

Chiastic Structure of Malachi

Heading (Malachi 1:1)

A. First disputation: Does God make a distinction between the good and the arrogantly wicked? God's elective love vindicated in his judgment (Malachi 1:2-5)

B. Second disputation: Israel's begrudging offerings condemned (Malachi 1:6-2-2:9)

C. Third disputation: Marriage to an idolater—and divorce based on aversion—condemned by the Lord, who is witness to the covenant of marriage (Malachi 2:10-16)

C'. Fourth disputation: The Lord is a witness against adultery and other moral offenses (Malachi 2:17-3:5)

B'. Fifth disputation: Israel's begrudging offerings condemned (Malachi 3:6-12)

A'. Sixth disputation: Does God make a distinction between the good and the arrogantly wicked? God's elective love vindicated in his judgment (Malachi 3:13-4:3)

Conclusion: (Malachi 4:4-6)