

A Study of the Prophets

O.T. Survey Lesson 202--Malachi 2:17-4:6

Introduction: In this section Malachi addresses the impatience and discontentment manifest among the people because of the seeming delay in the fulfillment of the promises the Lord had made. Malachi revealed that the day of Messiah's appearance would come with salvation for those who feared God; but for the arrogant and evil doer, it would be a day of judgment. Consequently, God would send a messenger before Him to prepare the way for His coming.

Lesson aim: To emphasize the need for proper preparation in order to receive God's blessings.

The coming of the Lord to His temple-- Malachi 2:17-4:6

1. What did Malachi say God's people had done with their words? (2:17) What kind of comments had they made? What did these comments reveal about them?
2. Who did God say He would send? (3:1) What would this person do?
3. Who else did the Lord reveal was coming? How is He described?
4. To what was the Messiah likened? (v. 3) What would He do to God's people?
5. Who did God reveal would come under His judgment? (v. 5)
6. What did the Lord reveal about Himself? (v. 6) What had this prevented?
7. What did the Lord appeal to the people to do? (v. 7) What were they doing that called for this appeal? (v. 8)
8. What were the consequences for the nation in not tithing as God had commanded? (v. 9) What

promises did God make to them, if they would bring their tithe to the Lord? (v. 10-12)

9. What arrogant words had the Israelites spoken about God? (v. 14-15) Who had been unwilling to join in these unholy charges? (v. 16)
10. What was written for those who feared the Lord? (v. 16) What promise did God make concerning them? (v. 17) What would be the result? (v. 18)
11. What did God reveal was coming? (4:1) What would happen to the arrogant and every evil doer?
12. What blessings were promised to those who fear God's name? (v. 2-3)
13. What then did God urge all of the people to do? (v. 4)
14. Who did God say He would send before the day of the Lord? (v. 5) What would his mission be? (v. 6)