

Malachi 3:1-12 **Messenger to prepare the Way of Yahweh**
Who can endure the Day of His Coming?

Coming Messenger to prepare the way of Yahweh

1 "Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me.
And Ha-Adown (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 Yahweh Tsebaovt
(the Lord of hosts).

Day of His Coming

2 "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like
a refiner's fire And like launderers' soap.

3 He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as
gold and silver, That they may offer to Yahweh (the Lord) An offering in righteousness.

4 "Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem Will be pleasant to Yahweh (the Lord), As in the days
of old, As in former years.

5 And I will come near you for judgment; I will be a swift witness Against sorcerers, Against
adulterers, Against perjurers, Against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans,
And against those who turn away an alien — Because they do not fear Me," Says Yahweh Tsebaovt
(the Lord of hosts).

6 "For I am Yahweh (the Lord), I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.
7 Yet from the days of your fathers You have gone away from My ordinances And have not kept
them.

Call to Repentance

Return to Me, and I will return to you," Says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts).

"But you said, 'In what way shall we return?'

Will a man rob God?

8 "Will a man rob Elohiym (God)? Yet you have robbed Me!

But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?

'In tithes and offerings.

9 You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation.

10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in
this," Says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts), "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven
And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.

11 "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your
ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," Says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of
hosts);

12 And all nations will call you blessed, For you will be a delightful land," Says Yahweh Tsebaovt
(the Lord of hosts).

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Facts Revealed:

Coming Messenger to prepare the way of Yahweh [Malachi 3:1]

- ✧ The Messenger to prepare the way before Yahweh is speaking of John The Baptist. [Matthew 11:10, Mark 1:1-3, Luke 1:13-17, 74, 7:27]
- ✧ The One Whose way he was to prepare is "Me" says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts).
- ✧ The One Whom they, the children of Israel (Jews), have been seeking throughout the ages is the Messenger of the Covenant, here called Ha-Adown (the Lord).
- ✧ When He comes, He will begin at the Temple to purge evil from the earth. [1 Peter 4:17]

Day of His Coming [Malachi 3:2-7]

- ✧ Because the Day of His Coming is Judgment Day, the valid question is, "But who can endure the day of His coming?"
- ✧ Before His Kingdom can be established, all evil must first be removed.
- ✧ Yahweh is the Judge and knows everything, so He will call everyone to give account for all they have done both good and evil. The evil will be cast into the fire and the righteous will be welcomed into His Kingdom. [Matthew 25:31-46]
- ✧ When the purge is over, the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasant to Yahweh as at the first.
- ✧ Knowing all, Yahweh Himself will be a swift witness against sorcerers, adulterers, perjurers, those who oppress the employees, widows, orphans and the aliens (strangers) because they do not fear Him and His Laws.
- ✧ Yahweh is long suffering, kind, merciful, compassionate, full of grace, Who does not find pleasure in the death of the wicked, but desires them all to come to repentance so they may live. [2 Peter 3:9, Ezekiel 18:1-32, 33:7-20]
- ✧ It is Only because of the unchanging long suffering patience of Yahweh waiting for sinners to repent and turn back to Him, that the Children of Israel are not consumed already for their continual rejection of the righteous laws of God.

Call to Repentance

- ✧ "Return to Me, and I will return to you," Says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts). "But you said, 'In what way shall we return?' [Malachi 3:7]

Will a man rob God? [Malachi 3:8-12]

- ✧ There is a curse on the nation because they have failed to bring all their tithes and offerings to Yahweh, causing great want in the Temple, making it impossible for the needy to receive proper aid from the Priests and Levites.
- ✧ Yahweh challenges them to test Him by bringing all the tithes into the store house and see the blessings He will pour out on them.