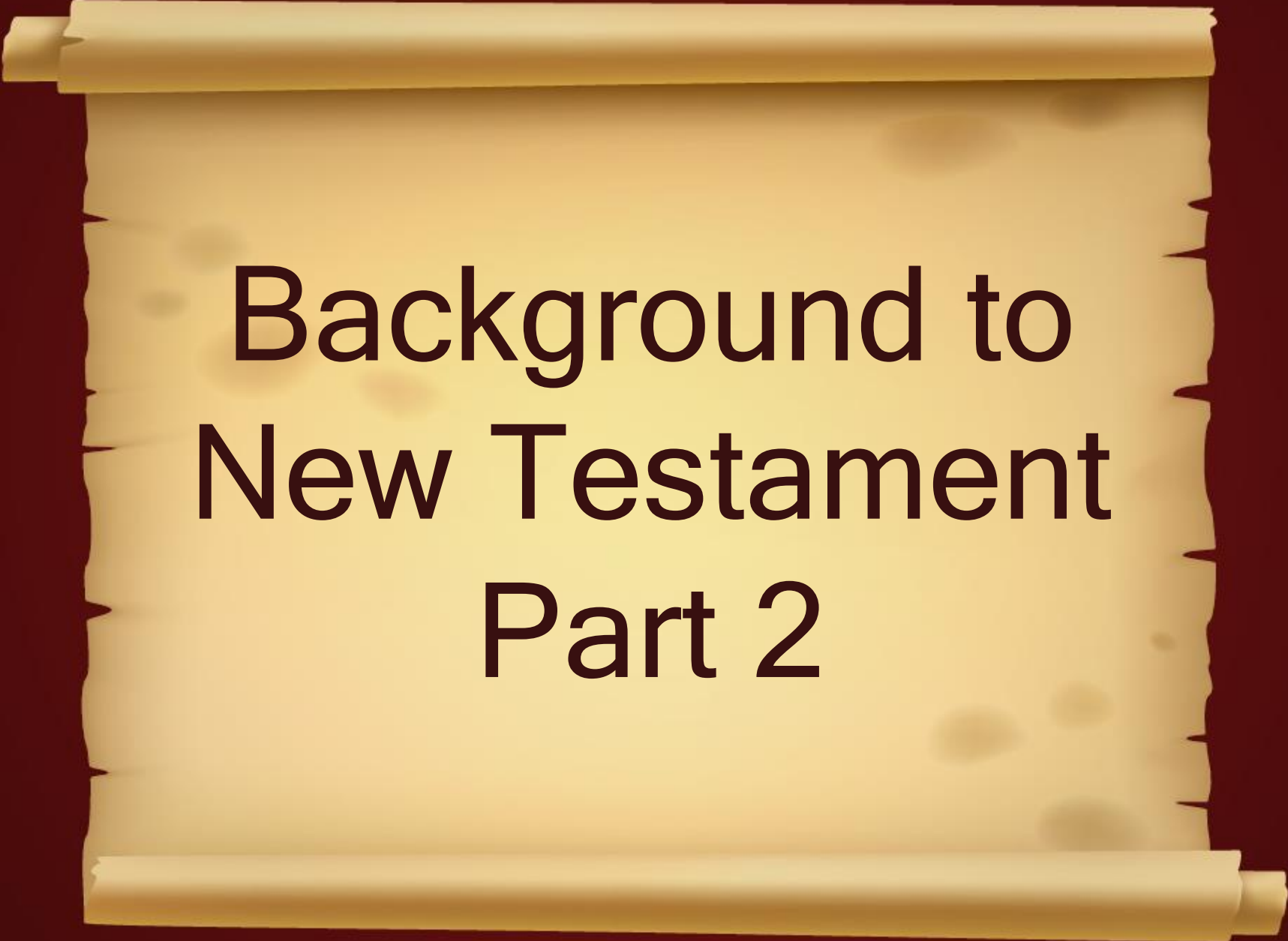


# Bible Training Institute

To proactively accelerate the spiritual growth of Grace Bible Church for the purpose of knowing God more intimately and becoming more effective servants of God in the world



**Background to  
New Testament  
Part 2**

# Social Background

In Palestine...

- Aristocrats— “Elders”
  - Non-religious land owners
- Religious Establishment
  - Chief Priests
  - Scribes
- People of the Land— “multitude”

# Social Background

- The Diaspora—the dispersed 80% of Jews
  - Hebraists (Acts 6:1)
  - Hellenists (Acts 6:1)
  - Proselytes (Acts 2:10; 6:5; 13:43)
  - God-fearers (Acts 10, 13, 16, 17, 18)

# Religious Background

## The Places

- Temple
  - Center of Jewish worship
- Synagogues
  - Centers of religious and social life

# Religious Background

## The Parties

- Hassideans (Hassidim)
- Pharisees
- Sadducees
- Zealots
- Sicarii
- Essenes

# Introduction to Gospels

- Multiple accounts
  - OT precedent
  - Will of the Holy Spirit
- Literary Genre(s) (type[s])
  - History
  - Memoirs
  - Biography
  - Gospel



Theological  
History

# Introduction to Gospels

## Relationship between the gospels

<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Luke</b>	<b>John</b>
<b>Date range</b>	<b>AD 40-50</b>	<b>AD 64-68</b>	<b>AD 58-60</b>	<b>AD 80-90</b>
<b>Primary Audience</b>	<b>Jewish</b>	<b>Gentile</b>	<b>Gentile</b>	<b>Jewish</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Didactic</b>	<b>Evangelistic</b>	<b>Didactic</b>	<b>Evangelistic</b>



# Introduction to Gospels

Summary of relationship:

- MATTHEW for Jewish Believers
- MARK for Gentile Unbelievers
- LUKE for Gentile Believers
- JOHN for Jewish Unbelievers