Jesus as Refiner’s Fire

Malachi 3:1-5
1 “I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the LORD Almighty.
Malachi 3:1-5

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2 But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. 3 He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he
Malachi 3:1-5

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will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be
acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years. 5 “So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who
defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me,” says the LORD Almighty.
Timeline of the minor prophets

- Kings who ruled more than two years
- Kings of Judah
- Kings of Israel

Events:
- Fall of Babylon 539 BCE
- Return of exiles 537 BCE
- Temple rebuilt 515
- Walls Rebuilt 455
- Destruction of Jerusalem 607 BCE
- Fall of Samaria 740 BCE

Prophets:
- Jonah
- Hosea
- Joel
- Micah
- Amos
- Isaiah
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Obadiah
- Jeremiah
- Daniel
- Ezekiel
- Zechariah
- Malachi

Kings:
- Amaziah
- Uzziah (Azariah)
- Jotham
- Ahaz
- Hezekiah
- Manasseh
- Josiah
- Jehoiakim
- Zedekiah

Dates:
- 850 BCE
- 825
- 800
- 775
- 750
- 725
- 700
- 675
- 650
- 625
- 600
- 575
- 550
- 525
- 500
- 475
- 450
- 425

Other Contemporaries

12 Prophets

Contemporary Prophets
Malaki: "my messenger," an Israelite prophet
Original Word: מַלְאָכִי
Part of Speech: Proper Name Masculine
Transliteration: Malaki
Phonetic Spelling: (mal-aw-kee')

*Strong’s Concordance*
The Issue: patience was waning
Matthew 11:10

“10 This is the one about whom it is written: ‘I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’”
Matthew 11:11

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist;"
Messenger of the Covenant: Yeshua (Jesus)
1,947 degrees!
“The word "full" is from the Anglo-Saxon fullian, meaning "to whiten." To full is to press or scour cloth in a mill.”

_Easton’s Bible Dictionary_
“The substances used for this purpose which are mentioned in Scripture are natron, (Proverbs 25:20; Jeremiah 2:22) and soap (Mal 3:2)”

Smith’s Bible Dictionary
alkaline, chalk, urine, cimolite
(formed as Latin Cimōlia (from the Ancient Greek Κιμωλία γῆ (Kimōlíα gê, “earth of Cimolus”: Wiktionary), or ashes from desert plants
Mark 9:3 (ASV)
“and his garments became glistening, exceeding white, so as no fuller on earth can whiten them.”
“Who can endure the day of his coming?”
LIGHT OF THE WORLD
1 Thessalonians 5:2

“for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.”
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1 Thessalonians 5:4-6

“...you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.  
5 You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.  
6 So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober...”
the fear of the LORD
Psalms 112:1

“1 Praise the LORD. Blessed are those who fear the LORD, who find great delight in his commands.”
Proverbs 28:14 (NIV)
Blessed is the one who always trembles before God, but whoever hardens their heart falls into trouble.
Psalm 147:11

The Lord delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in His unfailing love.
Luke 1:50

His mercy extends to those who fear Him, from generation to generation. (NIV)
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