

# MALACHI

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Malachi lived about \_\_\_\_\_, after the return from the Babylonian captivity. His message is directed at the people living in Jerusalem. The temple has been rebuilt and life is back to \_\_\_\_\_. They returned to the land hoping to rebuild and see the promises of the prophets fulfilled. However, this generation proved to be as \_\_\_\_\_ to God as their forefathers.

The book is set up like a series of \_\_\_\_\_. God makes a claim against his people, they \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ themselves and God responds. The question must be asked, after all they had suffered in the exile for their sin and unfaithfulness to God, one would think they would \_\_\_\_\_ but seemingly that is not the case.

**Dispute #1 – The nation questions Gods \_\_\_\_\_ for them.**

**Dispute #2 – God accuses them of \_\_\_\_\_ Him and \_\_\_\_\_ His temple.**

**Dispute #3 – God accuses the men of treachery against \_\_\_\_\_ and their \_\_\_\_\_. This manifest itself thru \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. The Jewish men were marrying \_\_\_\_\_ woman and adopting the worship of their \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Dispute # 4 – The people charge \_\_\_\_\_ with neglect and injustice. God responds with the prophecy of a future messenger that will prepare for his return.**

**Dispute #5 – God calls for the people to \_\_\_\_\_ to him. They respond with \_\_\_\_\_?**

**Dispute #6 – The people claim that it is \_\_\_\_\_ to serve God. Their complaint is that wicked people succeed, and God does nothing. God responds by calling them to consider the faithful remnant who still love the \_\_\_\_\_ and believe the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**The book concludes by circling back around and expanding on the fourth dispute and has a prophetic message about the \_\_\_\_\_. It's a promise of the coming "day of the Lord." Lastly, they are told to remember all that the scriptures \_\_\_\_\_ and hold onto the \_\_\_\_\_, for God will be faithful to his covenant.**