

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: May 7, 2017**  
**Intro to Malachi & 1:1-5**

1. Who, spoke to Israel, according to 1:1?
  - a. Malachi
  - b. This is the word of the Lord.
  
2. When was the book of Malachi written?
  - a. There is no clear reference within the book that can be used to date it.
  - b. After the reconstruction of the temple, which happened in about 515.
  - c. Not long after the time of Ezra and Nehemiah, since Malachi deals with the same sins that they do.
  - d. After Haggai & Zechariah, making it the last of the Old Testament writings.
  - e. All of the Above.
  
3. In what part of the Bible is Malachi found?
  - a. Old Testament.
  - b. New Testament
  - c. Gospels.
  - d. Epistles.
  - e. Major Prophets.
  - f. Minor Prophets.
  
4. What is the first message from the Lord to Israel, according to 1:2? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. How to God's people respond to this, according to 1:2?
  - a. Thank you.
  - b. I love you too.
  - c. How have you loved us?
  
6. Do you have trouble believing that God loves you? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Why do we struggle with this? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. How does God respond to this question?
  - a. He reminds Israel of the times when he gave them undeserved favor.
  - b. He shows them their life and history from another perspective.
  
8. Why was Israel suffering during this time, if they were "loved" or "chosen"?
  - a. They didn't know! Things were supposed to get better when they returned and rebuilt the temple.
  - b. They had been disobedient and were suffering the consequences of their sin. Being obedient in one area doesn't make God ignore other areas of disobedience (James 2:10)
  - c. Sometimes, we suffer because we are doing what is right (John 15:1-4, 1 Peter 1:6-9).
  
9. Why are you suffering? \_\_\_\_\_  
Does suffering mean that God doesn't love you? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Explain \_\_\_\_\_