

MINOR PROPHETS STUDY

Christ the King Lutheran Church, Winter 2024–Spring 2025

Session Twelve: Malachi – The Truth about Mediocrity

BACKGROUND

Who: Malachi (“My messenger”) **When:** ~430BC: (Temple and walls finished by now)

Malachi 1:1–5: A shaky start...

Jacob and Esau (Gen 25ff)... What!? And who is Edom?

What is the point here?

Malachi 1:6–2:16 – The heart of the problem

Read 1:6–14: What is the primary problem? How do verses 6 and 14 frame this problem?

Read 2:1–9: What is the warning? Who is Levi (Numbers 3:5–10)?

Read 2:10–16: Once again, marriage and idolatry linked... discuss why...

Malachi 2:17–4:3 – The solution, short- and long-term

Read 2:17–3:5: What shall the ultimate solution be?

Read 3:6–15: What is the (unexpected) short-term solution?

- *Why didn't God destroy the people of Israel? (3:6)*

Read 3:16–18: The Word and the promise...

Read 4:1–3: The warning and the promise...

Malachi 4:4–6

Who and what is to be remembered?

Who and what is promised?

- *Any significance to this particular pairing?*
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Now what?