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MALACHI

A verse by verse study



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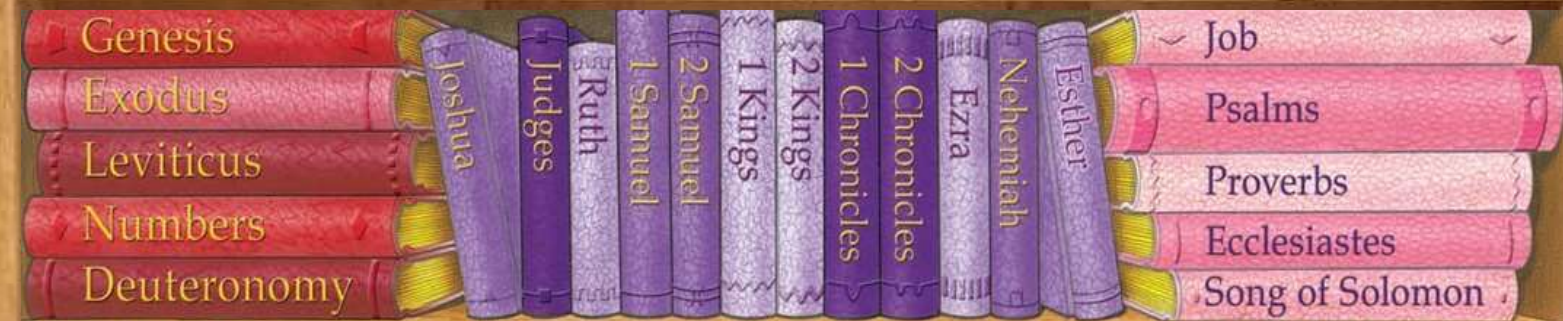
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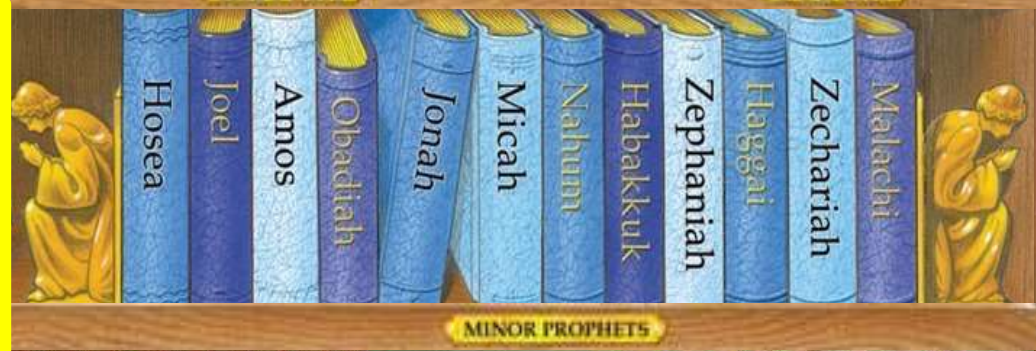
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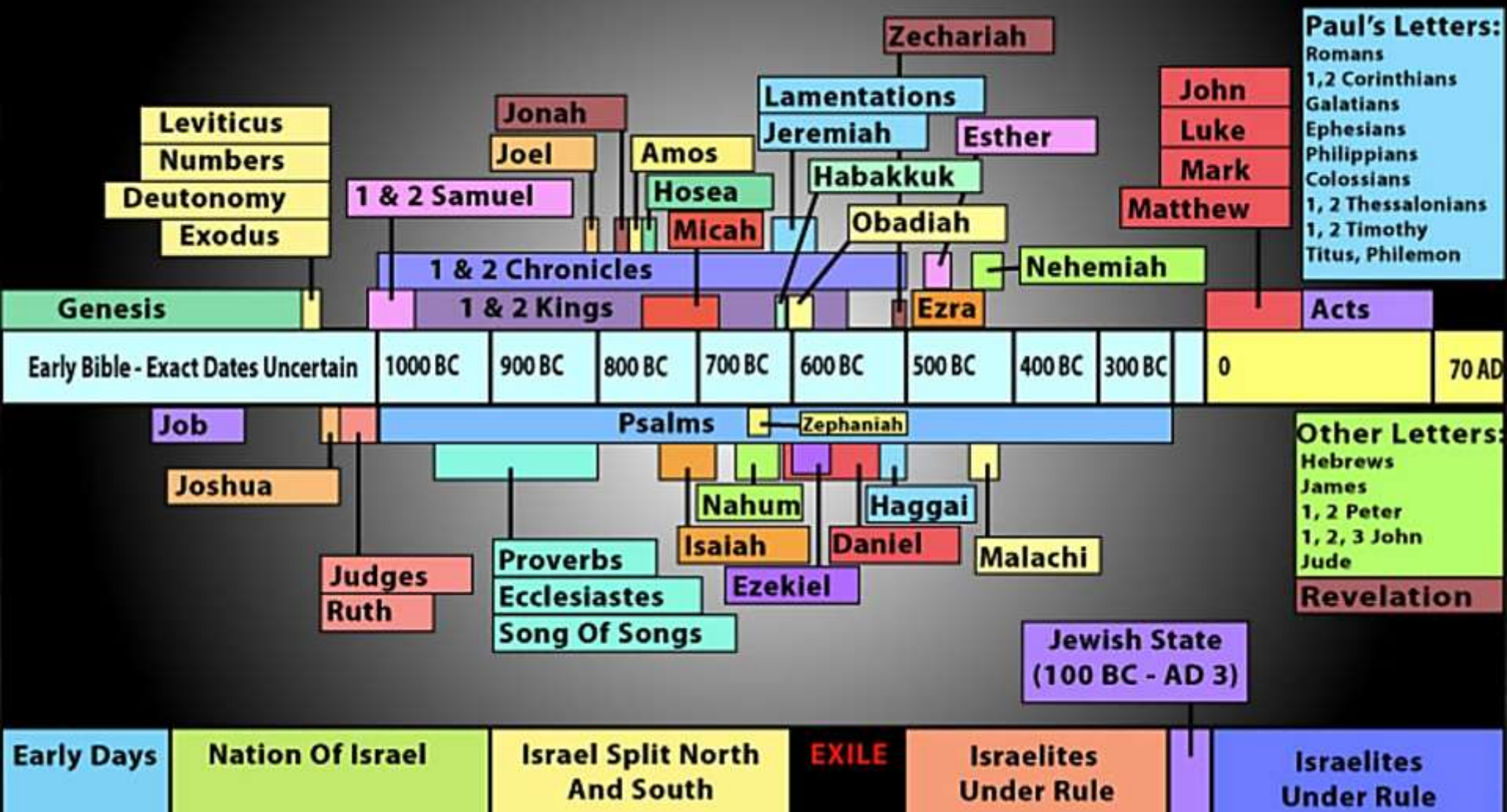
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 - The Lord loves Israel despite her sin
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 - Divine grace is universal
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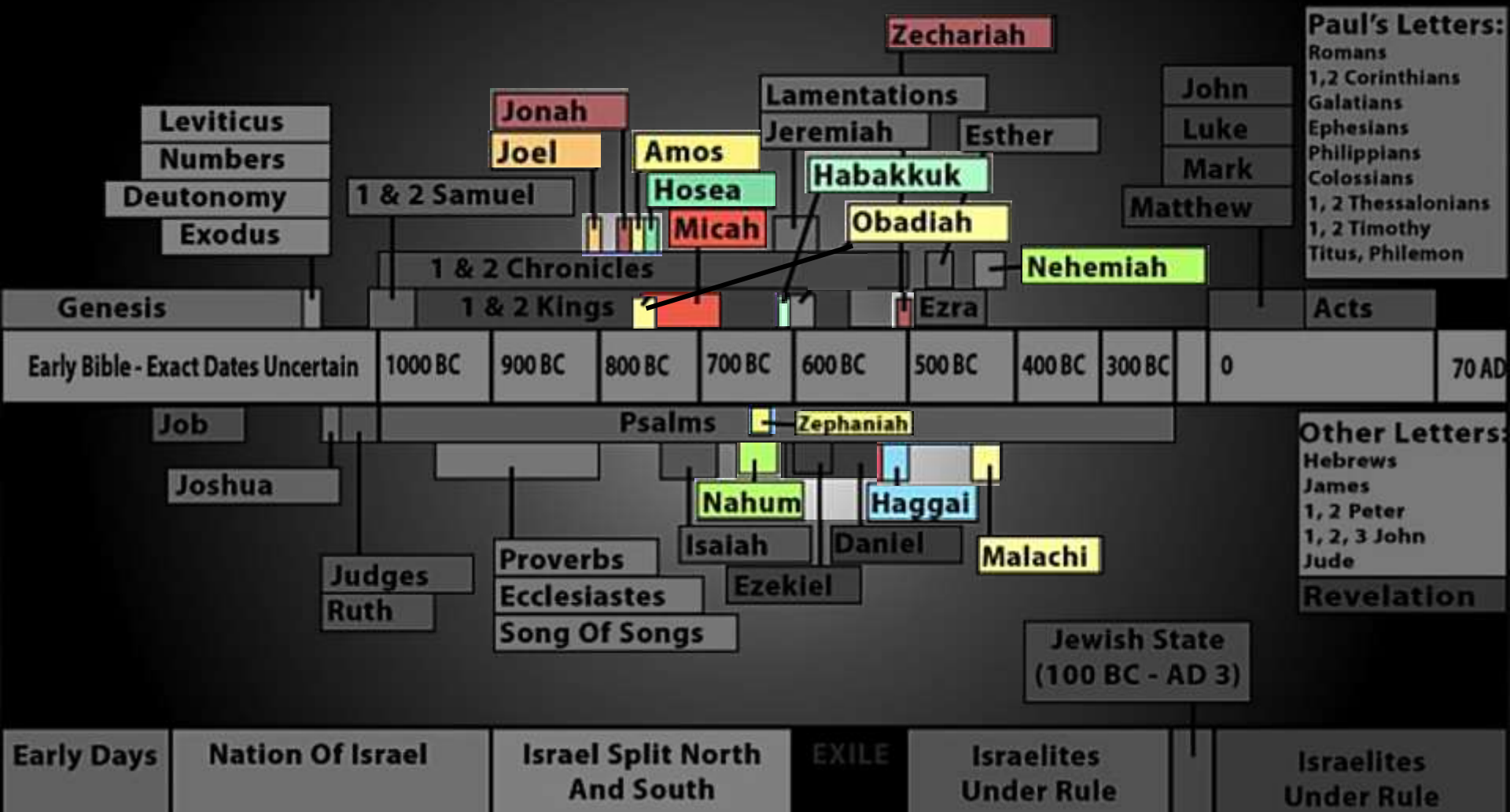


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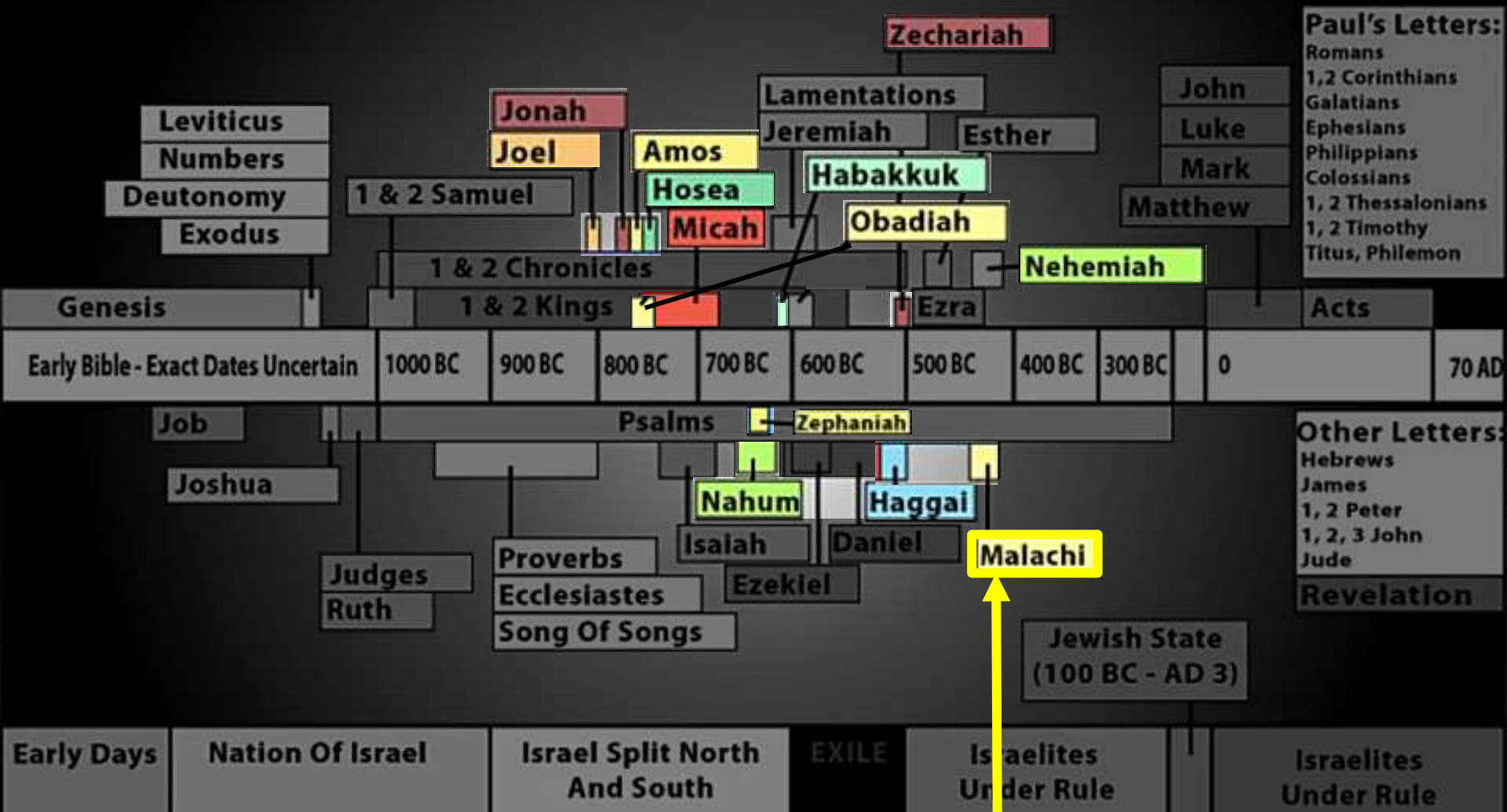
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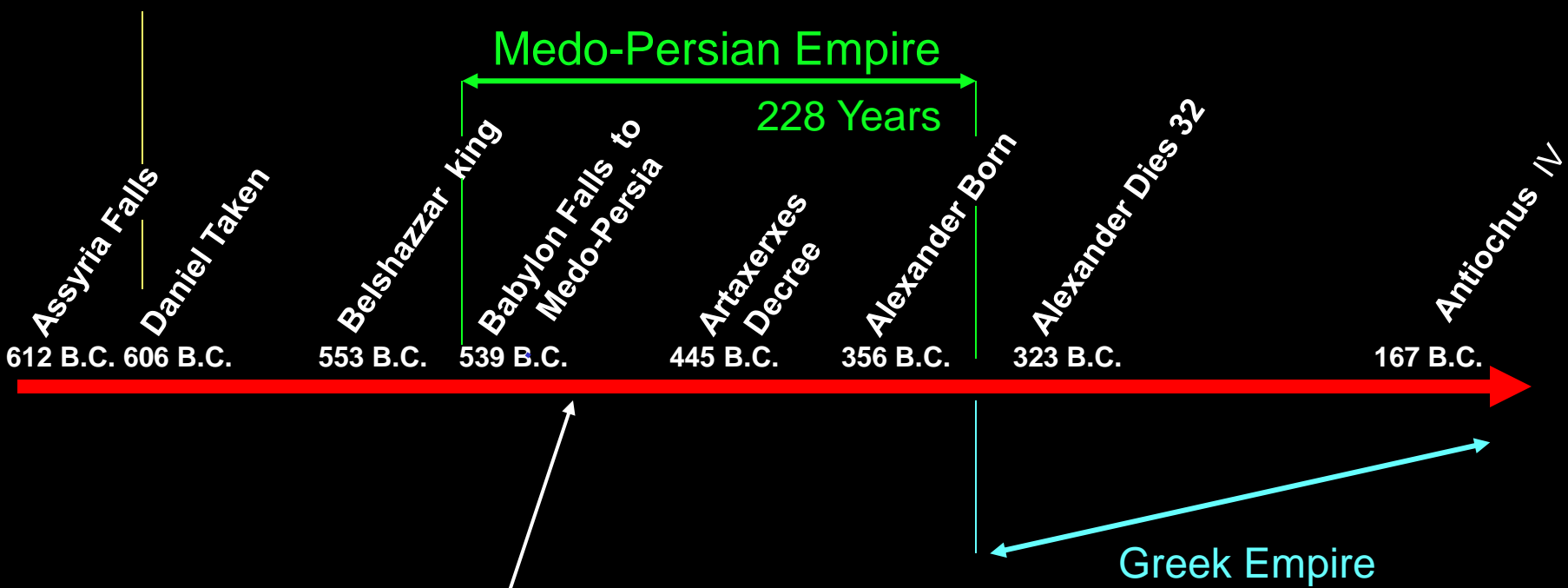
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MALACHI 486 - 464 B.C. (Prophet to the Nation of Israel)

History of the Times

Times of the Gentiles Luke 21:24



History



Ezra / Nehemiah / Esther

Prophetic



Haggai / Zechariah / Malachi



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Malachi

- Third & last of the post-exile prophets
 - Written around 486-464 B.C.
- His name means ‘My messenger’
- Jewish tradition states that Malachi was a member of the “Great Synagogue,” and a Levite from Supha, in Zebulun
- Through Malachi God speaks one more time to the nation before the ‘big day’
- Israel had become apathetic, entering into mixed marriages & withheld that which should have been given to the LORD

Malachi

- *“Over and over, the children of Israel saw that God stood by His Word. Just as Solomon wrote in Proverbs, the hearts of kings were in God’s hands, and He could turn them wherever He wanted. Why, then, did the remnant of Israel think that they could live and worship any way they wanted once they returned from their 70 years of exile and settled again in Israel?”*

Kay Arthur

Malachi Speaks Today!

- God has delivered us from our captivity
- Do we now think we can just live and worship in the way we please?
- Have we become apathetic?
- Have we entered into mixed marriages with the things of this world?
- Have we withheld from God that which we should have given Him?
- Maybe God is speaking to us one last time before our 'big day'?

Malachi

- Key phrase: “the LORD of Hosts” x24
- Key phrase: “you say...” x12
 - “how have you loved us” 1:2
 - Israel saw how God had dealt with Edom and questioned God’s goodness
 - “how have we despised Your Name?” 1:6
 - They had not shown due respect to His name
 - “how have we defiled You?” 1:7
 - They had offered despised offerings (things that did not cost them)
 - “how is giving best to God a good thing?” 1:7
 - ...then, because others had abused ‘offering to God’, you declared that it is just a farce

Malachi

- Key phrase: “you say...” x12
 - “how tiresome and there’s no gain in it” 1:13
 - They were rejecting holiness because some had profaned it – do we see holiness as something to mock at or as something to give all we have for?
 - “why don’t we experience His blessing?” 2:14
 - They were living a casual life and then wept and groaned when the blessings didn’t come
 - “how have we wearied God?” 2:17
 - Their profession at the altar had been forgotten before they had got to the door
 - “evil is good...” 2:17
 - They had started to call evil good, it had become part of their lives, they saw nothing wrong with it

Malachi - Overview

- Introduction 1:1
- God's unchanging love for His own 1:2-5
- The total failure of the priests 1:6-2:9
 - The priests should preserve knowledge!
- Their failure to value covenants 2:10-16
 - Their covenant with God, symbolised by the covenant of marriage
- The Messiah's coming in judgment 2:17-3:6
- Israel's sin yet future restoration 3:7-18
- The coming & mission of Elijah 4:1-5

Malachi - Background

- *The Temple was rebuilt; priestly worship carried on; people had fallen into spiritual decline, and their attitudes developed later into the sects of the Pharisees and Sadducees*
 - *Insensible to the love of God displayed toward them;*
 - *Unaware of the enormity of their departure from the will and the way of the Lord;*
 - *Lacked reverence for Him*

- Chuck Missler



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Chapter 1

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

2 I have loved you, saith the Lord...

Malachi 1:1-3

- The love that God has for His own is so heavy as to be a burden
 - You all know the intensity of a romance!
 - God loves us so much it hurts!
 - Do we love God in this way?

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

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- Israel's question back to God is:
 - 'show us how you love us?'
 - All this calamity has befallen us, where was Your love then?

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- God's response:
 - I have chosen you!

As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau
have I hated

Romans 9:13

- Quoted from **Mal 1:2, 3; Gen 25:27-34.**
 - Esau disparaged the birthright, as the spiritual father of a subsequent progeny
 - The mystery is not why God hated Esau;
but why God loved Jacob!

The 2nd before the 1st

- Not Cain, but Abel (and Seth)
- Not Japheth but Shem
- Not Ishmael but Isaac
- Not Esau but Jacob
- Not Manasseh but Ephraim
- Not Aaron but Moses
- Not Eliab but David
- Not the Old Covenant but the New
- Not the 1st Adam but the Last Adam

Faith vs Works

- The alternative sons:
 - Isaac and Ishmael,
 - Jacob and Esau
- Portray, consistently, *typologically*, the tension and conflict between
 - faith and works
 - grace vs. the law
- Two fatherhoods:

John 1:11-13 vs John 8:36-44

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.

Malachi 1:4-5

Only God is Worthy of Praise

- 26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:
- 27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Only God is Worthy of Praise

- 28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:
- 29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.
- 30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:
- 31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

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?

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.

Malachi 1:6-7

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.

Malachi 1:8

- See 1 Samuel Ch 2:12-17, 22-25, Ch3

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.

Malachi 1:9

- Note the Trinity!

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.

Malachi 1:10

- “Oh, that one of you would shut the temple doors, so that you would not light useless fires on my altar! I am not pleased with you,” says the LORD Almighty, “and I will accept no offering from your hands”. **NIV**

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.

Malachi 1:11

- *“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”. John 4:23-24*

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.

Malachi 1:12

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.

Malachi 1:13-14



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Chapter 2

¹ And now, O ye priests, this commandment 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.

Malachi 2:1-2

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 commandment 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.

Malachi 2:3-5

- See Ex 32:25-29

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.

Malachi 2:6-8

- The Church is a royal priesthood! (1 Peter 2:9)

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?

Malachi 2:9-10

- Incredible prophecy regarding the way the nations would see the Jews!

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.

Malachi 2:11-12

- Malachi now paints a picture of love and commitment...
 - Such as should have been between Israel and God
- The analogy given is that of marriage..

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.

Malachi 2:13-14

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.

Malachi 2:15-16

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?

Malachi 2:17

- The God of Judgment is on His way!



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