

A detailed painting of an elderly man with a long, white beard and hair, wearing a brown robe. He is seated at a desk, leaning forward and writing on a large, unrolled scroll with a quill pen. The scene is dimly lit, with a small, glowing light source illuminating the man's face and the scroll. In the background, there are more scrolls and a small, dark cup on the desk. The overall atmosphere is one of quiet concentration and historical significance.

Listening to the Prophets-Part 2

Chapter 13

Malachi
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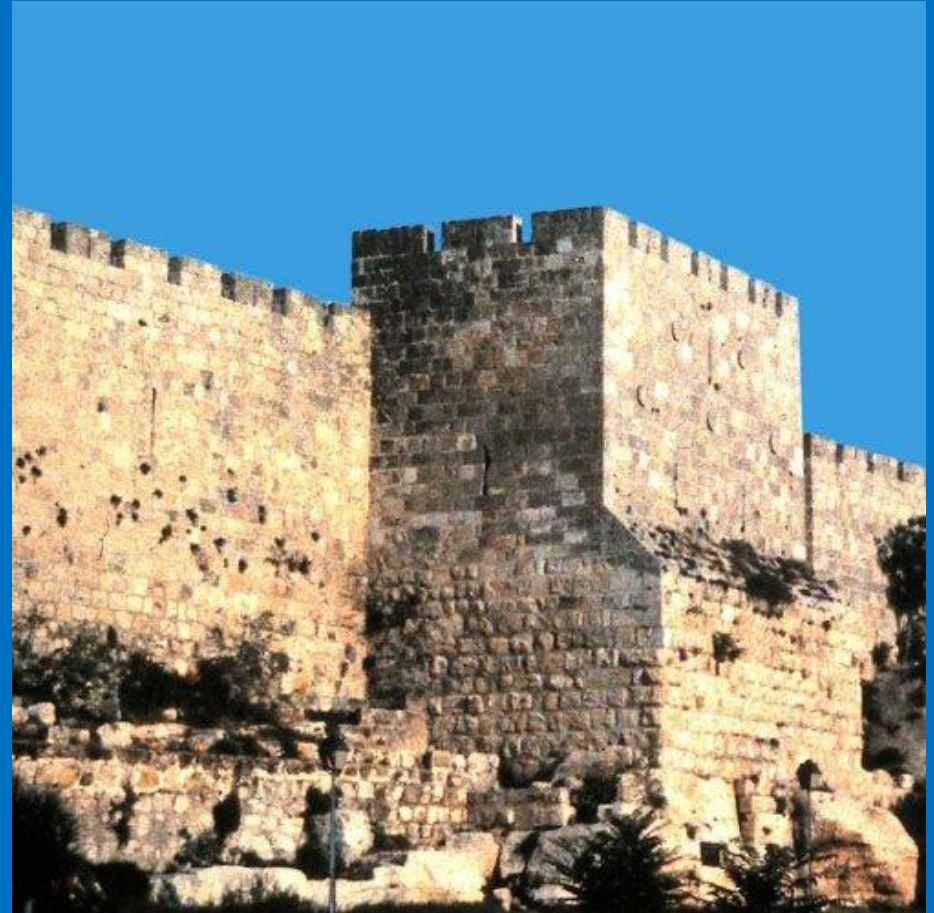
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Introduction-(Ryrie)

- Malachi means “my messenger” and is not mentioned anywhere else in the Old Testament.
- About 100 years had passed since the Jews returned to Palestine from Babylon.



- After building the temple and the city walls of Jerusalem, the revival under Nehemiah began to wane.
- The people had backslidden and became mechanical in their observance toward the law.



- Despite this, the people could not understand why God was dissatisfied with them.
- Malachi rebuked the people and called them to repentance.
- Malachi used a question-and-answer method in his writing (1:2) []



Chapter 1:1-5-God's Compassion for Israel

- God declared his love for Israel in 1:1-5. []



Edom

- Israel had turned from God, yet God still chose to love them as opposed to the Edomites (descendants of Esau).
- King Nebuchadnezzar invaded Edom in 586 B.C. and the Nabataeans drove the Edomites from their territory in 550-400 B.C.

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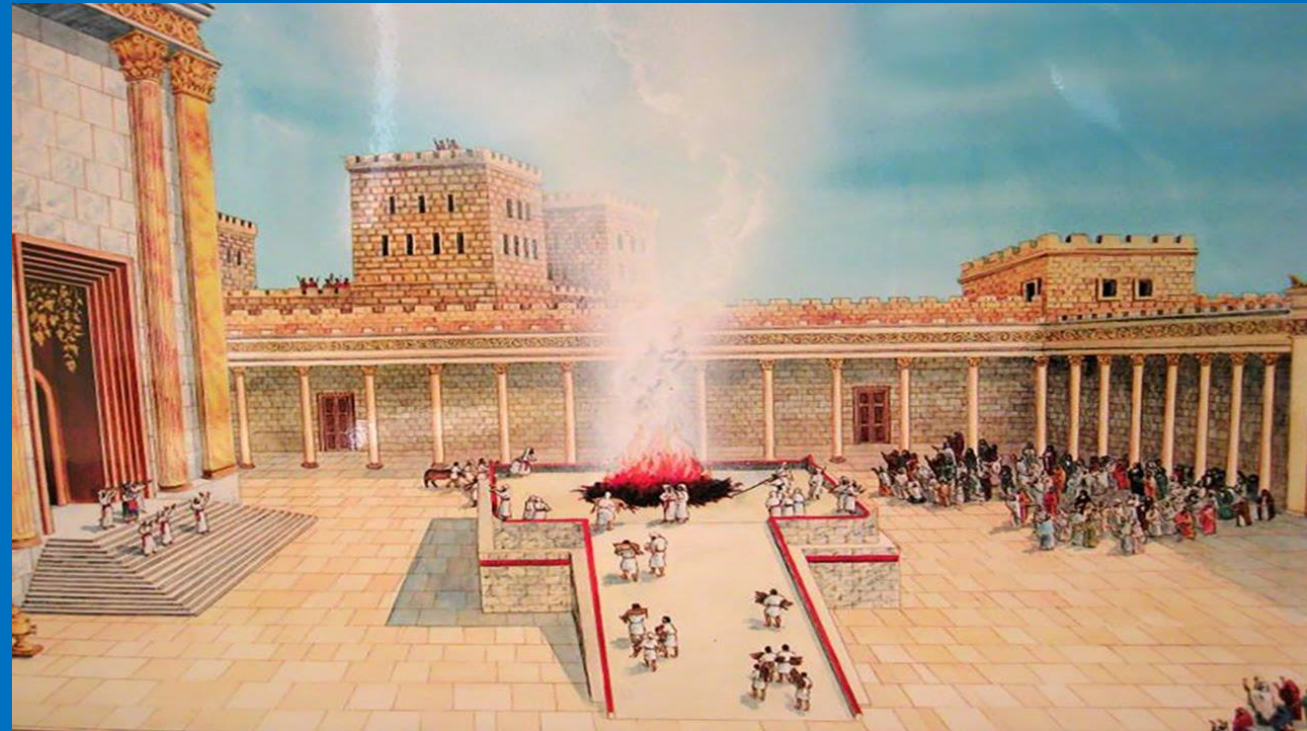


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Chapter 1:6-3:15-God's Complaint against Israel

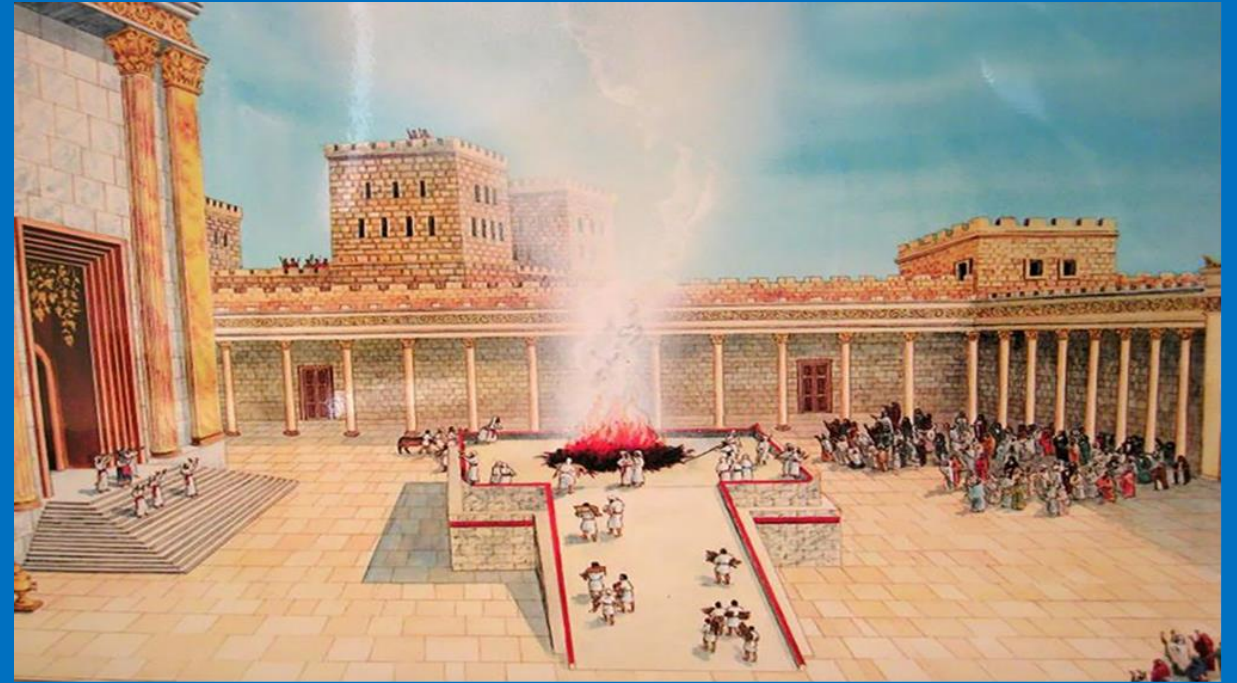
Cheating

- God listed cheating as His first complaint against Israel since they sacrificed sick, blind, and lame animals (1:6-8). []



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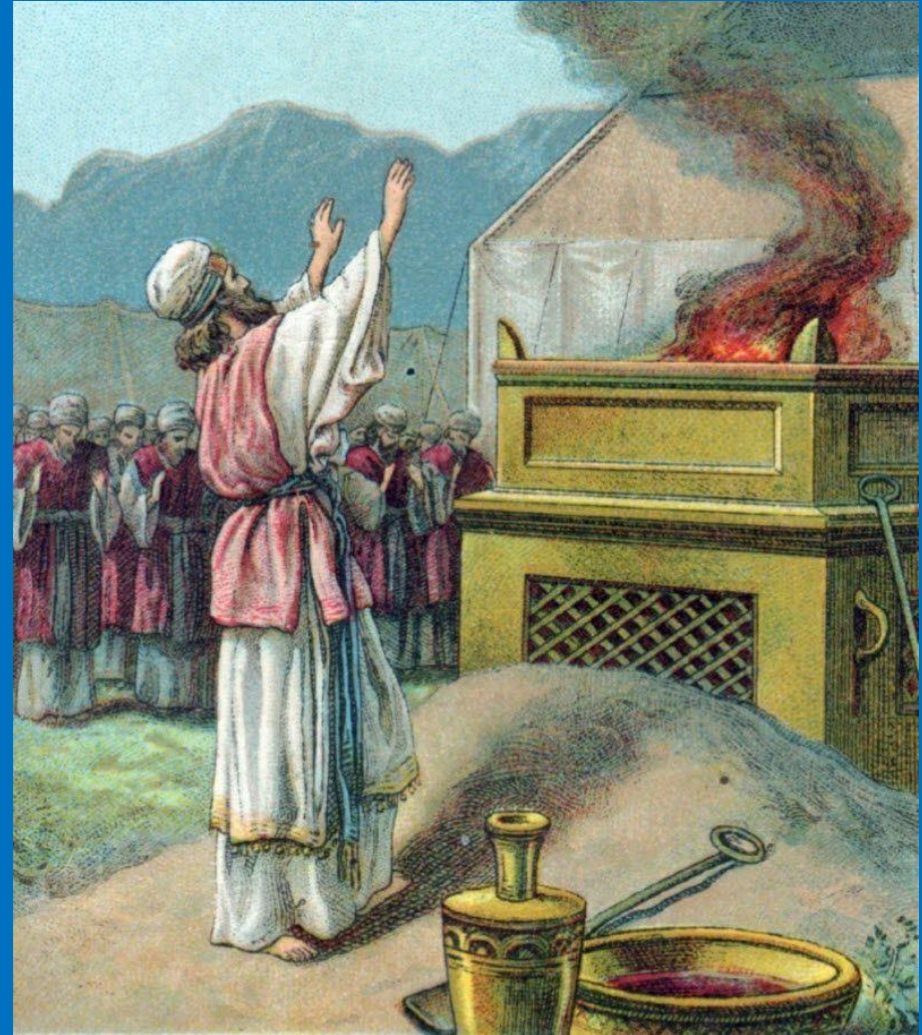
- God reminded Israel of His greatness and that He was worthy to receive sacrifices and praise above and beyond any earthly king (1:11). []
- The people grew tired of offering sacrifices to the Lord and did not value His majesty and power (1:13). []



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- Unfaithfulness

- God rebuked the priests for their unfaithfulness (2:1-3). []
- God expected the priests to preserve knowledge and give instruction.
 - The Jews stumbled because the priests gave false instructions and showed favoritism.



Spiritually Mixed Marriages

- The Jews were profaning their relationship with God by marrying foreign women and accepting their religions (2:11) [].
- 2 Corinthians 6:14 []



- Divorce

- God stated His disapproval of divorce (2:13-16). []
- God does give exceptions for divorce (Matthew 3:32, 19:3-12; 1 Corinthians 7:10-16). []



Impiety

- The Jews felt those who did evil were good since God did not deliver immediate judgment (2:17). []



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- God showed his graciousness and slowness to anger.
- God gives everyone a chance to repent.
 - We should not see God's slowness as a license to do evil (2 Peter 3:9). []



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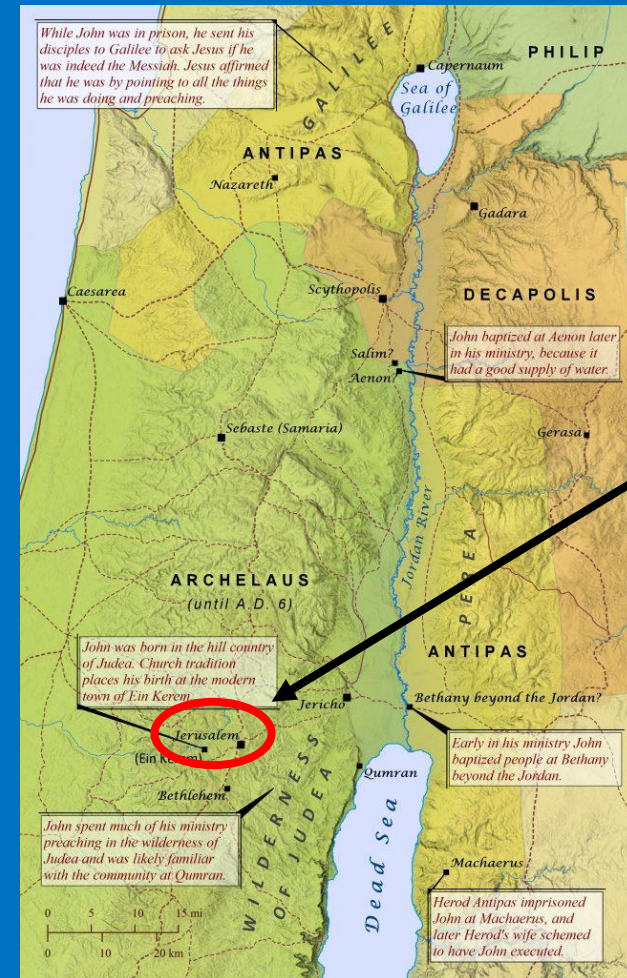
Chapter 3:1-6-The Coming of John the Baptist

- This section digresses from the list of complaints.
- Malachi prophesied about the coming of John the Baptist (3:1; Matthew 11:10). []



- Malachi stated the messenger, Christ, would come into His **temple** (3:1). This exempted Jesus from paying the temple tax (Matthew 17:24-27). []
- The --- Covenant in 3:1 referred to **Jesus blood for us**. Matthew 26:28 []
- Malachi 3:6; Zechariah 12:3-9 promised Israel protection when Christ comes. []

Ministry of John the Baptist



Jerusalem

Robbery

- Israel robbed God by not bringing their tithes and offerings (Malachi 3:7-8) []
- Malachi 3:10 sites God's blessings to those who are faithful in giving their tithes and offerings. 1 Corinthians 16:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8:1-3 2 Corinthians 9:6-8; []



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Arrogance

- The people felt if they could not see immediate blessings and rewards for their righteousness, then their actions were in vain (3:13-14). []



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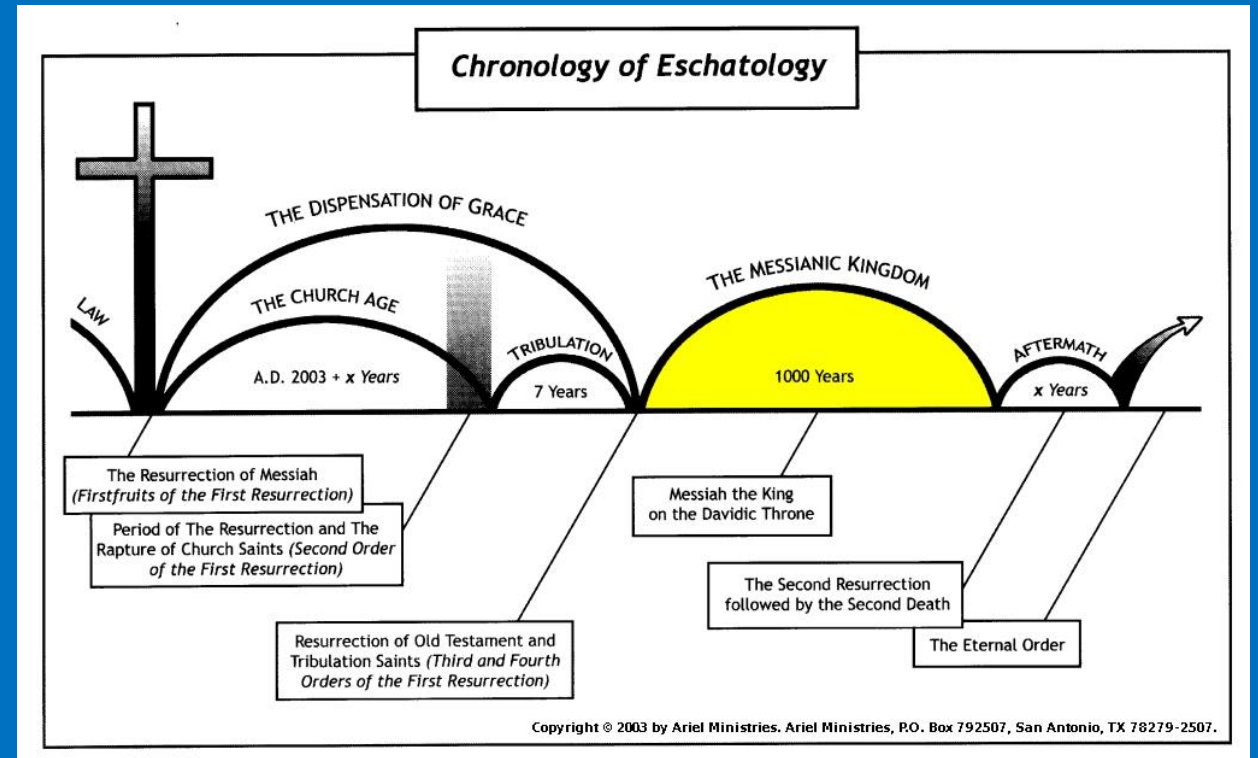
Chapter 3:16-18-God's Condemnation of Ungodly People

- Some Jews did not fear the Lord.
- God remembered **the faithful** Jews and wrote their names into a book for when the Day of the Lord arrives. []



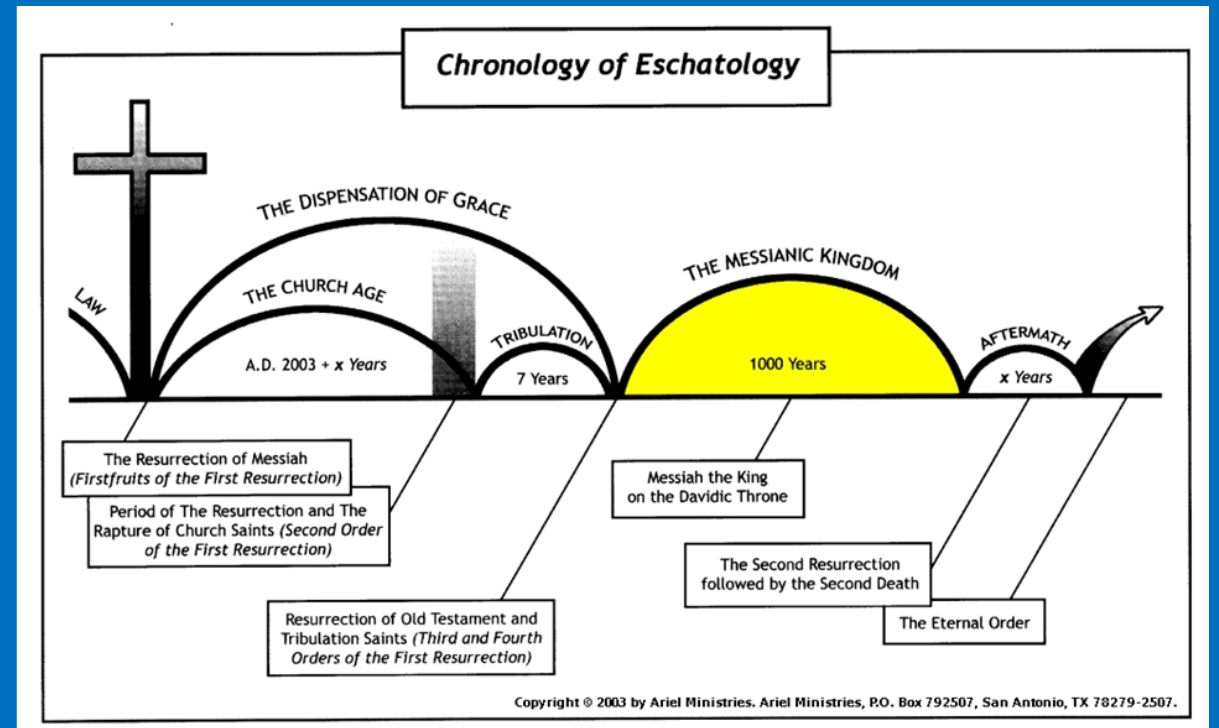
Chapter 4: 1-6-The Nature of God's Judgment

- Malachi spoke about the judgment against unbelievers when Christ returns (4:1). []
- During the Millennial reign, righteousness will rule throughout the earth (4:2-3). []



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- God gave the Jews a last reminder to follow His statues (4:4). []
- Malachi prophesied of John the Baptist **and of Jesus' coming** (4:5-6; see Matthew 17:11-12). []



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Summary

- The Old Testament outlines God's plan for humanity.
- Because of sin, God prepared a people, the Jews, to bring salvation to the world.
- The Jews rejected their Messiah which caused them to lose their position of bringing the message of redemption to the world.
- The Church was born to carry out this failed mission.
- Christ will rapture the Church and He will allow Israel to bring the message of redemption to the world during the tribulation period.

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- During the Great Tribulation, many Jews will turn to Christ and will preach the Gospel throughout the earth.
- After 1000 years (the Millennium), God will create a new heaven and a new earth, and all believers will dwell with Him for eternity.
- The Old Testament demonstrated God's love for all people and showed that He is slow to anger and is full of grace and mercy.
- God's slowness to punish does not license one to do evil but gives one a chance for repentance.

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Malachi 1:2

2 “I have loved you,” says the Lord. But you say, “How have You loved us?” “Was Esau not Jacob’s brother?”
declares the Lord. “Yet I have loved Jacob...[]

Malachi 1:1-5

1 The pronouncement of the word of the Lord to Israel through Malachi:

2 “I have loved you,” says the Lord. But you say, “How have You loved us?” “Was Esau not Jacob’s brother?” declares the Lord. “Yet I have loved Jacob; 3 but I have hated Esau, and I have made his mountains a desolation and given his inheritance to the jackals of the wilderness.”

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4 Though Edom says, “We have been beaten down, but we will return and build up the ruins”; this is what the Lord of armies says: “They may build, but I will tear down; and people will call them the territory of wickedness, and the people with whom the Lord is indignant forever.” 5 And your eyes will see this, and you will say, “The Lord be exalted beyond the border of Israel!” []

Malachi 1:6-8

6“ ‘A son honors his father, and a servant his master. Then if I am a father, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My respect?’ says the Lord of armies to you, the priests who despise My name! But you say, ‘How have we despised Your name?’ 7 You are presenting defiled food upon My altar. But you say, ‘How have we defiled You?’ In that you say, ‘The table of the Lord is to be despised.’

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8 And when you present a blind animal for sacrifice, is it not evil? Or when you present a lame or sick animal, is it not evil? So offer it to your governor! Would he be pleased with you, or would he receive you kindly?” says the Lord of armies. []

Malachi 1:11

11 For from the rising of the sun even to its setting, My name shall be great among the nations, and in every place frankincense is going to be offered to My name, and a grain offering that is pure; for My name shall be great among the nations,” says the Lord of armies. []

Malachi 1:13

13 You also say, ‘See, how tiresome it is!’ And you view it as trivial,” says the Lord of armies, “and you bring what was taken by robbery and what is lame or sick; so you bring the offering! Should I accept it from your hand?” says the Lord. []

Malachi 2:1-3

1 “And now, this commandment is for you, the priests. 2 If you do not listen, and if you do not take it to heart to give honor to My name,” says the Lord of armies, “then I will send the curse upon you and I will curse your blessings; and indeed, I have cursed them already, because you are not taking it to heart. 3 Behold, I am going to rebuke your descendants, and I will spread dung on your faces, the dung of your feasts; and you will be taken away with it. []

Malachi 2:11

11 Judah has dealt treacherously, and an abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah has profaned the sanctuary of the Lord which He loves, and has married the daughter of a foreign god. []

Malachi 2:13-16

13 And this is another thing you do: you cover the altar of the Lord with tears, with weeping and sighing, because He no longer gives attention to the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand. 14 Yet you say, “For what reason?” Because the Lord has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your marriage companion and your wife by covenant.

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15 But not one has done so who has a remnant of the Spirit. And why the one? He was seeking a godly offspring. Be careful then about your spirit, and see that none of you deals treacherously against the wife of your youth. 16 “For I hate divorce,” says the Lord, the God of Israel, “and him who covers his garment with violence,” says the Lord of armies. “So be careful about your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously.” []

Malachi 2:17

17 You have wearied the Lord with your words. Yet you say, “How have we wearied Him?” In that you say, “Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the Lord, and He delights in them,” or, “Where is the God of justice?” []

2 Peter 3:9

9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not willing for any to perish, but for all to come to repentance. []

Malachi 3:1

1 “Behold, I am sending My messenger, and he will clear a way before Me. And the Lord, whom you are seeking, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming,” says the Lord of armies.

Mathew 11:10

10 This is the one about whom it is written:
‘Behold, I am sending My messenger ahead of You,
Who will prepare Your way before You.’ []

Malachi 3:1

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Matthew 11:24-27

24 Now when they came to Capernaum, those who collected the two-drachma [a 2 day wage] tax came to Peter and said, “Does your teacher not pay the two-drachma tax?” 25 He *said, “Yes.” And when he came into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, “What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth collect customs or poll-tax, from their sons or from strangers?”

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Matthew 17:24-27

26 When Peter said, “From strangers,” Jesus said to him, “Then the sons are exempt. 27 However, so that we do not offend them, go to the sea and throw in a hook, and take the first fish that comes up; and when you open its mouth, you will find a stater [2 Drachma]. Take that and give it to them for you and Me.” []

Malachi 3:1

1 “Behold, I am sending My messenger, and he will clear a way before Me. And the Lord, whom you are seeking, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger [Jesus] of the covenant [Jesus’ blood for the forgiveness of sins], in whom you delight, behold, He is coming,” says the Lord of armies.

Matthew 26:28

28 for this is My blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. []

Malachi 3:6

6“For I, the Lord, do not change; therefore you, the sons of Jacob, have not come to an end.

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Zechariah 12:3-9

3 It will come about on that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will injure themselves severely. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it. 4 On that day,” declares the Lord, “I will strike every horse with confusion and its rider with insanity. But I will watch over the house of Judah, while I strike every horse of the peoples with blindness. 5 Then the clans of Judah will say in their hearts, ‘The inhabitants of Jerusalem are a strong support for us through the Lord of armies, their God.’

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6 “On that day I will make the clans of Judah like a firepot among pieces of wood and a flaming torch among sheaves, so they will consume on the right and on the left all the surrounding peoples, while the inhabitants of Jerusalem again live on their own sites in Jerusalem. 7 The Lord also will save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem will not be greater than Judah.

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8 On that day the Lord will protect the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the one who is feeble among them on that day will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the angel of the Lord before them. 9 And on that day I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. []

Malachi 3:7-8

7 “From the days of your fathers you have turned away from My statutes and have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord of armies. “But you say, ‘How shall we return?’ You Have Robbed God 8
“Would anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, ‘How have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. []

Malachi 3:10

10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and put Me to the test now in this,” says the Lord of armies, “if I do not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.

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1 Corinthians 16:1-4

1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you are to do as well. 2 On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save as he may prosper, so that no collections need to be made when I come. 3 When I arrive, whomever you approve, I will send them with letters to take your gift to Jerusalem; 4 and if it is appropriate for me to go also, they will go with me.

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2 Corinthians 8:1-3

1 Now, brothers and sisters, we make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia, 2 that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality. 3 For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, they gave voluntarily...

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2 Corinthians 9:6-8

6 Now I say this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each one must do just as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that, always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed...

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Malachi 3:13-14

13 “Your words have been arrogant against Me,” says the Lord. “Yet you say, ‘What have we spoken against You?’ 14 You have said, ‘It is pointless to serve God; and what benefit is it for us that we have done what He required, and that we have walked in mourning before the Lord of armies?’

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Malachi 3:16-18

16 Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, and the Lord listened attentively and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and esteem His name. 17 “And they will be Mine,” says the Lord of armies, “on the day that I prepare My own possession, and I will have compassion for them just as a man has compassion for his own son who serves him.”

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18 So you will again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him. []

Malachi 4:1

1 “For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze,” says the Lord of armies, “so that it will leave them neither root nor branches.
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Malachi 4:2-3

2 But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and frolic like calves from the stall. 3 And you will crush the wicked underfoot, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day that I am preparing,” says the Lord of armies. []

Malachi 4:4

4 “Remember the Law of Moses My servant, the statutes and ordinances which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel. []

Malachi 4:5-6

5 “Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord. 6 He will turn the hearts of the fathers back to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and strike the land with complete destruction.”

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Matthew 17:11-12

11 And He answered and said, “Elijah is coming and will restore all things; 12 but I say to you that Elijah already came, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they wanted. So also the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands.” []

Matthew 3:32,

32 but I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for the reason of unchastity, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

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Matthew 19:7-9

7...“Why then did Moses command to give her a certificate of divorce and send her away?” 8 He *said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way. 9 And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery.”

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1 Corinthians 7:10-16

10 But to the married I give instructions, not I, but the Lord, that the wife should not leave her husband 11 (but if she does leave, she must remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband), and that the husband should not divorce his wife. 12 But to the rest I say, not the Lord, that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he must not divorce her.

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13 And a woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, she must not send her husband away. 14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband; for otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy.

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15 Yet if the unbelieving one leaves, let him leave; the brother or the sister is not under bondage in such cases, but God has called us to peace. 16 For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife? []

2 Corinthians 6:14

14 Do not be bound [yoked] together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? []