

THE PROPHET MALACHI / *Malachi 1*

Served as a prophet to Judah about 430 B.C. He was the last of the Old Testament prophets.

Climate of the times

The city of Jerusalem and the Temple had been rebuilt for almost a century, but the people had become complacent in their worship of God.

Main message

The people's relationship with God was broken because of their sin, and they would soon be punished. But the few who repented would receive God's blessing, highlighted in his promise to send a Messiah.

Importance of message

Hypocrisy, neglecting God, and careless living have devastating consequences. Serving and worshiping God must be the primary focus of our life, both now and in eternity.

Contemporary prophets

None