

INTRODUCTION: LAST WORDS FOR A NEW BEGINNING (3:5; Mt.3:1f)

- A. DISCOURAGED, DISTRACTED & DEFILED** (Malachi; see Nehemiah, church life)
- B. PROMISES, REBUKES & REPENTANCE** (Malachi; see Nehemiah; church prayers)
- C. THE CERTAINTY OF THE COVENANT OF THE LORD** (1:2f; 2:4-14; 3:1; see 1Cor.11:24f)
- D. THE CERTAINTY OF THE DAY OF THE LORD** (4:5,1; 3:1; see Acts 1:11; Rev.22:20)
- E. POINT: HOW SHALL WE THEN LIVE?** (4:4; see 2Pt.3:2; 11,14)

I. REVIEW: REMEMBER THE LAW OF MOSES (4:4; see Disputations 1-3; see 1:2-5; 1:6-2:9; 2:10-16)

A. REMEMBER (4:4; see 3:16; Num.15:39,40; Gal.2:10; see 2Pt.3:1,2)

B. THE LAW (4:4; see 2Pt.3:2)

1. Moses My Servant (4:4; Neh.10:29; see Dt.34:5; Josh.12:6; Heb.3:5; see Rom.1:1,etc.; see *My Servants the Prophets*; 2Kngs.9:7; 17:13; Jer.7:25; 26:5; 29:19; 35:15; 44:4; Ezk.38:17; Zech.1:6; e.g., Elijah; note: thus says the Lord; 1Kngs.17:14,etc.!)
2. Statutes & Judgments (4:4; Dt.10:5; 31:26 /Ex.18:16; Dt.4:5,8,14 /Dt.5:1; 1Chr.22:13 /Mt.5:17f)
3. I commanded Him (4:4; 1Chr.22:13; see Ex.12:28,etc.!!!; i.e., command* Moses)
4. In Horeb (4:4; see Ex.3:1f; Dt.1:1f,6; 4:10f,15; 5:1f)
5. For all Israel (4:4; see Dt.4:14; Jer.11:4(covenant))

II. PREVIEW: HOPE FOR THE COMING OF ELIJAH (4:5,6; see Disputations 4-6; see 2:17-3:5; 3:6-12; 3:13-4:3)

A. BEHOLD! (4:5; see 4:1; 3:1; 2:3)

B. I AM GOING TO SEND (4:5 // 3:1; see 2Chr.36:15f, I-you)

C. ELIJAH THE PROPHET (4:5 (Mt.11:14); see 3:1 (Mt.11:10); see 1Kngs.18:22,36)

1. Jewish expectation: in person (2Kngs.2:11; Jn.1:21)
2. Divine revelation: in spirit and power (Lk.1:17; Mt.11:10f; 17:10f)

D. BEFORE THE COMING DAY OF THE LORD (4:5; 3:1; see Mt.17:3,10f; Mk.9:4f,11f)

1. Great and terrible (4:5,1f; 3:2f; Joel 2:31,11; see Is.13:6,9; Ezk.30:3; Joel 1:15f; Amos 5:18f; Obad.1:15; Zeph.1:7f; see Mt.3:7f; 1Cor.5:5; 1Th.5:2f; 2Th.2:2; 2Pt.3:10f; see Revelation)

E. HE WILL TURN HEARTS (4:6; 3:1 (Lk.1:76); see 1Kng.18:37; Is.63:16; see Dt.30:10f/17f)

1. Fathers to their children & children to their fathers (4:6; Lk.1:17 (3:4f; Is.40:1f); see Mal.3:13f; 3:16f; Ezk.18:1f; 33:10f; see Neh.9:17f,26f; see Josh.24:31; Jdg.8:33; Ps.78:42; 106:7)
2. Purpose: not come and smite land w/curse (4:6; see Ezk.18:30-32; 33:11)
 - a. the ban (Ex.22:20; Lev.26:27,28; Dt.13:16,17; 20:17f; Is.34:2; see Josh.6,7(Achan), see 2Chr.36:15f; see 1Cor.16:22; see Revelation, seals, 1/4 ; trumpets, 1/3; bowls, all)
 - b. Jerusalem (Neh.2:17; Lk.13:35)
 - c. the whole earth (2Pt.3:10f; see Mk.13:1-23&28-32 (declarations) then 24-27&33-37 (illustrations))

III. SUMMARY: MOSES & ELIJAH (4:4-6; see Mt.5:17; 7:12; 11:13; 17:3f (Dt.19:15); Jn.1:45; Acts 28:23; Rom.3:21; see 2Pt.3:2 & 3f)

IV. A REASON FOR HOPE! (4:4-6)

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