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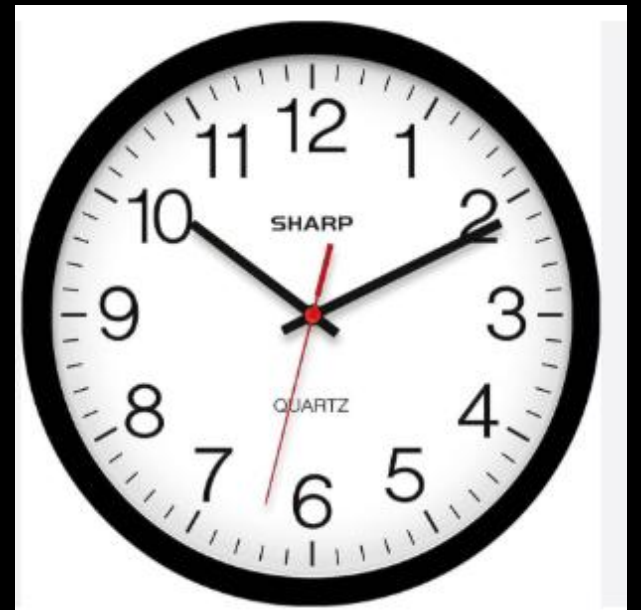


Malachi 3:13 – 4:6

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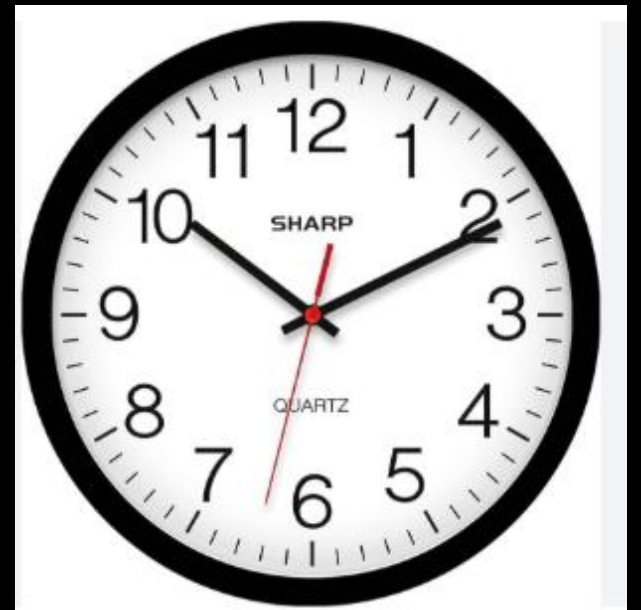
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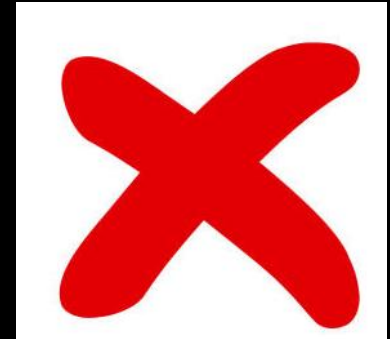
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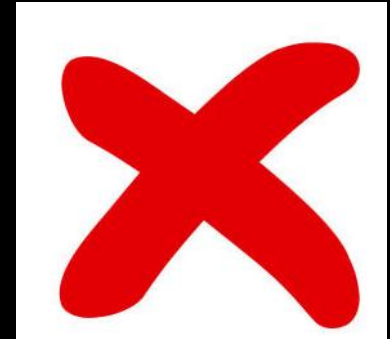
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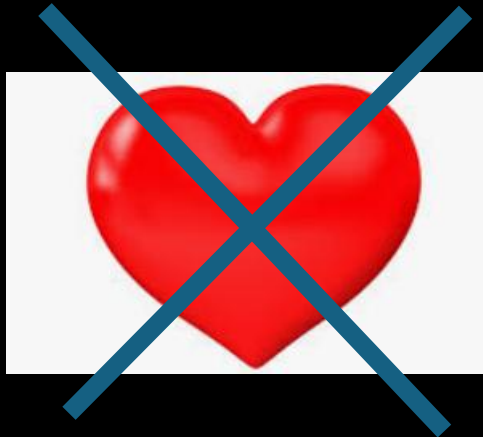
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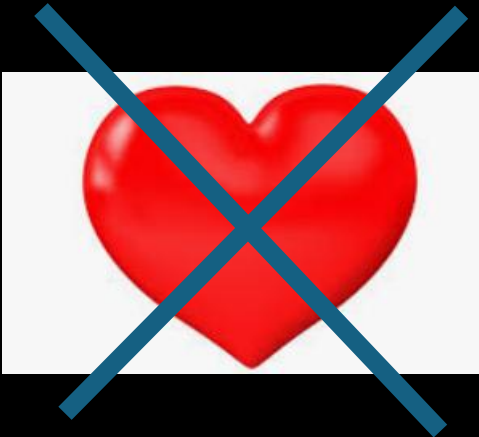


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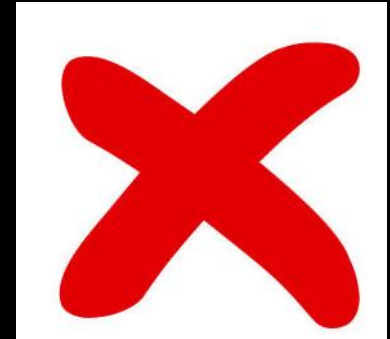




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Jeremiah 31...it can change!



A New Covenant

³¹ “Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah — ³² not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, ^[a]though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. ³³ But this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their ^[b]hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. more.”

