

## **CONNECTING THE DOTS - JUST BEFORE THE SILENCE**

*Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked,  
between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not. Malachi 3:18*

### **Who is Malachi?**

The book of Malachi records one more occasion when God when He must say “good-by” to Israel. This separation would last 400 years, as prophesied in Daniel’s 70 week prophecy.

Malachi’s name, \_\_\_\_\_ “**Messenger of God**” or “**my Messenger,**” \_\_\_\_\_ is very appropriate for this final Old Testament prophet.

### **The Times**

Malachi wrote during an unprecedented time in Israel history, a time when the Jewish people had religious freedom and a great deal of political freedom for 100 years.

This prophetic “clock” of Daniel – Daniel 9:24-27

7 Weeks – v. 25  
62 Weeks – v. 25  
1 Week – vv. 26, 27

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70 Weeks of Daniel = 490 years after King Artaxerxes Decree – v. 24

### **Malachi’s Burden – Malachi 1:1**

Biblically, a “**burden**” speaks of a coming judgment upon the \_\_\_\_\_ **Jewish people of Israel** \_\_\_\_\_.

In contrast, a “**vision**” speaks of a coming judgment upon \_\_\_\_\_ **non-Jewish** \_\_\_\_\_ peoples or nations.

The book of Malachi is divided into two major divisions.

The first division speaks of God’s judgment for their \_\_\_\_\_ **neglect** \_\_\_\_\_ of Him.

The second division speaks of the \_\_\_\_\_ **coming** \_\_\_\_\_ of the Messiah.

### **Their Pattern of Failure – Malachi 1:2-3:2:17**

- Judah never recognized the correctness of God’s charge.
- Notice God’s emotions in these interactions.
- The people are callous, hard, and insensitive to their sin.
- Their chief sin is a form of godliness that hurts God’s heart.
- Their final and greatest sin was that they had lost sight of God’s promised Messiah coming to establish His kingdom.