

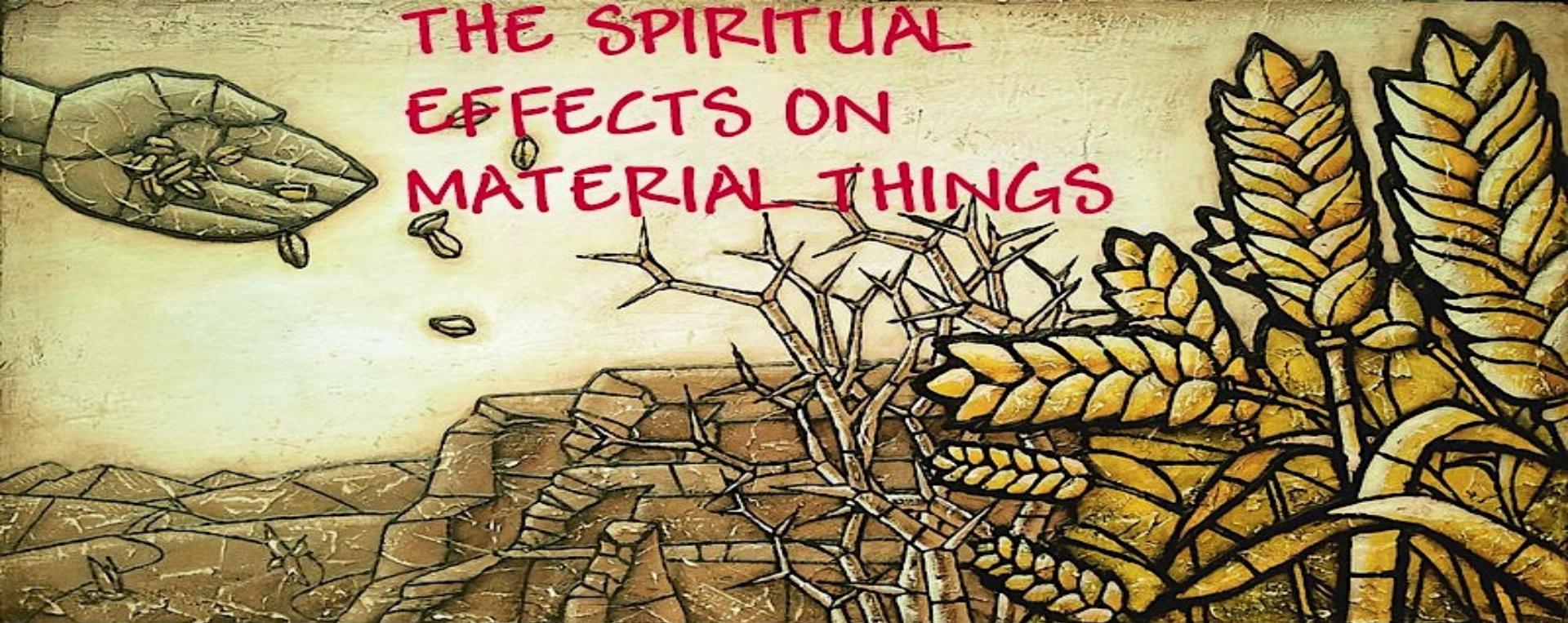
# *Why It's Important to Learn the Lessons of History*



- God's people receiving abundance is based on them repenting
- 2 Chronicles 31:5 – 10
- It is human nature to speak about learning from history, but doing otherwise
- Whenever we do what is expedient, instead of doing it God's way, it will have a bad result
- When things don't go well, our reaction is often to hold back from God, so we can keep more

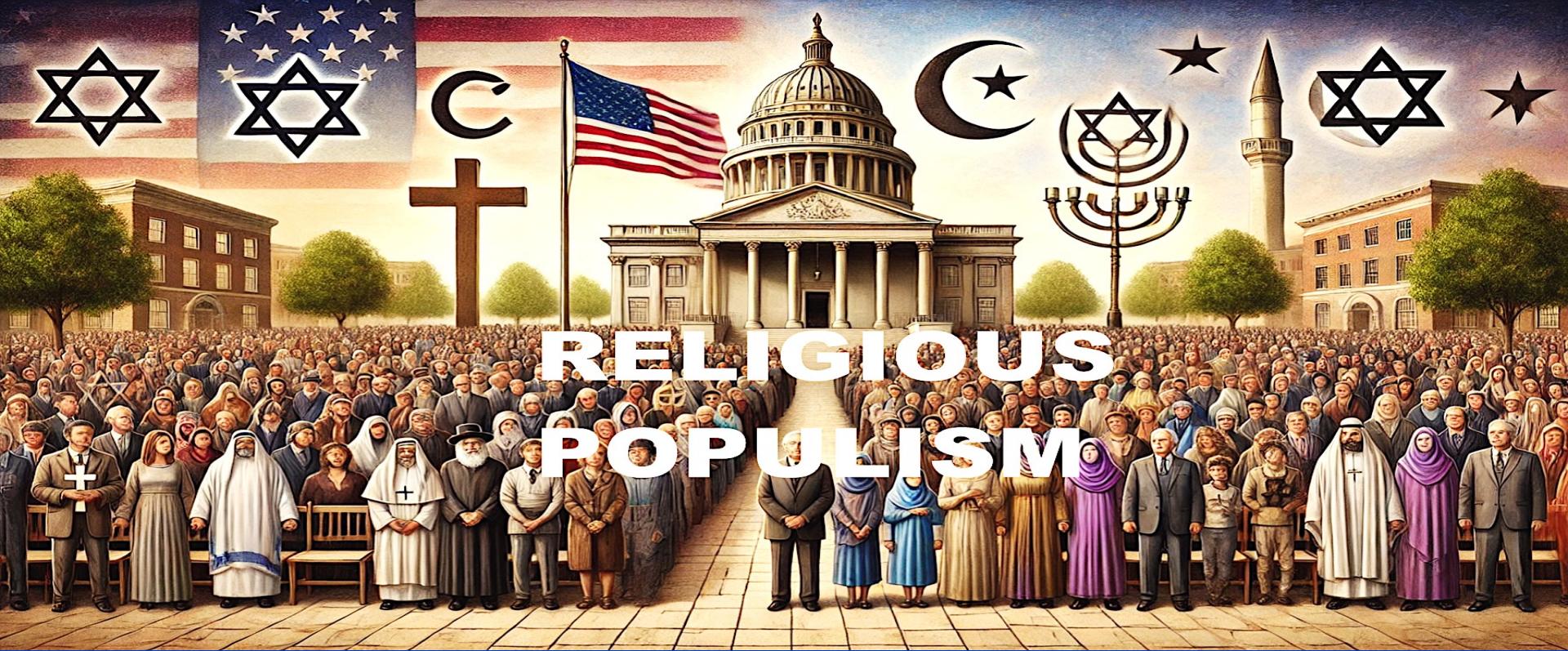


- When the nations of the world see how protected Israel is, they will praise Him
- Usually in the Bible, locusts are the most feared of the insects that harm crops
- Other things like bad weather God promises to prohibit so the Jews can thrive; but, repentance comes first



## THE SPIRITUAL EFFECTS ON MATERIAL THINGS

- Malachi 3:12 *ashar* = fortunate, rather than happy
- Israel was supposed to reflect God's light and glory
- God explains things in physical terms, because this is all we can relate to
- God's promise of abundance is in response to Israel's proper tithing and giving
- A motive of loving God, and not self, is required



- The 6<sup>th</sup> Oracle begins at Malachi 3:13
- The Jews see themselves as victims of God
- *Chazaq* = firmly rigid, immovable mindset, “attack with a malicious conviction”
- The Jews had adopted a theological view that was hostile towards YHWH; Christianity has as well



Malachai 3:14

**Don't  
Serve  
God!**

- Jews are saying obedience produced no tangible results
- 1) No use in serving God. 2) No profit in it.  
3) Their grief over their poor economy never lets up.
- Jews thought they were obedient, but it was a sham
- Isaiah 58:2 – 9
- God wants actions, sincere worship, obedience

# RELIGIOUS NIHILISM

THE BELIEF IN NOTHING

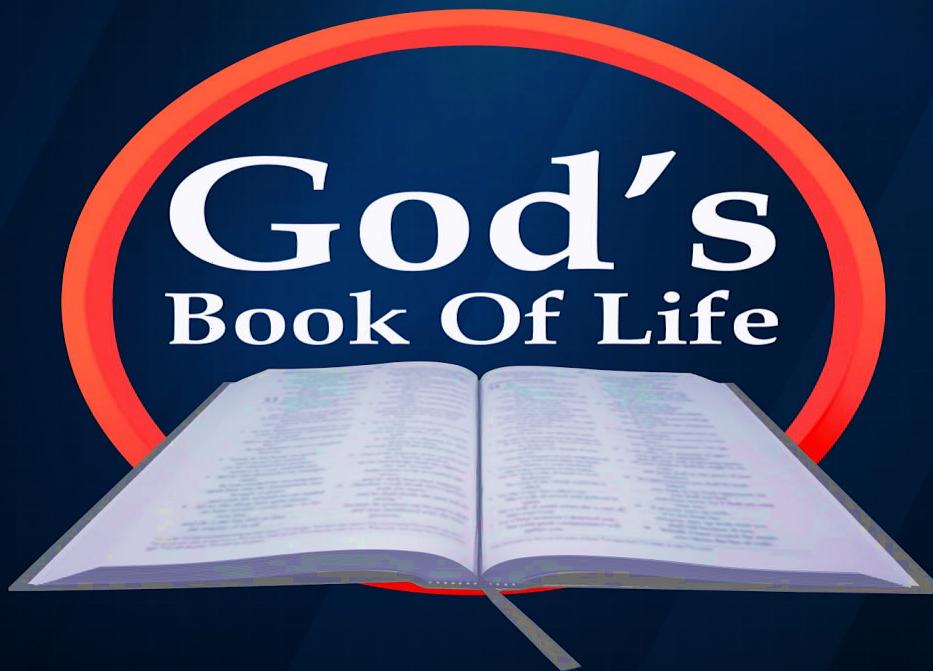
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- Malachi 3:15  
Proud and happy not to follow the Law of Moses
- *Zedim* = always about those who stray  
from God's laws as in Psalm 119:21
- The Jews decided that it was the  
wicked that prospered the most
- The Law of Love is subjective truth,  
with a denial that there remains any objective  
moral code, universal truth, or standard to follow



# GOD'S FAITHFUL REMNANT

- Jews of Yehud had adopted a full reversal of the divine justice paradigm taught from the Torah
- Malachai 3:16 An opposing group of God-fearers
- **Qashab** = listened, passive      **Shema** = heard, acts
- A “record book” was written with their names in it
- The remnant are those who lived a righteous lifestyle

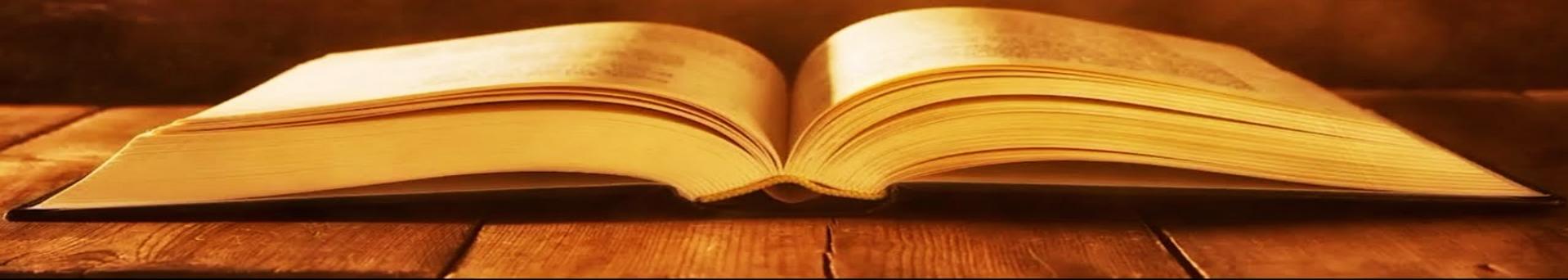


Malachi 3:16

- Another remnant characteristic:  
those who have respect for His Name
- ***Chashab*** = better “and thought on His Name”
- This minority remnant “thought”  
the opposite of the majority
- ***Sepher zikkaron*** = book of remembrance
- Esther 6:1

# Malachi 3:16-18

## "Treasured Possession"



- Malachi 3:17 "They will be Mine on the day..."
- This uses future tenses and grammar
- "On the day" = "Day of Yehoveh" End Times
- God's possession of His special treasure will be revealed in His activities in the lives of the remnant
- The evil doers being judged are NOT pagans, they are a large portion of the God-worshippers

# THE REMNANT

## God's personal property



- **Segulla** = better than “mine” is “personal property”
- The entire public domain of life is under Yehoveh’s sovereignty, but only the remnant are His property
- It is the same for the Promised Land
- At the pleasure of God, as with a man’s own son, He awards pardon to he who serves Him
- Psalm 103