TIME BETWEEN THE OLD & NEW TESTAMENTS

"... from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem ..."

Synagogues originate during Jewish captivity

Scribes are copyists of Scripture

432 B.C. – Malachi

330 B.C. – Alexander the Great conquers Persia

328 B.C. – Alexander invades Egypt, Alexandria built

305 B.C. – Greek Empire divides among Ptolemy, Seleucus, Lysimachus, and Cassander after Alexander's death

300 B.C. – Seleucus conquers Syria

275 B.C. – Septuagint translation begins in Alexandria during reign of Ptolemy Philadelphus (LXX = Greek OT)

175 B.C. – Antiochus IV (Epiphanes) becomes king of Syria, Greek culture and religion imposed on the Jews

Pharisees appear ("the separated ones")

164 B.C. – Judas Maccabeus leads revolt against Antiochus IV, Jewish independence established, Feast of Dedication (Chanukah) instituted

147 B.C. – Rome conquers Greece

133 B.C. – Rome establishes supremacy in Asia Minor

65 B.C. – Pompey takes Jerusalem, Judea becomes a Roman province

47 B.C.-94. A.D. – The Herodian Dynasty (47 B.C. – Antipater; 37 B.C. – Herod the Great; 4 B.C. – Archelaus; 4 A.D. – Herod Antipas, etc.)

6 B.C. – Birth of Jesus Christ

Sadducees ("sons of Zadok") are priestly aristocracy, ruling Temple worship

Scribes are synagogue rulers, interpreters and teachers of the Law Synagogues located throughout the Jewish dispersion

"... unto the Messiah the Prince ..."

