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Malachi 3:10 kjv *Bring you all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat (food) in my house and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.*

That scripture has become the hitching post for many religious denominations over the millennia. An extremely important biblical command that at last can be put into its proper perspective with complete understanding, using scriptures that have always been there but never understood until now.

Obedience to the tithing command would result in blessings from the Creator to the children of Israel, so much so, that they would not have room enough to receive it.

In 1452 BC Moses wrote the following words in **Deuteronomy 4:1** *Now therefore hearken O Israel unto the statutes and the Judgments which I teach you, for to do them, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your Fathers giveth you.*

Note the portion of the verse that is underlined to emphasize the land which is **the Promised Land**. This is not talking about any other land and it's the land given to the children of Israel not to any other nation.

One more time, to make it crystal clear that the tithing command was given to the children of Israel to observe in the LAND. **Chapter 4 and verse 14:** *And the Lord commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, THAT YOU MIGHT DO THEM IN LAND wither you go to possess it. 1452 BC*

Now let us look at the reason, that the children of Israel were given the tithing command. **Numbers 18 and verse 20: KJV** *and the Lord spoke unto Aaron you shall have no inheritance in the land neither shall you have any part among them: I am thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel* **Verse 21:** *And behold I have the children of Levi all the tenth in ISRAEL for an Inheritance, for their service which they serve, Even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.*

Comment: From the scriptures above we have established proof that the tithing command was given to the children of Israel and the purpose for it, to support the Priesthood and their service in the tabernacle as they serve the Lord.

That priesthood was terminated in 70 AD/CE when the Roman armies destroyed the temple in Jerusalem, and slaughtered all the Priests and parishioners alike who ran into

the temple, thinking that they would be protected by the Most High. **In Matthew 24** the Messiah told his disciples that the temple would be destroyed and not one stone would be left standing upon another.

That event was also the fulfilling of another scripture that we find in **Hosea chapter 4 and verse 6 KJV**: *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing that you have forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget your children.*

Comment : In the Article on the Sabbath we asked where is the temple and where is the Levite? The answer is still the same. Neither Exist today. The temple mount in Jerusalem is a mute testimony for all to see. No temple No Torah No Levite, just as it was at the time of the Babylonian exile.

No nation or people have the authority to assume that role today. The temple, the torah and the priesthood are synonymous. All three go together always.

More proof for the skeptics. In **Malachi 3 and verse 8** we read the following. *Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed me. But you say wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and in offerings.* Is the response from the Creator. **In verse 8** He tells the children of the house of Yudah: *You are cursed with a curse; for you have robbed me, even this whole Nation.*

Comment: Those passages from the book of Malachi, points to the house Yudah, the only tribe still living in the land who were then still under the tithing command. Those tithes and offerings were for the priestly tribe of Levi still living in the land after the Babylonian Exile.

Finally the Tithing Command was for the Children of Israel. That priesthood no longer exists. There is no such command from the Creator to anyone, or any priesthood, or any Clergy to receive tithes from any people today. There was no command for the Apostles to take tithes from the people of the world, to whom they were sent to preach the Gospel.