

The Message

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The Covenant Wall

Nehemiah 10:28ff




Revelation 22:14-15

Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.



Nehemiah's Covenant



Nehemiah 10:28 Now the rest of the people—who had **separated themselves** from the peoples of the lands to the Law of God, ...**everyone who had knowledge and understanding** – ²⁹ these **joined** with their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a **curse and an oath** to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and **to observe and do all the commandments** of the LORD our Lord, and His ordinances and His statutes:

The Three Promises

1. Nehemiah 10:30 Separation from Pagans

2. Nehemiah 10:31 Sabbath Keeping

3. Tithing

10:35 And we make ordinances to bring the **firstfruits** ... to the house of the LORD;

10:37 and to bring the **tithes** of our land to the Levites,

10:39 and we will not neglect the house of our God.



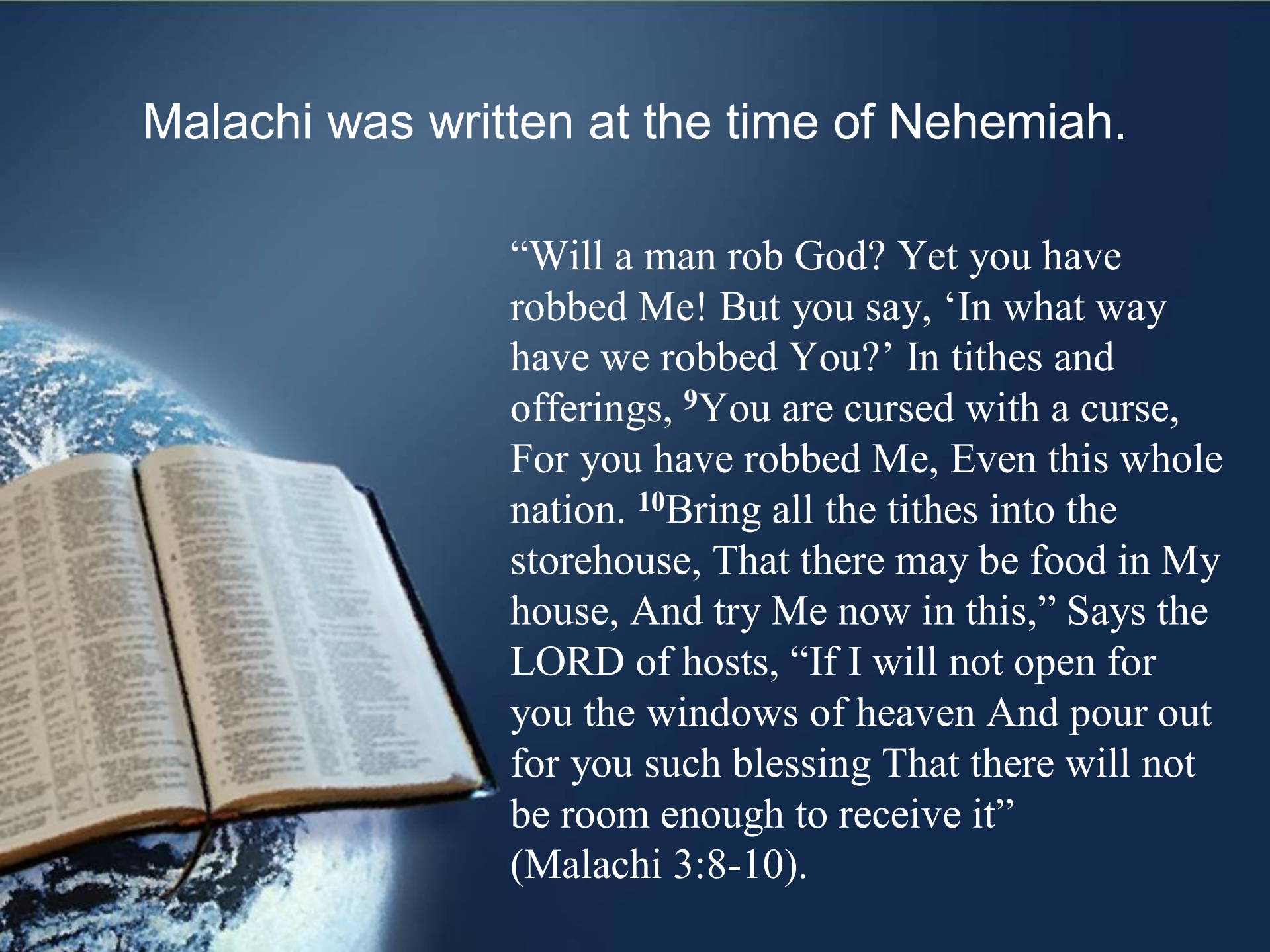
The Broken Covenant

Tithes Neglected

I also realized that the portions for the Levites had not been given them (Nehemiah 13:10-12).



Malachi was written at the time of Nehemiah.

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“Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings, ⁹You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation. ¹⁰Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it”
(Malachi 3:8-10).

They Broke the Sabbath

Nehemiah 13:15-19 In those days I saw people in Judah treading wine presses on the Sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and loading donkeys with wine, grapes, figs, and all kinds of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. And I warned them ...



Unequally Yoked

Nehemiah 13:23-24 In those days I also saw Jews who had married women of Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab. And half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod, and could not speak the language of Judah, but spoke according to the language of one of the other people.



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Do not be unequally yoked together
with unbelievers (2 Corinthians 6:14).

“It is better to be alone than in **bad
company.**”

“**Bad company** corrupts good
character.”

If there is salvation by grace, there will be a wall of salvation consisting of:

1. Tithing

2. Sabbath keeping

3. Separation from the world



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