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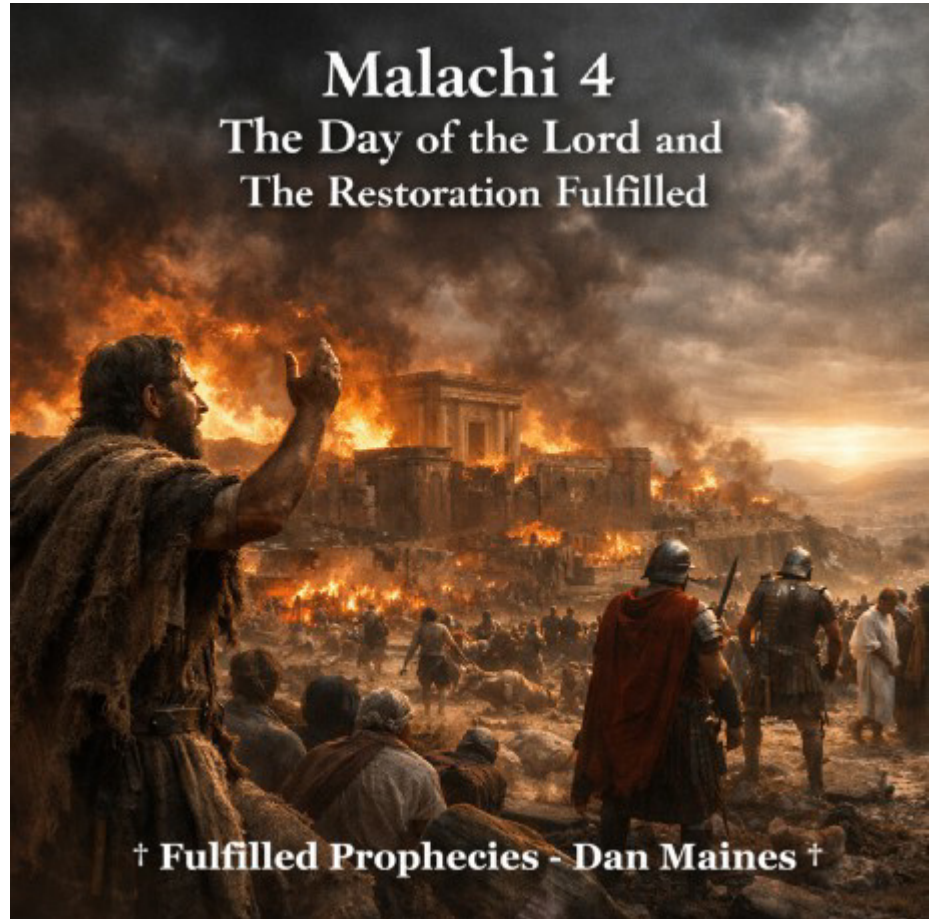
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## Malachi 4 The Day Of The Lord And The Restoration Fulfilled



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### Introduction

† Malachi 4 closes the Old Covenant with a clear promise of judgment and restoration, and it doesn't leave the timing open ended.

† It's pointing directly to the coming Day of the Lord that would burn against the wicked and bring healing to the righteous.

† From the fulfilled perspective, we understand this wasn't

about the end of the physical world, it was about the end of the Old Covenant age and the judgment on Israel.

† Jesus and the apostles confirm this timing, showing it was fulfilled in their generation.

### **Malachi 4:1**

For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace, and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff, and the day that is coming will set them ablaze, says the Lord of armies, so that it will leave them neither root nor branches.

† This is the Day of the Lord, a covenant judgment against the wicked in Israel, not a future global destruction. (Malachi 4:1)

† Jesus identifies this same judgment in His generation, pointing to the destruction of Jerusalem. (Matthew 23:36)

† The language of fire and burning is consistent with prophetic judgment language used throughout the Old Testament. (Isaiah 66:15-16)

### **Malachi 4:2**

But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings, and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall.

† This speaks of Christ, the Sun of righteousness, bringing healing through the New Covenant. (Malachi 4:2)

† The healing is covenantal, restoring access to God that was lost under the Law. (Hebrews 10:19-22)

† Those who believed in Christ experienced this freedom and life as the Old Covenant passed away. (John 8:36)

### **Malachi 4:3**

And you will crush the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day which I am preparing, says the

Lord of armies.

† The righteous would witness the judgment of the wicked, especially in the fall of Jerusalem in AD 70. (Malachi 4:3)

† Jesus said His followers would see these things come to pass in their generation. (Luke 21:20-22)

† The imagery of ashes shows total destruction, meaning the Old Covenant system would be completely removed. (Hebrews 8:13)

### **Malachi 4:4**

Remember the Law of Moses My servant, even the statutes and ordinances which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel.

† This call to remember the Law shows the transition point, the Law was still in effect until its fulfillment. (Malachi 4:4)

† Jesus came to fulfill the Law, not to continue it indefinitely. (Matthew 5:17)

† Once fulfilled, the Law would pass away with the Old Covenant system. (Romans 10:4)

### **Malachi 4:5**

Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord.

† This prophecy is fulfilled in John the Baptist, who came in the spirit and power of Elijah. (Malachi 4:5)

† Jesus clearly identifies John as Elijah who was to come. (Matthew 11:13-14)

† This places the Day of the Lord in the first century, not thousands of years later. (Luke 1:16-17)

### **Malachi 4:6**

And he will turn the hearts of the fathers back to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and strike the land with complete destruction.

† John the Baptist's ministry was about restoration, calling Israel to repentance before judgment. (Malachi 4:6)

† Those who responded were restored, those who rejected were judged. (Matthew 3:7-12)

† The curse refers to covenant judgment, fulfilled in the destruction of Jerusalem. (Deuteronomy 28:15-68)

## **Historical References**

† Josephus records the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 as a fiery judgment that consumed the city and temple, matching the language of Malachi.

† Eusebius confirms that believers fled Jerusalem before its destruction, showing the separation between the righteous and the wicked.

† Tacitus describes the Roman destruction as overwhelming and total, aligning with the prophetic imagery of complete burning.

## **How It Applies To Us Today**

† The Day of the Lord already happened, so we're not waiting for that kind of judgment anymore.

† Christ has already brought healing and access to God, we now live in that reality.

† The Old Covenant system is gone, so we don't go back to law based righteousness.

† We're living in the fulfilled kingdom, where access to God is fully restored through Christ.

## **Q & A Appendix**

**Q:** Was Malachi 4 talking about the end of the world?

**A:** No, it was about covenant judgment on Israel, fulfilled in AD 70 (Matthew 23:36, Luke 21:20-22).

**Q:** Who is the Elijah in Malachi 4:5?

**A:** John the Baptist, as confirmed by Jesus (Matthew 11:13-14, Luke 1:16-17).

**Q:** What is the Day of the Lord here?

**A:** The judgment on Jerusalem and the end of the Old Covenant age (Malachi 4:1, Matthew 24:34).

**Q:** What does the Sun of righteousness refer to?

**A:** Jesus Christ bringing healing and restoration through the New Covenant (Malachi 4:2, Hebrews 10:19-22).

**Q:** What does it mean that the wicked become ashes?

**A:** It refers to total destruction of the Old Covenant system and those who rejected Christ (Malachi 4:3, Hebrews 8:13).

**† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †**

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† Malachi 4

† Josephus, Wars of the Jews Book 6; Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History Book 3; Tacitus, Histories Book 5

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