MALACHI-LESSON #1

INTRODUCTION:

- Do not know much about Malachi- name is only info we have
- Malachi = "messenger"

DATE OF WRITING:

- Order: Haggai- Ezra- Nehemiah- Malachi
- Somewhere between 435-400 bc
- Takes place after the rebuilding of God's temple is completed (516bc)

MALACHI/NEHEMIAH

PROBLEM	MALACHI	NEHEMIAH
Corrupt Priesthood	Malachi 2:8-9	Nehemiah 13:29
Ungodly Marriage	Malachi 2:11,13-15	Nehemiah 13:23-25
Tithing Withheld	Malachi 3:8-12	Nehemiah 13:10-11

SEVEN QUESTIONS:

- Malachi consists of 7 questions asked of God by a people confronted with sin
- Malachi is a book about a people who refuse to see themselves in light of their relationship with God; and a God who refuses to let them keep their eyes closed to their own spiritual reality.
- 1. In what way have You loved us?- Malachi 1:2
- 2. In what way have we despised Your name? Malachi 1:6
- 3. In what way have we defiled You?- Malachi 1:7
- 4. In what way have we wearied Him?- Malachi 2:17
- 5. In what way shall we return?- Malachi 3:7
- 6. In what way have we robed You?- Malachi 3:8
- 7. In what way have we spoken against You?- Malachi 3:13

THE REMNANT

1. How many left Egypt?

- a. *Exodus 12:37-* 600,000 able bodied/military aged men (over age 20)
- b. Ordinary proportion of people fit to go to war in general population is 1 in 4.
 - i. 600,000 x 4 = 2.4 Million
 - ii. *Exodus 1:9* more and mightier than the Egyptians

2. Due to unbelief- generation perished in the wilderness

- a. Numbers 26:51= 601,730 men entering promised land
- b. Population of roughly 2.5 million
- 3. After Promised Land- 12 tribes united under God as a holy nation

4. Reign of David- people were numbered

- a. God angry (probably because he divided them into two groups)
- b. Number of men who drew the sword:
 - i. Israel= 1 Million, 1 Hundred thousand Men
 - ii. Judah= Four hundred & seventy thousand men- 1 Chron. 21:5

5. Kingdom Splits

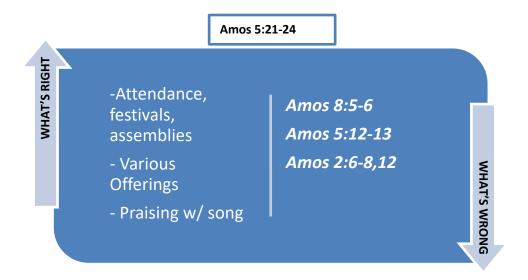
- a. Northern 10- taken, never brought back
- b. Southern Kingdom- taken, allowed to come back
 - i. Not everyone left Babylon, and not everyone who left survived the journey home
- c. Ezra 2:1- about 50,000 came back

6. Perspective:

- a. Population of Dearborn County, IN (2022): 50,494
 - i. Israel/Judah: 1,570,000 (during reign of David)

Malachi: remnant, 3.18% of what God's people were during reign of David

MALACHI 1:1- THE "BURDEN" OF THE WORD OF THE LORD



Ę	Jeremiah	7:1-11	
WHAT'S RIGHT	-Coming to temple to worship - Not one problem mentioned regarding Temple service/sacrifices	 Wrong way, wrong deeds False security Oppression Shedding innocent blood Walking after other gods They steal, murder, lie, commit adultery 	WHAT'S WRONG
	Isaiah 1:10	- Sacrificing to Baal	ONG
WHAT'S RIGHT	- Sacrifices, Burnt offerings - Attendance - Incense - Feast days, festivals, assemblies - Prayer	- Isaiah 1:2, 4, 5 - Isaiah 5:18-23 WHAT'S WRONG	
	- Prayer	ONG	