

Notes for Malachi 3:16-4

Hebrew & Greek pronunciation spelled phonetically

Malachi (*Mahl-ah-KHEE* in Hebrew) likely wrote his prophecy between 433 and 425 B.C. After Malachi, there were no new prophets for about 400 years. This time is called the “400 Years of Silence”.

What is the mindset of the true servant of God?

Fear God, with reverence and awe, as if you were in His presence! Esteem His name above all names.

Serve Him like a loving child serves their beloved Father.

Malachi means “My Messenger”

Nehemiah 13:4-9 Eliashib (*el-yah-SHEEV*) the priest allowed Tobiah (*Likely toh-VEE-yah*), who opposed the wall rebuilding efforts, to live in the temple as a favor for personal gain.

Nehemiah 5:1-13 condemns Jewish leaders for exploiting their own people financially with usury and unjust behavior.

Micah 3:11 condemns Israelite leaders and priests for bribes and her prophets practice divination for money.

Zechariah 7:9-12 the people are warned not to oppress the widow, orphan, and poor. Malachi also warned against this in Malachi 3:5

Mark 8:38 - *“For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”*

Titus 2:14 - Christ redeems a people “for His own possession.”
1 Peter 2:9 reminds us that Believers are “a people for His own possession.”

Ephesians 1:13 - 14 says The Spirit seals believers as God’s possession until redemption.

2 Corinthians 1:21 - 22 says God’s seal and Spirit mark believers as His own.

Throughout Scripture, the Day of the Lord is a fixed, unavoidable event. I.e. - Isaiah 13:6 - 9, Joel 2:31, Zephaniah 1:14-18, 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 and Revelation 19:11-21.

Jesus taught in Matthew 13:40 - 42, the weeds will be burned in the furnace.

Zedim (*zeh-DEEM*) means “proud, arrogant, insolent, presumptuous ones”

2 Peter 3:11-12 - *Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be...*

Luke 1:78-79 because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Revelation 21:4 promises that in Christ’s final kingdom, sickness and sorrow will be gone forever.

Romans 16:20 - *The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

Genesis 15:6 declares, “Abram believed the LORD, and He counted it to him as righteousness.” Paul in Romans 4 and Galatians 3 uses Abraham as the example that salvation has always been by grace through faith

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Deuteronomy 18:15 promised a prophet “like Moses,” and is fulfilled in Christ.

Acts 3:22-23 - Moses said, “The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers...

Matthew 17:12 - But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him,

Luke 1:17 & Matthew 11:14 - Jesus identifies John the Baptist as the one who came in the spirit and power of Elijah

Matthew 17:11 - He answered, “Elijah does come, and he will restore all things.

Gabriel quotes Malachi 4:6 to John the Baptist’s father Zechariah in Luke 1:16 - 17.

