

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE ORIGIN STORY OF JESUS

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PART 88: A LAST MESSAGE

FUTURE MESSIAH

Jesus revealed that the Messiah would visit the temple at Jerusalem in the future. Up to this point in history, it had not been revealed who the Messiah was, or the fact that He would come at two different times. **Malachi 3:1-2**

Jesus revealed that at his second coming, there would be a time of judgment, which will lead into what is known later as the 1000-year kingdom in the Book of Revelation. The Jews did not understand that the Messiah would first have to suffer, and He would be a victorious king at His second return. **verses 3-6**

TITHING

Tithing was important to the Levitical system and still is significant to the New Testament church. Tithing was instituted prior to Abraham and even he tithed to Melchizedek, the king of Salem and priest of God. **Genesis 14:13-20**

Jesus never revoked the law of tithing. **Luke 11:42**

Jesus rebuked the men of Judah for evading their tithes to the priests and called them robbers. **Malachi 3:7-8**

There is a curse upon any believer in Christ who does not tithe. **verse 9**

Jesus will be in charge of your finances and bless you if you are a tither. Conversely, the Son of God will rebuke anyone opposing a tithing person. **verses 10-12**

VAINLY SERVING GOD

The people of Judah had spoken strongly against the Lord. We can see that the Kabbalistic doctrine had infiltrated their values. They felt that nothing good had come from serving the Lord and they profited nothing for keeping His commandments. They failed to recognize that it was the longsuffering of God that those who did evil lived a good life. **verses 13-15**

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Jesus responded and told the people about the Book of Remembrance. **verses 16-18**

Some 500 years later Jesus released the Book of Revelation when the apostle John was given a detailed description of events during the end times. **Revelation 20:11-15**

REVEALING THE END TIMES

Jesus provided Malachi with a shortened version of the end times. Before the terrible end comes with judgment, the Lord would send the prophet Elijah, who would turn the hearts of people around. **Malachi 4:1-6; Luke 1:17**



Jesus explained the coming of Elijah when He told the apostles that John the Baptist was the fulfillment of prophecy; he was the one sent by God to come in the spirit and authority of Elijah to turn the hearts of the people back toward God. **Matthew 17:10-13**

SUMMARY

Malachi was the last of the Old Testament prophets. When he was active in Judah, the return of Jews from Babylon had already taken place. Zerubbabel had started to rebuild the temple. Ezra had also come from Babylon to reestablish the priesthood in the temple and rooted out pagan mixed marriages.

Malachi's purpose was to provide a final warning and instruction to the Jewish people which would be in effect until the second return of Jesus. The sacrificial laws were fulfilled by Jesus on the cross, with the moral and practical laws of the Mosaic law still in effect according to the Son of God. **Matthew 5:17-19**

This does not mean that this was the end of God speaking to individuals in Judah. The Holy Spirit told a man named Simeon in Jerusalem that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah. **Luke 2:25-35**

Luke also records there was a prophetess named Anna with a word of knowledge that Mary's baby was the Messiah. **verses 36**

The office of prophets did not end with the resurrection of Jesus. On the contrary, it was increased and made available for everyone who is born again and baptized in the Holy Spirit. The first prophetic occurrence in the New Testament was with Agabus. **Acts 11:27-28; 21:10-11**

There is more guidance available from the Holy Spirit after the resurrection of Jesus than ever before. **Ephesians 4:11-12**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?