**“Same People … Same God”**

**Malachi 1-4**

Malachi 3:6 *"For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.*

**I. Marks of Spiritual Decline**

: message = God will judge the people if they are lax in their attitudes towards Him

: solution = Return to God

*Malachi 3:7 Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. / Joel 2:12-*13

**A) Priesthood → corrupt**

**1) Your actions reflect your affections**

Malachi 1:6-9

**2) Your life affects others**

Malachi 2:7-9

***?How is your life instilling/betraying in those around you what is most important?***

**B) Worship → became routine**

Malachi 1:11; Malachi 1:13

Amazing God! Zechariah 3:8-9; Malachi 3:1; Malachi 4:5-6

**C) Divorce → widespread**

Malachi 2:11-17

**D) Social Justice → ignored**

**E) Tithing → neglected**

Malachi 3:6-12

**II. Evidence of a Loving God**

**A) A Chosen People**

Malachi 1:2-3

**B) A Patient God**

Malachi 3:13-15

**C) A Saving God**

Malachi 3:1-3

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| **Assyrian Judgment 734-701 B.C.**  **Prophet Year Location**  Jonah 793-753 Nineveh  Hosea 750-722 Northern Israel 3 invasions: 740-734 B.C., 722 B.C., 701 B.C.  Amos 760-750 Northern Israel (**722 Fall of Samaria** - Assyrian Exile)  Micah 735-701 Judah  Nahum 663-612 Judah  Isaiah 740-701 Judah |
| **Babylonian Judgement 605-586 B.C.**  **Prophet Year Location**  Jeremiah 626-586 Judah  Zephaniah 640-609 Judah  Joel 597-586 Judah 3 Invasions: 605 B.C., 597 B.C., 586/7 B.C.  Obadiah 597-586 Judah (**586 Fall of Jerusalem** - Babylonian Exile)  Habakkuk 605 Judah  Ezekiel 597-586 Babylon  Daniel 605-539 Babylon |
| **Restoration Period 539-400 B.C.**  **Prophet Year Location**  Haggai 520 Jerusalem Rebuilding of Temple Finished 515 B.C.  Zechariah 520 Jerusalem (**538/9 B.C. Return from Exile**)  Malachi 450-400 Jerusalem |

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| Oct 14 |  | Intro: Intro to Minor Prophets |
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| Oct 28 | Hosea | Hosea: No Rivals |
| Nov 4 | Hosea | Hosea: God’s Amazing Love |
| Nov 11 | Amos | Amos: Social Justice is Godly |
| Nov 18 | Amos | Amos: The Day of the LORD |
| Nov 25 | Amos | Amos: Judgement & Salvation |
| Dec 2 |  | New Members Sunday |
| Dec 9 |  | SNOW DAY |
| Dec 16 | Joel | Joel: The Day of the LORD |
| Dec 23 | Joel | Joel: The Day of the Church |
| Dec 30 | Habakkuk | Habakkuk: Hope: Always Rejoicing |
| Jan 6 | Phil 4:9 | Practice These Things |

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| Jan 20 | Habakkuk | Habakkuk: Righteous Live by Faith |
| Jan 27 | Jonah | Jonah: The Missionary God |
| Feb 3 | Obadiah | Obadiah: Reveling in Disaster |
| Feb 10 | Micah | Micah: Who is Like Yah |
| Feb 17 | Micah | Micah: What the LORD Requires |
| Feb 24 | Nahum | Nahum: Nineveh’s Impending Fall |
| Mar 3 | Zephaniah | Zephaniah: Judgement & Singing |
| Mar 10 | Haggai | Haggai: Rebuilding Project |
| Mar 17 | Zechariah | Zechariah: Repent & Return to God |
| Mar 24 | Zechariah | Zechariah: 8 Visions |
| Mar 31 | Zechariah | Zechariah: Joshua the High Priest |
| Apr 7 | Malachi | Malachi: Return to Me |
| Apr 14 |  | Summary of the Minor Prophets |

**Preaching Schedule**