

Chapter #5

The Prophet Joel

Time of Ministry: 900 B.C. – 850 B.C.

Author:

This book of prophesy was written by the *Holy Prophet of God Joel* who was the son of *Pethuel*, this information is about all that is recorded concerning *Joel* and his life in *Juda*.

Joel and his family were most likely living in *Juda* at the time that his prophesy is given, this is due to several references of *Jerusalem* and the *Temple* that are written in his prophesy.

The book of *Amos* quotes *Joel*, (*Amos 5:18*) due to this fact we can reason that the prophet *Joel* predates the prophet *Amos* who prophesied in the time period 786 – 746 B.C., this would place *Joel's prophesy* in the early 900 B.C. range.

Amos 5:18 (NLT)

The Day of The Lord!

Warning of Coming Judgment

¹⁸ *What sorrow awaits you who say,*

"If only the day of the LORD were here!"

You have no idea what you are wishing for.

That day will bring darkness, not light.

This time date 900 B.C. would make the book of *Joel* one of the earliest books of prophesy written and would explain why so little information is known about the prophet *Joel* or his family.

The prophesy:

The prophet *Joel* was given a message from *Yahweh*, he was told to deliver a prophesy of *Warning!* The prophesy was a *warning* of coming *Judgement* that will *Devastate* both *Juda* and *Israel* due to their *Unrepentant sinful "Failure"* to follow *Father God's Law's!*

The Prophet will explain why the *plague of locusts* that took place in *Juda* causing *Devastating* crop loss and a land stripped of plant life, is just the start of their troubles.

Joel warns the people of *Juda* that this *plague of locusts* will be nothing compared to the coming additional *Judgement* from *Yahweh* if the Hebrews continue to *sin* and *Fail* to --- *Repent!*

The next section of the prophesy of *Joel* is a prevue of the *Glorious Blessings* and coming events that could be for some *Curses* from *Father God*, events that will take place in the future for the Hebrew people.

This future for *Yahweh's Children* will include the "*Outpouring*" of *The Holy Spirit* in "*The Last Days*", *The Great Tribulation* and *The Millennial Reign* of --- *Jesus Christ*.

This book, *“The Prophecy of Joel”* is the correct book to follow the *Book of Jonah* even if the dates do not appear to work out.

In the prophetic *Book of Jonah* Yahweh offered and then gave His *“Grace”* (the unearned and totally unmerited forgiveness of all sin) the *Gift of Forgiveness* to the *Pagan Assyrians* when they *“Repented”* and cried out for *forgiveness*.

Our Father God is a *God of “Never-Ending Love”*, and *He* is willing to forgive the *sins* of both *Gentile and Jew*, when they --- *“Repent”!*

Will the *Unrepentant sinful* Hebrews in *Juda and Israel* *Father God’s “Chosen People”* who have received a *warning* from *Yahweh* follow the example of the *Pagan Assyrians* in *Nineveh* and --- *Repent?*

Joel 1:1–20 (NLT)

The LORD gave this message to Joel son of Pethuel.

Mourning over the Locust Plague

² *Hear this, you leaders of the people.*

Listen, all who live in the land.

In all your history,

has anything like this happened before?

³ *Tell your children about it in the years to come,*

and let your children tell their children.

Pass the story down from generation to generation.

⁴ *After the cutting locusts finished eating the crops,*

the swarming locusts took what was left!

After them came the hopping locusts,

and then the stripping locusts, too!

⁵ *Wake up, you drunkards, and weep!*

Wail, all you wine-drinkers!

All the grapes are ruined,

and all your sweet wine is gone.

⁶ *A vast army of locusts has invaded my land,*

a terrible army too numerous to count.

Its teeth are like lions’ teeth,

its fangs like those of a lioness.

⁷ *It has destroyed my grapevines*

and ruined my fig trees,

stripping their bark and destroying it,

leaving the branches white and bare.

⁸ *Weep like a bride dressed in black,*

mourning the death of her husband.

⁹ *For there is no grain or wine*

to offer at the Temple of the LORD.

So the priests are in mourning.

The ministers of the LORD are weeping.

¹⁰ *The fields are ruined,
the land is stripped bare.*

*The grain is destroyed,
the grapes have shriveled,
and the olive oil is gone.*

¹¹ *Despair, all you farmers!*

Wail, all you vine growers!

*Weep, because the wheat and barley—
all the crops of the field—are ruined.*

¹² *The grapevines have dried up,
and the fig trees have withered.*

*The pomegranate trees, palm trees, and apple trees—
all the fruit trees—have dried up.*

And the people's joy has dried up with them.

¹³ *Dress yourselves in burlap and weep, you priests!*

Wail, you who serve before the altar!

*Come, spend the night in burlap,
you ministers of my God.*

*For there is no grain or wine
to offer at the Temple of your God.*

¹⁴ *Announce a time of fasting;
call the people together for a solemn meeting.*

*Bring the leaders
and all the people of the land
into the Temple of the LORD your God,
and cry out to him there.*

¹⁵ *The day of the LORD is near,
the day when destruction comes from the Almighty.
How terrible that day will be!*

¹⁶ *Our food disappears before our very eyes.
No joyful celebrations are held in the house of our God.*

¹⁷ *The seeds die in the parched ground,
and the grain crops fail.*

*The barns stand empty,
and granaries are abandoned.*

¹⁸ *How the animals moan with hunger!
The herds of cattle wander about confused,
because they have no pasture.*

The flocks of sheep and goats bleat in misery.

¹⁹ *LORD, help us!*

*The fire has consumed the wilderness pastures,
and flames have burned up all the trees.*

²⁰ *Even the wild animals cry out to you
because the streams have dried up,
and fire has consumed the wilderness pastures.*

Comments on *Joel 1: 1-12*:

Remember To Teach Your Children

In the dry and hot lands that the Hebrew people lived in it was a *fact of life* that at times a large hatching of *destructive* plant eating *Locust* would take place when the weather conditions were correct. The insect's eggs would lay dormant for years at times, they would only hatch when the "*Creator of all things*" *Father God* would *allow conditions* to take place *causing* the insects to grow and come out of the earth.

The act of a *Loving God* causing a *Plague of Destructive locust* to descend on "*His Chosen People*" would appear on the surface to be the action of an --- *Angry God!*

Even the most "*Loving Father*" must at times use *painful punishment* to correct a child that will not listen to the *Lifesaving Instructions* of his *Father*.

The prophesy of *Joel* is a book of *instructive Loving "Wisdom"* for all who will take the time to read it and study the "*Truth*" it contains.

Yahweh provided *His Lifesaving Wisdom* for the Hebrew people in the *Old Testament Holy Scrolls*, (The Book of *Joel*).

This valuable *Wisdom* found in the *Hebrew's* recorded past is intended for all the *future generations* of Hebrews and Gentiles to use as a guide to --- *Salvation!*

It is up to the reader to *Accept* and *Believe* the *Wisdom* that is recorded in the *Holy Bible*, *Faith* and *Belief* are a "*Lifesaving*" *Gift* from our *Loving Father God!*

Romans 5:3-5 (NLT)

The Wisdom of The Holy Spirit!

³ *We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴ And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. ⁵ And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.*

The *plague of locust* was a trial intended to be a time of *teaching* and *learning* for the Hebrew people in *Juda*. *The Children of Abraham* were told to think back in time to other troubling and *painful events* and use this information to *Educate* and *Warn* future generations of Hebrews. The *locust plague* would chew up and "*Destroy*" the "*Very Fabric*" of the world the Jews knew, they would not have food to eat or oil and wine that they could use "*to barter*" (materials or goods used to trade for something you need) to replace *their lost crops*.

The *sinful people* of *Juda* are compared to *sleeping drunks*, they are told to *wake up* and see the *Destructive* result of "*man-made*" laws that were written to support their *Unrepentant sinful life's*.

The *hung-over* people of Juda an Israel need to *wake up* and understand their *sins* “*were not forgiven*” by their *foolishly* worshiping and making offerings to --- *Pagan false gods!*

The *Hebrew people* are directed to *Weep* and *Mourn* like a grief filled widow who has lost her husband to death. The *Unrepentant* Hebrew people need to make the connection that a *plague of locust* that brings *painful suffering* and *physical death* is caused by “*Spiritual Death*” --- *Unforgiven Sin!*

The *sinful misguided people* of Juda and Israel will not know *True Joy* or *Lasting Peace* until they “*Return*” to following only --- *The Laws of Yahweh!*

Comments on *Joel 1:13-20*:

Repent Now!

The Hebrew people and priests are told to dress in *rough uncomfortable* burlap clothing, *fast* and *mourn*, then bring the religious leaders of Juda to the *Temple of God* and to *cry out* to *Yahweh* for --- *Forgiveness!*

Yahweh tells *His Children* that the *Terrible* “*Day of The LORD*” is near; will they understand that this *plague of locust* is just a preview of the coming “*Total Destruction*” --- *The Day of The LORD!* *Father God* has provided a *warning shot* with this *plague of locust*, will the Jews “*The Chosen People*” be wise and “*Repent*” like the *Pagan King* and people of *Nineveh* did?

Joel 2:1–11 (NLT)

Locusts Invade like an Army

¹ *Sound the trumpet in Jerusalem!*

Raise the alarm on my holy mountain!

Let everyone tremble in fear

because the day of the LORD is upon us.

² *It is a day of darkness and gloom,*

a day of thick clouds and deep blackness.

Suddenly, like dawn spreading across the mountains,

a great and mighty army appears.

Nothing like it has been seen before

or will ever be seen again.

³ *Fire burns in front of them,*

and flames follow after them.

Ahead of them the land lies

as beautiful as the Garden of Eden.

Behind them is nothing but desolation;

not one thing escapes.

⁴ *They look like horses;*

they charge forward like warhorses.

⁵ *Look at them as they leap along the mountaintops.*

Listen to the noise they make—like the rumbling of chariots,

like the roar of fire sweeping across a field of stubble,

or like a mighty army moving into battle.

⁶ *Fear grips all the people;
every face grows pale with terror.*

⁷ *The attackers march like warriors
and scale city walls like soldiers.
Straight forward they march,
never breaking rank.*

⁸ *They never jostle each other;
each moves in exactly the right position.
They break through defenses
without missing a step.*

⁹ *They swarm over the city
and run along its walls.
They enter all the houses,
climbing like thieves through the windows.*

¹⁰ *The earth quakes as they advance,
and the heavens tremble.
The sun and moon grow dark,
and the stars no longer shine.*

¹¹ *The LORD is at the head of the column.
He leads them with a shout.
This is his mighty army,
and they follow his orders.
The day of the LORD is an awesome, terrible thing.
Who can possibly survive?*

Comments on Joel 2:1-11

A Preview of --- "The Day of The LORD"!

Chapter #2 in the book of Joel is written to show the comparison of the *plague of locust* to the coming and more *Frightening "Day of The LORD"*, the future *"End Times"* event, *The Revelation of Jesus Christ* --- "The Messiah"!

Yahweh instructs the people of Jerusalem to sound the *"Warning Trumpet"* from the *Holy Mountain*, *The Day of The LORD* is at hand.

Just like the *dawn fills* the morning sky, *the flames* of the approaching *Army of The LORD* fills the sky with *Glowing Flames of Fire!*

The once *Green and Fertile* lands are reduced to a *Burnt Wasteland* as the *"Army of The LORD"* marches forward *nothing is spared*.

The once *Proud and Arrogant* Hebrew people will be *filled* with *"Fear"*, the *Glow of Joy* on their faces will be replaced with *"Pale Cold Terror"* as *the Army of God* marches on as an *unstoppable* charging warhorse!

The strongest *defensive structures* will all be *Knocked Down* and *Set on Fire*, the magnificent homes the *Unrepentant sinners* once lived in will be *piles of Smoldering Rubble!*

The *Solid Rock* of the earth will *Quake and Tremble* as the stars in the sky “*Shake in Fear*”, the sun and the moon will *Go Dark*, the stars *Will Not Shine*.

The LORD, “Jesus Christ” is at the front of “*The Charging Army*”, *The LORD* drives *His Mighty Army* on with *His --- Thunderous Voice!*

This *Day of The LORD* is a time of *Judgement* and *Destruction* like the earth has never experienced before; the prophet *Joel* asks the question --- “*Who can possibly survive?*”

Malachi 4:1 (NLT)

The Coming Day of Judgment!

¹ *The LORD of Heaven’s Armies* says, “*The day of judgment is coming, burning like a furnace. On that day the arrogant and the wicked will be burned up like straw. They will be consumed—roots, branches, and all.*”

Acts 4:8–12 (NLT)

Jesus Christ is the Answer!

⁸ *Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers and elders of our people, ⁹ are we being questioned today because we’ve done a good deed for a crippled man? Do you want to know how he was healed? ¹⁰ Let me clearly state to all of you and to all the people of Israel that he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹ For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says,*

*‘The stone that you builders rejected
has now become the cornerstone.’*

¹² *There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.”*

Joel 2:12–17 (NLT)

A Call to Repentance

¹² *That is why the LORD* says,

“Turn to me now, while there is time.

Give me your hearts.

Come with fasting, weeping, and mourning.

¹³ *Don’t tear your clothing in your grief,
but tear your hearts instead.”*

Return to the LORD your God,

for he is merciful and compassionate,

slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

He is eager to relent and not punish.

¹⁴ *Who knows? Perhaps he will give you a reprieve,
sending you a blessing instead of this curse.*

Perhaps you will be able to offer grain and wine

to the LORD your God as before.

¹⁵ *Blow the ram's horn in Jerusalem!*

Announce a time of fasting;

call the people together

for a solemn meeting.

¹⁶ *Gather all the people—*

the elders, the children, and even the babies.

Call the bridegroom from his quarters

and the bride from her private room.

¹⁷ *Let the priests, who minister in the LORD's presence,*

stand and weep between the entry room to the Temple and the altar.

Let them pray, "Spare your people, LORD!

Don't let your special possession become an object of mockery.

Don't let them become a joke for unbelieving foreigners who say,

'Has the God of Israel left them?'"

Comments on Joel 2:12-17:

The prophet now issues a call from *Yahweh* for "*Repentance*" (The act of turning away from a life of unrepentant sin), the Hebrew people are told to "*Turn to Him*" while there is still time. *Joel* tells *Father God's "Chosen People"* that they must give their hearts and *Total Faithfulness* to *Yahweh* alone.

They must show *True Remorse* with *fasting, painful tears* that are *Genuine* and express *Sorrow* for their *sins*. Tearing up their clothing in an *act of mourning* will not save them from *God's Anger*, they must "*Tear Up*" their --- *Sin Hardened Hearts!*

If they will "*Return*" to *The LORD God*, the Hebrews will find that *Yahweh* is *Compassionate* and "*Filled with Mercy*", but only if they --- *Repent!*

Father God is *Slow to Anger* and *Filled with Love*, *He* alone is the one who "*Created*" the Jews out of the elements of the earth and then blew "*The Breath of Life*" into their bodies.

It is this *Divine Act* the "*Loving Creation*" of mankind that proves *Yahweh* *longs to relent* and *not punish His disobedient children* they are --- *His children!*

Joel goes on to say that *Father God* may "*Relent*" and *Grant* them a "*Reprieve*" (To forgive one who breaks a law and then set them free), *God* may *Accept* the *sin offerings* of grain and wine and give them *Blessings* instead of this *Curse*.

Every man woman and child, priest and leader in *Juda* are all instructed to gather for a *Solemn Gathering* a time of *Fasting* and *Prayer*.

Joel instructs the priests to stand and *weep* in the outer court of the *Holy Place* and *Alter of God*, they are to *pray* --- "*Spare your people, LORD!*"

Will *Yahweh* let *His Chosen People* be the object of *scorn* and *disrespect*, will *Father God* let *Pagan unbelieving* foreigners say --- "*Has the God of Israel left them?*"

The *Truth* about the Jews *sinful condition* is much more *Dangerous* and *Deadly* than the prophet *Joel* thought.

The *Loving God Yahweh* has not “Left Israel” the Hebrew people have *Turned Their Backs* on *The True God* and committed “*Spiritual Adultery*” every time they worshiped *false Pagan gods!*

Joel 2:18–27 (NLT)

The LORD’s Promise of Restoration

¹⁸ *Then the LORD will pity his people
and jealously guard the honor of his land.*

¹⁹ *The LORD will reply,
“Look! I am sending you grain and new wine and olive oil,
enough to satisfy your needs.*

*You will no longer be an object of mockery
among the surrounding nations.*

²⁰ *I will drive away these armies from the north.
I will send them into the parched wastelands.
Those in the front will be driven into the Dead Sea,
and those at the rear into the Mediterranean.
The stench of their rotting bodies will rise over the land.”
Surely the LORD has done great things!*

²¹ *Don’t be afraid, O land.
Be glad now and rejoice,
for the LORD has done great things.*

²² *Don’t be afraid, you animals of the field,
for the wilderness pastures will soon be green.
The trees will again be filled with fruit;
fig trees and grapevines will be loaded down once more.*

²³ *Rejoice, you people of Jerusalem!
Rejoice in the LORD your God!
For the rain he sends demonstrates his faithfulness.
Once more the autumn rains will come,
as well as the rains of spring.*

²⁴ *The threshing floors will again be piled high with grain,
and the presses will overflow with new wine and olive oil.*

²⁵ *The LORD says, “I will give you back what you lost
to the swarming locusts, the hopping locusts,
the stripping locusts, and the cutting locusts.
It was I who sent this great destroying army against you.*

²⁶ *Once again you will have all the food you want,
and you will praise the LORD your God,
who does these miracles for you.
Never again will my people be disgraced.*

²⁷ *Then you will know that I am among my people Israel,
that I am the LORD your God, and there is no other.
Never again will my people be disgraced.*

Comments on Joel 2:18-27:

The Lord's Promise of Restoration!

Father God is always first a "Loving Father", He only becomes a "Righteous Judge" as a last option, *Yahweh* will *Jealously Protect* the Hebrews "His Chosen People".
Restoration and Revival are always available to all "Repentant" sinners while they are alive, but after death comes --- *The Final Judgement!*

Jeremiah 31:1-4 (NLT)

Hope for Restoration!

"In that day," says the LORD, "I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people. ² This is what the LORD says:

*"Those who survive the coming destruction
will find blessings even in the barren land,
for I will give rest to the people of Israel."*

³ Long ago the LORD said to Israel:

*"I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love.
With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself.*

⁴ I will rebuild you, my virgin Israel.

*You will again be happy
and dance merrily with your tambourines.*

The Hebrew people living in Juda and Israel during the time of Joel's prophesy were informed with the same "Warning" prophesy and "Promise" of Provision and Protection by the earlier Holy Scrolls of other Hebrew prophets.

The Jew were in previous times provided with an *Eternal Promise* from *Yahweh* that He will provide the "Chosen People" with an *Eternal Home*.

This "Land of Promise" was to be the Hebrews *Peaceful homeland* where they would not be attacked by their enemies, where the *Reviving Rains* would fall bringing bumper crops of olive oil and food, "Replacing" all that was lost to past war and plagues.

Genesis 12:1-3 (NLT)

The Call of Abram!

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. ² I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. ³ I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

Exodus 3:7–8 (NLT)

The Land of Milk and Honey!

⁷ Then the LORD told him, “I have certainly seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cries of distress because of their harsh slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. ⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and lead them out of Egypt into their own fertile and spacious land. It is a land flowing with milk and honey—the land where the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites now live.

The “*Land of Milk and Honey*” the Hebrews “*occupied*” when they were *Rescued* by *Yahweh* from “*Slavery*” in Egypt was not the *complete land* area that *Yahweh* gave them to live on. The Jews never *occupied* all *The Land of Promise* their lack of “*Faith*” and *failure* to follow all of *Father God’s* instructions would be the start of their *continuous* problems.

The promise of *Yahweh* to provide an “*Eternal*” *Land of Milk and Honey* will not take place during the time of the *Old Testament* or the *New Testament*.

This glorious time of *Lasting Peace* and *prosperity* will come during the *Millennial Reign* of *Jesus Christ*, a time after *The Revelation of Jesus Christ*.

This “*Millennial Age*” is when *Jesus Christ* “*Returns*” to *Rule* and *Reign* over all the earth for *One Thousand Years*.

Joel 2:28–32 (NLT)

The LORD’s Promise of His Spirit

²⁸ “Then, after doing all those things,
I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy.

Your old men will dream dreams,
and your young men will see visions.

²⁹ In those days I will pour out my Spirit
even on servants—men and women alike.

³⁰ And I will cause wonders in the heavens and on the earth—
blood and fire and columns of smoke.

³¹ The sun will become dark,
and the moon will turn blood red
before that great and terrible day of the LORD arrives.

³² But everyone who calls on the name of the LORD
will be saved,

for some on Mount Zion in Jerusalem will escape,
just as the LORD has said.

These will be among the survivors
whom the LORD has called.

Comments on Joel 2:28-32:

The Lord’s Promise of His Spirit!

In the *"Final Days"* of planet earth a period of time will come when *Father God* will pour out --- *The Power of The Holy Spirit!*

This outpouring of *"Saving Grace"* will be the *last chance* for all mankind Jew and Gentile to *"Repent"* and *"Accept"* *Jesus Christ* as their --- *Messiah*.

At the end of this period of time will come *"The Revelation of Jesus Christ"* and the *Judgement* of all who have not become *"Believers"* in --- *The Gospel of Jesus Christ*.

The Hebrew people will see things and hear things that *cannot be explained*, they will see *visions* of a new world, and dream strange dreams of the lamb and the lion living in peace. *The Gospel of Jesus Christ* will be proclaimed by young Hebrew children who will proclaim that --- *Jesus Christ is The Messiah, --- The LORD!*

A small *"Remnant"* of the Jews who hear this *Redemptive Gospel* will *"Accept"* *Jesus Christ* as their *Messiah* --- *They Will be Saved!*

The moon will turn *Blood Red* the stars and the sun will be blocked out with *Fire and Smoke!* The earth will *"Convulse"* in *Death Throws* as it is *"Shattered"* by the *Awesome Power* of The *LORD's Coming*.

The Jews who have been *Saved* through their *"Belief"* in *Jesus Christ* will find a place of *Refuge* on *God's Holy Mountain* they will be *Saved* because they listened to the call of --- *The Holy Spirit!*

Acts 2:36–39 (NLT)

The Gift of The Holy Spirit!

³⁶ *"So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!"*

³⁷ *Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"*

³⁸ *Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God."*

Joel 3:1–16 (NLT)

Judgment against Enemy Nations

¹ *"At the time of those events," says the LORD,*
"when I restore the prosperity of Judah and Jerusalem,

² *I will gather the armies of the world*
into the valley of Jehoshaphat.

There I will judge them
for harming my people, my special possession,
for scattering my people among the nations,
and for dividing up my land.

³ *They threw dice to decide which of my people*

would be their slaves.

They traded boys to obtain prostitutes
and sold girls for enough wine to get drunk.

⁴ "What do you have against me, Tyre and Sidon and you cities of Philistia? Are you trying to take revenge on me? If you are, then watch out! I will strike swiftly and pay you back for everything you have done. ⁵ You have taken my silver and gold and all my precious treasures, and have carried them off to your pagan temples. ⁶ You have sold the people of Judah and Jerusalem to the Greeks, so they could take them far from their homeland.

⁷ "But I will bring them back from all the places to which you sold them, and I will pay you back for everything you have done. ⁸ I will sell your sons and daughters to the people of Judah, and they will sell them to the people of Arabia, a nation far away. I, the LORD, have spoken!"

⁹ Say to the nations far and wide:

"Get ready for war!

Call out your best warriors.

Let all your fighting men advance for the attack.

¹⁰ Hammer your plowshares into swords
and your pruning hooks into spears.

Train even your weaklings to be warriors.

¹¹ Come quickly, all you nations everywhere.

Gather together in the valley."

And now, O LORD, call out your warriors!

¹² "Let the nations be called to arms.

Let them march to the valley of Jehoshaphat.

There I, the LORD, will sit

to pronounce judgment on them all.

¹³ Swing the sickle,
for the harvest is ripe.

Come, tread the grapes,
for the winepress is full.

The storage vats are overflowing
with the wickedness of these people."

¹⁴ Thousands upon thousands are waiting in the valley of decision.

There the day of the LORD will soon arrive.

¹⁵ The sun and moon will grow dark,
and the stars will no longer shine.

¹⁶ The LORD's voice will roar from Zion
and thunder from Jerusalem,
and the heavens and the earth will shake.

But the LORD will be a refuge for his people,
a strong fortress for the people of Israel.

Comments on *Joel 3:1-16*:

Judgement against Enemy nations

The events of the “*Final Days*” of the earth have been started, the start was in the year 1948 A.D. when the Jews Returned to their *Homeland* and established *The Nation of Israel*.

This event is predicted in *Joel 6-7*, when *Father God* proclaimed that *He* would “Return” Hebrew people of *Juda* back to their homeland.

The *Nation of Israel* is now one of the most *prosperous* and *educate* countries in the middle east, *Father God* has *Restored* the prosperity of *The Chosen People of God!*

The next future event to come will be the *Judgement* and *Punishment* by *Yahweh* of all the nations that have *Attacked* and *Harmed His People* --- *His Special Possession!*

A time will soon come when *Yahweh* will cause the *enemies* of *Israel* to gather and attack *His Chosen People*.

The armies of the *enemies* of *Israel* will be gathered in “*The Valley Armageddon*” (The Valley of *Judgement* and *Death*), this will be the *final resting place* for all who would be “*Foolish*” enough to *wage war* against *Yahweh* and *His Chosen People!*

This will be the first act of the *Unbelievably Destructive* “*Day of The LORD*” *The Revelation of Jesus Christ*, when the *Light* from the *Sun Moon* and *Stars* will all go --- *Dark!*

The once solid earth and heavens will *Shake* and *Tremble* at the sound of the *Thunderous Voice of The LORD*, the only people who will find *Protection* from this *Destruction* will be the “*Believers*” in *The Gospel of Jesus Christ!*

Isaiah 13:9–13 (NLT)

The Day of The LORD!

⁹ *For see, the day of the LORD is coming—
the terrible day of his fury and fierce anger.*

*The land will be made desolate,
and all the sinners destroyed with it.*

¹⁰ *The heavens will be black above them;
the stars will give no light.*

*The sun will be dark when it rises,
and the moon will provide no light.*

¹¹ *“I, the LORD, will punish the world for its evil
and the wicked for their sin.*

*I will crush the arrogance of the proud
and humble the pride of the mighty.*

¹² *I will make people scarcer than gold—
more rare than the fine gold of Ophir.*

¹³ *For I will shake the heavens.*

*The earth will move from its place
when the LORD of Heaven’s Armies displays his wrath
in the day of his fierce anger.”*

Joel 3:17–21 (NLT)

Blessings for God’s People

¹⁷ “Then you will know that I, the LORD your God,
live in Zion, my holy mountain.

Jerusalem will be holy forever,
and foreign armies will never conquer her again.

¹⁸ In that day the mountains will drip with sweet wine,
and the hills will flow with milk.

Water will fill the streambeds of Judah,
and a fountain will burst forth from the LORD’s Temple,
watering the arid valley of acacias.

¹⁹ But Egypt will become a wasteland
and Edom will become a wilderness,
because they attacked the people of Judah
and killed innocent people in their land.

²⁰ “But Judah will be filled with people forever,
and Jerusalem will endure through all generations.

²¹ I will pardon my people’s crimes,
which I have not yet pardoned;
and I, the LORD, will make my home
in Jerusalem with my people.”

Comments on Joel 3:17-21

Blessings for God’s People!

The final part of the prophesy of Joel again makes the “Promise” that *The LORD’s People* will be *Blessed* and *Protected*, their *Homeland* will be a land of *sweet wine milk, and honey*.

As punishment from *Yahweh* all the lands of the people who *attacked* and *killed* the Hebrew people will be made into a *Wilderness --- Wasteland!*

The LORD, Jesus Christ will make *His* home in *Jerusalem*, and *Judah* will be filled with *His* people forever with *Jerusalem* to “*Endure*” through all the generations.

The LORD, Jesus Christ will in the “*Millennial Age*” make *Jerusalem* *His* home where *He* will live with --- *His Chosen People!*

Revelation 20:1–6 (NLT)

The Thousand Years

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven with the key to the bottomless pit and a heavy chain in his hand. ² He seized the dragon—that old serpent, who is the devil, Satan—and bound him in chains for a thousand years. ³ The angel threw him into the bottomless pit, which he then shut and locked so Satan could not deceive the nations anymore until the thousand years were finished. Afterward he must be released for a little while.

⁴ *Then I saw thrones, and the people sitting on them had been given the authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony about Jesus and for*

proclaiming the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his statue, nor accepted his mark on their forehead or their hands. They all came to life again, and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

⁵ This is the first resurrection. (The rest of the dead did not come back to life until the thousand years had ended.) ⁶ Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. For them the second death holds no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him a thousand years.

Matthew 19:28 (NLT)

The World is Made New!

²⁸ Jesus replied, "I assure you that when the world is made new and the Son of Man sits upon his glorious throne, you who have been my followers will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

We who now live in a world that has not been "Made New" by *The Power of The LORD, Jesus Christ* must live by our *Faith and Belief* in *The Gospel of Jesus Christ*, and *Continuously Pray* for His "Return" to *Gather-Up --- His Church*.

As *His Church and His Children*, we must work to *Teach* with our "Christ-like" lifestyle the *Unsaved sinners* demonstrating how they can be "Made New" by "Believing" in *Jesus Christ* as their *LORD, and Savior!*

Remember to continue *Praying* for the *Unsaved sinners* and tell all men and women about the *Power and Love* that is found in the *Wisdom* of --- *The Holy Bible*.