



**Study Notes**

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## **“Malachi Overview”**

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Read Deuteronomy 18:15-22.

Why did God raise up prophets from among the people?

Whose words will the prophet speak?

What should happen to the prophet who presumes to speak for God but is lying?

How can we know whether the prophet is true or not?

Are there any exceptions given here? Why is it a big deal to claim to speak for God?

Knowing this will be the last prophet for 400 years, what does that tell you about the importance of the message that Malachi has to give?

Read Malachi chapters 1-4. As you read, consider what the overall “tone” of the book is. Consider what the most important message is that God was sending to His people at this point. Jot down any questions or comments you think of as you read through. What parts of this book point to God’s justice?

What parts of this book give you hope?

Is there any one topic that seems to stand out to you more than others? What special emphasis do you see?

What do you see revealed about God’s character?

As we prepare to embark on this study in Malachi, spend some time in prayer asking God to help you to comprehend what He has for us in His word, and specifically in Malachi.