

Between The Testaments Test

1. What was the context for the time between the testaments in reference to Amos 8:11.12 & Malachi 3 & 4? This was a time of judgment on Jews since they rejected God's words through His prophets, there would be a famine for hearing God's words and they were looking ahead to the time of the coming Messiah and His forerunning prophet in the spirit of Elijah.
2. How long was this period of time & what is it called? 400 years—Silent Years
3. Who were the Jews looking for based on Malachi 3:1 & 4-.5-6? John the Baptist
4. During this period of time several events took place. Which empire was overthrown first? Persian
5. What person and empire overthrew them? Alexander the Great and the Greeks
6. The Jews while under the auspices of the first empire of this period enjoyed relative freedom, but one of the negative things that transpired was that they made a political office of the priesthood.
7. The first conqueror of this period wasn't necessarily seen as a power-hungry despot, but was rather convinced of what? That Greek culture was best and the whole world needed what they had.
8. It is said that the Jewish high priest came out and told the conquering king what? That he was foretold in the Scriptures in Daniel's prophecies
9. After the untimely death of this conqueror who took over the kingdom? 4 generals
10. After more than a century a certain ruler arose to power who didn't treat the Jews well, who was this? Antiochus Epiphanes
11. What were some of the things he did that defiled the Jews and the Temple?
Sought to remove all traces of Orthodox Jewish faith, "Greekified" them to set up pagan idols, God was identified with Jupiter, forbade the Jews under penalty of death to practice circumcision, Sabbath observance, or the feasts of the Jewish calendar, Scriptures were destroyed, offered a pig in the Holy of Holies.
12. T/F : This man was spoken of in the Old Testament.
13. Who was this ruler a picture of? Antichrist
14. What person and group of people led an overthrow of this ruler and people?
Judas Maccabee and the Maccabeans
15. What is this celebration known as today? Hanukkah
16. Describe the following Jewish sects: Pharisees: An ultra orthodox group that descended from the Maccabees—started well but became very legalistic in their religion, adding over God's laws to ensure people would not resort back into idolatry. Their major downfall was that they made oral law superior to written law. Pharisee means "separated one."

17. The Sadducees: Party of the Jerusalem aristocracy and the high priesthood. Had made peace with the political rulers and had attained positions of wealth and influence. Temple administration and ritual were their specific responsibilities. Rejected the Pharisees' oral tradition, resurrection, spirits and angels. The Sadducean community was closed.
18. The Essenes: Followed in the path of Maccabbeans—lived in separate communities
19. What is the Apocrypha? A collection of ancient Jewish writings that were written between about 250+ early Christian centuries.
20. What period of time was this written? Silent years into early Christian writings.
21. What primary group uses the Apocrypha today? Roman Catholic Church
22. How many books are in this Apocrypha? 15
23. List 5 reasons why the Apocrypha is not used by Protestant groups?
1. Not part of O.T. of Jesus and early church. 2. Ancient Jewish writers Philo and Josephus never quote from it as Scripture. 3. Church fathers distinguish difference. 4. Never considered authoritative Scripture until Council of Trent (1546 A.D.) 5. Most readers feel that apocryphal books represent a lower level of writing than canonical Scriptures.
24. What group overthrew the former empire and reigned at the time of Christ? Romans
25. Who did this group appoint as Governor/King over the province of Israel at the time of Christ's birth? Herod the Great

Bonus:

1. What book describes the details of the overthrow of some of these nations? Daniel
2. The Pharisees had two main groups of teachings led by two different rabbis, who were they?
Hillel (moderate) and Shammai (strict)
3. Describe the Herodians:
Jews of influence—supported the Herods and thus the Romans
4. Describe the Zealots: Super patriots who determined to resist Rome at all cost. Eventually brought about the war during which Titus and Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple in A.D. 70.