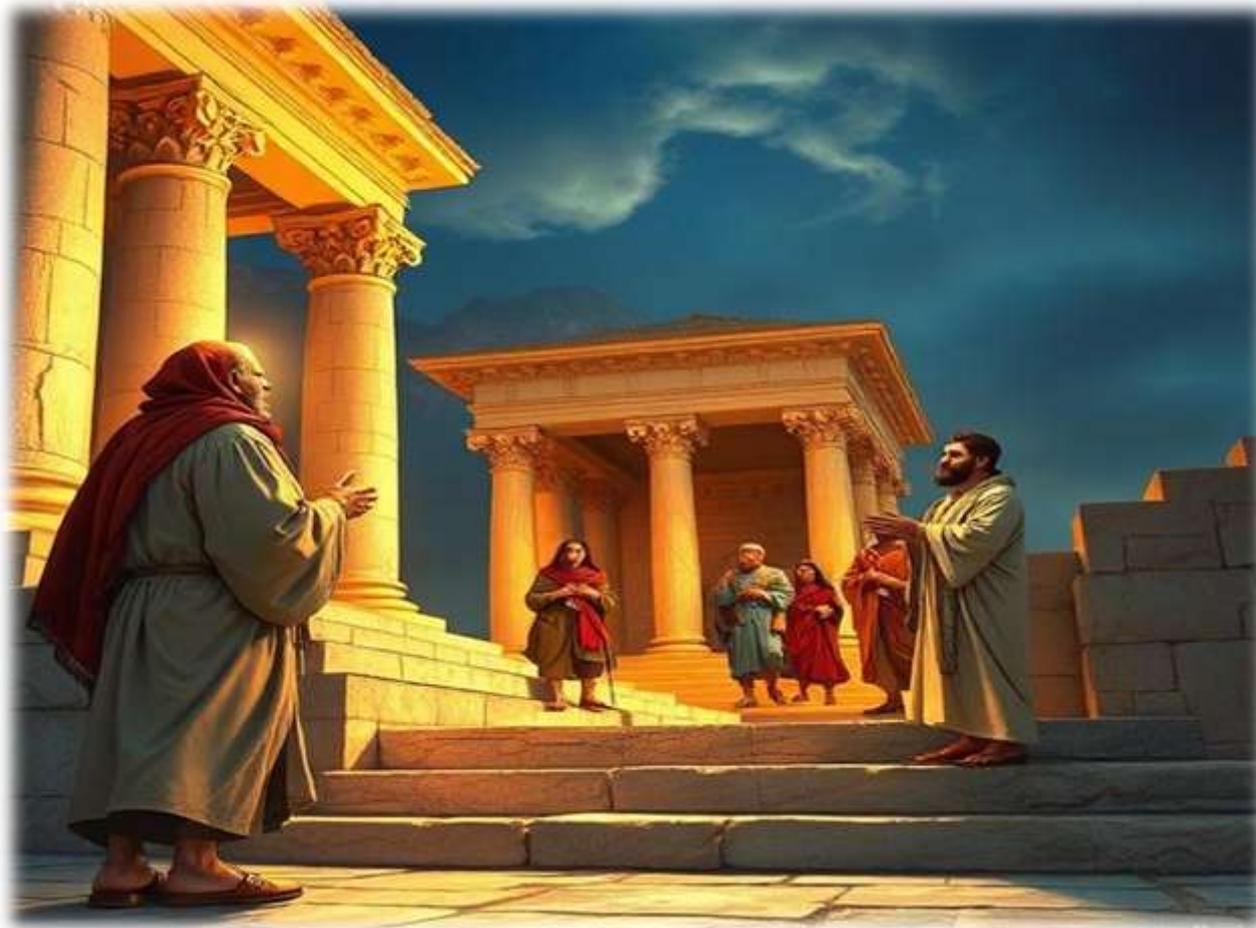


The Day Foretold

Malachi 3:1-6; 4:1-6



Key Concept

A day is coming when God will purify His people and destroy evil.

Today's Lesson

Malachi prophesies the coming Messiah and the day of the Lord (Mal 3-4)

Nehemiah is zealous for the Sabbath (Nehemiah 13)

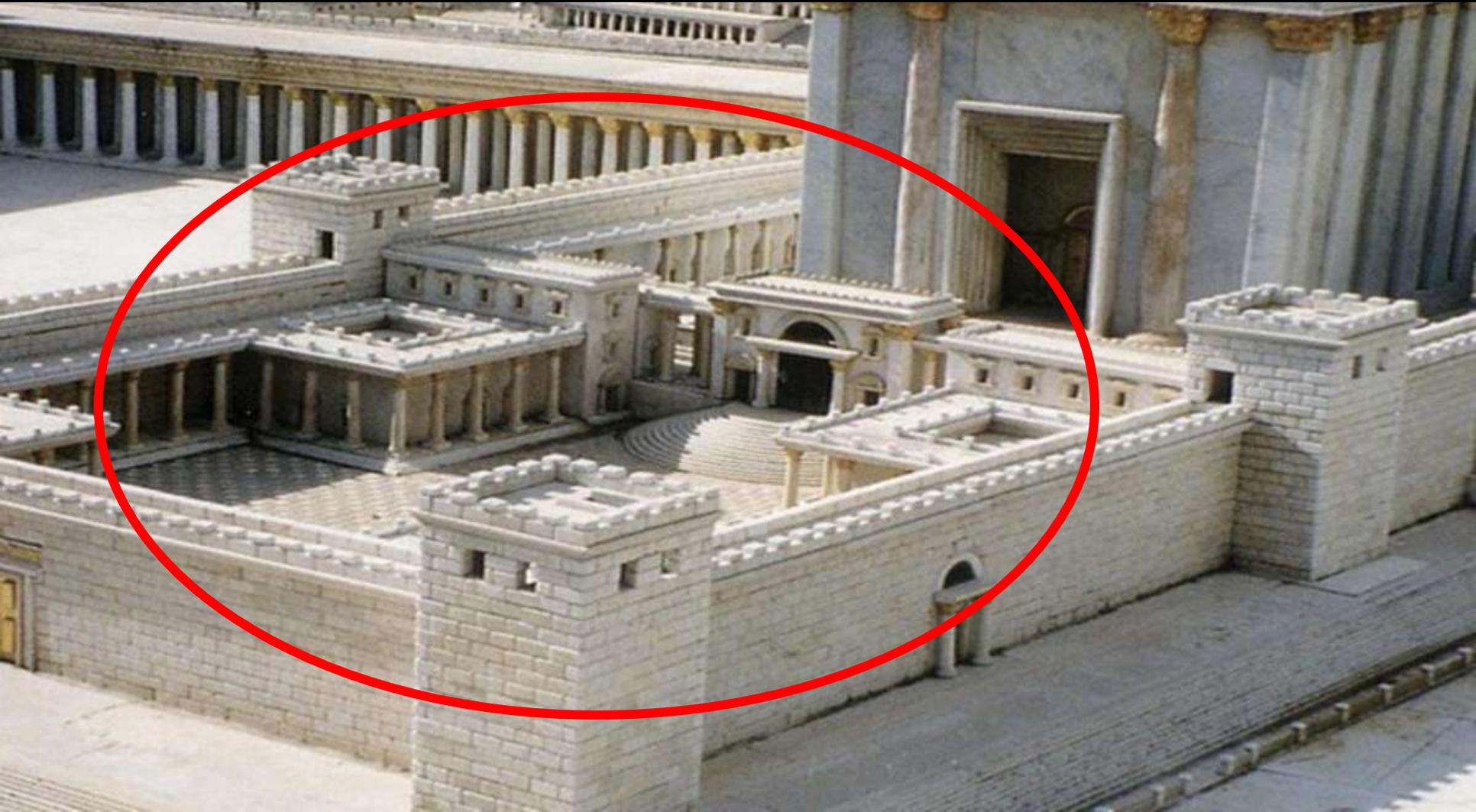
Nehemiah returns and rebuilds the wall around Jerusalem (Nehemiah 1-6)

Ezra reads the book of the law and the people confess their sin (Nehemiah 8-12)

Ezra the priest returns to Judah and instructs the people in the law (Ezra 7-10)

The intertestamental period

This area of the temple would have been the most likely place where Malachi was rebuking the priesthood



A scene from The Chose season 5 in the same spot in the Temple where Jesus is listing the hypocrisy of the priest and their money changers, sacrifices and defiled offerings



•How does God outline His anger and dissatisfaction with the people in the beginning of Malachi?

**Unworthy/defiled sacrifices on the altar
Contemptible food / defile the Lord's table**

•What action did God wish would happen at least to prevent worthless sacrifices?

He wished someone would shut the temple doors to prevent it.

•What is the meaning of Malachi's name?

My Messenger

•What other prophets would Malachi most likely have known?

Nehemiah and Ezra

•What messenger is Malachi 3 referring to?

First - John the Baptist “who prepares the way for the Lord”

Then - Jesus – messenger of the covenant

•(T/F) The book of Malachi list many personal details about his life as a prophet? **False – no personal details or context is described about his life**

•What is the technique Malachi uses with accusations and the peoples response?

Disputation speeches

•What are the disputes Malachi list?

- 1) Corruption of the priest / violate covenant
- 2) Priest fail to teach the truth
- 3) Idolatrous marriages
- 4) Treacherous divorces of Jewish wives
- 5) Profaning the covenant of marriage
- 6) Questing God's justice and holiness