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**Zechariah** = Yahweh remembers (a popular name shared by 29 OT characters)

- **from priestly family**, the son of Berechiah & grandson of Iddo (1:1,7; Ezra 5:1; 6:14)
- **born in Babylon & returned under Zerubbabel & Joshua the high priest** (Neh 12:4, 16)
- **a prophet-priest, contemporary with Haggai**
- **began ministry in 520 BC**. Chapters 9-14 are undated but stylistic differences & references to Greece indicate a date about 480-470 BC. This meant that Darius I (521-486BC) had died & Xerxes (486-464), the king who deposed Vashti & made Esther queen, was reigning.

**According to Jewish tradition, he was a member of the Great Synagogue** that collected & preserved the canon of revealed Scripture. Matthew 23:35 indicates that **he was “murdered between the temple & the altar”** in the same way an earlier Zechariah was martyred (s. 2Chron 24:20-21)

### **1. Historical:**

Darius I (521-486 BC) had to quell some revolts on his ascension; took perhaps a couple of years to establish peace.

### **2. Religious:**

People very discouraged - after laying the foundation of the Temple in 536 BC, the work was stopped in 534 BC. Many Jews did not return & hostility from the other inhabitants of the land was increasing. The popular belief was that Yahweh had forsaken His people, thus the neglected temple.

### **3. Economic:**

Many in serious economic hardship (s. Hag 1:6;9) & poverty was widespread (Neh. 1:3; 2:3,17; 4:2; 5:1-5; 9:36-37; Mal 3:5)

### **4. Political:**

Judah was just a minor province among the 120 provinces of the vast Persian empire (Neh 1:3; 9:36). Its temple was in ruins, & its city walls were torn down.



Pictures										Problems				Predictions					
<b>Invitation to Repentance</b>	<b>Eight Night Visions</b>								<b>The Branch</b>	<b>Four Messages</b>				<b>Two Burdens</b>					
	The Angelic Patrol	Craftsmen	4 Horns & 4 Measuring Line	Man with the Branch	Cleansed / The High Priest	The Two Olive Trees	The Lampstand &	The Flying Scroll		Woman in the Ephah	The Four Chariots	Rebuke	Refusal	Restoration	Rejoicing	Introduction & Rejection of Messiah	Intervention & Reception of Messiah	Panoramic of Christ's Two Advents	Prophecies of the Messianic Kingdom
1:1	1:7	1:18	2:1	3:1	4:1	5:1	5:5	6:1	6:9	7:1	7:8	8:1	8:18	9	11	12	14		
Nov 520BC		February 15, 519BC								December 7, 518 BC				c. 480-470 BC					
Dated Prophecies: Temple Being Rebuilt										Undated Prophecies: After Rebuilding the Temple									
Israel's Fortunes										Israel's Fasting				Israel's Future					
Judgment, Cleansing, Restoration										Fasting to Feasting				The Anointed King Rejected		The Rejected King Enthroned			
Way of Salvation	Messianic Kingdom Visions								Bringer of Salvation	Present Commands				Future Things					
	"Behold the Man,...the Branch"									Love, Truth, Peace				The Day of the Lord Comes					
"My house will be built" (1:16)										"Let your hands be strong" (8:9)				"HOLY TO THE LORD"					

**Author:** Zechariah, a prophet-priest

**Four Purposes:**

1. To bring about spiritual revival
2. To inspire the people to complete the Temple
3. To comfort & console the people
4. To prophesy of the coming Messiah in His 2 Advents

**Key Verses:** 8:3; 14:9

**Key Words:** LORD of hosts (52x), the Branch (2x), jealous (3x), King (9:9; 14:9,16,17), Shepherd (2x), Jerusalem (42x), Judah (22x), holy (6x)



# Timing in the Book of Haggai

<b>Elul</b> August to September 29 days	<b>Tishri / Ethanin</b> September to October 30 days	<b>Bul / Marcheshvan</b> October to November 29 days	<b>Kislev</b> November to December 30 days
<b>AUTUMN</b>			<b>WINTER</b>
Processing of Grapes, Figs and Olives	<b>PLOWING</b>	Sowing of Wheat and Barley	<b>WINTER RAINS                  BEGIN</b>
New Moon Festival – 1	Season of Repentance Begins Elul 1 to Tishri 10 The shofar is blown every morning from the sabbath before the new moon of Elul		New Moon Festival – 1
New Moon Festival – 1	Feast of Trumpets – 1	Day of Atonement – 10	Feast of Tabernacles – 15-21
New Moon Festival – 1			New Moon Festival – 1
			Feast of Dedication – 25Kislev to 2 Tebeth (8days)

**520 B.C. (the Second Year of Darius the King, 521-486 B.C.)**

1 <sup>st</sup> day of the 6 <sup>th</sup> month Haggai's 1 <sup>st</sup> Message (Haggai 1:1-13)	24 <sup>th</sup> day of the 6 <sup>th</sup> month The People Worked on the House of the Lord (Haggai 1:14-15)	21 <sup>st</sup> day of the 7 <sup>th</sup> month Haggai's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Message (Haggai 2:1-9)	In the 8 <sup>th</sup> month, Zechariah began his prophetic ministry. His primary mission & work was to bring the temple building to completion. This he did successfully. He preached till the 4 <sup>th</sup> year of Darius (518 B.C.)	24 <sup>th</sup> day of the 9 <sup>th</sup> month Haggai's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Message (Haggai 2:10-19) Haggai's 4 <sup>th</sup> Message (Haggai 2:20-23)
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The Redemption of Israel (Zech 12-13)	The Return of the King (Zech 14)	The Coming of the LORD (Mal. 3:1-5)	Psalm 83
<p><u>12:1-9 The Physical Deliverance of Judah &amp; Jerusalem</u></p> <p>v1-3 The Nations besiege Jerusalem v4-9 The LORD delivers Jerusalem</p> <p><u>12:10-13:9 The Spiritual Deliverance of Israel</u></p> <p>v10a The Outpouring of the Spirit v10b-14 The Mourning of the Nation cf. Matt. 24:30-31</p> <p><u>13:1-6 The Cleansing of the Nation</u></p> <p>v1 of sin v2a of idolatry v2b-6 of false prophecy</p> <p><u>13:7-9 The Provision of the True Shepherd</u></p> <p><u>v7 in His First Advent</u> - He is killed - the sheep are scattered <u>v8-9 in His Second Advent</u> - 2/3 of Israel perish - 1/3 refined &amp; become His people</p>	<p><u>v1-3 The Deliverance of Jerusalem from the Nations</u></p> <p><u>v1 Good News</u> - spoil taken will be divided among you <u>v2a Bad News</u> - initial defeat by the nations a. city captured b. houses plundered c. women ravished d. half of the city exiled <u>v2b-3 Good News</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ rest of people will not be cut off from the city</li> <li>▪ the LORD will go forth &amp; fight against those nations</li> </ul> <p><u>v4-5 The Return of the Deliverer</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ His feet stands on the Mt. of Olives (cf. Ac 1:11)</li> <li>▪ Mt. of Olives splits / large valley created</li> <li>▪ Israel flees by the valley</li> </ul> <p><u>v6-11 The Establishment of the Messianic Kingdom</u></p> <p>v6-7 The Unique Day - no light v8 Living Waters v9 The Only King v10-11 Land flattened, Jerusalem raised</p> <p><u>v12-15 The Destruction of Israel's Enemies</u></p> <p>v12,15 by a plague from the LORD v13 by their killing each other v14 by Judah</p> <p><u>v16-21 Worship in the Messianic Kingdom</u></p> <p>v16-19 Celebration of the Feast of Booths mandatory for all the Nations that survive v20-21 The Holiness of Judah &amp; Jerusalem</p>	<p><u>v1 In His First Advent</u></p> <p>v1a His Forerunner v1b The LORD's sudden appearance</p> <p><u>v2-5 In His Second Advent</u></p> <p>v2a None can endure or stand when He appears v2b-4 He comes to refine, cleanse &amp; purify - the sons of Levi (v3) - Judah &amp; Jerusalem (v4) v5 He comes to judge sinners</p>	<p>v1 A Plea for Help v2-8 A Protest Against Israel's Enemies v9-18 A Petition for Divine Judgment</p> <p>The Coming War against Israel involves Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia &amp; the Palestinians</p>
		<p><b>The Coming of the DAY of the LORD (Mal 4:1-6)</b></p>	<p><b>God's Judgment on the Nations Surrounding Israel (Zech 9:1-8)</b></p>
		<p><u>v1-3 The Purpose</u></p> <p>v1 to utterly destroy all sinners v2 to heal those who fear His name v3 to give them victory over their enemies</p> <p><u>v4 The Commandment:</u> remember the Law of Moses</p> <p><u>v5-6 The Forerunner:</u> Elijah the prophet comes to restore the people to the LORD</p>	<p>□ secondary fulfillment in Alexander the Great</p> <p>v1-2 Syria destroyed v3-4 Tyre &amp; Sidon destroyed (modern day Lebanon) v5-6 Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron &amp; Ashdod - Philistine cities (modern day Palestinians) v7 Remnant of Palestinians believe in the LORD v8 God protects His house</p> <p>□ primary fulfillment in our days??</p>



# Malachi: Will a Man Rob God?

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<b>Privileges of the Nation</b>		<b>Pollution by the Priests</b>		<b>Problems of the People</b>				<b>Promise of the Lord</b>		
<b>Care of God for Israel</b>		<b>Complaint of God against the Priests</b>		<b>Complaint of God against the People</b>				<b>Coming Blessing &amp; Judgment</b>		<b>Concluding Warning</b>
1:1	1:2	1:6	2:10	2:17	3:7	3:13	4:1	4:2	4:4	4:5 4:6
<b>Introduction</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Oracle: Respond to God's Love</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Oracle: Honor God</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Oracle: Be Faithful as God's Covenant People</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Oracle: Hope in God</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Oracle: Obey God</b>	<b><u>Just Recompense</u></b>			<b><u>Conclusion</u></b>	
						<b>6<sup>th</sup> Oracle: Fear God</b>			<b>Be Prepared for the Lord's Coming</b>	
						<b>Righteous</b>	<b>Unrighteous</b>	<b>Righteous</b>	<b>The Present Preparation</b>	<b>The Future Preparation</b>
<b>God's Love Rejected</b>		<b>Sins of the Priests</b>		<b>Sins of the People</b>				<b>Punishment or Blessing?</b>		<b>Remember Lest...</b>
<b>SIN</b>						<b>The Book of Remembrance</b>		<b>Invitation &amp; Warning</b>		
<b>God still Loves Israel</b>		<b>Obstacles to Divine Blessing</b>				<b>Future of the Righteous &amp; the Wicked</b>				
<b>The Condemnation of the Lord</b>				<b>The Coming of the Lord</b>						
<b>Repent: Prevailing Sins</b>				<b>Repent: Promise of Judgment</b>						

The Lord Shall Come; Who Shall Stand?

Concluding Appeal of the Old Testament

Love Spurned



Grace Still Offered

**Author:** Malachi = my messenger, probably a shorted form of *mal'ak-yah*, “messenger of Yahweh”. Jewish tradition says that he was a member of the Great Synagogue

**Date:** probably written c. 433 BC (Neh 13:6)

• Malachi probably lived & labored during the times of Ezra & Nehemiah. Serious abuses had crept into Jewish life; the priests had become lax & degenerate, defective & inferior sacrifices were allowed to be offered upon the temple altar, the people were neglecting their tithes, divorce was common & God’s covenant was forgotten & ignored – common abuses in Nehemiah’s day (cf. Neh 3:5; 5:1-13) during his second visit to Jerusalem in 425 BC (Neh 13:6-7). Thus it seems reasonable that Malachi prophesied shortly before that date, i.e. between 432-425 BC, the years when Nehemiah was back in Persia.

**Setting:**

- a period of disappointment, disillusionment & discouragement
- Jewish faith & worship was eroding & it showed in their daily lives, their criticism of God
- the people were in economic & hardship & spiritual distress as a result of God’s judgment on their disobedience
  - a corrupt priesthood, greedy & insensitive to God
  - a sinful people, divorcing old wives to marry foreign women (2:10-16) & robbing God in their tithes (3:7-9)

**plus point:**

- no idolatry after exile but no vibrant faith

**Message:**

Malachi deals with the problems of post-exilic Israel - problems of neglect, expediency & outright disobedience, due to a lack of proper perspective of God’s covenant faithfulness & the loss of the hope that the kingdom would be established.

**Purpose:**

Malachi points to God’s past, present & future dealings with Israel in order to renew their perspective, reestablish their hope & motivate them to proper covenant faithfulness.

**Key Verses:**

3:1, 8

**Key Words:**

says the LORD of hosts (20x)

says the LORD (4x)

the LORD of hosts (24x)

you say (11x), you also say (1x), you will say (1x)

the day (3x), the great & terrible day of the Lord (4:5)

messenger (3x)

remember (4:4)



**FOR GENTILES**

Ezk 38:1-16 Gog invades Israel  
Ezk 38:17-23 Gog judged

Is 24:1-6 surface distorted earth completely despoiled  
Is 2:19,21 inhabitants burnt/few survivors  
God arises to make earth tremble



Why: laws transgressed statutes violated everlasting covenant broken



Is 2:1-4 all nations stream to Jerusalem to learn about God

• righteous judgment  
• no more war  
Is 24:23 sun & moon abashed  
The Lord reigns

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**GREAT DAY OF THEIR WRATH** | **MILLENNIUM**

Is 17:1-3 Syria destroyed Jordan, Ephraim  
Is 17:4 Israel's glory fades  
Is 17:12-14 Nations rush against Israel, gone before morning  
Is 43:56 Jews return from E,W,N,S

Is 2:12-22 Judgment against Lebanon, Bashan, Tarshish  
Is 13:1-16 Babylon destroyed/sinners exterminated  
Is 24:19-22 host of heaven & kings of earth punished  
Is 34:1-10 all nations & their armies slaughtered  
Is 63:1-6 Edom destroyed  
Ezk 39 Destruction of Gog  
Zech 13:1-9 all nations coming against Jerusalem  
Zech 14:12-15 destroyed  
\* Survivors (Is 66:18-21) bring Jews back  
\* Is 60:6-7 Arab nations  
\* Is 19:16-25 Egypt & Assyria

Is 11:1-10 The Perfect King Paradise regained  
Is 65:17-25 rejoicing in Jerusalem no more tears longevity peace & security answered prayer animal creation restored  
Is 66:22-24 new priesthood God's calendar restored  
Ezk 36:33-38 Israel like Garden of Eden population increase  
Ezk 37:15-25 one nation/one king  
Zech 14:16-21 Worship in Millennium

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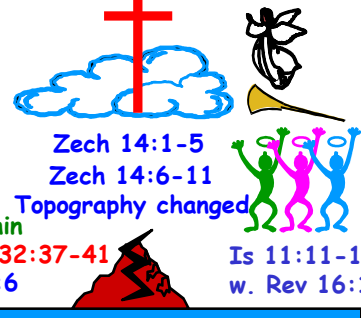
Zech 13:7  
Mal 3:1

Elijah the Prophet

Mal 3:2 refiner's fire

**TRIBES MOURN**

Ezk 36:16-32 Spirit put within  
Jer 31:31-34; 32:37-41  
Zech 12:10-13:6



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**MILLENNIUM**

1948 to restore hearts of fathers to children (Mal 3:1;4:6)  
Refuge (Zeph 2:1-3)  
Escape (Lk 21:34-36)

Zech 13:9 1/3 refined  
Zech 13:8 2/3 cut off  
\* sons of Levi purified (Mal 3:3)  
\* those who fear God's name healed (Mal 4:2)  
\* wicked Jews judged (Mal 3:5;4:1.3)  
Why: Is 22:12-14 defiance, fatalism  
Lk 17:26-30 Life/Business as usual  
Is 28:14-19 pact with death/Sheol

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**FOR JEWS**

Ezek 39:21-29 Israel restored Spirit poured out

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