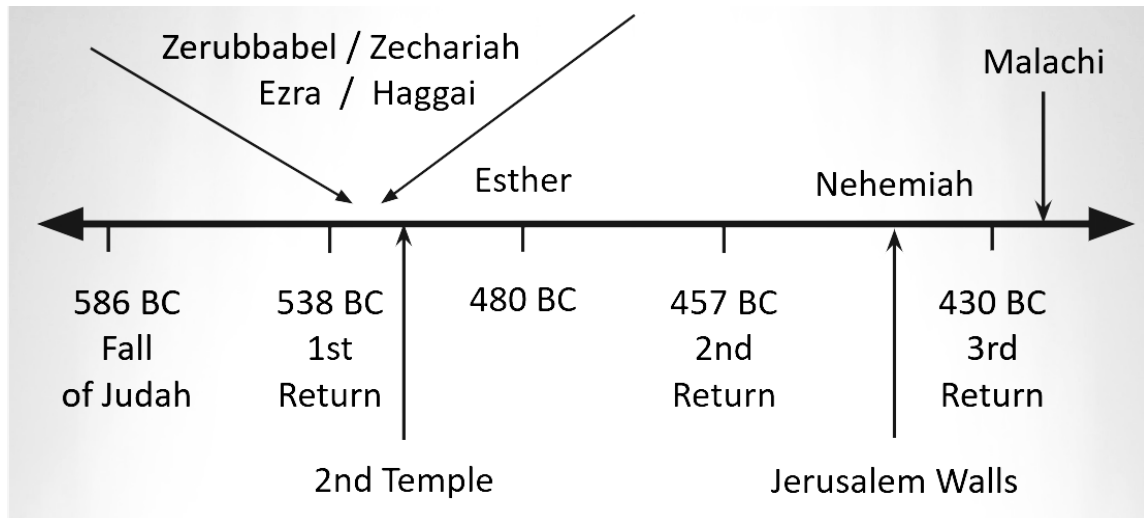


Facts about Malachi

- Final book of the Old Testament
- Last Prophecy before _____
- Set in _____ Era

Remnant Era Israel



Notes:

Did Israel Learn Its Lesson?

- No _____!
- Rather _____, materialism and discouragement
- Same as Haggai and Zechariah

Questions Asked

- "I have always _____ you," says the LORD. But you retort, "Really? How have You loved us?" Malachi 1:2 NLT
- "...you ask, 'How have we ever shown contempt for Your name? You have shown _____ by offering defiled sacrifices on My altar.'" Malachi 1:6,7
- "You say, 'It's too _____ to serve the Lord,' and you turn up your noses at My commands," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies." Malachi 1:13
- "Cursed is the _____ ..." Malachi 1:14

Snapshot of a hard heart

Israel's Complaint	God's Response	Patient
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How have You loved us? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have always loved you! 	<p>_____</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How have we shown contempt? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You offer defiled sacrifices. 	<p>Reasonable</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is too hard to serve the LORD! <scoff> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cursed is the cheat. 	<p>_____</p>

Short-term Solution

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in My Temple. If you do,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! _____! Put me to the test! Malachi 3:10

- What is the symptom of your hard heart: _____

Long-Term Solution

“Look! I am sending My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. Then the Lord you are seeking will suddenly come to His Temple. The _____, whom you look for so eagerly, is surely coming,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies. “But who will be able to endure it when He comes? Who will be able to stand and face Him when he appears? Malachi 3:1,2

“Look, I am sending you the prophet _____ before the great and dreadful day of the Lord arrives. His preaching will turn the hearts of fathers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers. Otherwise I will come and strike the land with a curse.” Malachi 4:5,6

- Messengers: _____, Elijah, _____
- Prophecy of _____ and _____ Coming.
- Mystery of the Gospel = Jesus' mission as a _____ servant was hidden to the Jews.

- Golden Thread is a _____ that links the Old Testament to Jesus’ earthly life AND to His second coming.

John the Baptiser - three perspectives

- Jews - corruption, _____, looking for political leader
- John - understood the motives of Pharisees, & wanted to shift _____ to Jesus.
- Jesus - understood the present reality and _____ fulfillment.

Lessons of Malachi

God’s Method	The Result
• Questions and Answers	• Expose the _____
• Short-term solution	• Restore _____
• Long-term _____	• Messiah

Give Him Your Heart

“O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what He requires of you:

to do what is right, to _____mercy, and to walk _____with your God. Micah 6:8

Answer Key (in order): Gabriel, Remnant, idolatry, apathy, loved, contempt, hard, cheat, generous, honest, Try it, messenger of the covenant, Elijah, Malachi, John the Baptist,, First, Second, suffering, prophecy, hypocrisy, focus, future, need, Passion, solution, love, walk