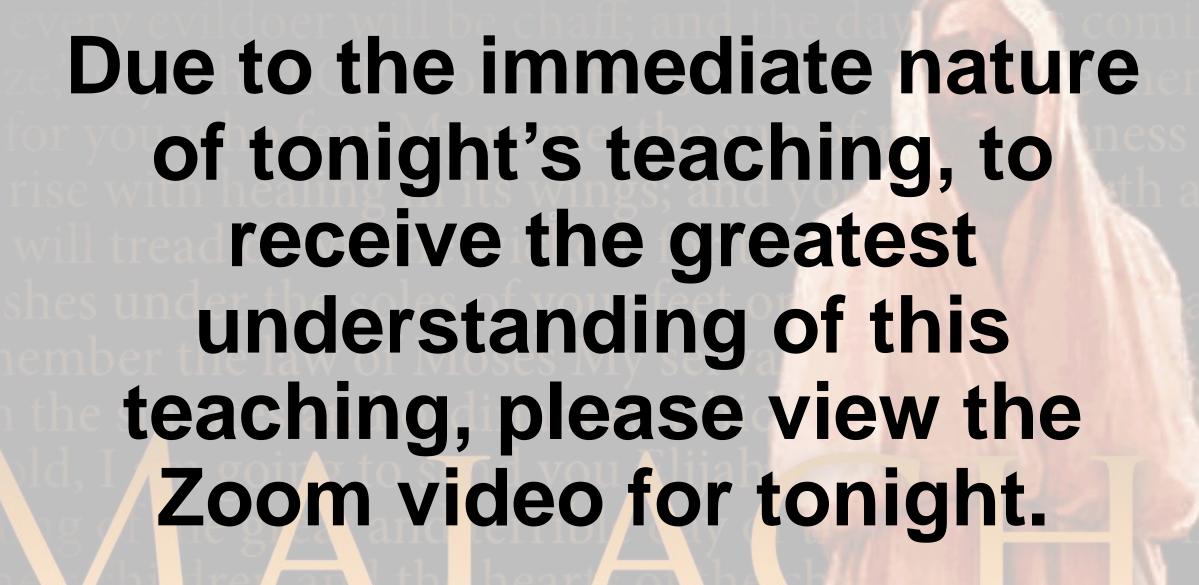
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Our Thoughts Malachi 4

Unlike previous teachings, led by one person, this teaching is based on the input of all the Fellowship attendees.

Using one Biblical chapter, the Fellowship will dissect and analyze the chapter, hopefully providing new insights to all that are present.



Each verse will be analyzed while being displayed in both the King James Version (KJV) and the Jewish Study Bible Version (JSB).

However, each Fellowship member is free to use their own version of the Bible in making their analysis.

Malachi is the last book of the Nevi'im (Prophets) section of the Tanakh. It is possible that Malachi is not a proper name because in Hebrew it means "messenger" and many assume it to be a pseudonym. Jewish tradition claims that the real identity of Malachi is Ezra the scribe.

The Book of Malachi is set in a period when the Second Temple was rebuilt and sacrificial worship was resumed. Malachi probably lived and labored during the times of Ezra and Nehemia.

The abuses which Malachi mentions in his writings correspond so exactly with those which Nehemiah found on his second visit to Jerusalem in 432 BC that it seems reasonably certain that he prophesied concurrently with Nehemiah or shortly after.

Malachi 4 is a very brief chapter, composed of only 6 verses. These words complete Malachi's plea for Israel to be faithful to God, and give an additional warning about God's impending judgment.

Prior chapters of Malachi have focused on various kinds of unfaithfulness. The priests, husbands, and people of Israel have fallen away from God.

The final chapter of Malachi was written by the final prophet of the Old Testament times. It is a chapter full of promises, both good and bad.

It concludes the Old Testament writings by looking ahead to the major events of the future. It speaks of both the first and the second comings of the Messiah.

Many Bible translations do not have a Malachi 4. Instead, the six verses of Chapter 4 are included as the end to Chapter 3.

Also, many scholars view verses 13-18 of Chapter 3 as a prologue or even inherent to the context and meaning of Chapter 4. To this end, we will start with a quick review of Malichi 3:13-18.

Malachi 4 (KJV) -King James Version (JSB) -Jewish Study Bible And now, you become the teacher:



¹³ You have spoken hard words against Me-said the LoRD. But you ask, "What have we been saying among ourselves against You?" (JSB)

13 Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, What have we spoken *so much* against thee? (KJV)

You have said, "It is useless to serve God. What have we gained by keeping His charge and walking in abject awe of the LoRD of Hosts? (JSB)

LORD. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against thee? ¹⁴ Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts? (KJV)

15 And so, we account the arrogant happy: they have indeed done evil and endured; they have indeed dared God and escaped."

(JSB)

15 And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered. (KJV)

¹⁶ In this vein have those who revere the LORD been talking to one another. The LORD has heard and noted it, and a scroll of remembrance has been written at His behest concerning those who revere the LORD and esteem His name. (JSB)

16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard *it*, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. (KJV)

¹⁷ And on the day that I am preparing, said the LoRD of Hosts, they shall be My treasured possession; I will be tender toward them as a man is tender toward a son who ministers to him. (JSB)

¹⁷ And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. (KJV)

¹⁸ And you shall come to see the difference between the righteous and the wicked, between him who has served God and him who has not served Him. (JSB)

18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not. (KJV)

Now Let's Look at Malachi Chapter 4

All the arrogant and all the doers of evil shall be straw, and the day that is coming-said the LoRD of Hosts-shall burn them to ashes and leave of them neither stock nor boughs. (JSB)

¹For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. (KJV)



^{20/2} But for you who revere My name a sun of victory shall rise "to bring healing". You shall go forth and stamp like stall-fed calves, (JSB)

² But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. (KJV)

^{21/3} and you shall trample the wicked to a pulp, for they shall be dust beneath your feet on the day that I am preparing-said the LoRD of Hosts. (JSB)

³ And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts. (KJV)

^{22/4} Be mindful of the Teaching of My servant Moses, whom I charged at Horeb with laws and rules for all Israel. (JSB)

⁴Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. (KJV)

Lo, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before the coming of the awesome, fearful day of the LORD.
 (JSB)

⁵ Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: (KJV)



What is the "Great And Dreadful Day Of The Lord"?

-The day of the Lord will be a time of judgment that includes the time of Jacob's trouble or distress (Jeremiah 30:4-7); -It is the seventieth "seven" of the prophetic calendar God gave to Daniel (Daniel 9:24-27); -It is the great tribulation that Yeshua predicted (Matthew 24:21). -After the judgments of the tribulation, Yeshua will return to earth to finish the judgment and establish His kingdom (Revelation 19—20).

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^{24/6} He shall reconcile parents with children and children with their parents, so that, when I come, I do not strike the whole land with utter destruction. Lo, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before the coming of the awesome, fearful day of the LORD. (JSB)

⁶ And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse. (KJV)

Hopefully analyzing Malachi 4 in this way has increased your understanding and appreciation of this chapter in the Bible.

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