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Lesson

Toldot / "Generations"

Genesis 25:19 – 28:9

Malachi 1:1 – 2:7; Malachi 3:1-4;

1 Samuel 20:18-42

Luke 3:1-18

All scripture references are Hebraic Roots Bible (HRB) unless otherwise indicated.

1 Samuel 20:18-42 replaces the Malachi readings when Shabbat Toldot falls on Rosh Chodesh Kislev.

My Notes:

Your Notes:

Background:

- Malachi: name or title?
- LXX = title
- מלאכי = "My Messenger" or "My Angel"
 - o Strong's 4401 – (*Mal'akiy / mal·aw·kee*) From 4397; **1** the prophet who wrote the last book of the Old Testament; nothing else is known. *Additional Information:* Malachi = "My messenger".
 - o Strong's 4397 – מלאך (*mal'ak / mal·awk*) **1** messenger, representative. 1A messenger. 1B angel
 - o Do not confuse with: Strong's 4427 - מלך (*malak / maw·lak*) **1** to be or become king or queen, reign.
- Who is Malachi?
 - o Jewish tradition: Ezra wrote Malachi
 - o Talmud also lists Mordechai (Esther)
- Probably a priest or Levite
- When written?
 - o Malachi 2:11 – Judah has dealt treacherously, and has done an abomination in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah has profaned the holy place of YAHWEH, which He loves and has married a daughter of a heathen god.
 - o Nehemiah 13:23 – In those days I also saw Jews who had dwelt with women from Ashdod, Ammon and Moab.
 - o Malachi 3:8-10 – Will a man rob Elohim? Yet you have robbed Me. But you say, In what have we robbed You? In the tithe and the offering! You are cursed with a curse, for the nation, all of it, you are robbing Me. Bring all the tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house. And test Me now with this, says YAHWEH of Hosts, whether I will not open the

windows of the heavens for you and pour out a blessing until there is no sufficiency of room to store it.

- Nehemiah 13:10-14 – And I was aware that the portions of the Levites had not been given, for the Levites and the singers who did the work had each one fled to his field.

Then I contended with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of The Elohim forsaken? And I gathered them and stood them in their place.

Then all Judah brought the tithe of the grain, and the new wine, and the oil, into the treasuries.

And I made treasurers over the treasuries: Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah. And next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah. For they were counted faithful, and on them was the duty to distribute to their brothers.

Remember me, O my Elohim, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds which I have done for the house of my Elohim, and in its keeping.

- Rabbinic tradition: Last of the prophets
 - Ruach HaChodesh departed Israel
- Context
 - Haggai – anticipated rebuilding Temple
 - Zechariah – rebuilding of Temple
 - Malachi – Temple has been in service for some time
- Malachi reminds of covenant obligations
- Edomites are conquered and removed
- Malachi uses Edomites as example of God's love for Israel
- Structured as rhetorical questions: point/counter-point dialogue
- Six Disputations
 - Love (Mal 1:2-5)
 - Honor (Mal 1:6 – 2:9)
 - Faithlessness (Mal 2:10-16)
 - Divine Justice (Mal 2:17 – 3:5)
 - Repentance (Mal 3:6-12)
 - Serving God (Mal 3:13 – 4:3)
- Condemns laxity in ritual practices, fraudulent worship, sacrilege, priestly irresponsibility
- Warns of God's judgment; to prepare for the Day of the LORD
- Conclusion: KEEP THE TORAH! (Mal 4:4)

Torah connection: Mal 1:2-5 (Jacob and Esau)

Esau (Edomites)

Malachi 1:2-3 – I have loved you, says YAHWEH. But you say, In what way have You loved us? Was not Esau the brother to Jacob? Yet YAHWEH declares, I loved Jacob, and I have hated Esau and have made his mountains a desolation, and his inheritance to be for the jackals of the wilderness.

- How have you loved us?
 - o Destruction of Edom
 - o Comparison of permanent exile of Edom vs temporary exile of Israel
- Edom - אֱדוֹם – Adam – red
 - o Became code word for Romans
 - o Roman standards (flags) were red
- Babylonian capture of Israel
 - o Psalm 137:7 – O YAHWEH, remember for the sons of Edom the day of Jerusalem; who said, Make it bare! Make it bare even to its foundation!
 - o Obadiah 1:11-14 – On the day of your standing on the other side, on the day that the strangers took his force captive, and foreigners entered his gates, and cast lots for Jerusalem, even you were like one of them.

But you should not have looked on the day of your brother, on the day of his alienation; nor should you have rejoiced over the sons of Judah in the day of their destruction; nor should you have enlarged your mouth in the day of distress.

You should not have entered into My people's gate on the day of his calamity; also you should not have looked on his evil on the day of his calamity, nor should you have sent out against his force in the day of his calamity.

Nor should you have stood on the crossways to cut off those of him who escaped, nor should you have shut up his survivors in the day of distress.

Love vs Hate

- Order of preference!
 - o Genesis 29:30-31 – And he also went in to Rachel, and he also loved Rachel more than Leah. And he served with him yet another seven years. And YAHWEH saw that Leah was hated. And He opened her womb, but Rachel was barren.
 - o Luke 14:26 – If anyone comes to Me and does not love less than Me, his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brothers and sisters, and besides,

even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.

- Matthew 10:37 – The one loving father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And the one loving son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.
- Does not mean “hate”
- Represents covenantal declarations: “I have chosen Jacob but I have rejected Esau.”
- Rabbi Sha’ul” and Romans 9
 - Romans 9:6 – Not, however, that the word of Elohim hath actually failed; for all those who belong to Israel are not Israelites.
 - If salvation can be inherited, both Isaac and Ishmael would be chosen (Jacob & Esau)
 - Romans 9:10-13 – And not only so, but also Rebecca conceiving of one, our father Isaac, for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of Elohim according to election might stand, not of works, but of the One calling, it was said to her, "The Elder shall be servant of the younger;" even as it has been written, "Jacob I loved, and Esau I have set aside."
 - Sha’ul is pointing out that God calls and chooses!

Priesthood Problems

Malachi 1:6 – A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My fear? says YAHWEH of Hosts to you, O priests who despise My name. But you say, In what have we despised Your name?

- Verses 1-5: general address to all Israel
- Verse 6: priesthood
- Father and son
 - Exodus 20:12 – Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long on the land which YAHWEH your Elohim is giving to you.
 - Honor = kavod (כבוד)
 - Strong’s 3519 – From 3513; 1 glory, honour, glorious, abundance.
 - Strong’s 3513 – kabad (kaw-bad); 1 to be heavy, be weighty, be grievous, be hard, be rich, be honourable, be glorious, be burdensome, be honoured.

- Master and servant

- Respect = mora (מורה)
- Strong's 4172 – From 3372; 1 fear, reverence, terror.
- Strong's 3372 – ירא yare (yaw-ray); 1 to fear, revere, be afraid.

- Malachi 1:7-8 – You are offering defiled food on My altar, and you say, In what have we defiled You? It is in your saying, The table of YAHWEH, it is to be despised.

And if you offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And if you offer the lame and the sick, is it not evil? Bring it now to your governor. Will he accept you or lift up your face? says YAHWEH of Hosts.

- Ephesians 5:25-27 – Husbands, love your wives, even as Messiah also loved the Congregation and gave Himself up on its behalf, that He might sanctify it, cleansing it by the washing of water and by the Word, that He might present it to Himself as the glorious Congregation, not having stain or wrinkle, or any such things, but that it be holy and without blemish.
- Leviticus 22:21 – And when a man brings near a sacrifice of peace offerings to YAHWEH, to complete a vow, or for a freewill offering, of the herd or of the flock, it shall be without blemish to be accepted; no blemish shall be in it;
- Romans 12:1 – Therefore, brethren, I call on you through the compassion of Elohim to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, pleasing to Elohim, which is your reasonable service.
- Leviticus 21:17-23 – Speak to Aaron, saying, No man of your seed throughout their generations shall draw near to offer the bread of his Elohim if there is a blemish in him.

For no man in whom there is a blemish shall draw near, a blind man, or one lame, or disfigured, or deformed; or a broken footed man, or a broken handed man, or one humpbacked, or a crushed one, or with a spot in his eye, or a scurvy one, or one scabbed, or one with crushed testicles.

No man of the seed of Aaron the priest in whom there is a blemish shall come near to offer the fire offerings of YAHWEH; a blemish is in him; he shall not come near to offer the bread of his Elohim.

He shall eat of the bread of his Elohim, of the most holy

things, and of the holy things.

But he shall not enter into the veil, and he shall not draw near to the altar; for a blemish is in him; and he shall not pollute My sanctuary; for I am YAHWEH who sanctifies them.

- Priests were bored, lethargic
 - o Compare to the generation that returned from Babylon!
 - o Zechariah 4:7 – Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain. And he shall bring forth the capstone with shouts: Grace! Grace to it!
 - o John 3:7 – Do not wonder because I said to you, You must be born from above.

No More Temple?

Malachi 1:10 – Who is even among you that will shut the doors, and you not kindle fire on My altar in vain? There is no delight to Me in you, says YAHWEH of Hosts. I will not accept a food offering from your hand.

- This verse used as proof God did not want sacrifices
- NO!
- Attitude of the heart
- Has the Church joined the Edomites?
 - o Psalm 137:7 – O YAHWEH, remember for the sons of Edom the day of Jerusalem; who said, Make it bare! Make it bare even to its foundation!

Among the Nations!

Malachi 1:11 – For from the rising of the sun to its going down, My name shall be great among the nations, and everywhere incense shall be offered to My name; and a pure food offering; for My name shall be great among the nations, says YAHWEH of Hosts.

- All will serve God!
- We can never forget the privilege of serving God
- Matthew 13:57 – And they were offended in Him. But Yahshua said to them, There is no prophet who is mocked, except in his own city and his own home.
 - o "My name will be honored in every nation on earth, but it's not honored in my hometown (Jerusalem) and in my own household (the Temple)."
- Apostolic-era believers used as a reference for breaking bread together
 - o Didache 14:1-3 - But every Lord's day do ye

gather yourselves together, and break bread, and give thanksgiving after having confessed your transgressions, that your sacrifice may be pure. But let no one that is at variance with his fellow come together with you, until they be reconciled, that your sacrifice may not be profaned. For this is that which was spoken by the Lord [in Malachi I: 11]: "In every place and time offer to me a pure sacrifice; for I am a great King, saith the Lord, and my name is wonderful among the nations."

- Jewish Tradition: prayers offered in synagogues

Resources used:

[First Fruits of Zion, Torah Club Volume 3, Voice of the Prophets](#)