

FORETOLD

shadows of the Savior

For 400 years (as the world continued to turn and historical events carried on setting the stage) **God's silence was deafening**

Since around 590BC (just before
Babylon came in and completely
destroyed Jerusalem and the
Temple) God's **glory departed**

Ezekiel 10:18-19

What makes this **departure**
so heartbreaking is that the
people didn't even immediately
notice that God's presence
had left

When Glory
Returns & The
Silence is Broken

Theologians agree that this silence, which **Amos** spoke of, was ultimately **fulfilled** during the 400 years of silence

Amos 8:11-12

“Famine” = This word suggests
deep **suffering** and desperation

Galatians 4:4-5

So many monumental
historical events occurred
during the 400 years where
God's famine of silence
stretched over the land

1. Alexander the Great swept through the world like a **hurricane**

Under Alexander the Great's military prowess the world was unified in one **culture** and in one **language**

2. Rome **rises to power** following Alexander the Great's death

Under the Roman Empire there was relative **peace** and stability

3. Roman roads

Roughly **250,000 miles** of roads were built throughout the Roman Empire (this set the stage for Jesus' ministry)

It is important to know God wasn't **inactive** although He was **silent**
(God was sovereignly arranging everything)

God never **abandoned** His people
(Silence isn't the same thing
as absence) God was at work
and He **always is**

Haggai 2:6-9

The Book of Haggai focuses on a **strong rebuke** of the people for having their priorities misplaced

God's glory would return
to the **second temple**, but it
was not through the
temple being **rebuilt**

John 1:14

“Dwelt” - literally means
tabernacled