

1 The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi.

2 I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob,

3 And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.

4 Whereas Edom saith, We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and, The people against whom the LORD hath indignation for ever.

5 And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, The LORD will be magnified from the border of Israel.

6 A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

Chapter 1



Malachi



7 Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible.

8 And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.

9 And now, I pray you, beseech God that he will be gracious unto us: this hath been by your means: will he regard your persons? saith the LORD of hosts.

10 Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for nought? neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand.

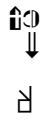
11 For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

12 But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of the LORD is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible.

13 Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD.

14 But cursed
be the
deceiver,
which hath in
his flock a
male, and
voweth, and
sacrificeth
unto the
LORD a
corrupt
thing: for I
am a great
King, saith
the LORD of
hosts, and
my name is
dreadful
among the
heathen.

Chapter 2



1 And now,
O ye priests,
this com-
mandment is
for you.

2 If ye will
not hear, and
if ye will not
lay it to
heart, to give
glory unto
my name,
saith the
LORD of
hosts, I will
even send a
curse upon
you, and I
will curse
your
blessings:
yea, I have
cursed them
already,
because ye do
not lay it to
heart.

3 Behold, I
will corrupt
your seed,
and spread
dung upon
your faces,
even the
dung of your
solemn feasts;
and one shall
take you
away with it.

4 And ye
shall know
that I have
sent this
command-
ment unto
you, that my
covenant
might be
with Levi,
saith the
LORD of
hosts.

5 My
covenant was
with him of
life and
peace; and I
gave them to
him for the
fear
wherewith he
feared me,
and was
afraid before
my name.

6 The law of
truth was in
his mouth,
and iniquity
was not
found in his
lips: he
walked with
me in peace
and equity,
and did turn
many away
from iniquity.

7 For the
priest's lips
should keep
knowledge,
and they
should seek
the law at his
mouth: for he
is the
messenger of
the LORD of
hosts.

8 But ye are
departed out
of the way; ye
have caused
many to
stumble at
the law; ye
have
corrupted the
covenant of
Levi, saith
the LORD of
hosts.

9 Therefore
have I also
made you
contemptible
and base
before all the
people,
according as
ye have not
kept my
ways, but
have been
partial in the
law.

10 Have we
not all one
father? hath
not one God
created us?
why do we
deal
treacherously
every man
against his
brother, by
profaning the
covenant of
our fathers?

11 Judah
hath dealt
treacherously,
and an
abomination
is committed
in Israel and
in Jerusalem;
for Judah
hath
profaned the
holiness of
the LORD
which he
loved, and
hath married
the daughter
of a strange
god.

12 The
LORD will
cut off the
man that
doeth this,
the master
and the
scholar, out
of the
tabernacles of
Jacob, and
him that
offereth an
offering unto
the LORD of
hosts.

13 And this
have ye done
again,
covering the
altar of the
LORD with
tears, with
weeping, and
with crying
out,
insomuch
that he
regardeth not
the offering
any more, or
receiveth it
with good
will at your
hand.

14 Yet ye say,
Wherefore?
Because the
LORD hath
been witness
between thee
and the wife
of thy youth,
against whom
thou hast
dealt
treacherously:
yet is she thy
companion,
and the wife
of thy
covenant.

15 And did
not he make
one? Yet had
he the
residue of the
spirit. And
wherefore
one? That he
might seek a
godly seed.
Therefore
take heed to
your spirit,
and let none
deal
treacherously
against the
wife of his
youth.

16 For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

17 Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where is the God of judgment?

Chapter 3



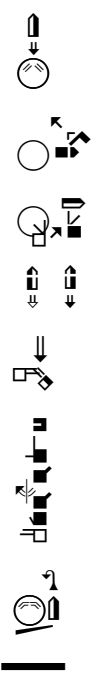
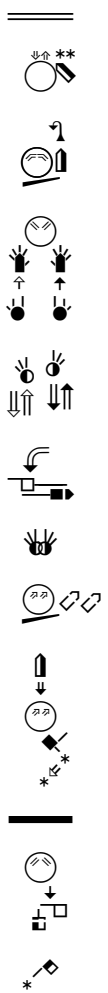
1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

4 Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

5 And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.



6 For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

7 Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the LORD of hosts.

13 Your words have been stout against me, saith the 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?

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

16 Then they that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. 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.

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.

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

1 For, 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.

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.

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.

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

5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

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.

Chapter 4

