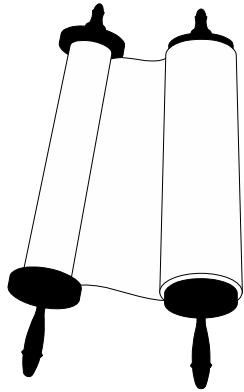


BEHOLD, I WILL SEND “MY MALACHI”

The term “my messenger” (MI.3:1) is the same phrase used in **Malachi 1:1** where it is used as a proper name, Malachi. Malachi means, “My messenger.” Some see this as a play on words, where “Malachi” and “messenger” appear to be interchangeable. This messenger will clear the path for the Lord. As Malachi prepares the way for the coming of the Messiah (as the last book of the OT) , so another messenger (John the Baptist / Elijah, Mk.1:2; MI.4:5) will clear the way when He actually arrives at His first Coming.

“The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi.”

(MI.1:1)



מלאכי

mal-aw-kee'

• Strong's Number: **H4401**

• Strong's Definition:

From an unused root meaning to despatch as a deputy; a messenger; specifically of God, that is, an angel (also a prophet, priest or teacher): - ambassador, angel, king, messenger.

“Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.” (MI.3:1)

מלאך

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