

P.T. BIBLE SURVEY

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- ⦿ Who wrote it?
 - Malachi (1:1)
 - Malachi was a prophet during the days of Nehemiah, and is the last of the Old Testament prophets.

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- ◎ Timing of Events:

- Around 432 to 425 B.C.
- Malachi addresses the Israelites in Judah of the second or third generation after the return from Babylonian exile.

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- ◉ III. The Promises to the Nation (3:16-4:6)
 - The Rewards of the Book of Remembrance
 - The Rewards of the Coming of Christ
 - The Prophecy of the Coming of Elijah

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- ◎ Summary in 10 words or less:
 - The Jews have become careless in their attitude toward God.

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◎ Cast of Characters:

- **God:** not deceived by the excuses of the priests and people of Israel, He demands due respect
- **Malachi:** bearing “the burden of the word of the Lord to Israel”
- **The messenger of the Lord:** the One who is yet to come; Jesus
- **Moses:** his laws are to be remembered
- **Elijah:** the famed prophet; God will send him again to prepare the people for the day of the Lord

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- ◎ Where is the work of Christ?
 - Malachi describes Christ as the sun of righteousness who brings healing to His people. He also comes as a refiner's fire to purify the sons of Levi so they can make an offering in righteousness. (Chapter 4)

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Verse to Remember

“But for you who fear *My* name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall.”

(Malachi 4:2)

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◉ Interesting Facts:

- The Book of Malachi is a prelude to the 400 years of prophetic silence broken finally by the words of the next prophet, John the Baptist. (Malachi 3:1; Matt. 3:3; John 1:29)
- Malachi ends on the bitter word “Curse” (3:14).

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- What is my take away?
 - To much is given that much more is required (Luke 12:48). God expects His leaders to lead with integrity, humility, and honor.

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◎ Home Study

- Enjoy the Christmas Holiday!
- We will reconvene on January 4th.