

# STUDY GUIDE

Dec. 3

ZECHARIAH 1-5

- 1. What is Zechariah's first vision about?
- 2. What does the golden lampstand and two olive trees represent in Zechariah 4?
- 3. In Zechariah 5, what does the flying scroll represent?

Discussion: Consider the meanings of Zechariah's visions and their implications for understanding God's presence and justice.



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### ZECHARIAH 6-10

1. What do the four chariots in Zechariah 6 represent?
2. Zechariah crowns Joshua in chapter 6. What does this symbolize?
3. What is prophesied about the Messiah in Zechariah 9?
Discussion: Discuss the Messianic prophecies in these chapters and their significance.
Dec. 5 ZECHARIAH 11-14
1. What does breaking the two staffs mean in Zechariah 11?
2. What unique event is described in Zechariah 12?
3. What does the fountain in Zechariah 13 present?
Discussion: Reflect on the themes of covenant, conflict, and cleansing in these chapters.

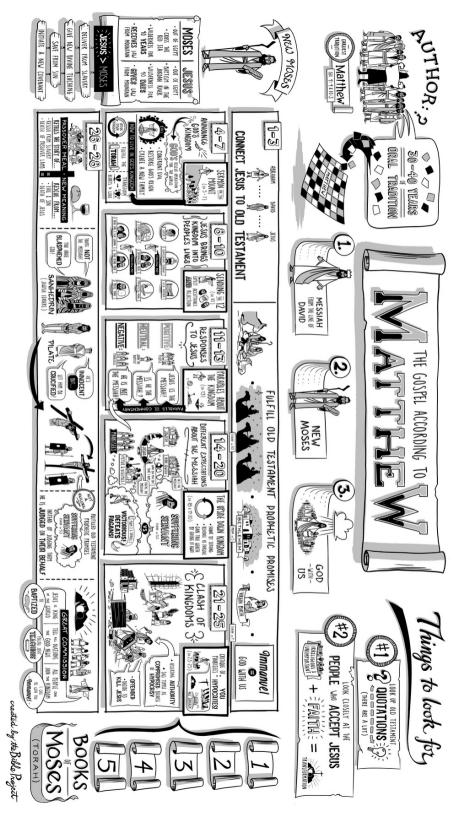
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#### **MALACHI**

1. What is the main issues Malachi addresses?	
2. Who is the "messenger of the covenant" in Malachi?	
3. How does Malachi conclude his prophecy?	
Discussion: Discuss the call for social and religious reform in Malachi and the anticipation of a future messenger.	
Dec. 7 MATTHEW:	1-2
1. What is the significance of the genealogy in Matthew 1?	
2. How does Joseph respond to Mary's pregnancy in Matthew 1?	
3. What leads the Magi to Jesus in Matthew 2?	
Discussion: Reflect on Matthew's portrayal of Jesus' birth and early life, highlighting His fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies and the reactions of the	hose

1. What is John the Baptist's message in Matthew 3?
2. What happens at Jesus' baptism in Matthew 3?
3. How does Jesus respond to the temptations in the wilderness in Matthew 4?
Discussion: Discuss the themes of repentance, divine affirmation, and resisting temptation as portrayed in these chapters.
Dec. 9 MATTHEW 5-6
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1. What are the Beatitudes in Matthew 5?
2. What does Jesus teach about the Law in Matthew 5?
3. What model prayer does Jesus offer in Matthew 6?
Discussion: Reflect on Jesus' teachings in the Sermon on the mount, especially His emphasis on inner righteousness and a deeper understanding of the Law.



## The Answers

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- 1. His first vision is of horses among myrtle trees, symbolizing Gods' watchfulness over the nations.
- 2. They symbolize God's Spirit providing power and guidance.
- 3. The flying scroll represents the curse against thieves and perjurers.

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- 1. They represent the four spirits of heaven, showing God's control over the earth.
- 2. It symbolizes the future Messiah as both king and priest.
- 3. A humble king bringing salvation will come to Jerusalem riding on a donkey.

#### DEC. 5

- 1. It symbolizes the breaking of the covenant, leading to Israel's dispersion.
- 2. Jerusalem will be a burdensome stone for all nations, but God will save Judah.
- 3. It represents cleansing from sin and impurity.

## The Answers

#### DEC. 6

- 1. Malachi addresses corrupt priests, social injustices, marital faithlessness, and doubts about God's justice.
- 2. A prophesied messenger will prepare the way of for the Lord.
- 3. With the promise of Elijah's coming to reconcile parents and children before the day of the Lord.

#### DEC. 7

- 1. It races Jesus' lineage through David to Abraham, emphasizing His Jewish heritage and fulfillment of prophecy.
- 2. Initially planning to divorce her quietly, Joseph changes his mind after an angel reassures him in a dream.
- 3. The Magi follow a star that leads them to Jesus in Bethlehem.

#### DEC. 8

- 1. John preaches repentance for the forgiveness of sins and announces the coming of one more powerful than himself.
- 2. The heavens open, the Spirit of God descends like a dove, and a voice from heaven declares Jesus as God's beloved Son.
- 3. Jesus counters each temptation with Scripture, demonstrating faithfulness and reliance on God's word.

#### DEC. 9

- 1. The Beatitudes are teachings of Jesus that begin with "Blessed are..." and describe the values of the Kingdom of Heaven.
- 2. Jesus teaches that He came to fulfill the Law, not to abolish it, and emphasizes the spirit behind the commandments.
- 3. Jesus presents the Lord's Prayer as a model, focusing on God's kingdom, provision, forgiveness, and deliverance from evil.



