

Outline of Malachi

The book of Malachi is a message from God to the people to return to faithful practice of the Mosaic covenant. Malachi probably prophesied sometime during the time period 445 to 430 B.C. about the time of Ezra and Nehemiah. He may have preached when Nehemiah was temporarily absent and laid the groundwork for Nehemiah's reforms. Malachi's name means "my messenger."

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Notes

- ❑ Notice the ties between Malachi and the Mosaic covenant. Malachi is not making up a new religion as some critical scholars claim; he is rather pointing Israel back to what they have always been required to do under the Law of Moses.
- ❑ Mal. 4:4 calls the nation to remember the covenant, like Joshua 1:13.
- ❑ Mal. 2:2-3 speaks of consequences to the priests because of their sin, like the curses of Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28.

Timeline (Dates B.C.)

- ❑ Zerubbabel 537-516
- ❑ Haggai, Zechariah 520
- ❑ Esther 483-473
- ❑ Ezra the book 457-444
- ❑ Nehemiah 445-433 and ~424. He overlapped Ezra (Nehemiah 8, 12).
- ❑ Malachi 433-424. Some commentators take an early date of 450 to 457, which could work but seems less likely.