

Malachi

Date: Post Exile
Key Verse : 1:11

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Purpose: To pronounce judgment on Israel and warn them about the coming Day of the Lord.

Internal Structure has a repetitive format of a dispute

1. Statement of Truth
2. Hypothetical rebuttal question from the accused or audience
3. Answer to the rebuttal question
4. Evidence supporting the statement of truth

Introduction 1:1

Part 1: Gods Love for Israel Defended 1:2-5

- How have you loved us ? _____

Part II: Rebuke of the Priests Defended 1:6-2:9

- How have we despised your name ? _____
- How have we defiled you ? _____

Part III: Rebuke of the People Defended 2:10-3:6

- Why does the Lord ignore our offerings ? _____
- How have we wearied Him? _____
- Where is the God of Justice? _____

(((Prophetic Parenthetic - The Lord is coming 3:1-5)))

Part IV: God's curse on Israel Defended _____

- How are we to return to You? _____
- How do we rob you? _____

Part V: Gods Ways of dealing with men defended _____

- What have we said against You? _____
- What do we gain by keeping His Requirements? _____

Part VI: Prophetic Conclusion : The Coming Day of the Lord 4:1-6