

Minor Prophets
Malachi
Lesson 7

Text: **Malachi 3:1-12**

I. The coming Messenger'S, Vs. 1-7

A. Introduction to Two Messenger's,

i. **The First Messenger,**

Matthew 11:7-11 “And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, **What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?8But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses.9But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.10For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.11Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”**

See Also **Mark 1:2&3; Luke 7:27**

Isaiah 40:3-5 “The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.4Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:5And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see *it* together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.”

See Also **Matthew 7:13&14**

Matthew 3:1&2 “In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,2And saying, **Repent ye:** for the **kingdom of heaven is at hand.**3For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

ii. **The Second Messenger,**

B. Ministry of the Second Messenger, **Vs.2-7**

i. **Replacing the Covenant,**

Jeremiah 31:31-34 “Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:32Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the *day that* I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:33But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.34And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for **I will forgive their iniquity,**

and I will remember their sin no more. ”

Matthew 5:17&18 “Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.¹⁸For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.”

Matthew 26:26-28 “And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, **Take, eat; this is my body.**²⁷And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, **Drink ye all of it;**²⁸**For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. ”**

See: **Matthew 5:21-30 & John 16:13**

ii. **He Will Purify,**

iii. **The Result of the Cleansing,**

See Romans **12:1&2**

iv. **Judgment to come, Vs.5**

Deuteronomy 24:17 “Thou shalt not pervert the judgment of the stranger...”

Deuteronomy 27:19 “Cursed *be* he that perverteth the judgment of the stranger...”

Hebrews 10:30&31 “For we know him that hath said, Vengeance *belongeth* unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.³¹*It is* a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”