

**REVIEW**

**A. HISTORY**

1. contemporary of Nehemiah (c.435-415 BC)
2. resentful disappointment after return, rebuilds (temple, Jerusalem; e.g., Hag.2:9)
3. defection in worship & life by priests & people (i.e., sacrifices, tithes, teaching, marriage, justice)
4. promises: eternal love, restorative repentance and timely salvation (1:1f; 3:1f)

**B. STRUCTURE**

1. letter to the church (compare Rev.2,3; see Mal.3:7; Rev.2:5)
2. disputations: talking back to God! (1:2,6,7,14,17; 3:7,8,13; note: satire; Mt.15:5; Rom.9:20; Is.29:16)
3. chiasm: center focus ([A] oracle; [B] righteous/wicked; [C] vain worship; [D] broken covenant X [D] broken covenant; [C] vain worship; [B] righteous/wicked; [A] law & prophet)

**C. NEW TESTAMENT**

1. Jacob/Esau (1:2,3; Rom.9:13)
2. My messenger (3:1; Mt.11:10; Mk.1:2; Lk.7:27)
3. send Elijah (4:5; Mt.11:14; 17:10f; Mk.9:11f; Lk.1:17; Jn.1:21)

**SECOND DISPUTATION, CONT'D: THE PRIESTS OF GOD DESPISE HIM!** (2:1-9; see 1:6-14)

**BACKGROUND: INFINITE, ETERNAL & UNCHANGEABLE LOVE!** (1:2,1-6; see Dt.7:7f; Rom.9:1f; Eph.1:4; 1Jn.4:19; Mt.22:37f)

**I. WARNING TO UNFAITHFUL PRIESTS** (2:1-4)

**A<sup>1</sup>. COMMANDMENT TO THE PRIESTS WHO DESPISE HIS NAME** (2:1,4f; 1:6)

**B. HONOR HIS NAME** (2:1; see 1:6f; contra Lev.10:3; 1Sam.2:12f,34f)

**C. THE LORD OF HOSTS** (2:2,4,7,8; see 1:4,etc!; Ps.46:7,11; 2Kngs.6:17)

**D. LISTEN; TAKE TO HEART** (2:2a,b; see Dt.4:39; 32:46; Eccl.7:2; Is.57:1; Ezk.3:10)

**E. WARNING: BLESSING & CURSE** (2:2 /Lev.26; Dt.27:12&13; 28:1f & 27:15f; 28:15f; 29:21; 30:1-3; Lk.6:20f; 22:20)

**F. REBUKE OFFSPRING** (3a; Hos.4:6; see Ex.20:5,6 yet Ezk.18:14f; 33:10f)

**G. JUST OFFAL** (3b; see Ex.29:14; see Lev.4:11,12; 13:46; 24:23)

**H. POINT: DISCIPLINE FOR CORRECTION** (4; see 6b; 4:6; see Jer.3:12,14,22; Ezk.33:11)

**A<sup>2</sup>. THE COVENANT WITH LEVI** (2:4,5,8; see 10,14; 3:1 /Lv.8-10; Nm.1:47f; 3:1f; 8:6f; 18:19; Dt.21:5; 1Chr.15:2)

**II. REMINDER OF THE TRUE PRIESTHOOD** (2:5-7)

**A. COVENANT W/LEVI: LIFE & PEACE FOR REVERENCE** (5,2; 1:6,12,13; Ex.28-30; Nm.16:9,10; 18:12,26)

**B. INSTRUCTION: TRUE, NOT UNRIGHTEOUS** (6a; see 1Tim.4:11-16; 2Tim.4:1-5)

**C. LIFE: WALKED WITH GOD IN PEACE & UPRIGHTNESS** (6a; see Gen.5:22,24; 6:9; Dt.5:33; 10:12; see Ps.143:10; see 1Tm.3:1-13; Tt.1:6-8)

**D. EFFECT: TURNED MANY BACK FROM INIQUITY** (6b; see 1Cor.4:16; 11:1; Phil.3:17f; 4:9; 1Tm.4:12; Tt.2:7; 1Pt.5:3; see Jms.5:20)

**E. DUTY OF PRIESTS: PRESERVE KNOWLEDGE FOR THE PEOPLE** (7a; Hos.4:6; Dt.24:8; 2Kngs.17:27; Eph.4:18; see Acts 6:4; 1Tm.4:13-16; 2Tm.3:14-4:5)

**F. DUTY OF PEOPLE: SEEK INSTRUCTION FROM THE PRIEST** (7b; Num.27:21; Dt.17:8f; Jer.18:18(Ezk.7:26); Hag.2:10-14; contra Mal.1:13a; 2Tm.4:3)

**G. SUMMARY: MESSENGER OF THE LORD OF HOSTS** (7; see 3:1a,1b; "Malachi"; Hag.1:13; see 1Tm.4:14; 1C.4:17)

**III. RENEWED WARNING TO UNFAITHFUL PRIESTS** (2:8,9; *contra* 2:6)

**A. TURNED ASIDE FROM THE WAY** (8a, 9b; *contra* 6b)

**B. CAUSED MANY TO STUMBLE INTO SIN BY THEIR INSTRUCTION** (8b,9b (1Tm.5:21; Jms.2:9,1f); *contra* 6b; Mk.13:22)

**C. SUMMARY: RUINED THE COVENANT OF LEVI** (8c; see 5f; see Gen.17:14; Lev.26:15/44; Jer.31:32)

**D. CONSEQUENCE: DESPISED & HUMILIATED** (9a; e.g., Lev.10:1f; 1Sam.2:24; see 1Tm.5:19,20)

**POINT: WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A PASTOR!** (1Tm.3,4; 2Tm.3,4; Tt.1/ Heb.4-10)

*Brethren, what shall WE DO?* (see Acts 2:37f)