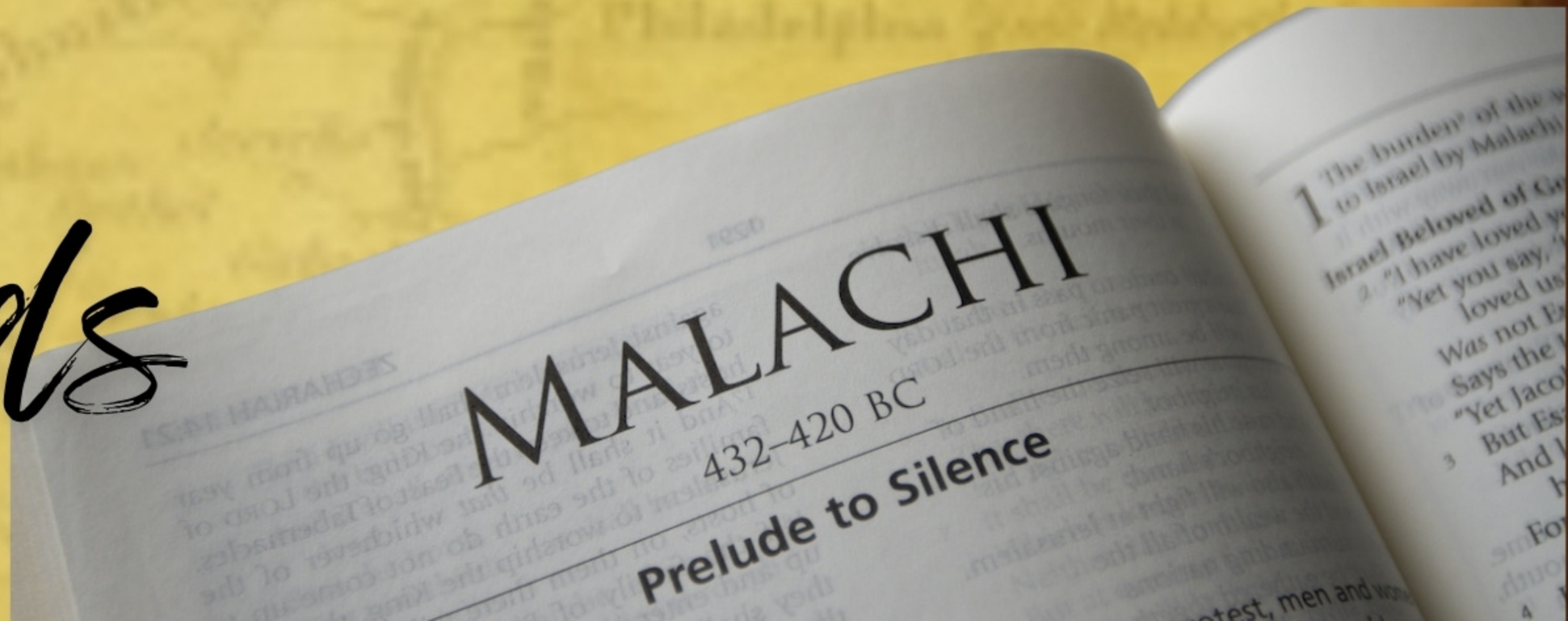


THE BOOK OF MALACHI

God's
Final
Words



THROUGH THE BIBLE



THE BOOK OF MALACHI

Mal. 1:1: **“The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi.”**

Mal' aki = “My messenger”

Not mentioned ANYWHERE ELSE in the Bible

- **Mentions NO KINGS (though DOES mention “Governors”)...**
- **ALLUDES to a rebuilt temple in 1:10 & 13, and 3:10...**
- **The use of PERSIAN words & phrases suggest a POST-EXILE date... MOST scholars date this book to 450-400 BC...**

“A mediocrity had crept in. They had lost their... passion. They may not have been committing big, blatant sins. [But they] started to... slack off. So, the Lord sends Malachi to stir up his people concerning their lukewarm state.” (Jon Courson)

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“Malachi was to Nehemiah what Haggai & Zechariah were to Zerubbabel.”

“Following [a] revival (in the days of Nehemiah), the people became religiously & morally lax. It is this state of things that Malachi addresses.” (Dr. Graham Scroggie)

“This book is designed as a series of... disputes. Most sections begin with God making a claim... followed by Israel... questioning God’s statement. And finally, God responds and offers the last word.” (BibleProject.com)

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“the sevenfold wherein statements” (**Dr. Graham Scroggie**)

“revealing their doubting, discouraged, sinful hearts” (**David Guzik**)

QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK GOD in MALACHI:

- Mal. 1:2: **“In what way have You loved us?”**
- Mal. 1:6: **“In what way have we despised Your name?”**
- Mal. 1:7: **“In what way have we defiled You?”**
- Mal. 2:17: **“In what way have we wearied You?”**
- Mal. 3:7: **“In what way shall we return?”**
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GOD!*

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VICTIM MENTALITY: LAME!

"The church hasn't grown to the size that I thought it would, so... I don't think I need to put in the kind of effort & prayer to prepare to teach as I would if the church was bigger."

"If I made more money, I WOULD tithe faithfully."

*Gaslighting
GOD!*

"If I knew more people at church, I WOULD get involved."

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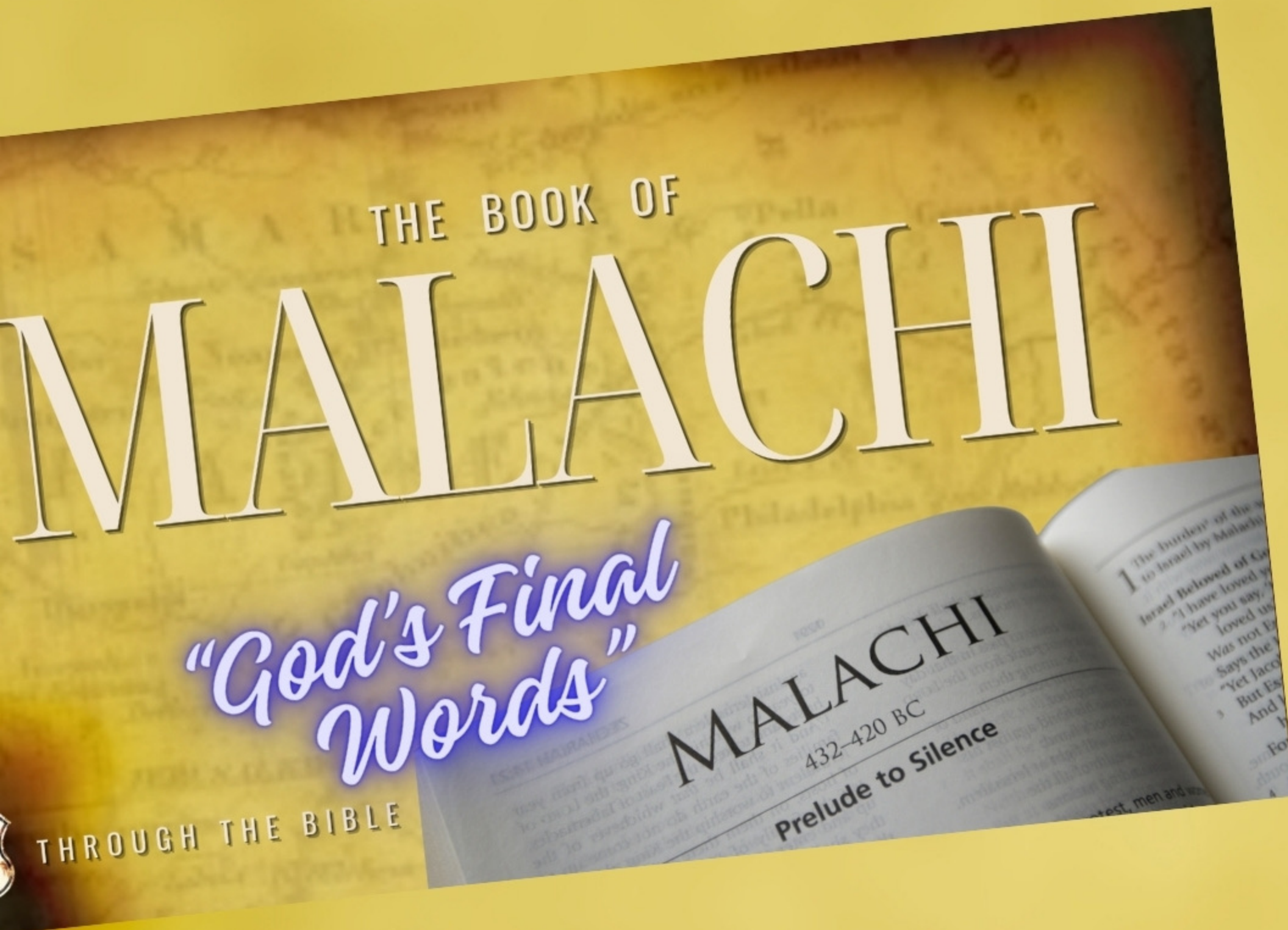
"[They] were guilty of profanity & sacrilege... sorcery, adultery, fraud... untrue to family responsibilities... 'robbing God' of tithes... These abuses have their equivalence in the modern church. How prevalent is a "form of godliness," but the power denied... How weak are many Christians with regard to great moral questions; how frequent is alliance & marriage of saved & unsaved; how shamefully lax are Christians in matters of giving their wealth and energies to God's work. To this situation, the Book of Malachi still speaks."

(Dr. Graham Scroggie)

THE BOOK OF MALACHI

“Malachi’s criticisms of religious indifference [are] valid today. Initial devotion... can diminish. Genuine worship turns to mechanical observation. Delinquent tithing, rampant divorce, marriage between believers and nonbelievers creates havoc... [And] often... like the people in Malachi’s day... we claim victimhood, and God is blamed.”

THE BOOK OF MALACHI



**Of the 55 Verses
in Malachi, 47 are
spoken directly by
God! [a HIGHER
PERCENTAGE than
ANY OTHER BOOK
of the BIBLE!]**

GOD'S REASSURANCE OF LOVE

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**FROM
OBADIAH**

"While Edom was too weak a nation to ever invade Judah on its own, [they]... participated with other nations when the winds of change blew in its favor. Obadiah pictures the violent behavior that the Edomites carried out on their [cousins... Israel], waiting on nearby roads to cut down those fleeing from the invaders within Jerusalem."

(Chuck Swindoll)

GOD'S REASSURANCE OF LOVE

Obadiah 1:10: **“For violence against your brother Jacob, shame shall cover you, and you shall be cut off forever.”**

Malachi 1:4: **“Even though Edom said, ‘We have been impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places,’ Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘They may build, but I will throw down; they shall be called the Territory of Wickedness, and the people against whom the LORD will have indignation forever.’”**

POLLUTED SACRIFICES

Mal. 1:6: "A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am the Father, where is My honor? And if I am a Master, where is My reverence?" – "Yet you say, '*In what way have we despised Your name?*'"

Mal. 1:7: "You offer defiled food on My altar, but you say, '*In what way have we defiled You?*'"

POLLUTED SACRIFICES

**Mal. 1:8: “When you offer the blind as a sacrifice, is it not evil?
– And when you offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? Offer it
then to your governor! Would he be pleased with you?
*Would he accept you favorably?”***

**Mal. 1:10[b]: “I have no pleasure in you... Nor will I
accept an offering from your hands.”**

**Mal. 1:13: “You also say, ‘Oh, what a weariness!’ And you
sneer at it,” says the LORD of hosts. And you bring the stolen,
the lame, and the sick; thus you bring an offering! Should I
accept this from your hand?” says the LORD.”**

POLLUTED SACRIFICES

**THE PEOPLE WERE BRINGING
LESS THAN THEIR BEST TO GOD...**

**THE PRIESTS WERE ALLOWING
THIS TO HAPPEN...**

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WOULD YOUR BOSS ACCEPT THAT?

- *Are you always on time for work, but never on time for corporate worship?*
- *Will you work hours of overtime at your job, but never serve in a local church?*
- *Will you invest into your home, hobby, vacations, but not support local ministry or missions?*

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And you sneer at it...” - Mal. 3:14: **“You have**
said, *It is useless to serve God...*”

**THEY
WERE
LYING!**

**THEY
COULD
HAVE
BROUGHT
BETTER!**

Mal. 1:14: **“Cursed be the deceiver who has [a male] in his flock... But sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished...”**

POLLUTED SACRIFICES

**"I AM A GREAT
KING!"**

*God Deserves BETTER
than our BEST!*

*NOT our
LEFTOVERS!*

POLLUTED SACRIFICES

Mal. 1:10: “Who is there even among you who would shut the doors, so that you would not kindle fire on My altar in vain? I have no pleasure in you,” says the LORD of hosts, “Nor will I accept an offering from your hands.”

*“Not everything that is offered to God **as** worship is accepted by God **as** worship. Sometimes God would prefer that [we]... just stop... He... says, “I have no pleasure in you.” We are often concerned with church growth, evangelism, and planting churches. [But] in some cases, the best thing we could do... is shut the doors of many churches.”*

(David Guzik | EnduringWord.com)

POLLUTED SACRIFICES

1 Cor. 3:11-15: "[SO] let each one take heed how he builds..." because "each one's work will become clear... the Day will declare it... the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built... endures, he will receive a reward. [But] If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss..."

THERE IS A STANDARD!

Matt. 7:22-23: "Many will say to Me... 'Lord... have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you...'"

CORRUPT PRIESTS

Mal. 2:1-3: "And now, O priests, this commandment is for you." – "If you will not hear, and if you will not take it to heart, to give glory to My name... I will send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings. Yes, I have cursed them already, because you do not take [it] to heart."

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**PRIEST
POOP
FACE**



CORRUPT PRIESTS

Mal. 2:7-9: "For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge, and people should seek the law from his mouth; for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts." – "But, you have departed from the way; you have caused many to stumble... You have corrupted the covenant of Levi... Therefore, I... [make] you contemptible and base before all the people, because you have not kept My ways but... shown partiality in the law."

TREACHERY OF INFIDELITY

Mal. 2:13: "This is the second thing you do: You cover the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping and crying; so [that] He does not regard the offering anymore, nor receive it with goodwill from your hands."

VS. 14: "Yet you say, 'For what reason?' "Because the LORD," says, "[I] have been witness between you and the wife of your youth, with whom you have dealt treacherously; yet she is your companion and your wife by covenant."

TREACHERY OF INFIDELITY

“treacherously” = “to act in a faithless, deceitful, or disloyal way.”

Malachi 2:11, 2:14, 2:15, 2:16

*“[The **priests** here] kept their wives until they... passed their youth, then [they] put them away, [and] got young ones in their place.”*

(Adam Clarke)

TREACHERY OF INFIDELITY

Mal. 2:15: **“But did He not make them one,
having a remnant of the Spirit?**

[cf. Genesis 2:24: *“they shall become one flesh.”*

“And why one? He seeks godly offspring.”

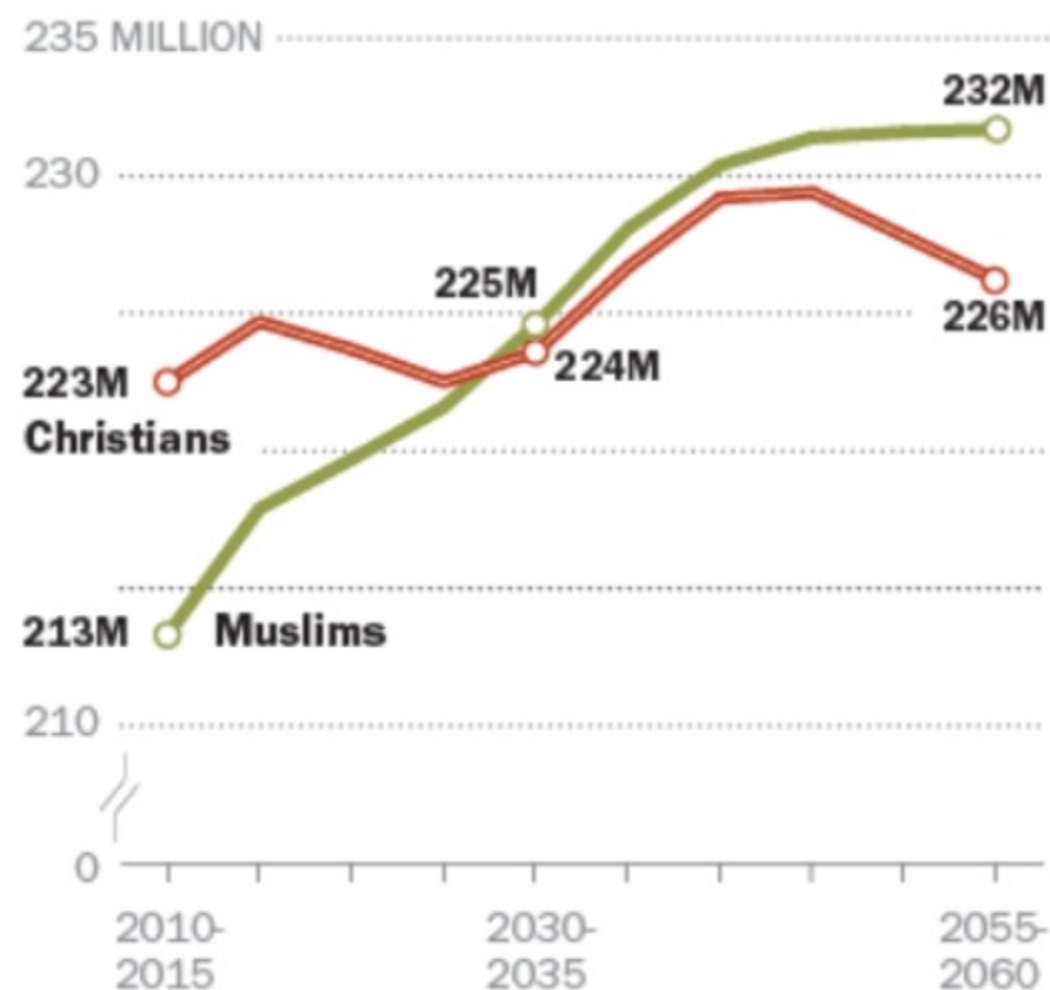
**ONE OF GOD'S PURPOSES FOR
MARRIAGE IS TO MAKE DISCIPLES**

Islam is the fastest-growing faith, outpacing Christianity

Jun 10, 2025 · Islam ranks as the world's fast-growing religion, researchers say, primarily because Muslims are having children at a higher number than they are dying.

Babies born to Muslims will begin to outnumber Christian births by 2035

Estimated number of babies born, by mother's religion, during each five-year period



Source: Pew Research Center demographic projections.
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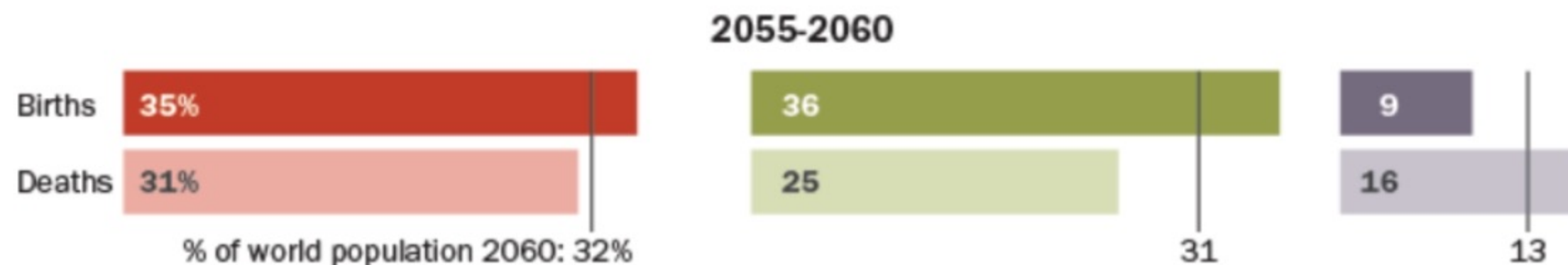
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Estimated shares of births and deaths

Compared with their share of the overall 2015 population, Christians make up larger share of all 2010-2015 deaths, Muslims a larger share of births, the unaffiliated a smaller share of births



By 2060, Christians and Muslims will make up a larger share of births, while the unaffiliated will make up a larger share of deaths



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TREACHERY OF INFIDELITY

Mal. 2:15: “And why one? He seeks godly offspring.” Therefore take heed to your spirit, And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth.”

Mal. 2:16: “For the LORD God of Israel says That He hates divorce...”

TREACHERY OF INFIDELITY

Mal. 2:11: **“The LORD’s holy institution
which He loves...”**

“Take heed to your SPIRIT”

Mal. 2:15 & 16

MARRIAGE IS SPIRITUAL

TREACHERY OF INFIDELITY

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“According to... [the] Barna Group, between 33—38% of born-again Christians have been divorced... This statistic is not far off.. the national average of around 40%.”

ROBBING GOD

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**EVERYBODY'S
FAVORITE TOPIC!**



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"BECAUSE they did not give to Him as commanded, He [would] not BLESS them materially or spiritually the way He could have."

TITHE = A 'TENTH'

{See Deuteronomy 14:22-29}

ROBBING GOD

"We don't have to tithe. Tithing isn't commanded in the New Testament."

"WHEN you do a charitable deed..."

Matt. 6:2-3

**IT IS IMPLIED
THROUGHOUT**

"...concerning the ministering to the saints, it is UNNECESSARY for me to write to you; for I KNOW your willingness..." 2 Cor. 9:1-2

TITHING IS ONLY A STARTING POINT

JESUS POINTS BEYOND THE LAW to SOMETHING **MORE:**

“You have heard... it... said... ‘You shall not [commit] murder...” – “But I say to you... whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment.” (Matt. 5:21-22)

**“You have heard... it... said... ‘You shall not commit adultery.”” – “But I say to you... whoever looks at a woman to lust... has already committed adultery... in his heart.”
(Matt. 5:27-28)**

**COULD THE SAME THING
BE SAID OF TITHING?**

THE BIBLE COMMENDS SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Mark 12:41-44:

“Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury (INTERESTING!). And many who were rich put in much. Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites...”

“[Jesus] called His disciples to Himself and said... ‘This poor widow... put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; for they... put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had...’”

THE BIBLE COMMENDS SACRIFICIAL GIVING

2 Corinthians 8:1-7 & 9:7:

“In a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing.”


“As you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you abound in this grace also.”

“For God LOVES a cheerful giver.”

GOD'S MIRACULOUS PROVISION: MAL. 3:10-12

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this... If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.”

**GOD HAS RESOURCES THAT
WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT!**



**“I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field... And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land,”
says the LORD of hosts.”**

GOD'S MIRACULOUS PROVISION

CROSS-REFERENCE to MAL. 3:10-12:

2 Cor. 9:6-8: **"He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."**

"GOD IS ABLE"

GOD'S MIRACULOUS PROVISION

"GOD IS ABLE"

Mal. 3:10: **TRY Me now in this... If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it."**

*"It's [difficult] to find a comparable passage of Scripture [to Malachi 3:10] – where the LORD **COMMANDS** His people to **test** Him. It was as if God said, 'See if you can give to Me and be the poorer for it. See if you can out-give Me.'"*

(David Guzik)

THE COMING MESSENGERS

Mal. 3:1[a]: **“Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me.” [MESSIAH’S PREDECESSOR]**

Mal. 3:1[b]: **“And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight.” [THE MESSIAH]**

“Like most Old Testament prophets, Malachi, in his picture of... Christ, mingles the two advents [together].”
(Robert L. Alden)

THE MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT

Mal. 3:2–5: “Who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner’s fire and like launderers’ soap. He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the LORD an offering in righteousness.” – “I will come near you for judgment; I will be a swift witness against sorcerers... [and] adulterers... perjurers... [and] those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans... those who turn away an alien—because they do not fear Me,” says the LORD of hosts.”

THE DAY OF THE LORD

Appears more than 25 TIMES in Scripture in:
Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Joel, Amos, Obadiah,
Zechariah, Malachi, Matthew's Gospel, the Book
of Acts, 1st Corinthians, 2nd Corinthians, 1st Thessalonians

**Mal. 4:1: "For
behold, the day
is coming..."**

"Now is the day of man... but [that time] will not last forever. One day, Messiah will end the day of man and herald the day of the LORD." – "A day of wrath... where mankind receives the... penalty for his rebellion [and many Old Testament prophets] paint [a powerful picture of it]..." – "When we are right with God, we WANT the day of the LORD. We long for Him to show His strength because... we abide in Him. When we are not right with God, we fear the day of the LORD, because when God shows Himself strong, His strength [will] work against us." (David Guzik | EnduringWord.com)

THE DAY OF THE LORD

Mal. 4:1: **“Behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, and all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. and the day which is coming shall burn them up... That will leave them neither root nor branch.”**

IT'S A GOOD 

 **OR BAD THING**

Mal. 4:2: **“But to you who fear My name, the Sun of Righteousness shall arise [MESSIAH] with healing in His wings; and you shall go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves.” – “You shall trample the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day that I do this,” says the LORD of hosts.”**

IN CONCLUSION

Mal. 4:4: **“Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel...”**

LOOKS BACK 

LOOKS FORWARD 

Mal. 4:5: **“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.”**

*“Malachi’s conclusion looks **BACKWARD** to Moses and **FORWARD** to Elijah...” (Dr. Graham Scroggie)*

MOSES AND ELIJAH

“The law and the prophets”


- God Met **BOTH** on Mt. Sinai (Horeb)
- **BOTH** Appear with Jesus on the Mt. of Transfiguration
- Possibly the Two Witnesses? (Rev. 11)



THE COMING OF ELIJAH

Mal. 4:5: “I... send you Elijah the prophet **BEFORE** the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.”

THIS HASN'T HAPPENED YET 

 **THIS HAS!**

Mal. 3:1: “I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me.” [cf. Matt. 11:10: “...this is he of whom it is written: ‘Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You.’”]

Matt. 11:13-14: “John... is Elijah who is to come...”

IN CONCLUSION

Mal. 4:6: "...he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a

CURSE

**LAST WORD
OF THE OLD
TESTAMENT**



**LAST VERSE
OF THE NEW
TESTAMENT**



"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!"

Revelation 22:21

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"The Masorites, who have given us most of the copies of the Hebrew Old Testament... repeated the next-to-the-last verse of Malachi after the last verse. Similarly, the Septuagint reverses the last two verses so the Old Testament ends, not with a curse, but with a blessing."

(James Montgomery Boice)