

Review of the Four Hundred Silent Years

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Understanding the Historical Context of Jesus' Birth

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Answer the following questions based on the lesson about the four hundred silent years between the Old and New Testaments.

1. What was the time period between Malachi and Matthew known as?

- A. The Silent Years
- B. The Forgotten Years
- C. The Prophetic Years

2. List two key historical events that occurred during the four hundred silent years that prepared the world for Jesus' arrival.

3. The four hundred silent years were a time of no significant events leading up to Jesus' birth.

- True False

4. God sent Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of ____ comes.

5. Which empire's rule influenced the culture during the silent years?

- A. Roman Empire
- B. Persian Empire
- C. Greek Empire

6. Why do you think God allowed the four hundred years of silence before Jesus' birth?

7. The development of synagogues during the diaspora helped preserve Jewish faith and teachings.

- True False

8. The memory verse from Galatians 4:4-5 emphasizes that God sent His Son at the set time to redeem those under the ____

9. What is one reason the Roman road systems were important during the silent years?

- A. They allowed for faster travel of soldiers.
- B. They helped spread the Greek language.
- C. They improved trade and communication.

10. What surprised you about the four hundred silent years? Explain your thoughts.

Answer Key

1. The Silent Years 2. One event was the spread of the Greek language. Another event was the development of the Roman road systems. 3. False 4. Yahweh 5. Persian Empire 6. God may have allowed this time to prepare people's hearts and minds for the coming of the Messiah. 7. True 8. law 9. They improved trade and communication. 10. I was surprised to learn that even though there were no biblical records, many important events were happening that prepared the world for Jesus.