

Week Twelve: Malachi – Condemnation of Unfaithful Israel

Crisis is coming. Focus on the sins of both Israel and Judah.

Hosea: Come Home, Unfaithful Israel

Joel: The Day of the Lord for Judah

Amos: Yahweh roars against Israel

Obadiah: Edom's Fall and Judah's Rise

Jonah: Yahweh – Savior of the Nations

Micah: Judgment and Restoration for Judah

Before the Destruction of Jerusalem. Focus on Judah

Nahum: Judgment On Fallen Assyria

Habakkuk: The Justice of God Against Babylon and Judah

Zephaniah: The Day of the Lord is Near

Restoration Covenant – Returnees from exile. (Ezra-Nehemiah)

Haggai: Rebuild the Temple

Zechariah: Yahweh the King to return to His people

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- A. Yahweh is Just – He loves Israel (1:1-5)
 - B. Priests (and people) have cheated Yahweh in offerings (1:6-14)
 - C. Past Levi served in righteousness (2:1-9)
 - D. CENTER: Stop being unfaithful to Yahweh and wives (2:10-17)
 - C' Future Levite will come as Yahweh's messenger (2:18-3:7)
 - B' People have robbed Yahweh of tithes and offerings (3:8-12)
 - A' Yahweh is Just – He will reward the righteous and judge the wicked (3:13-4:3)
- Conclusion: Day of Yahweh (4:4-6)

Corruption of the Priests and Levites (Mal. 1:6-2:9 – Neh. 13:1-9); failure to pay tithes and offerings (Mal. 3:7-12 – Neh. 13:10-13); and intermarriage with pagan wives (Mal. 2:10-16 – Neh. 13:23-28). Malachi = “My messenger”

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Gen. 25-29 - Obadiah

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Deut. 15:21; Lev. 22:20-24, 31-33

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Ex. 32:25-29; Num. 25; Deut. 33:8-11

D. CENTER: Stop being unfaithful to Yahweh and wives (2:10-16)

Ezra 9, Nehemiah 9-10, 13

Homework assignment: Read the whole book of Malachi