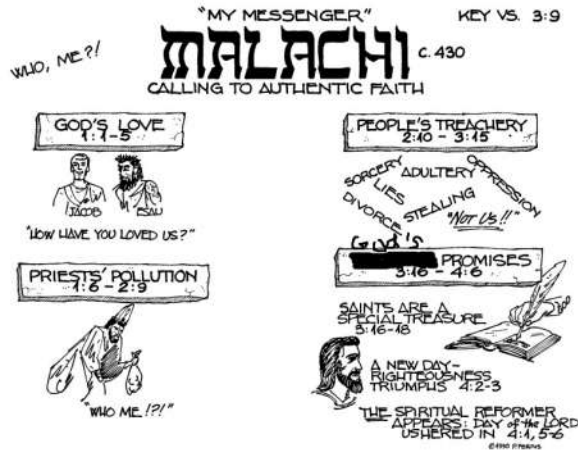




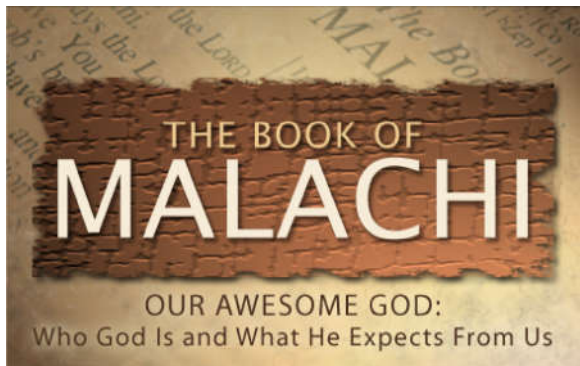
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Malachi

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The book of Malachi, the last book of the Old Testament, accounts of how the children of Israel had returned to Israel from Babylon after 70 years. By the time of Malachi, they had been back for more than 100 years and expected blessings to come. Though the temple had been rebuilt, the passion of the Israelites gave way to an apathy for the things of God. The people believed God didn't love them because they focused on their bad circumstances and the sinful deeds. Through Malachi, God told the people that if they wanted changes, then they would have to take responsibility and serve God faithfully according to the promise their fathers had made to God on Mount Sinai many years ago.



How Do I Apply This?

Throughout Israel's history, the nation failed and God called His people back to Himself. Each time, Israel would fail again, making the cycle to begin again. God's final word of the Old Testament concerns judgment for sin and testifies to our inability to love Him without the help of His grace.