

The silence

WHEN GOD DOESN'T SPEAK

No
scripture
was
written



Last words:

“Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD.

He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse.”
(Mal 4:5-6)



[VARIOUS KINGDOMS]

Ephesus

ROMAN EMPIRE

Antioch

**SELEUCID
(Hellenistic Syria)
EMPIRE**

Mediterranean Sea

Opis

**PARTHIAN
(Persian)
EMPIRE**

Alexandria

**PTOLEMAIC
(Hellenistic Egypt)
EMPIRE**

Jerusalem

Persepolis

Thebes

*Red
Sea*

Persian Gulf

0 200 400 mi

0 200 400 600 km



ΠΟΙΗΕΝ ΤΗ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙ
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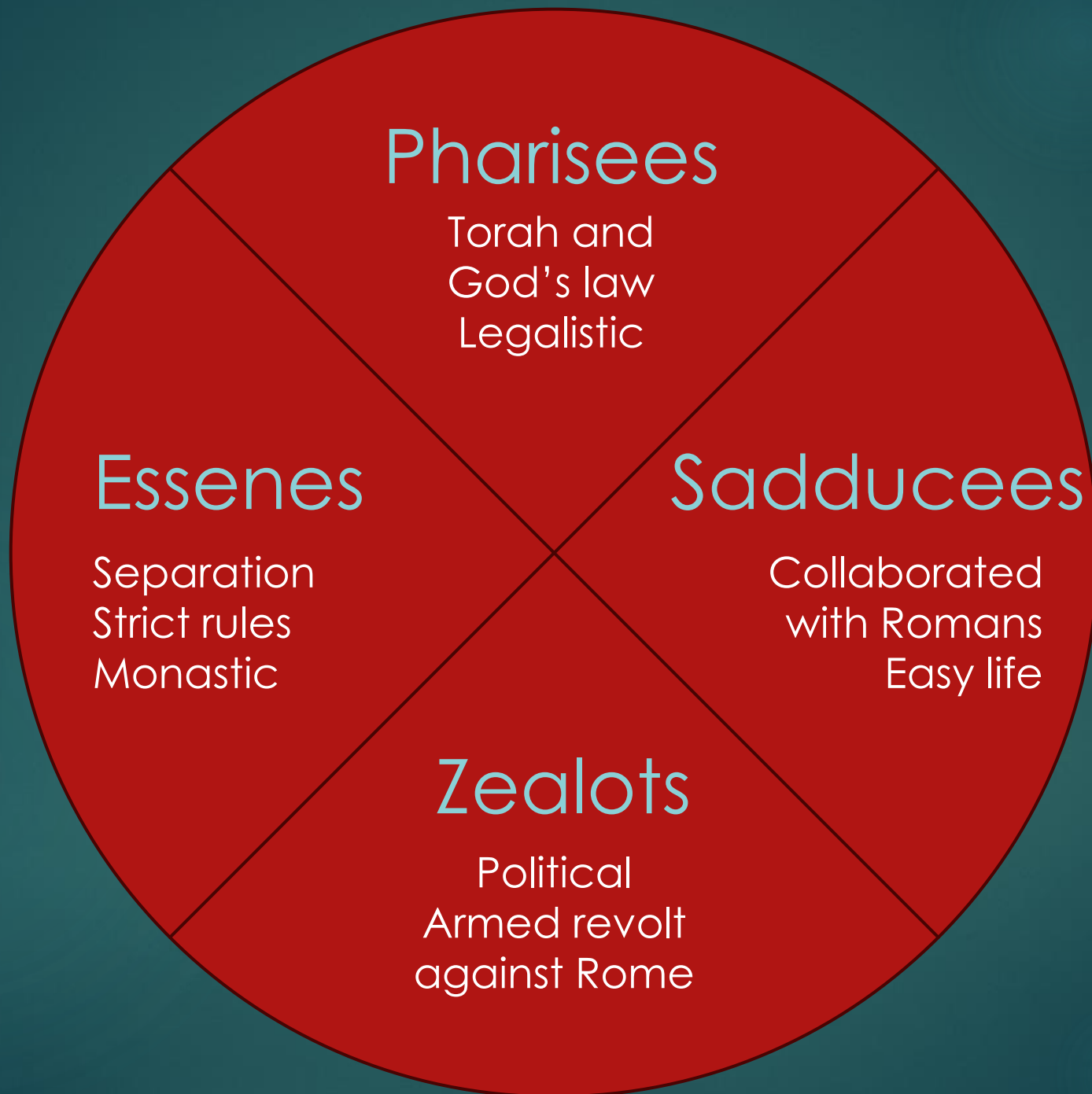


Greek language, culture and philosophy



Rome

POLYTHEISM



Pharisees

Torah and
God's law
Legalistic

Sadducees

Collaborated
with Romans
Easy life

Zealots

Political
Armed revolt
against Rome

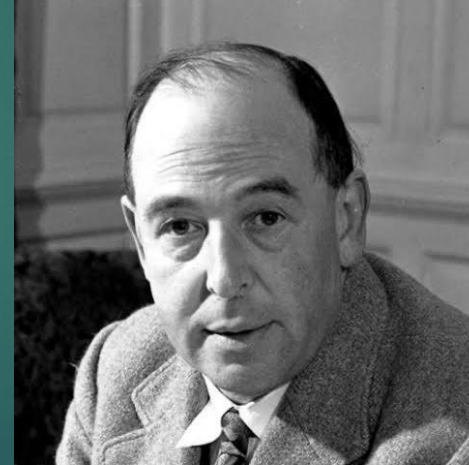
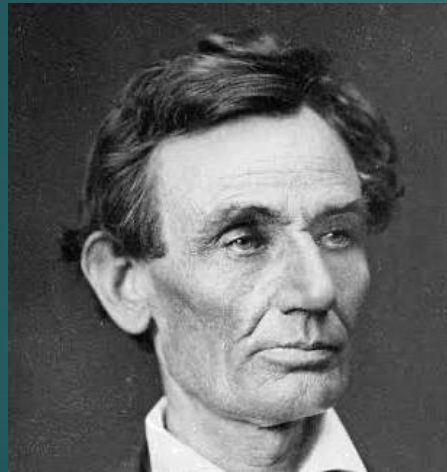
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Separation
Strict rules
Monastic



God is silent

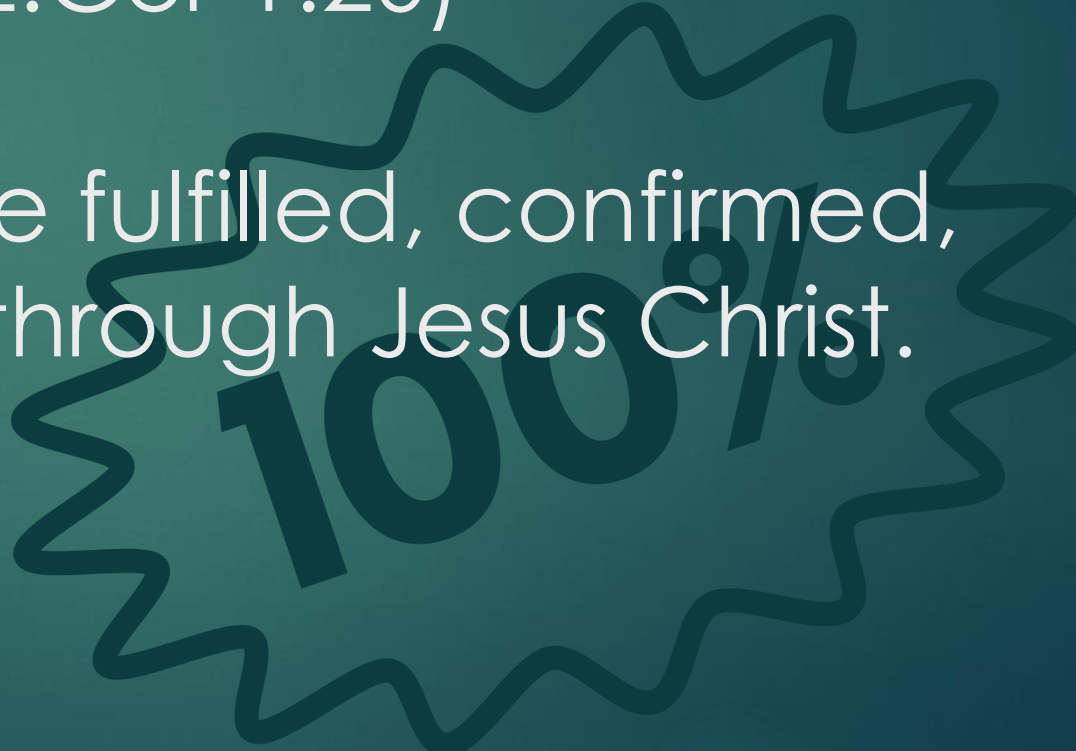
When God has seemed silent





"All the promises of God are Yes and Amen in Christ." (2.Cor 1.20)

God's promises are fulfilled, confirmed, and guaranteed through Jesus Christ.



100%



‘Our work is not independent of Him... he works through us.

He arms us with purpose by giving us a promise instead of an answer.

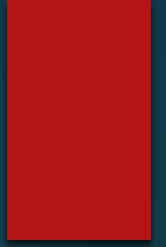
That way we are forced to learn how to believe him before the answer comes and learn how to exercise his will in the circumstances that are contrary to the given promise.’

Bill Johnson



Possible reasons why we may not hear God

- ▶ Doubt or disappointment
- ▶ Anger with God
- ▶ Unforgiveness





- ▶ “For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.
- ▶ But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.” (Mt 6.14)



Repentance