

Malachi 1

King James Version (KJV)

(Malachi means -> My Messenger)

This Book is not dated. It is approx. 372-374 BC. After the release of Israel by the Persians; after Ezra and Nehemiah; the priests of Israel have gone bad again; Back to their idolatry. They still haven't learned to be faithful to God. Malachi is the last of the Minor Prophets)

1 The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi. (The burden of the Word stated here is God's warning and judgment, for the idolatry of Israel and their corrupt priests. They have returned to Israel after their captivity and have gone right back into idolatry)

²I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob,

³And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness. (dragons = jackals) (God knew both Jacob and Esau from the first age. Esau didn't care anything about his birthright or his inheritance. He traded it to Jacob for a bowl of pottage <stew>. God had no respect for him) See Genesis-27, see Romans-9

⁴Whereas Edom saith, We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and, The people against whom the LORD hath indignation for ever. (Edom = red; Rosh, later named Rush, and today, Russia. Too far north, away from the fertile lands) (Communists threw God out of their country. They will never succeed because of that. There are many good Christian people in Russia, but the country, itself, will never succeed)

(Others believe that this is the people today in the Middle East. Their lands are all mostly desert, far away from the fertile lands. They fell to islam and are determined to destroy Christianity by their evil doctrine. "Convert or die" is their calling card. They even kill each other - Sunni, Shia, Wahabi, etc)

⁵And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, The LORD will be magnified from the border of Israel. (Their false prophets will say that. God will have nothing to do with them, unless they repent and change their ways. God is against their governments, not the people. A single Christian person in the middle of this corruption is loved by God)

⁶A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name? (fear = reverence) (They despise God by changing the meaning of God's word in false teachings, and will be worshipping the antichrist in the end days)

⁷Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible. (The Bread of life is Jesus Christ. The Holy Communion is our meal offering with God. Those who oppose Him defile God's altar) Daniel-9:27 (They will worship the antichrist and therefore stop the daily oblation to the true God)

(Yahoveh is God; not Allah, not antichrist)

⁸And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts. (They were supposed to offer the best that they had; not the worst) (The blind mentioned here are the spiritually blind, who know nothing about God's Word. They won't know what to do when antichrist arrives in the end days)

⁹And now, I pray you, beseech God that he will be gracious unto us: this hath been by your means: will he regard your persons? saith the LORD of hosts. (If they repent, God will take them back. They won't)

¹⁰Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for nought? neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand. (These people and their preachers are in it for personal gain, not to glorify God. He will not bless them nor accept their offerings)

¹¹For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts. (Gentiles = the nations – the ethnic peoples) (This will happen in the Millennium. Everyone will know God and see Jesus. There will be only one faith)

¹² But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of the LORD is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible. (When a real preacher teaches the truth of God's Word, the crooked ones will turn on him and accuse him. Also the muslims live to destroy Christianity wherever they find it. It is in their doctrine)

¹³ Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD. (HE won't. These people offer their worst, if anything; and then they complain that God doesn't bless them. They continually insult God by ignoring His Word and teaching their own doctrines)

(How many churches will read one verse from the Bible, and then preach a one hour sermon written from the preacher's imagination)

¹⁴ But cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the LORD a corrupt thing: for I am a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen. (Again, they don't offer their best to God. If they don't fear judgment yet, they will when they face God)