
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	<i>Malachi 2:8-9</i>	<i>Nehemiah 13:29</i>
Ungodly Marriage	<i>Malachi 2:11,13-15</i>	<i>Nehemiah 13:23-25</i>
Tithing Withheld	<i>Malachi 3:8-12</i>	<i>Nehemiah 13:10-11</i>

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. $600,000 \times 4 = 2.4$ 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

Amos 5:21-24

WHAT'S RIGHT

- Attendance, festivals, assemblies
- Various Offerings
- Praising w/ song

Amos 8:5-6
Amos 5:12-13
Amos 2:6-8,12

WHAT'S WRONG

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
- Sacrificing to Baal

WHAT'S WRONG

Isaiah 1:10-17

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