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## The Chapters of Malachi

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# Malachi

## **SECTION OUTLINE ONE (MALACHI 1-4)**

Malachi talks about Israel's privileged status and transgressions and God's future promises. He also refers to two key prophets: John the Baptist and Elijah.

### I. ISRAEL'S PRIVILEGE (1:1-5)

**A. God's devotion to Jacob's descendants** (1:1-2, 5)

**B. God's destruction of Esau's descendants** (1:3-4)

### II. ISRAEL'S POLLUTIONS (1:6-2:17; 3:5-15)

**A. The priests' sins** (1:6-2:9)

1. Their rebellion (1:6-14; 2:7-9)

a. They despise and dishonor God's holy name (1:6, 11, 14b).

b. They offer polluted sacrifices (1:7-10; 12-14a).

c. They pervert God's Word, causing many to stumble (2:7-9).

2. Their rebuke (2:1-3): God warns that the priests and their descendants will be severely punished if they do not repent.

3. Their role model (2:4-6): Levi, the tribe's founder

**B. The people's sins** (2:10-17; 3:5-15)

1. Their iniquities (2:10-17; 3:5, 8-15)

a. They are untrue to each other (2:10).

b. They divorce their wives (2:13-16).

c. They marry pagan wives (2:11-12).

d. They claim evil is good (2:17).

e. They are sorcerers, adulterers, liars, cheaters, oppressors, and unjust people (3:5).

f. They slander God (3:13-15).

g. They rob God (3:8-12).

2. God's invitation (3:6-7): Repent!

### III. ISRAEL'S PROPHETS (3:1a; 4:5-6): Malachi refers to two key prophets:

**A. John the Baptist, who introduces Christ's first coming** (3:1a)

**B. Elijah, who will introduce Christ's second coming** (4:5-6)

### IV. GOD'S PROMISES TO ISRAEL (3:1b-4, 16-18; 4:1-4)

**A. Christ's coming** (3:1b, 16; 4:1-4)

1. The place (3:1b): The millennial Temple

2. The particulars (3:16; 4:1-4)

a. The journal (3:16): Christ will bring with him a scroll of remembrance, in which he will record the names of those who love and fear him.

b. The judgment (4:1): He will punish the wicked.

c. The joy (4:2-4): The Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings!

**B. Israel's cleansing** (3:2-4, 17-18)

1. To be refined as silver and gold (3:2-4)

2. To be regarded as treasure (3:17-18)