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The Day of the Lord Malachi 4:1-6



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²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.



³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.



⁴"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.



⁵"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.



⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."



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1: The Day of the Lord is <u>certainly coming</u> Malachi 4:1



¹"For behold, the day is coming, ...



⁴They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation."



⁵For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God,



⁶and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished.



⁷But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.



But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.



⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.



¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.



2: For those who reject Jesus the day will bring the <u>fires of judgement</u> - Malachi 4:1



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⁵This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering—



⁶since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you,



⁷and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels



⁸in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.



⁹They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might,



¹⁰when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.



3: For those who fear God and put their faith in Jesus the day will bring healing & relief

Malachi 4:2-3



Malachi 4:2-3 (ESV)

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4: In the meantime, God calls His people to obedience and holiness - Malachi 4:4



Malachi 4:4 (ESV)

⁴"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.



¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness,



¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!



¹³But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.



¹⁴Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.



5: An Elijah-like prophet will precede the Day of the Lord- Malachi 4:5-6



Malachi 4:5-6 (ESV)

⁵"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.



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⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."



¹⁰This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you."



¹¹Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.



¹²From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force.



¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John,



¹⁴and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come.



¹⁰And the disciples asked him, "Then why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?"



¹¹He answered, "Elijah does come, and he will restore all things.



¹²But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands."



¹³Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.



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