

Jesus Coming with Healing in His Wings **Malachi 4:1-3**

God's Messenger to a Disillusioned Nation, part 15

- The Old Testament ends where the New Testament ends: with the glorious coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, with the judgment of the wicked and the liberation of the righteous over all oppression, and with the triumph of God over all His enemies and justice prevailing.

Malachi 4:1; Behold, the day cometh. This is the Day of the Lord.

Revelation 22:13; Even so, come Lord Jesus!

1. Unescapable Disaster to the Wicked, v.1

- Judgment will be upon those who are proud and do wickedly (3:15).
- The Day of the Lord is associated with various themes:
 - A. Lamentation, Isaiah 13:6; Joel 1:15
 - B. Calamity & Terror, Is.13:7
 - C. Wrath, Isaiah 13:9, 13; Zeph.1:18, 2:2; 3:8
 - D. Devastation, Is.13:9
 - E. Cosmic changes of the sun & moon, Isaiah 13:10
 - F. Slaughter, Isaiah 34; Zeph.1:7,8

2. Unparalleled Deliverance to Believers, v.2,3

- Here are incredible promises for true believers described as those who “fear His name.”(1:6; 1:11; 2:2,5)

A. A Dawning: The Sun of Righteousness shall arise:

2 Samuel 23:4; He shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds: as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain.

B. A Healing “with healing in His wings”:

- HEALING! This speaks fo deliverance from all disease, disaster and death. Jeremiah 14:19; Jeremiah 15:18; Jer.17:14; Jer.30:17; Jer. 33:6.

C. A Renewing: “and ye shall go forth...”

- What a picture of freedom, exuberance and joyful living!

- Obedience to God will be rewarded beyond our ability to imagine or think, so may we never challenge God but fear Him!