

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, _____
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

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 _____.

In contrast, a “vision” speaks of a coming judgment upon _____ peoples or nations.

The book of Malachi is divided into two major divisions.

The first division speaks of God’s judgment for their _____ of Him.

The second division speaks of the _____ 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’s coming to establish His kingdom.