

# Interesting Facts About Malachi

**MEANING:** "My Messenger."

**AUTHOR:** Malachi

**TIME WRITTEN:** Possibly between 432 and 425 B.C.

**POSITION IN THE BIBLE:**

- 39th Book in the Bible
- 39th and last Book in the Old Testament
- 17th and last of 17 books of Prophecy (Isaiah - Malachi)
- 12th and last of 12 minor prophets (Hosea - Malachi)
- 27 Books to follow it.



**CHAPTERS:** 4

**VERSES:** 55

**WORDS:** 1,782

**OBSERVATIONS ABOUT MALACHI:**

- The only Old Testament mention of Malachi is in Malachi 1:1.
- Malachi was a prophet during the time of Nehemiah.
- Malachi directs his message to people who are:
  - Plagued with corrupt priests.
  - Plagued with wicked practices.
  - Have a false sense of security regarding their privileged relationship with God.
- Malachi uses the question-and-answer method to probe into the problems of:
  - Hypocrisy
  - Infidelity
  - Mixed marriages
  - Divorce
  - False worship
  - Arrogance

## MALACHI

- The people have become so sinful that messages sent from God no longer have any impact.
- The Book of Malachi is a prelude to the 400 years of prophetic silence broken finally by the words of the next prophet, John the Baptist.
  - **Malachi 3:1** - "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, Even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming, "Says the LORD of hosts."
  - **Matthew 3:3** - ". . . Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.
  - **John 1:29** - ". . . Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
- Malachi ends on the bitter word "Curse" (3:14).

