

# Malachi

The Minor Prophets Study

# Malachi: 400 B.C. (Last Writing before NT)

- Location: Jerusalem
- Theme: Yahweh loves the people of Israel, is in control of this world in spite of what may seem to be contrary evidence, and demands faithfulness from His people.
- Famous scriptures: “On Tithing” (3:8-10) and “Hearts of Fathers and Sons toward one Another” (4:6).
- Style: Dialectic (Questions and Answers); Rhetorical Device for emphasis.

# The Book of Malachi

Meaning: “My Messenger” or “My Angel”

Some scholars believe this was a general book written by a nameless prophet and entitled the book “Malachi”

Some spiritual/cultural issues were present such as: **blemished sacrifices** (1:6-14), **divorce** (2:13-14), **marrying outside of the faith** (2:10-12), and **unfaithfulness in tithes and offerings** (3:6-12).

# 3 Themes for Today

Broken Covenant  
through Tithes  
and Offerings  
(3:6-12)

The Faithful  
Remnant  
(3:16-18)

The Day of the  
Lord's Judgment:  
The Spirit of  
Moses and Elijah

# Broken Covenant through Tithes and Offerings

Key Verses:  
3:8-10

“Will a man  
rob God? Yet  
you rob  
me.”

In tithes and  
offerings  
“The whole  
tithe”

The “test”  
and the  
“promise”

# The Faithful Remnant (3:16-18)

- Defined as:
  - A. Those who fear the Lord (3:16b)
  - B. God will spare those who serve Him (3:17)
  - C. There will be a distinction between the righteous and wicked (3:18)

# The Day of the Lord's Judgment: The Spirit of Moses and Elijah

- Throughout the book, Malachi, refers to many of the great fathers: Jacob/Israel (Covenant), Levi (the Ministry), Moses (the Law), and Elijah (the Prophets [Jesus]).
- For the righteous, they will receive healing (4:2a), youthfulness (4:2b), and strength (4:3).
- Reconciliatory Spirit (4:6), which symbolically is pointing to Jesus.