

## Malachi

**Honorable Mention:** According to Rabbinic tradition, both Zechariah and Malachi were part of “the Great Synagogue” and involved in the collection and preservation of the canon of revealed Scripture.

**Malachi** – 1:1 no intro, no background – A time-frame of contemporary, or immediately following the time of Nehemiah is assumed, the former is based on topical parallel of 2:11-17 addressing the foreign wives, and the later is based on the degradation of priestly zeal concerning the qualifications of sacrifices 1:6-14+. (Nehemiah’s 2<sup>nd</sup> visit 432 BC, Malachi estimated 432-424 BC)

1:1-6 Identity of God to Israel

1:6-14 – why does it matter, the sick and lame 1. disobedient, 2. not a heart-gift

2:1-9 – Failing of the priests above, (v7), below – all things

2:10-17 – Foreign wives, divorce

3:1-7 purifier, chastening

3:8-15 – sermon on tithes

3:16-4:5 – final admonition