CHAPTER ONE

The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi. 
1 I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD; yet I loved Jacob, 2 And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.

Whereas Edom saith, We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and, The people against whom the LORD hath indignation for ever. 3 And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, The LORD shall be magnified from the border of Israel. 4 A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name? 5 Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible, 6 And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts. 7 And now, I pray you, beseech God that he will be gracious unto us: this hath been by your means: saith the LORD of hosts. 8 Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for nought? neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand. 9 For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts. 10 But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of the LORD is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible. 11 Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it? and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD. 12 For I am a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen.

CHAPTER TWO

1 And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. 2 If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart. 3 Behold, I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts; and one shall take you away with it. 4 And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the LORD of hosts. 5 My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name. 6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity.

7 But ye have made us a reprobate before the heathen, and base yourself before every man; 8 The priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. 9 But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the LORD of hosts. 10 Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but have been partial in the law. 11 Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers? 12 Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god. 13 The LORD will cut off the man that doeth this, the master and the scholar, out of the tabernacles of Jacob, and him that offereth an offering unto the LORD of hosts.

14 And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth it with good will at your hand. 15 Ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. 16 When ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Yet he maketh one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. 17 For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for I hate putting away, saith the LORD. 18 But ye say, Why seest thou not that which we do? For the LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are but vanity. 19 The thing which hath been is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is nothing new under the sun. 20 Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, and is gone from before us. 21 There is no fear in Egypt; they have seen neither any thing new: for from the day of his coming even to this day they knew not, nor understood: for he poured out upon them of his wrath, lest any should understand.

CHAPTER THREE

1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. 2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: 3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness. 4 Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and in former years. 5 And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against them that oppress the hireling in his right, and the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger; as I did not do after your fathers. 6 For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. 7 Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. 8 Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. 9 But ye said, Wherein shall we return? 10 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. 11 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

12 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. 13 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

14 Bring all the tithes into the house of my God, that there my blessing may be upon you. 15 And the LORD shall open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall be no want in your storehouses. 16 And ye shall eat and be full, and ye shall dwell in the land that the LORD hath given unto you. 17 And the LORD shall cause you to be fruitful in the land which ye shall enter to possess. 18 But if ye shall not hearken unto me, nor observe all these commandments; 19 But go in ye, go ye out from mine eyes: and ye shall die in the land of your enemies. 20 As for ye that remain yet in this land, and in Judah, saith the LORD, who go out and sit before the kings of Judah, 21 To tell the Kings of Chaldea, saying, The LOR D shall deliver this land unto me, and he shall deliver it unto me: come now, and let us build, saith the king, for ye speak evil in my ears. 22 Then they will say, Behold, what a weariness is this that I have endured? I will go forth, and will return no more. 23 Then also will the LORD make a covenant with them of a good oath, and will cause the rain to descend upon them, and a bud and flower to come out upon the earth. 24 And I will give the rain in due season, and they shall plant, and sow every man in the field of his own house. 25 And I will multiply them that be planted before me, saith the LORD, in the wilderness, and in the rocks. 26 And I will divide them in Jacob, and fill the mountains of Israel with the house of Jacob. 27 Then shall the latter come from the desert, and the latter from the east, and they shall come and shall bless the LORD. 28 When the LORD shall have pureed out his people, then the remnant of Judah shall again see the children of the circumcision again in the country of Judah, in the cities of Jerusalem, saith the LORD of hosts. 29 The remnant shall return, and come, all the residue of the children of Israel; 30 Which are turned again out of the land of Egypt, and out of the cities of Assyria, and out of the cities of Syria, and out of the cities of Philistia; they shall again dwell in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Jerusalem: then shall the men of Judah be the third, and Jerusalem shall be a holy place. 31 The LORD shall give Israel a crown, and reigned long in Jerusalem.
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And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place: But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy.
(2 Chronicles 36:15-16)

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(QUESTIONS FROM THE NEW LIVING TRANSLATION)

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