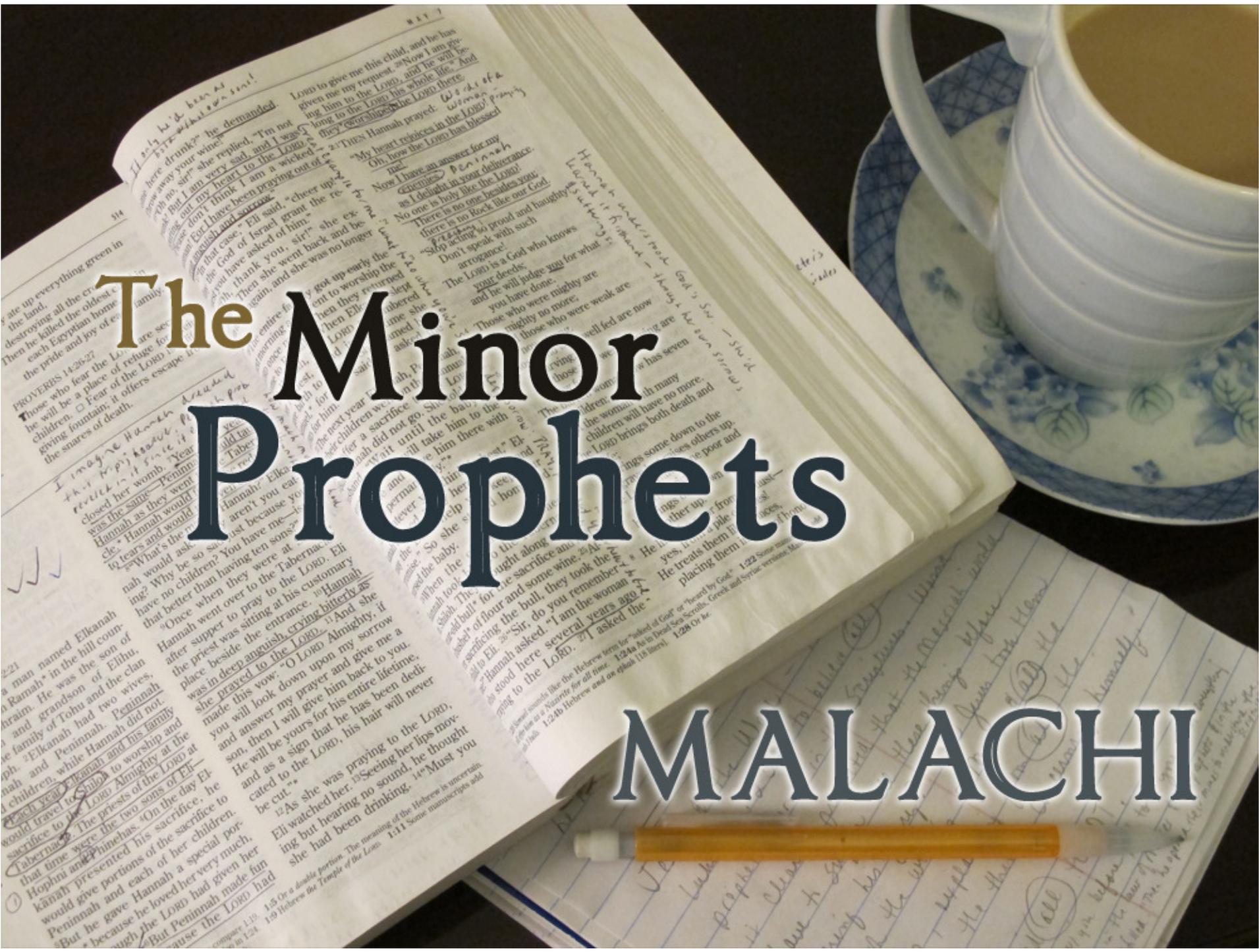


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MALACHI



Significant Events Leading up to Malachi:

The Fall of Jerusalem 586 BC

Cyrus' Decree to Return and Rebuild 538 BC

Haggai & Zechariah; Zerubbabel & Joshua 520 BC

Dedication of the Temple 516 BC

Esther 480 BC

Ezra Arrives in Jerusalem 458 BC

Nehemiah 445 BC

Malachi 433 BC

Outline of Malachi:

God Has Shown Love

Malachi 1:1-6

The Priests have Shown Contempt

Malachi 1:6-2:9

The Israelites Have Broken Covenant with
One Another Malachi 2:10-16

One to Prepare the Way, and the Messenger
of the Covenant. Malachi 3:1-7

...I learned about the evil thing Eliashib had done in providing Tobiah a room in the courts of the house of God. I was greatly displeased and threw all Tobiah's household goods out of the room

~Nehemiah 13:7-8

I gave orders to purify the rooms, and then I put back into them the equipment of the house of God, with the grain offerings and the incense.

~Nehemiah 13:9

I have Loved You

How have you loved me?

I have loved Jacob, but Esau
I have hated.

It is you, O priests, who
show contempt for my name

How have we defiled you?

You bring blind, crippled, and
diseased animals.

You have wearied the Lord
with your words.

How have we wearied him?

By Saying, *“all who do evil
are good in the eyes of the
Lord, and he is pleased with
them”* or *“where is the God
of justice?”*

Return to me, and I will
return to you.

How are we to return?

Will a man rob God?

How do we rob you?

In tithes, and offerings

You have said harsh things
against me

What have we said against you?

You said,
*It is futile to serve God. What did we gain
by carrying out his requirements and
going about like mourners before the
Lord Almighty? But now we call the
arrogant blessed. Certainly the evildoers
prosper, and even those who challenge
God escape.*

Then those who feared the Lord
talked with each other, and the
Lord listened and heard.

*A scroll of remembrance
was written in his presence
concerning those who
feared the Lord and
honored his name.*

~Malachi 3:16

Malachi 3:1

See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come”

Malachi 4:5

See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes.

- Mt. 11:10; Mk. 1:2; Lk. 7:27

Malachi 3:2

*But who can endure the day of his coming?
Who can stand when he appears?*

- **John 6:60**

*On hearing it, many of his
disciples said,
"This is a hard teaching.
Who can accept it?"*

Malachi 3:3

For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver.

- **1st Peter 2:9**
- **Revelation 1:6**

In 88 B.C. The Hasmonean king,
Alexander Jannaeus (possibly the High Priest Jonathan)

"As he was feasting with his concubines, in the sight of all the city, he ordered about eight hundred of them to be crucified; and while they were living, he ordered the throats of their children and wives to be cut before their eyes."

Josephus, Antiquities 13:14:2

*I the Lord do not change.
So you, O descendants of
Jacob, are not destroyed.*

~Nehemiah 3:6

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.

~Malachi 3:10

Bookends of Malachi:

I have loved you (1:2)

A son honors his father, and a servant his master.
If I am a father, where is the honor due me? (1:6)

It is you, O priests, who show contempt for my
name. (1:6)

He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their
children, and the hearts of the children to
their fathers; or else I will come and strike
the land with a curse.” (4:6)

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