

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



- Malachai 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



RELIGIOUS POPULISM

- The 6th Oracle begins at Malachai 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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- Malachai 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

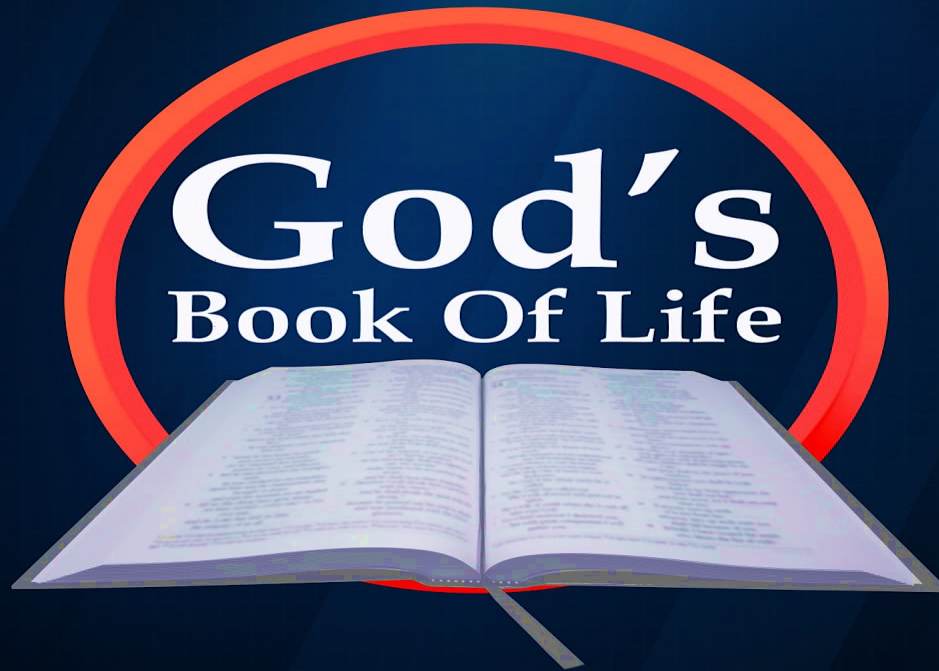


GOD'S

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



Malachai 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"



- Malachai 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