

# An Old Testament Glance

## The Minor Prophets Books – Malachi

Name Meaning	Dates of Service	Home Town	# of Chap	Kings Reigning	Audience Targeted	Theme or Subject
"My Messenger"	430 BC	Don't Know	4	Artaxerxes	Returned Jews	FINAL WARNINGS
<b>Prophets Ministering at the same time:</b>						
<b>Scripture References:</b>						

### BRIEF OUTLINE OF Malachi

- a. Malachi 1-3                      The Jews **have not kept** their Agreement: Godliness
- b. Malachi 4:1-6                  God **has kept** His Agreement: Glorious Future

*The "**Glorious Future**" includes: The enemy (evil people) will be eliminated. (Forever)*  
*(Malachi 4:1-3)                                      God will give us healing, energy, & purpose. (Forever)*

### **Catching up on History**

- a. Malachi begins preaching & prophesying about 100 years after Haggai & Zechariah were done.
- b. His background is not known but he probably was born in Judah during that 100 years.
- c. His ministry may have become more intense after Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem the second time (During King Artaxerxes of Persia).
- d. It is possible that Artaxerxes' father, Xerxes, was the king who married Esther.

1. What sins of Judah did God point out? Match them with the verses.

GOD IS NOT PLEASED  
Malachi 1:10

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| a. Do not honor God             | a.     ___ 2:10    |
| b. Worship not a priority       | b.     ___ 3:15    |
| c. Offer worthless sacrifices   | c.     ___ 2:15    |
| d. Priests do not teach truth   | d.     ___ 1:6     |
| e. Priests are destroying lives | e.     ___ 2:7     |
| f. Ignore agreements with God   | f.     ___ 2:7     |
| g. Sex with foreign women       | g.     ___ 1:7     |
| h. Worship foreign gods         | h.     ___ 1:7     |
| i. Cheat in their marriages     | i.     ___ 3:14    |
| j. Cheat God out of what is His | j.     ___ 2:11-12 |
| k. Ignore God's commands        | k.     ___ 3:8     |
| l. Serving God is not worth it  | l.     ___ 2:11-12 |
| m. Deny & break all the rules   | m.     ___ 3:6     |

2. What were God's thoughts to the people?

- a. (1:1) \_\_\_\_\_
- b. (1:5) \_\_\_\_\_
- c. (1:10) \_\_\_\_\_
- d. (1:13) \_\_\_\_\_
- e. (3:6) \_\_\_\_\_
- f. (3:16) \_\_\_\_\_
- g. (3:18) \_\_\_\_\_

*That is the kind of God we have; look at the kind of people they were.*

3. How do feel in your own heart about what God shared above?

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### **An Outline of Nehemiah**

*To help us understand what Malachi was dealing with, let's look into Nehemiah.*

**a. Nehemiah 1-6** *(In Jerusalem)*

**Rebuilding the Wall Around the City**

**b. Nehemiah 7-12** *(Gone for a while)*

**Rebuilding the Law Around the People**

*Nehemiah arrived in Jerusalem 13 years after Ezra got there.*

*Nehemiah stayed there for 12 years; once the obstacles were dealt with during those years, they built the complete wall in 52 days. Yikes!*

*Part of Nehemiah 7-12, Nehemiah returned to Persia as he had promised the king. Ezra the priest & Malachi the prophet would have been on duty in Judah.*

4. What did Ezra the Priest do? (Neh. 8:1-12) \_\_\_\_\_

5. What are the people doing? (8:13 – 12:26) \_\_\_\_\_

6. When Nehemiah returned from Persia, what did he do? (12:27-13:3)

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7. Nehemiah gave some final instructions. Match them to the verses.

- a. Take care of the house of God & staff
- b. Take care to honor the Sabbath
- c. Take care to not intermarry
- d. Take care to maintain a pure team of priests

Four times he said, "Lord, please honor & maintain these instructions." (13:14,22,29,30)

***Malachi was there for all of this and certainly shouted a loud "Amen".***