

God had been SO GOOD to Israel!

He brought them back from Babylon, rebuilt the temple under Zerubbabel, restored worship under Ezra, and repaired Jerusalem's walls under Nehemiah!

But Israel was disobeying God, **again**.
So God withheld His blessings, **again**.
He also sent them His messenger Malachi to tell them to repent and do right.





“I’ve loved you!”, says the Lord.
But you say, “How have you loved us?”

“I’ve loved you by choosing Jacob over His brother Esau. I’ve blessed Jacob’s descendants, the Israelites, but judged Esau’s descendants, the Edomites -- who have been your constant enemies.”



“Even if Edom rebuilds their cities,
I will knock down Edom’s cities no matter
how many times they rebuild them!”

“Their country will be called ‘The Land of Wickedness’.
Their people will be nicknamed, “Those who Always
Anger God”.

“You will see me do this to Edom and say,
“The Lord is great even outside of Israel!”