

## Major Messages

# Minor Prophets



Imagine you are standing before God to give an account for your life. Can you imagine back-talking to God?

**B.L.U.F.** (bottom line up front): *God is giving another opportunity.*

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### 1. I L \_\_\_\_\_ You! 1:1-5

God is speaking.

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### 2. You (Priests) Have D \_\_\_\_\_ Me! 1:6-2:9

God is speaking.

- 1) The Charge 1:6
- 2) The Evidence 1:7-13
- 3) The Punishment 1:14-2:9

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### 3. You (People) B \_\_\_\_\_ Your Promises! 2:10-17

Malachi is speaking.

- 1) You Broke Your Promises to God v. 10-12
  - 2) You Broke Your Promises to Your Wives v. 13-17
- Why is this a big deal?

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### 4. I'm Coming to D \_\_\_\_\_ with You! 3:1-6

God is speaking.

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### 5. Here's Your L \_\_\_\_\_ Chance! 3:7-4:6

God is speaking.

- 1) General Appeal 3:7a
- 2) Stubborn Response 3:7b
- 3) Specific Appeal 3:8-12



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*Never doubt God's longsuffering!*

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**Synopsis:** Malachi will close the Old Testament canon. Sometime after the building of the Jerusalem walls, Malachi delivered God's final appeal to His people. Will these wayward people turn to God or will God "...come and smite the earth with a curse"? An eery 400 year silence followed Malachi's ministry. The silence was broken by the wilderness cry of John the Baptist – "Repent, the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

**Outline:** .....

**Key Verse:** 3:7

**Theme:** *An Appeal – Repent & Return!*

"...from beginning to end this little book is AN APPEAL – a powerful, passionate, pleading appeal – an appeal to repent of sin and to return to God – an appeal accompanied by rich promise if the people respond, and by stern warning if they refuse." – J. Sidlow Baxter, *Explore the Book*, volume 4, p. 262

<b>I. God's Choice of Israel</b>	1:1-5
<b>II. God's Rebuke Concerning the Priests</b>	1:6-2:9
A. The Charge	1:6
B. The Evidence	1:7-13
C. The Sentence	1:14-2:9
<b>III. Malachi's Rebuke Concerning the People</b>	2:10-17
A. People Broke Covenant with God	v. 10-12
B. People Broke Covenant with Wives	v. 13-16
C. People Question God's Justice	v. 17
<b>IV. God's Coming with His Messenger</b>	3:1-6
A. Coming of the Lord	v. 1
B. Purifying Work of the Lord	v. 2-4
C. Punishing Work of the Lord	v. 5-6
<b>V. God's Final Appeal</b>	3:7-4:6
A. God's General Appeal	3:7
B. God's Specific Appeal	3:8-12
C. God's Motivation	3:13-4:3
D. God's Final Words	4:4-6

**Style:** Malachi's messages are delivered with a unique style that grabs the attention of the reader. Dialogue runs throughout. Accusation [by God] is followed by denial [by people] and then proved by factual information [by God].

Imagine back-talking to God?!

- "Wherein hast thou loved us?"
- "Wherein have we despised thy name?"
- "Wherein have we polluted thee?"
- "Wherein have we wearied thee?"
- "Wherein shall we return?"
- "Wherein have we robbed thee?"
- "What have we spoken so much against thee?"

This is a smart-mouthed and insubordinate people!  
But God has the evidence to back up His accusations.  
How will they respond?