

The First Oracle

Malachi 1:1–5

I. Introduction

A. Author and Date

B. Message

1. Discouragement - **Haggai 2:18–19**.

2. Unfaithfulness

C. Structure

II. Exposition

A. Claim

- **Malachi 1:2; 1 John 4:16; Deuteronomy 7:7–8**.

B. Disputation

C. The Evidence

1. Esau and Jacob are twins but Esau was firstborn.

2. The firstborn was entitled to a double portion.

- **Deuteronomy 21:15–17**.

3. God prophesied that Esau would serve Jacob

- **Genesis 25:22–23**.

4. Esau sold his birthright

- **Genesis 25:29–34.**

5. Jacob was blessed by God

6. Israel became God's favored nation and Edom became Israel's enemies.

- **Psalm 137:7.**

7. Israel should have looked at current events and understood

D. The Curse (v. 4)

- **Jeremiah 49:16.**

E. The Promise (v. 5)

III. Application

A. In What Way Do You Doubt God's Love?

B. What Are the Evidences that God Loves You?

- **1 John 4:9–10.**

C. Are You Esau or Jacob?

- **Hebrews 12:16; Genesis 32:24–28.**