

# **Malachi; Burn It**

**5-15-16**

Malachi 4:1 (ESV)

For behold, the day is coming, **burning like an oven**, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall **set them ablaze**, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.



**Shut The Doors  
Stinky Teachers  
Robbing God**

**Hook – Now – Just Burn It!!**

**Look #1** However before you burn it, there will be one more messenger of God who introduces Jesus!

Malachi 3:1a (ESV) **Overhead**

Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me.

**This verse is quoted in the NT. Matthew (11:10), Mark (1:2), and Luke (7:27). They all refer it to John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus.**

**This messenger is mentioned again in:**

Malachi 4:5 (ESV) **Overhead**

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

**Jesus interprets this OT prophecy.**

Matthew 11:11–14 (ESV) **Overhead**

<sup>11</sup> Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than **John the Baptist**. ... ..

<sup>14</sup> and if you are willing to accept it, he is **Elijah** who is to come.

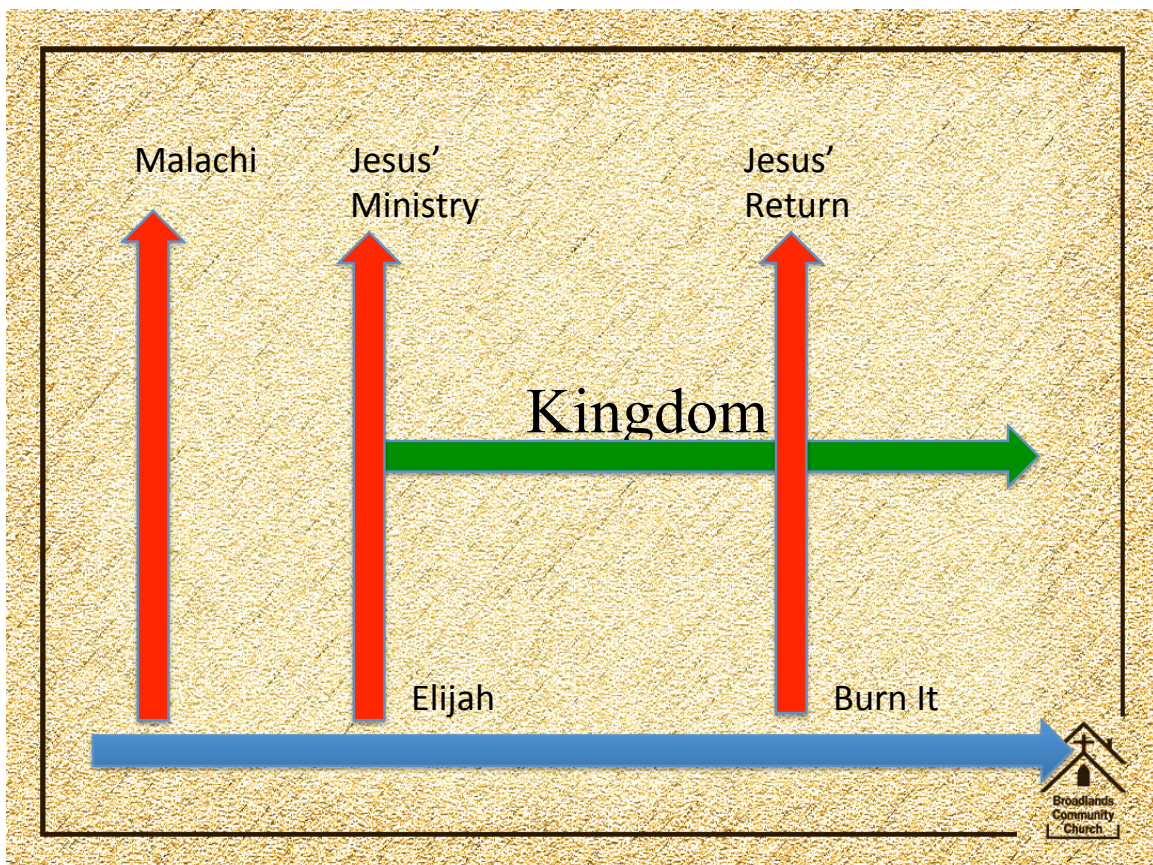
**John the Baptist is identified as the Elijah that is to come who prepares the way for Jesus.**

**Look #2** However before burning it, Jesus will come to Spiritually fulfill the all that God intended!

### Malachi 3:1b-3 (ESV) Overhead (Bold)

And **the Lord** whom you seek will **suddenly come to his temple**; and **the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight**, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? **For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap.** <sup>3</sup> **He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver**, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD.

**Look #3** Like most of the OT prophets, Malachi, in his picture of the coming Christ, mingled the two advents. **Power of understanding the Kingdom!**



**FIRE is a picture of Jesus' work in both the first and second advents; one fire of the Holy Spirit cleansing the heart, Kingdom; one fire of judgment cleansing by destruction. Choose which FIRE you desire!**



Acts 2:1–4 (ESV)

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And divided **tongues as of fire** appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were **all filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Malachi says, **Shut the church doors**, I am disgusted with your worship, I am sick of your **stinky teachers**, I am appalled that you are **robbing ME**. However before I **burn it** completely up, you may **choose the FIRE of judgment or the FIRE of the Holy Spirit!**



2 Corinthians 5:21 (NASB95)

He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

### Prophetic Team

**Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future!**