OLD TESTAMENT · MINOR PROPHETS · BOOK 39 OF 66

Malachi

I am the LORD, I change not (3:6)

4	Malachi	c. 430 B.C.	400 Years
Chapters, 55 Verses	“My messenger”	Days of Nehemiah	Until John the Baptist

STRUCTURE

The Book in Four Parts

Six disputes between God and a careless people, then a last look toward the coming day.



Each bar shows that part’s share of the 55 verses.

I 1:1–2:9 · 23 verses

Honour My Name

Love and worship.

II 2:10–16 · 7 verses

Deal Not Treacherously

The covenant of marriage.

III 2:17–3:12 · 13 verses

Return unto Me

The messenger; the tithes.

IV 3:13–4:6 · 12 verses

The Day Cometh

Remember and look.

THE DISPUTES

Yet Ye Say, Wherein?

Again and again God speaks, and the people answer with a question.

THE LORD SAITH	YET YE SAY
“I have loved you” 1:2	“Wherein hast Thou loved us?” 1:2
“O priests, that despise My name” 1:6	“Wherein have we despised Thy name?” 1:6
“Ye have wearied the LORD with your words” 2:17	“Wherein have we wearied Him?” 2:17
“Return unto Me, and I will return unto you” 3:7	“Wherein shall we return?” 3:7
“Yet ye have robbed Me” 3:8	“Wherein have we robbed Thee?” 3:8
“Your words have been stout against Me” 3:13	“What have we spoken so much against Thee?” 3:13

MALACHI AT A GLANCE · PART 2 OF 4

My Messenger, and Prove Me Now Herewith

MALACHI 3:1–6

I Will Send My Messenger

Two comings are promised: the messenger who prepares the way, and the Lord Himself.

> *"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."*
>
> Malachi 3:1 (KJV)

3:1
The Messenger
Prepares the way

3:1
The Lord
Suddenly comes to His temple

3:2
Refiner's Fire
And fullers' soap

3:6
Unchanging
I change not

MALACHI 3:8–18

Prove Me Now Herewith

God invites His people to trust Him, and He remembers those who fear Him.

1 3:10
Bring the Tithes
Into the storehouse, and prove Me.

2 3:10
The Windows of Heaven
A blessing with not room enough to receive it.

3 3:16
A Book of Remembrance
For them that feared the LORD and thought upon His name.

"**And they shall be Mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up My jewels**" (3:17).

Christ in Malachi

LOOKING FORWARD

Christ in Malachi

The Old Testament ends looking for the messenger and the Lord, and the New Testament begins with them.

3:1 · MARK 1:2–4

My Messenger

John the Baptist prepared the way before the Lord.

3:1 · LUKE 2:27–32

Suddenly to His Temple

The Child Jesus was brought into the temple.

4:2 · LUKE 1:78–79

The Sun of Righteousness

The dayspring from on high hath visited us.

4:5 · MATTHEW 11:14

Elijah Which Was for to Come

Jesus said of John, “this is Elias.”

Key Themes and Key Verse

BIG IDEAS

Key Themes

God's Love
I have loved you.
1:2

Honouring God
Where is Mine honour?
1:6

Faithful Leaders
The law of truth in his mouth.
2:6

Marriage
The wife of thy covenant.
2:14

God Never Changes
I change not.
3:6

Giving
Bring ye all the tithes.
3:10

God Remembers
A book of remembrance.
3:16

The Coming Day
Shall burn as an oven.
4:1

Hope
Healing in His wings.
4:2

KEY VERSE

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