

# Key Facts About Malachi

- “Professional” prophet 1:1
- Nothing else known of him
- Last prophetic words from God for 400+ yrs
- Contemporary of Nehemiah
- Name means: Messenger
- God speaks 47 of the 55 verses in Malachi
- The link between the NT and the OT

Mal 3:1; 4:5-6

Matt 3:3



# Historical Setting Of Malachi

- **After captivity a series of 3 Returns to the Land**
- **Temple Rebuilt (Haggai)**
- **Walls Rebuilt (Nehemiah)**
- **Spiritual Reforms (Hag, Zech, Mal, Neh)**
- **Nehemiah goes to Jerusalem, returns to Babylon for 5 to 10 years, then returns to Jerusalem**
- **Malachi speaks while Nehemiah is in Babylon**


# Focus Of Malachi's Message

- **Corrupt Priests**
- **Unsanctioned Marriages**  
(Intermarry w/Non-Jewish)
- **Disappointment w/unrealized promises**
- **Rote Worship**



# 6 Key Questions Of Malachi

**Malachi uses a unique method of dialogue:  
Statement: Question: Answer**

- **How has God loved us? 1:2-5**
  - **How have the priests despised God's name?**
  - **How have we profaned the covenant?**
  - **How have we wearied God?**
  - **How have we spoken against God?**
  - **How have we robbed God?**
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# Lesson #1 From Malachi For Today

God's Work Is Often Done In Stages...Not One Single Massive Event.

The "Return" from Babylonian captivity took 141 years +/- and stretched out over 3 stages.

1 Cor 4:6: "Learn the meaning of the saying, 'Do not go beyond what is written!'"

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# Lesson #2 From Malachi For Today

Don't Be Disappointed Angry When God Doesn't  
Fulfil His Promise On Your Timetable

After over 100 years of waiting for God's promises to be fulfilled, the people of Israel grew angry, discouraged and complacent.

Instead of being angry and disappointed, just do  
the next Right Thing!

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# Lesson #3 From Malachi For Today

## One Faithful Person Can Make A Huge Spiritual Difference

Nehemiah isn't mentioned in Malachi, but his fingerprints are EVERYWHERE! He led the rebuilding of the walls, and when the people strayed from God while he was in Babylon he was able to lead them back when he returned.

1 Chron 16:9 “For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.”

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# Lesson #4 From Malachi For Today

## The Details Are Important To God!

### Malachi 1:12-14

"But you profane it by saying of the Lord's table, 'It is defiled,' and of its food, 'It is contemptible. 'And you say, 'What a burden!' and you sniff at it contemptuously," says the LORD Almighty. "When you bring injured, crippled or diseased animals and offer them as sacrifices, should I accept them from your hands?" says the LORD. "Cursed is the cheat who has an acceptable male in his flock and vows to give it, but then sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord. For I am a great king," says the LORD Almighty...

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# Today's Challenge

- **Don't wait for a tsunami of grace!**
  - **Take your “next right” step with God**
  - **Find a place to be faithful and make a difference**
  - **Address any “details” you have been ignoring in your spiritual life.**
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