

# 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FOUNDATIONS

## *The New Testament*

### OVERVIEW

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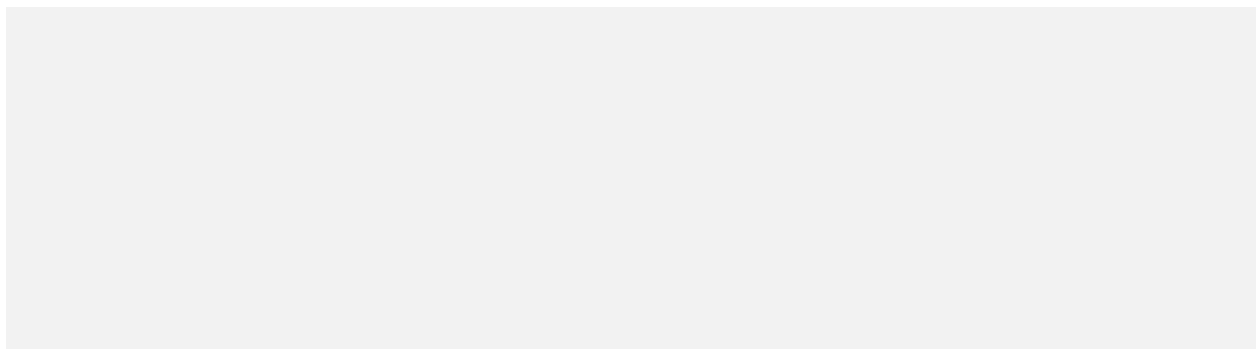
As many of you will remember, the Jewish people split into two Kingdoms around 930 B.C. (Israel in the North and Judah in the South). Israel, because of so many bad kings, fell first in 722 B.C. Judah, because they were unwilling to repent and turn to God, fell in 586 B.C. You should remember all the prophets who came to warn the Israelites this would happen. After the Jewish people were scattered by the Assyrians and Babylonians, they were allowed to return to rebuild the Temple (516 B.C.) and city of Jerusalem by King Cyrus, the Persian king. After the last writing by Malachi, there would be a “400-year silence” from God as God prepares to bring Jesus into the world. This does not mean God was not working, rather He did not send any new prophets and He did not reveal anything new to the Jewish people.

### *ON YOUR OWN*

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Why do you think God gave this 400-year gap between His revelation? Do you think He had a purpose? Explain whether the answer is yes or no.

Draw a timeline of the events that happened since the split of the kingdoms to the end of the Old Testament (check the overview for the details).



# LARGE GROUP

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Watch the video [“Overview: New Testament” by Bible Project.](#)

- New Testament
  - **How many books:**
  - **How much time:**
  - Written by first-generation, eye-witnesses of Jesus
  - Part of ONE EPIC NARRATIVE

***Share 5 things that stick out to you from this video.***

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

# SMALL GROUPS

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How does the Old Testament relate to the New Testament?

How can understanding the whole Bible help us understand each verse? Why is this important?

## *GO DEEPER*

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What is something that really stuck out to you about God today?

*Have each student go around and share how they need prayer. Write down each person's name and prayer request and pray for them this week.*