

# MALAKI.

The time of Malaki's Prophetic Office was about 397 B.C.

- 1 **T**HE Burden of the Message of the EVER-LIVING to Israel, by the hand of Malaki.
- 2 "I loved you," says the EVER-LIVING, "but you ask, 'In what have You loved us?'—Was not Esau brother to Jacob?" the EVER-LIVING
- 3 asks,—“yet I befriended Jacob and disliked Esau, and have laid his mountains to waste, and his homestead to the snakes of the Desert.”
- 4 Although Edom says, “We are broken down, yet we will return and rebuild the ruins,” the LORD OF HOSTS says thus, “You may build, but I will throw down, and they will be called the ‘Bad-border,’ and the ‘People of the LORD’S anger’ for
- 5 ever!—And your eyes shall see it, when you will exclaim, ‘The LORD is Great over all the borders of Israel.’”

## A Warning to Unfaithful Priests.

- 6 “A son should honour his father, and a servant his master; so if I am a Father,—where is My honouring? and if I am your Master, where is the fear of Me?” asks the LORD OF HOSTS, “by you, Priests, who degrade MY NAME?”
- “But, you may ask,—
- “By what do we degrade Your NAME?”
- 7 “You present polluted bread on My Altar!
- “But you may ask, ‘By what have we insulted You?’
- “By your saying, ‘The Table of the
- 8 EVER-LIVING is contemptible!’ and when you sacrifice the blind, ‘It is not bad!’ and when you present the lame and diseased, ‘It is not wrong!’—If, however, you presented such to your Governor,—would he be pleased

with you? or would he promote you?”—the LORD OF HOSTS asks.

But, however, turn now to GOD, for 9 He may be kind to us.—

Those came from your hand. Will He accept anything from you?—“Change yourselves,” the EVER-LIVING says.

“Who amongst you will shut the 10 doors, and not light the Altar in vain?—I feel no pleasure in you!” says the LORD OF HOSTS, “nor will accept an offering from your hand! But from the Sun-rise to its Setting 11 MY NAME will become GREAT to the Heathen, and in every place will be presented incense and offering to MY NAME, with a perfect gift,—for MY NAME will become GREAT among the Heathen,” says the LORD OF HOSTS. “But you, you degrade it 12 by your saying, ‘The Table of the EVER-LIVING is worthless, and its product contemptible food!’ You 13 also say, ‘How tiresome!’ and sneer at it!” says the LORD OF HOSTS. “So you bring the stolen, and the lame, and the diseased,—that is the Offering you bring!—Will I accept it from your hand?” the EVER-LIVING says. “I will punish the swindler, 14 who, when there is a male in his flock that he has vowed, afterwards sacrifices a diseased one to the ALMIGHTY, for I am a GREAT KING,” says the LORD OF HOSTS, “and MY NAME is revered by the Nations.

“So now, Priests! this Command 2 is for you.—If you will not listen, and 2 you will not lay it to heart, and give honour to MY NAME,” says the LORD OF HOSTS, “I will send a curse upon you, and blast your blessings. Indeed I have already blasted them, for you will not fix them on your heart. I 3

will cramp your arm, and sprinkle  
dung on your faces,—the dung of  
your festivals, and you shall be  
4 attracted towards it. Then you  
will learn that I sent this order  
to you, that My Covenant should

be with Levi," says the LORD OF  
HOSTS.

"My Covenant was with him, for 5  
Life and Peace,—and I gave it to him  
openly, and he revered Me, and  
bowed before MY NAME.

"The Law of truth was in his mouth.  
No lie was found within his lips;  
He walked with Me in Peace and Right,  
And turned away from sin."

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So the lips of the Priest should guard knowledge,  
And the Law should be sought from his mouth;  
For the LORD OF HOSTS' Herald is he.

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"But you have deserted the path,  
And made many sick of the Law;  
Corrupting the Treaty with Levi,"

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The LORD OF HOSTS says,

"So I have made you a contempt and scorn to the mass,  
Because you have kept not My paths,  
And hated to look at my Law."

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### A Denunciation of National Dissensions.

- 10 Have we not all ONE FATHER?  
Did not ONE GOD create us all? Why  
do we each deceive his brother, break-  
ing the covenant of our forefathers?  
11 Judah has betrayed, and depravity is  
practised in Israel, and in Jerusalem.  
For Judah has profaned the Sanc-  
tuary of the LORD, which He loves, for  
Bal, the Stranger of Bethel!  
12 The LORD will strike blind the  
person who does that! But will  
answer from the Tents of Jacob him  
who presents an offering to the LORD  
OF HOSTS.  
13 Then you again make this pre-  
tence; you weep at the Altar of the  
Lord with tears and sighs, because  
He accepts not the gift, and does not  
accept pleasure from your hand.  
14 And you exclaim "Why?"—Because

the LORD was a witness between you  
and the wife of your youth whom you  
deceived, although she is your com-  
panion, and the wife of your bond.  
But not one has done it with a share 15  
of spirit in him. But why any one?  
GOD sought an heir. So take care of  
your spirit, and do not deceive the  
wife of your youth. For dismissal 16  
is hateful, says the LORD GOD OF  
ISRAEL, and to cover wrong with a  
cloak, says the LORD OF HOSTS.—So  
take care of your spirit, and do not  
deceive.

You have wearied the LORD by your 17  
speeches! But you may ask, "In  
what have we wearied Him?"

By your saying of all who do wrong,  
"They are right in the sight of the  
LORD, and He will be satisfied with  
them,—or where is the justice of  
GOD?"

### The Forerunner of the Lord.

#### I.

- Behold! I send My Messenger  
To make a path before Me. 3  
The LORD that you seek, unexpected will enter into His Temple!  
"The Herald will come," says the LORD, "of the Treaty you love;  
But who can endure his entry?  
Who stand, when he searches?" 2

#### II.

- "Like a fire He is to refiners, and like the soap to a fuller.  
He sits down to fuse and refine thereout the dross from the silver, 3  
And Levi's sons he will cleanse,  
And refine like to silver and gold!"

Then they can approach to the LORD,  
And offer up gifts that are perfect.  
4 Then Jerusalem's and Judah's oblation  
Shall be sweet to the LORD as of old time.

## III.

5 "Then I will bring to you justice, and quickly decide against lies and  
adultery,  
And those who rob men of their wage,  
And wrong widow, orphan, and stranger;—  
Will they not have fear of Me then?" asks the LORD OF THE ARMIES.  
6 "For I, EVER-LIVING, change not, or you sons of Jacob would perish.  
7 You left My Decrees, nor regarded My Laws from the times of your  
fathers.  
Yet now turn to Me and I will accept," says the LORD OF THE ARMIES.

## IV.

But you ask, "With what be returning?"  
8 "Could Adam hide up from GOD?  
Yet you would be hiding from Me!"  
Ask you, "What have we hidden from You?"  
"The tithe and offering of harvest."  
9 You are cursed with a curse, for you rob Me.  
The whole Nation hides up.  
10 So bring all the tithes to My garner,  
And let there be food in My House:—  
Now try Me by that," says the LORD OF THE HOSTS,  
"And ask to unclosethe the sluice of the skies, and to pour you a blessing;  
11 To fill stores and drive wasters away from destroying the fruit of your  
labours,  
Nor your vine shed her fruit in the field,"  
Says the LORD OF THE ARMIES.  
12 "And all nations then call you the blessed,  
For your land will become a delight,"  
Says the LORD OF THE ARMIES.

**A Remonstrance against Revolt from God.**

13 "Your words are bold against Me,"  
says the LORD OF HOSTS; "yet you ask,  
'What have we said against You?'  
14 "You have said, 'It is folly to serve  
GOD!' And, 'What profit is there  
for our guarding His Trust? and for  
our having walked in black before  
15 the LORD OF HOSTS? So now we  
congratulate the cruel, for they  
prosper. The practisers of vice are  
prosperous. The despisers of GOD  
also are safe!'"  
16 However, those who revered  
the LORD, spoke to one another,  
and sought the LORD, and listened,  
and signed an agreement of remem-  
brance before Him to reverence the  
LORD, and think upon His Name.  
17 Then the LORD OF HOSTS said to  
me;—"These shall be Mine at the time  
I collect a treasure, and I will be kind

to them, as a man is kind to his son  
who serves him.

"Then you will turn and distinguish 18  
between the righteous and the wicked,  
between who serves GOD, and who  
serves Him not. For be assured the 19  
day comes that will burn like an  
oven, when all the cruel, and all who  
practise vice, will be stubble, and  
will be burnt in that coming day,"  
says the LORD OF HOSTS, "nor root  
nor branch shall be left. But the Sun 20  
of Righteousness will shine forth to  
you with restoration on his wings,  
and you shall be brought out, and  
sport like a bullock from the stall,  
and tread down the wicked, for they 21  
will be dust under your feet, on the  
day when I perform it," says the LORD  
OF HOSTS.

"Remember the Laws of My ser- 22  
vant Moses, which I communicated to  
him in Horeb, and the Institutions  
and Decrees for all Israel. I will 23

assuredly send to you Elijah the Prophet before that Great and Terrible Day of the Lord arrives, and he will turn the hearts of the fathers towards

their children, and the children towards their fathers; lest I should come and strike the earth with a ban."

END OF THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET MALAKI

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#### NOTE BY THE TRANSLATOR

With Malaki, the Books of the Prophets, as they stand in the original Hebrew order, which I have followed, are completed, and with that ends my Third Volume and the Third Division of the Hebrew arrangement of the Sacred Scriptures.  
The Fourth Section of the Hebrew portion of the Bible includes the Psalms and all the other Sacred Writers to the end of II. Chronicles.—FERRAR FENTON.