

The Book of Malachi

Author and Date

Who is the author of the book and when was it written?

Place in the Canon

Where is the book of Malachi located in the canon of scripture?

Structure

What is the structure of the book?

Historical Background

What period of history does the book pertain to?

Message of the Prophet

What is the message conveyed by the prophet Malachi?

Christian Perspective

How does the book of Malachi relate to the New Testament?

Read 1:2-5 What is the first disputation that Malachi presents? (Note 1:2-5)

Why do the people of Judah doubt God's love? (Note 1:2)

Why does God love Jacob but hate Esau? (Note 1:3)

What does the second disputation state? (Note 1:6–2:9)

Read 1:6-7 What is the Lord's table? (Note 1:7)

Read 1:8 What kind of animal sacrifices are required to be made by the Mosaic Law? (Note 1:8)

Read 1:9–11 What is meant by the phrase "from the rising of the sun to it setting"? (Note 1:11)

Read 2:1–9 What is meant by the phrase "I will curse your blessings"? (Note 2:2)

What is meant by the term dung? (Note 2:3)

What is the Levitical covenant? (Note 2:4)

What is the covenant of peace? (Note 2:5)

Who is responsible for religious instruction in Israel (Note 2:7)

What is the third disputation? (Note 2:10–16)

Read 2:10-11 Did Israel enter into religious marriages with women from outside the covenant community? (Note 2:11)

Read 2:13–14 Is marriage a covenantal relationship? (Note 2:14)

Read 2:15–16 Does God hate divorce? (Note 2:16)

What is the fourth disputation (Note 2:17–3:5)

Read 3:1 Who is God's messenger? (Note 3:1)

What is the fifth disputation? (Note 3:6–12)

Read 3:6 Is God immutable? (Note 3:6)

Read 3:7-9 How do you rob God? (Note 3:8)

Read 3:10–12 Does God challenge His people to put him to the test? (Note 3:10)

What is the sixth disputation? (Note 3:13–4:3)

Read 4:1–3 What is the sun of righteousness? (Note 4:2)

Read 4:4–5 Who is the Lord's messenger? (Note 4:5)