

# "THE SOUND OF SILENCE - BROKEN"

Luke 2:1-20

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**INTRODUCTION TO LUKE CHAPTER TWO:** Malachi delivered the final message from God in the OT - then a strange silence of 4 centuries - Malachi was the last speaker to bring a message from God - Malachi 4:5-6 "*Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.*" After God had spoken those words the heavens became as brass. - Communication lines were down. During this long dark night of silence of 400 years a great wave of anti-Semitism rolled over the world sparked with the Syria of that day. Out of Syria came a king, Antiochus Epiphanies. He came against the Jews - destroyed their city - butchered & slaughtered them like animals - desecrated the temple and finally destroyed it. He remains to this day the symbol of the great Antichrist who is yet to come. God had not ignored this period for He had clearly foretold of it and this evil man in Daniel 8 - the Little Horn. Finally the Jews fell under the iron heel of Rome. The pious remnant of God's people began asking - "Has God altogether forgotten us?" During this dark silent night could be heard the cries of anguish - "Has He deserted us?" - for that is what it looked like from all outward appearance. Finally we arrive at the NT and see the 400 year silence of Heaven broken - at a prayer meeting (Luke 1:5-17).

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