Malachi

1 The burden of a word of YHWH to Israel by the hand of Malachi: 2 “I have loved you, said YHWH, | | And you have said, | | In what have You loved us? 3 Is not Esau Jacob’s brother?” A declaration of YHWH, | | “And I love Jacob, and Esau I have hated, | | And I make his mountains a desolation, | | And his inheritance for dragons of a wilderness. 4 Because Edom says, We have been made poor, | | And we return and we build the ruins, | | Thus said YHWH of Hosts: They build, and I destroy, | | And [men] have called to them, | | O region of wickedness, | | O people whom YHWH defied for all time. 5 And your eyes see, and you say, | | YHWH is magnified beyond the border of Israel, 6 A son honors a father; and a servant his master. And if I [am] a father, where [is] My glory? And if I [am] a master, where [is] My fear? Said YHWH of Hosts to you, | | O priests, despising My Name! And you have said, In what have we despised Your Name? 7 You are bringing defiled bread near on My altar, | | And you have said, In what have we defiled You? In your saying, The table of YHWH—it [is] despicable, 8 And when you bring the blind near for sacrifice, [saying], | | There is no evil, | | And when you bring the lame and sick near, [saying], | | There is no evil; Now bring it near to your governor—Does he accept you? Or does he lift up your face?” said YHWH of Hosts. 9 “And
now, please appease the face of God, | | And He favors us; This has been from your own hand, | | Does He accept your faces?” said YHWH of Hosts.

10 “Who [is] even among you, | | And he shuts the double doors? Indeed, you do not kindle My altar for nothing, | | I have no pleasure in you,” said YHWH of Hosts, | | “And I do not accept a present of your hand.  
11 For from the rising of the sun to its going in, | | Great [is] My Name among nations, | | And in every place incense is brought near for My Name, and a pure present,  
| | For great [is] My Name among nations,” said YHWH of Hosts.  
12 “And you are defiling it in your saying, | | The table of YHWH—it is defiled,  
| | As for its fruit—its food is despicable.  
13 And you have said, Behold, what a weariness, | | And you have puffed at it,” said YHWH of Hosts, | | “And you have brought in plunder, | | And the lame and the sick, | | And you have brought in the present! Do I accept it from your hand?” said YHWH.  
14 “And a deceiver [is] cursed, who has in his drove a male, | | And is vowing, and is sacrificing a marred thing to the Lord, | | For I [am] a great King,” said YHWH of Hosts, | | “And My Name [is] revered among nations!”

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1 “And now, to you [is] this charge, O priests,  
2 If you do not listen, and if you do not lay [it] to heart, | | To give glory to My Name,” said YHWH of Hosts, | | “I have sent the curse against you,  
| | And I have cursed your blessings, | | Indeed, I have also cursed it, | | Because you are not
laying [it] to heart. 3 Behold, I am pushing away the seed before you, || And have scattered dung before your faces, || Dung of your festivals, || And it has taken you away with it. 4 And you have known that I have sent this charge to you, || For My covenant being with Levi,” said YHWH of Hosts. 5 “My covenant has been of life and of peace with him, || And I make them a fear to him, and he fears Me, || And because of My Name he has been frightened. 6 The law of truth has been in his mouth, || And perverseness has not been found in his lips, || In peace and in uprightness he walked with Me, || And he brought back many from iniquity. 7 For the lips of a priest preserve knowledge, || And they seek law from his mouth, || For he [is] a messenger of YHWH of Hosts. 8 And you, you have turned from the way, || You have caused many to stumble in the Law, || You have corrupted the covenant of Levi,” said YHWH of Hosts. 9 “And I also, I have made you despised and low before all the people, || Because you are not keeping My ways, || And are accepting by superficial things in the Law.” 10 Have we not all one Father? Has not our God created us? Why do we deal treacherously, || Each against his brother, || To defile the covenant of our fathers? 11 Judah has dealt treacherously, || And abomination has been done in Israel and in Jerusalem, || For Judah has defiled the holy thing of YHWH that He has loved, || And has married the daughter of a strange god. 12 YHWH cuts off the man who does
it, || Tempter and tempted—from the tents of Jacob, || Even he who is bringing a present near to YHWH of Hosts. 13 And you do this a second time, || Covering the altar of YHWH with tears, || With weeping and groaning, || Because there is no more turning to the present, || Or receiving of a pleasing thing from your hand. 14 And you have said, “Why?” Because YHWH has testified between you || And the wife of your youth, || That you have dealt treacherously against her, || And she [is] your companion, and your covenant-wife. 15 And He did not make one [only], || And a remnant of the Spirit [is] for him. And what [is] the one [alone]? He is seeking a godly seed. And you have been watchful over your spirit, || And with the wife of your youth, || None deal treacherously. 16 “For He hates sending away,” said YHWH, God of Israel, || “And he [who] has covered violence with his clothing,” said YHWH of Hosts, || “And you have been watchful over your spirit, || And you do not deal treacherously.” 17 You have wearied YHWH with your words, || And you have said, “In what have we wearied Him?” In your saying, “Every evildoer [is] good in the eyes of YHWH, || And He is delighting in them,” || Or, “Where [is] the God of judgment?”

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1 “Behold, I am sending My messenger, || And he has prepared a way before Me, || And suddenly the Lord whom you are seeking comes into His temple, || Even the Messenger of the
Covenant, || Whom you are desiring, || Behold, He is coming,” said YHWH of Hosts. 2 “And who is bearing the day of His coming? And who is standing in His appearing? For He [is] as fire of a refiner, || And as soap of a fuller. 3 And He has sat, a refiner and purifier of silver, || And He has purified the sons of Levi, || And has refined them as gold and as silver, || And they have been bringing a present near to YHWH in righteousness. 4 And the present of Judah and Jerusalem has been sweet to YHWH, || As in days of old, and as in former years. 5 And I have drawn near to you for judgment, || And I have been a witness, || Making haste against sorcerers, and against adulterers, || And against swearers to a falsehood, || And against oppressors of the hire of a hired worker, || Of a widow, and of a fatherless one, || And those turning aside a sojourner, || And who do not fear Me,” said YHWH of Hosts. 6 “For I, YHWH, have not changed, || And you, the sons of Jacob, || You have not been consumed. 7 Even from the days of your fathers You have turned aside from My statutes, || And you have not taken heed. Return to Me, and I return to you,” said YHWH of Hosts. “And you have said, || In what do we turn back? 8 Does man deceive God? But you are deceiving Me, || And you have said, || In what have we deceived You? The tithe and the raised-offering! 9 You are cursed with a curse! And you are deceiving Me—this nation—all of it. 10 Bring in all the tithe to the treasure-house, || And there is food in My house; When
you have tried Me, now, with this,” said YHWH of Hosts, || “Do I not open the windows of the heavens to you? Indeed, I have emptied on you a blessing until there is no space. 11 And I have pushed against the consumer for you, || And He does not destroy the fruit of your ground, || Nor does the vine in the field miscarry to you,” said YHWH of Hosts. 12 “And all the nations have declared you blessed, || For you are a delightful land,” said YHWH of Hosts. 13 “Your words have been hard against Me,” said YHWH, || “And you have said, What have we spoken against You? 14 You have said, A vain thing to serve God! And what gain when we kept His charge? And when we have gone in black, || Because of YHWH of Hosts? 15 And now, we are declaring the proud blessed, || Indeed, those doing wickedness have been built up, || Indeed, they have tempted God, and escape. 16 Then have those fearing YHWH spoken to one another, || And YHWH attends and hears, || And a scroll of memorial is written before Him || Of those fearing YHWH, || And of those esteeming His Name. 17 And they have been to Me,” said YHWH of Hosts, || “In the day that I am appointing—a peculiar treasure, || As one has pity on his son who is serving him. 18 And you have turned back and considered, || Between the righteous and the wicked, || Between the servant of God and him who is not His servant.”

4 “For behold, the day has come, burning as
a furnace, | | When all the proud and all those
doing wickedness have been stubble, | | And the
day that came has burned them,” said YHWH of Hosts, | | “That there is not left to them root
or branch, 2 But for you fearing My Name, | | The Sun of Righteousness has risen with healing
in His wings, | | And you have gone forth, | | And have bounded as calves of a stall. 3 And
you have trodden down the wicked, | | For they
are ashes under the soles of your feet, | | In the
day that I am appointing,” said YHWH of Hosts.
4 “Remember the Law of My servant Moses, | | That I commanded him in Horeb, | | For all Israel
—statutes and judgments. 5 Behold, I am sending
Elijah the prophet to you, | | Before the coming
of the great and fearful Day of YHWH. 6 And he
has turned back the heart of fathers to sons, | | And the heart of sons to their fathers, | | Before I come and have utterly struck the land!”
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