

OUTLINE OF MALACHI

1A THE LOVE OF GOD FOR ISRAEL chap 1:1-5

1B God has restored the Babylonian destruction of Israel

2B God maintains the Babylonian destruction of Edom

Israel is rebuilt and restored as a nation, but Edom never was. However, in spite of God's love for Israel, she treats God and his worship with contempt.

2A THE REBUKE OF GOD DIRECTED AT THE PRIESTS chap 1:6-2:9

1B They offer corrupt sacrifices chap 1:6-14

2B They are under God's curse chap 2:1-9

3A THE REBUKE OF GOD DIRECTED AT THE PEOPLE chap 2:10- 3:15

1B Rebuke for violating the marriage covenant chap 2:10-16

2B Rebuke for contempt of God's judgment chap 2:17- 3:6

3B Rebuke for failure to tithe chap 3:7-12

4B Rebuke for contempt of God's service chap 3:13-15

4A THE REPENTANCE OF THE PEOPLE DIRECTED TOWARD GOD chap 3:16-4:6

1B Their repentance of sin chap 3:16

2B God's promises to them chap 3:17-4:6

THEME: Israel must renew her zeal for the service and worship of God

Key verse: Malachi 3:7b ...return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts.