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QUESTION: "WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT ABOUT THE BOOK OF MALACHI?"

ANSWER: "IT'S THE LAST THING GOD SAID TO ISRAEL FOR 400 HUNDRED YEARS!"

"THE BOOK OF MALACHI"
Part 1 of 3

Prophets were chosen of God, to tell the **certain future** before it happened, with **prophecy**.

They would **not** predict the future, as this would imply guesswork on the part of the prophet.

God simply used these messengers, to tell what **WOULD** be happening. No guessing needed!

The books of the prophets, **Isaiah to Malachi**, cover about **400 years**, 830-430BC approximately, when the Hebrew nation was in decline.

THE PROPHETS' MISSION AND MESSAGE

1. To try and **save** the Hebrew nation from **IDOLATRY** and wickedness.
2. Failing this, to announce to the nation, that they will be **destroyed**.
3. But not completely destroyed, as a **remnant** (a few left) will be saved.
4. Out of this remnant will come a **Person** who will bring all nations to God.
5. That person will be a great man who will one day arise out of the **family tree of David**. The prophets called him **THE BRANCH**. This family tree of David, once the most powerful family in the world, was cut down in the days of the prophets, and disappeared.

But the family would comeback with this man called **THE BRANCH - THE KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS** ([Rev 19:16](#))

Not even understanding the full meaning and importance of their words, the prophets were obedient.

There are **three prophets** whose mission were to other nations other than Israel (ten Northern tribes) and Judah (two Southern tribes), and these were **JONAH to Assyria (Nineveh)**, **OBADIAH to Edom (Esau)** and **NAHUM to Assyria (Nineveh)**.

THERE ARE 16 PROPHETS IN FOUR GROUPS

1. NORTHERN KINGDOM CALLED ISRAEL had the **ten tribes**, and lasted about **210 years**, and the prophets during this period were **Amos, Hosea**.

The destruction and captivity **Northern** kingdom went from **734-721BC**. They were taken to **Assyria** have simply disappeared from the face of the earth.

2. SOUTHERN KINGDOM CALLED JUDAH had the **two tribes** of **Judah** and **Benjamin**, and lasted about **320 years**, and the prophets during this period were **Joel, Isaiah, Micah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Habakkuk, Zephaniah**.

The destruction and captivity of the **Southern** kingdom, went from **606-586BC**. Taken to **Babylon**.

Invading armies didn't kill and destroy everything at once, but slowly strangled their captive nations, with taxes, slaves and goods. Under their rule, they then left the very poorest in the land to struggle on.

3. RESTORATION OF THE NATION made up of only Judah and Benjamin, **NOW CALLED ISRAEL**, happened from 536-444BC, and the prophets during this period were **Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi**.

4. OTHER NATIONS were **ASSYRIA** (Nineveh) with the prophets **Jonah** and **Nahum** and **EDOM** (Esau) with the prophet **Obadiah**

THE 16 PROPHETS ARE GROUPED AS FOLLOWS

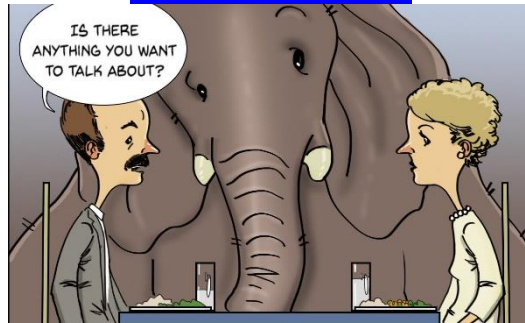
Northern - ISRAEL	Southern - JUDAH	Other Nations
Amos	Before captivity	Ninevah
Hosea	Joel	Jonah
	Isaiah	Nahum
	Micah	
	Jeremiah	Edom (Esau)
	Habakkuk	Obadiah
	Zephaniah	
	Before & to Babylon	
	Daniel	
	Captives in Babylon	
	Ezekiel	
	Return from Captivity	

	Haggai	
	Zechariah	
	Malachi	

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