

## “THE COMING OF THE GREAT AND DREADFUL DAY OF THE LORD”

(Malachi 4:1-6)

### VII. GOD’S APPEAL TO ISRAEL BASED ON THEIR FUTURE RELATIONSHIP (3:1-4:6)

#### A. What Will the Day of the Lord be Like? (4:1-3)

1. “*The day*” that was mentioned back in 3:17, and now twice in 4:1, and once in 4:3 is none other than “*the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_*” specifically identified in 4:5.
2. To those people who are \_\_\_\_\_, whom God still sees in their sins, they will be incinerated in a \_\_\_\_\_ by the fire of God’s judgment when Messiah comes. (v. 1a)
3. The unsaved will offer \_\_\_\_\_ to Messiah’s fierce \_\_\_\_\_, His judgement “*will leave them neither root nor branch.*” (v. 1b)
4. Thankfully to those who are saved and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord, the heat of God’s presence will provide food and prosperity for them. (v. 2)

\* What or who does “*the Sun of Righteousness*” refer to in v. 2?

5. The trampling down of the wicked by the righteous is a symbol of \_\_\_\_\_ from all \_\_\_\_\_ and a complete \_\_\_\_\_ of the situation in Malachi’s day. (v. 3)

**B. Who Will Precede the Day of the Lord? (4:4-6)**

1. Looking to the \_\_\_\_\_ Malachi closes the prophetic Old Testament Canon reminding the Jewish community of “*the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_*” in the Law of Moses. (v. 4)

2. Looking to the \_\_\_\_\_, Malachi declares that God will send the prophet \_\_\_\_\_ to Israel once again during the Tribulational Period. (v. 5)

\* Who is the other man who will most likely minister with him as the other witness in the Tribulation?

3. Elijah’s coming will affect \_\_\_\_\_ among the Israelites and with God. (v. 6)

\* What warning is associated with this prophetic promise to Israel?

\* How is this contrasted with the New Testament?

\* How can you be prepared for the coming Day of the Lord?