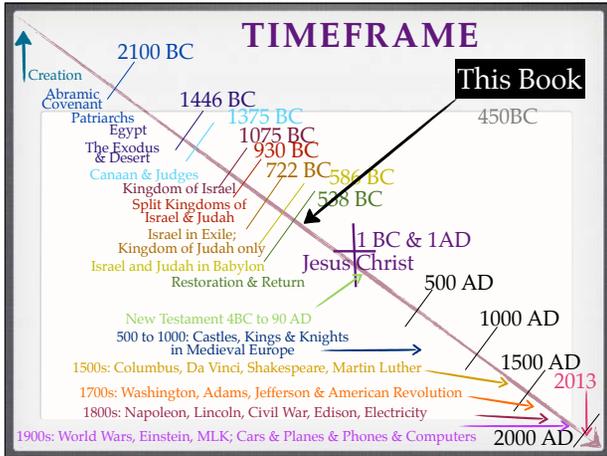
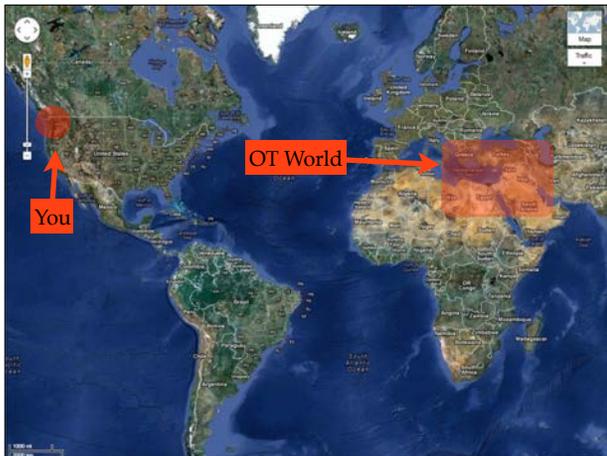


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TYPE OF BOOK

- Moses' Torah / Pentateuch
- History
- Poetry & Wisdom
- Major (Long-book) Prophets
- Minor (Short-book) Prophets ✓

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AUTHOR

- 1:1, 3:1
- Malachi
- means "my messenger"

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READERS & RECIPIENTS

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- People of God
- We quickly forget that God is around.
- We need to be reminded to remain faithful.
- We need to be reminded that the Messiah is coming.

STORYLINE

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- CBH: The Israelites can't see God's love for them (he hasn't poked them on the shoulder recently). They forget the past, and only see the problems of the present.
- The priests have lost respect for God and his laws; the people are breaking "big" laws like marrying non-Israeli women.
- Reminder to look for the coming Messiah; but repent because he also brings judgment.

Major OT Themes found in this Book:

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1. God is Love
2. God Creates
3. Israel (we) are supposed to be God's Obedient Servants
4. Israel (we) are Sinful
5. God is Angry with His People for Rejecting Him
6. God Forgives and Blesses those who Follow Him
7. Israel (we) are God's Chosen Examples
8. God Speaks through His Prophets
9. God is Always with His People
10. God is Just and Merciful
11. God Keeps His Promises
12. Israel (we) are Redeemed and Restored by the Blood of Christ
13. Israel (we) are JoGoFd
14. Israel (we) will Inherit the Kingdom of God

THEOLOGICAL CONTRIBUTION

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- “The prophecy of Malachi is noted for its vivid portrayal of the love of God as well as His might and power. Israel needed to be reminded of these truths at a time when widespread doubt had dashed expectations of the Messiah.”--CBH

SECULAR CONTRIBUTION

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- Malachi is the last book of the Old Testament.

KEY VERSE

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- “Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts...”ESV
- 3:1
- To whom is this verse referring?
- John the Baptist (and Jesus)

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REQUIRED READING

- The Lord will come
- Call to repentance
- 2:17 through the end of chapter 3 (3:18)

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WHEN TO TURN HERE

- When you need to know that God is faithful.
- When you need to know that God is there for you.
- When you feel righteous, but things aren't going your way.

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LUTHER SAYS:

- "He [Malachi] is a fine prophet, and his book contains beautiful sayings about Christ and the gospel. He calls it 'a pure offering in all the world,' for by the gospel the grace of God is praised and that is the true thank-offering" LW 35:332

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MR. MARTIN SAYS:

- 1: 6-7; 2:17
- Dialogue--makes this story interesting and keeps the reader reading
- 4: 1-3
- Some Eschatology
- Relating to the End Times

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LIFE LESSONS FROM MALACHI A

- By the time Malachi is written, it's been a while since the people of Israel have seen God act. Malachi reminds them that he's present, that he expects obedience, and that a Savior is coming.
- We fall away from the Lord when he isn't poking us on the shoulder saying "Hey, I'm right here". We haven't seen God.
- What is God's Plan to keep us faithful?
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