you're in a season where heaven seems quiet, take heart. God is not absent, and He is preparing the way for what He will do when the time has fully come.

SOURCE

- Whisper (base.en) transcript of the Subsplash service audio. The last part of the transcript was unusable, so the conclusion is not captured.
- Confidence note from audit: Medium: the main content is clear, but the closing section is missing from the transcript
- Website: <https://www.baypointchurch.com/media/dkswjkg/between-the-testaments-season-of-silence>