

~MALACHI, BOOK OF (962)

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- The final book of the Hebrew Scriptures in modern English Bibles. In the traditional Jewish canon, it is placed last among the writings of the so-called minor prophets but before the Writings, also called the Hagiographa. It constitutes a pronouncement of Yehowah regarding Israel by means of Malachi.

- A pronouncement! The word of Yehowah concerning Israel by means of **Malachi**. (**Malachi 1:1**)

• Circumstances In Malachi's Time

- At the time **Malachi** prophesied, a deplorable situation existed among the priests. Contrary to the Law, they were accepting lame, blind, and sick animals for sacrifice on Yehowah's altar.
- And when you present a blind animal for sacrificing; It is nothing bad. And when you present a lame animal or a sick one; It is nothing bad. Bring it near, please, to your governor. Will he find pleasure in you, or will he receive you kindly? Yehowah of armies has said. (**Malachi 1:8**)
- To gain approval for you it must be sound, a male among the herd, among the young rams or among the goats. (**Leviticus 22:19**)
- And in case there should prove to be in it a defect, being lame or blind, any bad defect, you must not sacrifice it to Yehowah your God. (**Deuteronomy 15:21**)
- They failed to give proper direction and instruction to the people, causing many to stumble.
- For the lips of a priest are the ones that should keep knowledge, and the Law is what people should seek from his mouth, for he is the messenger of Yehowah of armies. (**Malachi 2:7**)

- But you men, you have turned aside from the way. You have caused many to stumble in the Law. You have ruined the covenant of Levi, Yehowah of armies has said. (**Malachi 2:8**)
- When judging matters, they showed partiality.
- And I also, for my part, shall certainly make you to be despised and low to all the people, according as you were not keeping my ways, but were showing partiality in the Law. (**Malachi 2:9**)
- All of this had a bad effect on the Israelites in general, causing them to view Yehowah's service as being of little value.
- You have said; It is of no value to serve God. And what profit is there in that we have kept the obligation to him, and that we have walked dejectedly on account of Yehowah of armies? (**Malachi 3:14**)
- And at present we are pronouncing presumptuous people happy. Also, the doers of wickedness have been built up. Also, they have tested God out and keep getting away. (**Malachi 3:15**)
- This is apparent from the fact that the Israelites did not support the temple by paying their tithes. So far had they fallen from their devotion to Yehowah that apparently they were divorcing their wives to marry women worshipping false gods.
- Also, sorcery, adultery, lying, fraud, and oppression came to exist among the Israelites.
- Judah has dealt treacherously, and a detestable thing has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem, for Judah has profaned the holiness of Yehowah, which He has loved, and he has taken possession of the daughter of a foreign god as a bride. (**Malachi 2:11**)
- And you have said; On what account? On this account, that Yehowah himself has borne witness between you and the wife of your youth, with whom you yourself have dealt treacherously, although she is your partner and the wife of your covenant. (**Malachi 2:14**)
- And there was one who did not do it, as he had what was remaining of the spirit. And what was that one seeking? The

seed of God. And you people must guard yourselves respecting your spirit, and with the wife of your youth may no one deal treacherously. (Malachi 2:15)

- **For he has hated a divorcing, Yehowah the God of Israel has said, and the one who with violence has covered over his garment, Yehowah of armies has said. And you must guard yourselves respecting your spirit, and you must not deal treacherously. (Malachi 2:16)**
- **And I will come near to you people for the judgment, and I will become a speedy witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against those swearing falsely, and against those acting fraudulently with the wages of a wage worker, with the widow and with the fatherless boy, and those turning away the alien resident, while they have not feared me, Yehowah of armies has said. (Malachi 3:5)**
- **Will earthling man rob God? But you are robbing me. And you have said; In what way have we robbed you? In the tenth parts and in the contributions. (Malachi 3:8)**
- **With the curse you are cursing me, and me you are robbing, the nation in its entirety. (Malachi 3:9)**
- **Bring all the tenth parts into the storehouse, that there may come to be food in my house, and test me out, please, in this respect, Yehowah of armies has said; Whether I shall not open to you people the floodgates of the heavens and actually empty out upon you a blessing until there is no more want. (Malachi 3:10)**
- **For this reason Yehowah gave advance warning of his coming to his temple for judgment.**
- **Look! I am sending my messenger, and he must clear up a way before me. And suddenly there will come to His temple the true Lord, whom you people are seeking, and the messenger of the covenant in whom you are delighting. Look! He will certainly come, Yehowah of armies has said. (Malachi 3:1)**
- **But who will be putting up with the day of his coming, and who will be the one standing when he appears? For he will be like the fire of a refiner and like the lye of laundrymen. (Malachi 3:2)**

- And he must sit as a refiner and cleanser of silver and must cleanse the sons of Levi, and he must clarify them like gold and like silver, and they will certainly become to Yehowah people presenting a gift offering in righteousness. (**Malachi 3:3**)
- And the gift offering of Judah and of Jerusalem will actually be gratifying to Yehowah, as in the days of long ago and as in the years of antiquity. (**Malachi 3:4**)
- And I will come near to you people for the judgment, and I will become a speedy witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against those swearing falsely, and against those acting fraudulently with the wages of a wage worker, with the widow and with the fatherless boy, and those turning away the alien resident, while they have not feared me, Yehowah of armies has said. (**Malachi 3:5**)
- For I am Yehowah. I have not changed. And you are sons of Jacob; You have not come to your finish. (**Malachi 3:6**)
- At the same time he encouraged wrongdoers to repent, saying; Return to me, and I will return to you.
- From the days of your forefathers you have turned aside from my regulations and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, Yehowah of armies has said. And you have said; In what way shall we return? (**Malachi 3:7**)

.. Time Of Composition

- Internal evidence provides a basis for dating the completion of the book of **Malachi**. It was written after the Babylonian exile, for the Israelites were under the administration of a governor. Worship was carried on at the temple, indicating that it had been rebuilt.
- By presenting upon my altar polluted bread. And you have said; In what way have we polluted you? By your saying; The table of Yehowah is something to be despised. (**Malachi 1:7**)
- And when you present a blind animal for sacrificing; It is nothing bad. And when you present a lame animal or a sick one; It is nothing bad. Bring it near, please, to your governor. Will he find pleasure in you, or will he receive you kindly? Yehowah of

armies has said. (**Malachi 1:8**)

- Look! I am rebuking on your account the sown seed, and I will scatter dung upon your faces, the dung of your festivals, and someone will actually carry you away to it. (**Malachi 2:3**)
- And this is the second thing that you people do, this resulting in covering with tears the altar of Yehowah, with weeping and sighing, so that there is no more a turning toward the gift offering or a taking of pleasure in anything from your hand. (**Malachi 2:13**)
- Will earthling man rob God? But you are robbing me. And you have said; In what way have we robbed you? In the tenth parts and in the contributions. (**Malachi 3:8**)
- With the curse you are cursing me, and me you are robbing, the nation in its entirety. (**Malachi 3:9**)
- Bring all the tenth parts into the storehouse, that there may come to be food in my house, and test me out, please, in this respect, Yehowah of armies has said; Whether I shall not open to you people the floodgates of the heavens and actually empty out upon you a blessing until there is no more want. (**Malachi 3:10**)
- This points to a period later than that of Haggai, **520 B.C.E**, and Zechariah, **520-518 B.C.E**, as these prophets were active in urging the Israelites to complete the temple.
- And Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the grandson of Iddo the prophet prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and in Jerusalem, in the name of the God of Israel who was over them. (**Ezra 5:1**)
- It was then that Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jehozadak got up and started to rebuild the house of God, which was in Jerusalem, and with them there were God's prophets giving them aid. (**Ezra 5:2**)
- And the older men of the Jews were building and making progress under the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the grandson of Iddo, and they built and finished it due to the order of the God of Israel and due to the order of

Cyrus and Darius and Artaxerxes the king of Persia. (Ezra 6:14)

- **And they completed this house by the third day of the lunar month Adar, that is, in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king. (Ezra 6:15)**
- **Israel's neglect of true worship and its failure to adhere to God's Law appear to fit conditions existing when Nehemiah again arrived at Jerusalem sometime after the 32nd year of King Artaxerxes, circa 443 B.C.E.**
- **A son, for his part, honors a father, and a servant, his grand master. So if I am a father, where is the honor to me? And if I am a grand master, where is the fear of me? Yehowah of armies has said to you, O priests who are despising my name. And you have said; In what way have we despised your name? (Malachi 1:6)**
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- **But you men, you have turned aside from the way. You have caused many to stumble in the Law. You have ruined the covenant of Levi, Yehowah of armies has said. (Malachi 2:8)**
- **Judah has dealt treacherously, and a detestable thing has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem, for Judah has profaned the holiness of Yehowah, which He has loved, and he has taken possession of the daughter of a foreign god as a bride. (Malachi 2:11)**
- **And you have said; On what account? On this account, that Yehowah himself has borne witness between you and the wife of**

your youth, with whom you yourself have dealt treacherously, although she is your partner and the wife of your covenant. (Malachi 2:14)

- **And there was one who did not do it, as he had what was remaining of the spirit. And what was that one seeking? The seed of God. And you people must guard yourselves respecting your spirit, and with the wife of your youth may no one deal treacherously. (Malachi 2:15)**
- **For he has hated a divorcing, Yehowah the God of Israel has said, and the one who with violence has covered over his garment, Yehowah of armies has said. And you must guard yourselves respecting your spirit, and you must not deal treacherously. (Malachi 2:16)**
- **And during all this time I did not happen to be in Jerusalem, for in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes the king of Babylon I came to the king, and sometime later I asked leave of absence from the king. (Nehemiah 13:6)**
- **Then I came to Jerusalem and got to notice the badness that Eliashib had committed for Tobiah by making for him a hall in the courtyard of the house of the true God. (Nehemiah 13:7)**
- **And it seemed very bad to me. So I threw all the furniture of Tobiah's house outside the dining hall. (Nehemiah 13:8)**
- **After that I said the word and they cleansed the dining halls, and I proceeded to put back there the utensils of the house of the true God, with the grain offering and the frankincense. (Nehemiah 13:9)**
- **And I got to find out that the very portions of the Levites had not been given them, so that the Levites and the singers doing the work went running off, each one to his own field. (Nehemiah 13:10)**
- **And I began to find fault with the deputy rulers and say; Why has the house of the true God been neglected? Consequently I collected them together and stationed them at their standing place. (Nehemiah 13:11)**
- **And all Judah, for their part, brought in the tenth of the grain and**

of the new wine and of the oil to the stores. ([Nehemiah 13:12](#))

- Then I put Shelemiah the priest and Zadok the copyist and Pedaiah of the Levites in charge of the stores, and under their control there was Hanan the son of Zaccur the son of Mattaniah, for they were considered faithful, and upon them it devolved to do the distributing to their brothers. ([Nehemiah 13:13](#))
- Do remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my acts of loving-kindness that I have performed in connection with the house of my God and the guardianship of it. ([Nehemiah 13:14](#))
- In those days I saw in Judah people treading winepresses on the Sabbath and bringing in grain heaps and loading them upon asses, and also wine, grapes and figs and every sort of burden, and bringing them into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day, and I proceeded to bear witness against them on the day of their selling provisions. ([Nehemiah 13:15](#))
- And the Tyrians themselves dwelt in the city, bringing in fish and every sort of merchandise and making sales on the Sabbath to the sons of Judah and in Jerusalem. ([Nehemiah 13:16](#))
- So I began to find fault with the nobles of Judah and say to them; What is this bad thing that you are doing, even profaning the Sabbath day? ([Nehemiah 13:17](#))
- Was it not this way that your forefathers did, so that our God brought upon us all this calamity, and also upon this city? Yet you are adding to the burning anger against Israel by profaning the Sabbath. ([Nehemiah 13:18](#))
- And it came about that, as soon as the gates of Jerusalem had grown shadowy before the Sabbath, I immediately said the word and the doors began to be closed. I said further that they should not open them until after the Sabbath, and some of my own attendants I stationed at the gates that no burden might come in on the Sabbath day. ([Nehemiah 13:19](#))
- Consequently the traders and the sellers of every sort of merchandise spent the night outside Jerusalem once and a second time. ([Nehemiah 13:20](#))

- **Then I proceeded to bear witness against them and say to them; Why are you spending the night in front of the wall? If you do it again, a hand I shall lay on you. From that time on they did not come on the Sabbath. (Nehemiah 13:21)**
- **And I went on to say to the Levites that they should be regularly purifying themselves and coming in, keeping guard of the gates to sanctify the Sabbath day. This, also, do remember to my account, O my God, and do feel sorry for me according to the abundance of your loving-kindness. (Nehemiah 13:22)**
- **Also, in those days I saw the Jews that had given a dwelling to Ashdodite, Ammonite and Moabite wives. (Nehemiah 13:23)**
- **And as for their sons, half were speaking Ashdodite, and there were none of them knowing how to speak Jewish, but in the tongue of the different peoples. (Nehemiah 13:24)**
- **And I began to find fault with them and call down evil upon them and strike some men of them and pull out their hair and make them swear by God; You should not give your daughters to their sons, and you should not accept any of their daughters for your sons or yourselves. (Nehemiah 13:25)**
- **Was it not because of these that Solomon the king of Israel sinned? And among the many nations there proved to be no king like him, and loved of his God he happened to be, so that God constituted him king over all Israel. Even him the foreign wives caused to sin. (Nehemiah 13:26)**
- **And is it not something unheard of for you to commit all this great badness in acting unfaithfully against our God by giving a dwelling to foreign wives? (Nehemiah 13:27)**
- **And one of the sons of Joiada the son of Eliashib the High Priest was a son-in-law of Sanballat the Horonite. So I chased him away from me. (Nehemiah 13:28)**
- **Do remember them, O my God, on account of the defilement of the priesthood and the covenant of the priesthood and of the Levites. (Nehemiah 13:29)**
- **And I purified them from everything foreign and proceeded to assign duties to the priests and to the Levites, each one in his**

own work. (**Nehemiah 13:30**)

- Even for the supply of the wood at appointed times and for the first ripe fruits. Do remember me, O my God, for good. (**Nehemiah 13:31**)

• Therefore, like the book of Nehemiah, the book of **Malachi** may well have been committed to writing after **443 B.C.E.**

• **Harmony With Other Bible Books**

• This book is in full agreement with the rest of the Scriptures. The apostle Paul quoted from:

- I have loved you people, Yehowah has said. And you have said; In what way have you loved us? Was not Esau the brother of Jacob? Is the utterance of Yehowah. But I loved Jacob. (**Malachi 1:2**)
- And Esau I have hated. I finally made his mountains a desolated waste and his inheritance for the jackals of the wilderness. (**Malachi 1:3**)
- When illustrating that God's choosing depends, not upon the one wishing nor upon the one running, but upon God, who has mercy.
- Yet not that case alone, but also when Rebekah conceived twins from the one man, Isaac our forefather. (**Romans 9:10**)
- For when they had not yet been born nor had practiced anything good or vile, in order, that the purpose of God respecting the choosing might continue dependent, not upon works, but upon the One who calls. (**Romans 9:11**)
- It was said to her; The older will be the slave of the younger. (**Romans 9:12**)
- Just as it is written: I loved Jacob, but Esau I hated. (**Romans 9:13**)
- What shall we say, then? Is there injustice with God? Never may that become so! (**Romans 9:14**)
- For he says to Moses; I will have mercy upon whomever I do

have mercy, and I will show compassion to whomever I do show compassion. (**Romans 9:15**)

- So, then, it depends, not upon the one wishing nor upon the one running, but upon God, who has mercy. (**Romans 9:16**)
- Yehowah is identified as the Creator.
- Is it not one father that all of us have? Is it not one God that has created us? Why is it that we deal treacherously with one another, in profaning the covenant of our forefathers? (**Malachi 2:10**)
- Know that Yehowah is God. It is he that has made us, and not we ourselves. We are his people and the sheep of his pasturage. (**Psalms 100:3**)
- And now this is what Yehowah has said; your Creator, O Jacob, and your Former, O Israel; Do not be afraid, for I have repurchased you. I have called you by your name. You are mine. (**Isaiah 43:1**)
- The God that made the world and all the things in it, being, as this One is, Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in handmade temples. (**Acts of Apostles 17:24**)
- Neither is he attended to by human hands as if he needed anything, because he himself gives to all persons life and breath and all things. (**Acts of Apostles 17:25**)
- And he made out of one man every nation of men, to dwell upon the entire surface of the earth, and he decreed the appointed times and the set limits of the dwelling of men. (**Acts of Apostles 17:26**)
- And as a just, merciful, and unchangeable God who does not leave deliberate wrongdoing unpunished.
- If you will not listen, and if you will not lay it to heart to give glory to my name, Yehowah of armies has said; I shall also certainly send upon you the curse, and I will curse your blessings. Yes, I have even cursed the blessing, because you are not laying it to heart. (**Malachi 2:2**)

- **Look! I am rebuking on your account the sown seed, and I will scatter dung upon your faces, the dung of your festivals, and someone will actually carry you away to it. (Malachi 2:3)**
- **You people have made Yehowah weary by your words, and you have said; In what way have we made him weary? By your saying; Everyone that is doing bad is good in the eyes of Yehowah, and in such ones he himself has taken delight, or, Where is the God of justice? (Malachi 2:17)**
- **And I will come near to you people for the judgment, and I will become a speedy witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against those swearing falsely, and against those acting fraudulently with the wages of a wage worker, with the widow and with the fatherless boy, and those turning away the alien resident, while they have not feared me, Yehowah of armies has said. (Malachi 3:5)**
- **For I am Yehowah. I have not changed. And you are sons of Jacob; You have not come to your finish. (Malachi 3:6)**
- **From the days of your forefathers you have turned aside from my regulations and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, Yehowah of armies has said. And you have said; In what way shall we return? (Malachi 3:7)**
- **And they will certainly become mine, Yehowah of armies has said; At the day when I am producing a special property. And I will show compassion upon them, just as a man shows compassion upon his son who is serving him. (Malachi 3:17)**
- **And you people will again certainly see the distinction between a righteous one and a wicked one, between one serving God and one who has not served him. (Malachi 3:18)**
- **For, look! The day is coming that is burning like the furnace, and all the presumptuous ones and all those doing wickedness must become as stubble. And the day that is coming will certainly devour them, Yehowah of armies has said; So that it will not leave to them either root or bough. (Malachi 4:1)**
- **And Yehowah went passing by before his face and declaring; Yehowah, Yehowah, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abundant in loving-kindness and truth. (Exodus 34:6)**

- Preserving loving-kindness for thousands, pardoning error and transgression and sin, but by no means will he give exemption from punishment, bringing punishment for the error of fathers upon sons and upon grandsons, upon the third generation and upon the fourth generation. (**Exodus 34:7**)
- However, if you will not listen to me nor do all these commandments. (**Leviticus 26:14**)
- And if you will reject my statutes, and if your souls will abhor my judicial decisions so as not to do all my commandments, to the extent of your violating my covenant. (**Leviticus 26:15**)
- Then I, for my part, shall do the following to you, and in punishment I shall certainly bring upon you disturbance with tuberculosis and burning fever, causing the eyes to fail and making the soul pine away. And you will simply sow your seed for nothing, as your enemies will certainly eat it up. (**Leviticus 26:16**)
- And I shall indeed set my face against you, and you will certainly be defeated before your enemies, and those who hate you will just tread down upon you, and you will actually flee when no one is pursuing you. (**Leviticus 26:17**)
- So they refused to listen, and they did not remember your wonderful acts that you performed with them, but they hardened their neck and appointed a head to return to their servitude in Egypt. But you are a God of acts of forgiveness, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abundant in loving-kindness, and you did not leave them. (**Nehemiah 9:17**)
- Every good gift and every perfect present is from above, for it comes down from the Father of the celestial lights, and with him there is not a variation of the turning of the shadow. (**James 1:17**)
- The importance of God's name is stressed.
- And your own eyes will see it, and you yourselves will say; May Yehowah be magnified over the territory of Israel. (**Malachi 1:5**)
- For from the suns rising even to its setting my name will be great

- among the nations, and in every place sacrificial smoke will be made, a presentation will be made to my name, even a clean gift, because my name will be great among the nations, Yehowah of armies has said. (**Malachi 1:11**)
- And cursed is the one acting cunningly when there exists in his drove a male animal, and he is making a vow and sacrificing a ruined one to Yehowah. For I am a great King, Yehowah of armies has said; and my name will be fear-inspiring among the nations. (**Malachi 1:14**)
 - And to you who are in fear of my name the sun of righteousness will certainly shine forth, with healing in its wings, and you will actually go forth and paw the ground like fattened calves. (**Malachi 4:2**)
 - If you will not take care to carry out all the words of this Law that are written in this book so as to fear this glorious and fear-inspiring name, even Yehowah, your God. (**Deuteronomy 28:58**)
 - Yehowah also will certainly make your plagues and the plagues of your offspring especially severe, great and long-lasting plagues, and malignant and long-lasting sicknesses. (**Deuteronomy 28:59**)
 - Let those cry out joyfully and rejoice who are delighting in my righteousness, and let them say constantly; Let Yehowah be magnified, who takes delight in the peace of his servant. (**Psalms 35:27**)
 - And he will certainly stand and do shepherding in the strength of Yehowah, in the superiority of the name of Yehowah his God. And they will certainly keep dwelling, for now he will be great as far as the ends of the earth. (**Micah 5:4**)
 - And encouragement is given to remember the Law of Moses.
 - Remember, you people, the Law of Moses my servant with which I commanded him in Horeb concerning all Israel, even regulations and judicial decisions. (**Malachi 4:4**)
 - The book also directed Israel's attention to the coming of the Messiah and to the day of Yehowah. While it is pointed out that Yehowah would send forth the one called, my messenger, this one

would be only the forerunner of the still greater messenger of the covenant who would accompany Yehowah.

- **Look! I am sending my messenger, and he must clear up a way before me. And suddenly there will come to His temple the true Lord, whom you people are seeking, and the messenger of the covenant in whom you are delighting. Look! He will certainly come, Yehowah of armies has said. ([Malachi 3:1](#))**
- **The inspired accounts of,**
- **This is he concerning whom it is written: Look! I myself am sending forth my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way ahead of you! ([Matthew 11:10](#))**
- **Truly I say to you people, among those born of women there has not been raised up a greater than John the Baptist, but a person that is a lesser one in the kingdom of the heavens is greater than he is. ([Matthew 11:11](#))**
- **But from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of the heavens is the goal toward which men press, and those pressing forward are seizing it. ([Matthew 11:12](#))**
- **For all, the Prophets and the Law, prophesied until John. ([Matthew 11:13](#))**
- **And if you want to accept it, he himself is Elijah who is destined to come. ([Matthew 11:14](#))**
- **However, the disciples put the question to him; Why, then, do the scribes say that Elijah must come first? ([Matthew 17:10](#))**
- **In reply he said; Elijah, indeed, is coming and will restore all things. ([Matthew 17:11](#))**
- **However, I say to you that Elijah has already come and they did not recognize him but did with him the things they wanted. In this way also the Son of man is destined to suffer at their hands. ([Matthew 17:12](#))**
- **Then the disciples perceived that he spoke to them about John the Baptist. ([Matthew 17:13](#))**

- And they began to question him, saying; Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come? (**Mark 9:11**)
- He said to them; Elijah does come first and restore all things, but how is it that it is written respecting the Son of man that he must undergo many sufferings and be treated as of no account? (**Mark 9:12**)
- But I say to you, Elijah, in fact, has come, and they did to him as many things as they wanted, just as it is written respecting him. (**Mark 9:13**)
- And many of the sons of Israel will he turn back to Yehowah their God. (**Luke 1:16**)
- Also, he will go before him with Elijah's spirit and power, to turn back the hearts of fathers to children and the disobedient ones to the practical wisdom of righteous ones, to get ready for Yehowah a prepared people. (**Luke 1:17**)
- But as for you, young child, you will be called a prophet of the Most High, for you will go in advance before Yehowah to make his ways ready. (**Luke 1:76**)
- Combine to identify Jesus forerunner John the Baptizer as the messenger and the Elijah initially meant at;
- Look! I am sending my messenger, and he must clear up a way before me. And suddenly there will come to His temple the true Lord, whom you people are seeking, and the messenger of the covenant in whom you are delighting. Look! He will certainly come, Yehowah of armies has said. (**Malachi 3:1**)
- Look! I am sending to you people Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and fear-inspiring day of Yehowah. (**Malachi 4:5**)
- And he must turn the heart of fathers back toward sons, and the heart of sons back toward fathers, in order, that I may not come and actually strike the earth with a devoting of it to destruction. (**Malachi 4:6**)

.. Highlights Of Malachi

- **A pronouncement emphasizing accountability to Yehowah God when his requirements are disregarded.**
- **Yehowah loved Israel, but they despise his name.**
- **A pronouncement! The word of Yehowah concerning Israel by means of **Malachi**. (**Malachi 1:1**)**
- **I have loved you people, Yehowah has said. And you have said; In what way have you loved us? Was not Esau the brother of Jacob? Is the utterance of Yehowah. But I loved Jacob. (**Malachi 1:2**)**
- **And Esau I have hated. I finally made his mountains a desolated waste and his inheritance for the jackals of the wilderness. (**Malachi 1:3**)**
- **Because Edom keeps saying; We have been shattered, but we shall return and build the devastated places, this is what Yehowah of armies has said; They, for their part, will build, but I, for my part, shall tear down. And people will certainly call them the territory of wickedness and the people whom Yehowah has denounced to time indefinite. (**Malachi 1:4**)**
- **And your own eyes will see it, and you yourselves will say; May Yehowah be magnified over the territory of Israel. (**Malachi 1:5**)**
- **A son, for his part, honors a father, and a servant, his grand master. So if I am a father, where is the honor to me? And if I am a grand master, where is the fear of me? Yehowah of armies has said to you, O priests who are despising my name. And you have said; In what way have we despised your name? (**Malachi 1:6**)**
- **By presenting upon my altar polluted bread. And you have said; In what way have we polluted you? By your saying; The table of Yehowah is something to be despised. (**Malachi 1:7**)**
- **And when you present a blind animal for sacrificing; It is nothing bad. And when you present a lame animal or a sick one; It is nothing bad. Bring it near, please, to your governor. Will he find pleasure in you, or will he receive you kindly? Yehowah of armies has said. (**Malachi 1:8**)**

- **And now, please, soften the face of God, that he may show us favor. From your hand this has occurred. Will he receive any of you men kindly? Yehowah of armies has said. ([Malachi 1:9](#))**
- **Who also is there among you that will shut the doors? And you men will not light my altar, for nothing. No delight do I have in you, Yehowah of armies has said, and in the gift offering from your hand I take no pleasure. ([Malachi 1:10](#))**
- **For from the suns rising even to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place sacrificial smoke will be made, a presentation will be made to my name, even a clean gift, because my name will be great among the nations, Yehowah of armies has said. ([Malachi 1:11](#))**
- **But you men are profaning me by your saying; The table of Yehowah is something polluted, and its fruit is something to be despised, its food. ([Malachi 1:12](#))**
- **And you have said; Look! What a weariness! And you have caused a sniffing at it, Yehowah of armies has said. And you have brought something torn away, and the lame one, and the sick one, yes, you have brought it as a gift. Can I take pleasure in it at your hand? Yehowah has said. ([Malachi 1:13](#))**
- **And cursed is the one acting cunningly when there exists in his drove a male animal, and he is making a vow and sacrificing a ruined one to Yehowah. For I am a great King, Yehowah of armies has said, and my name will be fear-inspiring among the nations. ([Malachi 1:14](#))**
- **Nevertheless, Israel's priests despise God's name, accepting lame and sick animals for sacrifice, they would not give animals like that to a human governor**
- **The priests have departed from God's way, causing many to stumble in the Law, and thus have ruined the covenant of Levi.**
- **Israelites have wearied God by claiming that he approves of those doing bad.**
- **The true Lord will judge and refine his people.**

- **Look! I am sending my messenger, and he must clear up a way before me. And suddenly there will come to His temple the true Lord, whom you people are seeking, and the messenger of the covenant in whom you are delighting. Look! He will certainly come, Yehowah of armies has said. (Malachi 3:1)**
- **But who will be putting up with the day of his coming, and who will be the one standing when he appears? For he will be like the fire of a refiner and like the lye of laundrymen. (Malachi 3:2)**
- **And he must sit as a refiner and cleanser of silver and must cleanse the sons of Levi, and he must clarify them like gold and like silver, and they will certainly become to Yehowah people presenting a gift offering in righteousness. (Malachi 3:3)**
- **And the gift offering of Judah and of Jerusalem will actually be gratifying to Yehowah, as in the days of long ago and as in the years of antiquity. (Malachi 3:4)**
- **And I will come near to you people for the judgment, and I will become a speedy witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against those swearing falsely, and against those acting fraudulently with the wages of a wage worker, with the widow and with the fatherless boy, and those turning away the alien resident, while they have not feared me, Yehowah of armies has said. (Malachi 3:5)**
- **For I am Yehowah. I have not changed. And you are sons of Jacob. You have not come to your finish. (Malachi 3:6)**
- **From the days of your forefathers you have turned aside from my regulations and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, Yehowah of armies has said. And you have said; In what way shall we return? (Malachi 3:7)**
- **Will earthling man rob God? But you are robbing me. And you have said; In what way have we robbed you? In the tenth parts and in the contributions. (Malachi 3:8)**
- **With the curse you are cursing me, and me you are robbing, the nation in its entirety. (Malachi 3:9)**
- **Bring all the tenth parts into the storehouse, that there may come to be food in my house, and test me out, please, in this**

- respect, Yehowah of armies has said, whether I shall not open to you people the floodgates of the heavens and actually empty out upon you a blessing until there is no more want. (**Malachi 3:10**)
- And I will rebuke for you the devouring one, and it will not ruin for you the fruit of the ground, nor will the vine in the field prove fruitless for you, Yehowah of armies has said. (**Malachi 3:11**)
 - And all the nations will have to pronounce you happy, for you yourselves will become a land of delight, Yehowah of armies has said. (**Malachi 3:12**)
 - Strong have been your words against me, Yehowah has said. And you have said; What have we spoken with one another against you? (**Malachi 3:13**)
 - You have said; It is of no value to serve God. And what profit is there in that we have kept the obligation to him, and that we have walked dejectedly on account of Yehowah of armies? (**Malachi 3:14**)
 - And at present we are pronouncing presumptuous people happy. Also, the doers of wickedness have been built up. Also, they have tested God out and keep getting away. (**Malachi 3:15**)
 - At that time those in fear of Yehowah spoke with one another, each one with his companion, and Yehowah kept paying attention and listening. And a book of remembrance began to be written up before him for those in fear of Yehowah and for those thinking upon his name. (**Malachi 3:16**)
 - And they will certainly become mine, Yehowah of armies has said; at the day when I am producing a special property. And I will show compassion upon them, just as a man shows compassion upon his son who is serving him. (**Malachi 3:17**)
 - And you people will again certainly see the distinction between a righteous one and a wicked one, between one serving God and one who has not served him. (**Malachi 3:18**)
 - Yehowah will come to the temple with the messenger of the covenant, he will refine and cleanse the Levites, and Judah's gift offering will please Yehowah.

- **Bring the whole tenth part into Yehowah's storehouse and thus receive a flood of blessings.**
- **A book of remembrance will be written for those fearing Yehowah. His people will discern the distinction between the righteous and the wicked.**
- **The coming of the great and fear-inspiring day of Yehowah.**
- **For, look! The day is coming that is burning like the furnace, and all the presumptuous ones and all those doing wickedness must become as stubble. And the day that is coming will certainly devour them, Yehowah of armies has said, so that it will not leave to them either root or bough. ([Malachi 4:1](#))**
- **And to you who are in fear of my name the sun of righteousness will certainly shine forth, with healing in its wings, and you will actually go forth and paw the ground like fattened calves. ([Malachi 4:2](#))**
- **And you people will certainly tread down the wicked ones, for they will become as powder under the soles of your feet in the day on which I am acting, Yehowah of armies has said. ([Malachi 4:3](#))**
- **Remember, you people, the Law of Moses my servant with which I commanded him in Horeb concerning all Israel, even regulations and judicial decisions. ([Malachi 4:4](#))**
- **Look! I am sending to you people Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and fear-inspiring day of Yehowah. ([Malachi 4:5](#))**
- **And he must turn the heart of fathers back toward sons, and the heart of sons back toward fathers, in order, that I may not come and actually strike the earth with a devoting of it to destruction. ([Malachi 4:6](#))**
- **Yehowah's day will bring the complete destruction of the wicked, while the sun of righteousness will shine forth to those fearing God's name.**
- **That day will be preceded by a restoration work, to be accomplished by the prophet Elijah.**

