

Malachi: An Introduction

Malachi 1:1

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Thesis: As New Testament believers the Old Testament is often neglected or misunderstood. But the Old Testament is the word of God that sets the foundation for the New Testament, reveals the nature and character of God and is relevant for the church today.

1. Three reasons the Old Testament should be studied today:
 - A. It sets the stage for our understanding of the New Testament.

 - B. It reveals the nature and character of God.

 - C. It is the word of God and is as living and active as the day it was written.

2. History and details of the book

3. How does Malachi set the stage for our understanding of the New Testament?
 - A. The Spirit and attitude of the nation of Israel in Malachi sets the stage for our understanding of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

 - B. It reveals the need for a Savior.

 - C. It points to the coming judgment of all people.

4. What elements of God's nature and character are revealed in Malachi?

A. Holiness

B. Love

C. Covenant faithfulness

5. Is the book of Malachi really as living and active as the day it was written?

A. It is the inspired word of God.

B. It is relevant to the church today.

C. It is applicable to our lives.

1. Doctrine

2. Correction

3. Reproof

4. Instruction in righteousness