

Malachi

CHAPTER 1

Verse 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.”** That will be when Jesus returns. Until then, the “Gentiles” will prepare to worship the Antichrist.

CHAPTER 2

Verse 17: **“... Where is the God of judgment?”** It’s interesting that this question appears in the last book of the Old Testament. The God of judgment is none other than the One that they crucify in the next book! As a result, they (the Jews) spend the two thousand years being judged.

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CHAPTER 3

Verses 1-3: “Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.” The messenger was John the Baptist at the First Coming, and it will be Elijah and Moses at the Second Coming, the two witnesses of Revelation chapter eleven. The “day of his coming” refers to the Second Coming of Christ when He comes as Judge.

CHAPTER 4

Verses 1-6: It's interesting to note that the last chapter of the Old Testament deals with the Second Coming, “the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven” (verse 1) and “the great and dreadful day of the LORD” (verse 5). This is the “day” that we have seen hundreds of times in these studies. It is the greatest day in the history of the world and the greatest day on God's calendar. To the wicked it is a most dreadful day, but to the righteous it is a day that has the most glorious sunrise ever because it is on this day that “the Sun of righteousness” will arise (verse 2) after the night of the Great Tribulation and establish His glorious kingdom. Moses and Elijah are mentioned in verses four and five because they represent the law and prophets and they are the two “anointed ones” (Zch. 4:14) that stand before Christ at the transfiguration (Mat. 17:1-5) and are on His left and right hand in the Millennial Kingdom (Mat. 20:23). The last word of the Old Testament is “curse” because (1) the law of the Old Testament places everyone under a curse that can only be escaped through Christ and (2) the Second Coming of Christ will be a curse to most people.