

The Book Of Malachi

Writer: Malachi = my messenger

Webster's Dictionary - MES'SENGER, *noun

1. One who bears a message or an errand; the bearer of a verbal or written communication, notice or invitation from one person to another, or to a public body; one who conveys dispatches from one prince or court to another.
2. A harbinger; a forerunner; he or that which foreshows.

Time Written: anywhere from 430-397 B.C.

Why was it Written: To point out the sins of the returning remnant

To whom it was written: The returning Jewish people

Main Message: God's Love!

Key Verse: Malachi 3:1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

Key Events:

1. Prediction of John the Baptist's ministry (Malachi 3:1)
2. Prediction of Armageddon, and Messiah's second coming (Malachi 4)

Key People:

1. Malachi: final prophet in the Old Testament who predicted the ministry of the first prophet in the New Testament (John the Baptist)

Key Place: Edom: nation founded by Esau, punished by God for its sin

3 Messengers of Malachi

1. Levi (Priestly tribe) (Malachi 2:7)
2. Early announcement of John the Baptist (Malachi 3:1)
3. Christ as the messenger of the Covenant (Malachi 3:1)

Names given for God found in Malachi:

- Father (1:6)
- Master (1:6)

- Lord of **Hosts** (1:8)
- God (1:9)
- Great King (1:14)
- God of Israel (2:16)
- God of justice (2:17)
- Unchanging God (3:6)
- Sun of righteousness (4:2)
- Refiner of silver (3:3)

Titles for Jesus

1. Father and **Master** of Israel (1:6)
2. The Lord of Hosts (1:8)
3. The Name above **All Names** (1:11)
4. The **Great** King (1:14)
5. The God of Israel (2:16)
6. The God of Justice (2:17)
7. “The Lord Whom Ye Seek” (3:1)
8. The **Purifier** of Israel (3:3)
9. The Son of Righteousness (4:2)

Outline

- I. The Love of God for **Israel** (Malachi 1:1–6)
- II. The Priests Reproved for **Profanity** (Malachi 1:6–2:9)
- III. The People Rebuked for **Social Sins** (Malachi 2:10–17)
- IV. The Prediction of the **Two** Messengers (Malachi 3:1–6)
- V. The People Rebuked for **Religious** Sins (Malachi 3:7–18)
- VI. The Prediction of the Day of the **Lord** (Malachi 4)