

# Malachi 1:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.** In stunning contrast to Israel's corrupt worship (v. 10), God announces global worship. **From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same** (מִמִּזְרָח־שְׁמֶשׁ וְעַד־מִבָּאֹה), mim-mizrah-shemesh ve'ad-mevo'o)—from east to west, encompassing all nations. **My name shall be great among the Gentiles** (גָּדוֹל שְׁמִי בָּגּוּיִם, gadol shemi va-goyim). goyim, Gentiles/nations) will honor God's name while Israel despises it (v. 6).

**In every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering** (וְבָכָל־מִקְוָם מְקוֹטָר מַגֵּשׁ לְשָׁמֵי וּמִתְּמָתָה טְהוּרָה). This contrasts with Israel's polluted offerings (v. 7). טְהוּר (tahor, pure) means clean, ritually pure—everything the priests' sacrifices weren't. The prophecy describes worship freed from Jerusalem's temple, occurring in every place, offered by Gentiles, yet acceptable to God.

This finds fulfillment in the gospel age. Christ's sacrifice removes geographical restrictions on worship (John 4:21-24). Believers from all nations offer spiritual

sacrifices acceptable to God through Christ (Romans 15:16, Philippians 2:17, 1 Peter 2:5, Hebrews 13:15-16).

## Historical Context

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This prophecy was scandalous to first-century Jews who believed acceptable worship required Jerusalem's temple, Levitical priesthood, and Mosaic ritual. Yet Malachi announced that Gentiles—considered unclean outsiders—would offer pure worship while Jewish priests offered polluted sacrifices. This anticipated the gospel's universal scope. After Pentecost, the Spirit fell on Gentiles (Acts 10), Paul became apostle to the nations, and churches multiplied throughout the Roman Empire. By AD 70, when the temple was destroyed, Christianity had already spread globally. Today, believers from every nation offer acceptable worship through Christ, fulfilling Malachi's vision.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does this prophecy anticipate the gospel's global reach and the inclusion of Gentiles in God's people?
2. What makes worship 'pure' under the new covenant, and how is it offered 'in every place'?
3. How should the reality that God's name is now great among all nations shape our missionary zeal and worship?

## Interlinear Text

בְּאַתְּ מִמְּזֹבֵחַ שֶׁמֶשׁ וְעַד מִבְּזֹאֵז נְדָרֶל  
H3588 For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down shall be great  
H4217 H8121 H5704 H3996 H1419

שְׁמִי	בְּגֹאֵל	וּבְכָל	מִלְּקָה וּמִ	מִלְּטָר
for my name	among the Gentiles	H3605	and in every place	incense
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אֲבָאֹתֶן יְהִי הָאָמֶר בְּגַוְיִם שְׁמִי  
for my name among the Gentiles saith the LORD of hosts  
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## Additional Cross-References

**Isaiah 45:6** (Sin): That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else.

**Isaiah 54:5** (References Lord): For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

**Psalms 50:1** (Sin): The mighty God, even the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

**Zechariah 8:7** (References Lord): Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country;

**Matthew 28:19** (Parallel theme): Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: