



Introduction

Malachi, whose name means messenger, speaks of a future messenger who will prepare for the coming of the LORD.



Questions

1. Who is the LORD of Armies' messenger preparing the way for?
2. What does the LORD accuse the people of saying about serving him and following his instructions?
3. What do those who fear the LORD do and how does the LORD respond?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 7** A messenger prepares the way for the Lord to come and reform temple worship. This is applied to John the Baptist in Matthew 11 v 10 and 11. The LORD will judge those who have not kept his commandments
- **v 8 to 12** The LORD says the people have not brought tithes and offerings, but if they respect what he says (see theme) they will be blessed
- **v 13 to 15** The people have said there has been no point in serving God
- **v 16 to 18** Those who feared the LORD met together and were recognised by the LORD. Those who serve the LORD will be saved

Timeline 500 BC (see below)



Theme

God is merciful to those who respect him

A selection of verses which show that God shows mercy to those who respect him and who are repentant when they fail to obey him.

Many verses show us that one of God's characteristics is mercy:

Exodus 34 verses 6 and 7

Deuteronomy 5 verse 10

Psalms 25 verses 6 to 10

Jeremiah 3 verses 12 and 13

1 John 1 verses 8 to 10



Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 1, Q 2: v 14, Q 3: v 16



Bible timeline

