

GOOD THINGS, LITTLE PACKAGES



Malachi



Author- Jewish Prophet Malachi Date- 450 B.C. Context- After Rebuilding of 2nd Temple, Nehemiah governor **Recipients**- Jewish Remnant and their Leaders



Malachi 1:1-5 God's Covenant Commitment Israel's Callous Condition God's Perpetual Proof



Malachi 1:1-2a A prophecy: The word of the Lord to Israel through Malachi. "I have loved you," says the Lord.



God's Covenant Commitment v.2a I have loved you.



Israel's Callous Condition v.2b How have you loved us?



Priests became callous in their sacrifices and teaching of the law (1:6-2:9)



The people became callous in their marriage commitments (2:10-16)



The people became callous in their giving (3:6-12)



The people became callous in their worship (3:13-15)



Malachi 3:14 It is futile to serve God. What do we gain by carrying out his requirements...



God's Perpetual Proof



Malachi 1:2-5

"Was not Esau Jacob's brother?" declares the Lord. "Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have hated, and I have turned his hill country into a wasteland and left his inheritance to the desert jackals." Edom may say, "Though we have been crushed, we will rebuild the ruins."



Malachi 1:2-5

But this is what the Lord Almighty says: "They may build, but I will demolish. They will be called the Wicked Land, a people always under the wrath of the Lord. You will see it with your own eyes and say, 'Great is the Lord-even beyond the borders of Israel!'





Romans 9:10-13

Not only that, but Rebekah's children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand: not by works but by him who calls-she was told, "The older will serve the younger." Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."



 \Diamond Malachi 4:2,5-6 G00D But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves... See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents.





John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends...



Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his love for us this way: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.





Romans 8:38-39 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

