

**Approximately 400 BC » END OF OLD TESTAMENT RECORD**



**331 BC » Greece defeats Persia**



**323 BC » Death of Alexander the Great**



Ptolemies and Seleucids vie for control of Israel



**175 BC » Antiochus Epiphanes IV comes to power**



**167 BC » Massacre of the Jews in Jerusalem and Desecration of the Temple**



**167-164 BC » Maccabean Revolt ending with the death of Antiochus Epiphanes IV**



**100 YEARS OF  
JEWISH INDEPENDENCE**

**Jewish Religious Leaders**

**Pharisees** – patriotic, hypocritical, self righteous traditionalists

**Sadducees** – embracers of Hellenization, strict temple worship

**Scribes** – largely hermits, copied writings of Law & Prophets

**63 BC » Roman General Pompey conquers the Land of Israel**



**37 BC » Herod the Great made king of Jews**



**BIRTH OF JESUS THE CHRIST**

**TERMS TO REMEMBER**

**Diaspora** – Jews who were dispersed among the nations following the captivity

**Hellenization** – immersion in (and often acceptance of) Greek culture and customs