

Joel Prophecy and Jesus Appearing with the Spirit as Promised

Joel Chapter 1

Judah of Israel shall not escape “deserved chastening”, but everything taken shall be restored for those that remain of the remnant of the people of the LORD God!

Joe 1:1 The word of the LORD that came to Joel the son of Pethuel.

Joe 1:2 Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers?

Joe 1:3 Tell ye your children of it, and *let* your children *tell* their children, and their children another generation.

Joe 1:4 That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpillar eaten (*this is a prophetic description of what came upon adulterous Israel in the general sense. And it is specifically what happened to both Samaria of Israel in the North at the hand of Assyria in 722 B.C., and Judah of Israel at the hand of the Babylonian destruction in 586 B.C. Samaria of Israel never recovered, but the LORD God returned a remnant of Judah to the land!*).

Joe 1:5 Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine (*or new covenant*); for it is cut off from your mouth (*you Samaria of Israel in the North, and every other idol/ false god worshiper that repents not from their adultery!*).

Joel 1:1 through 1:5

(These next verses may very well be speaking of the destruction of both Nations of Israel (Samaria and Judah). But I believe it is certain to be that destruction brought upon Judah of Israel in the South by the Babylonians; the whole prophecy does not apply so much to Samaria of Israel in the North, because the LORD God only recovered Judah of Israel, later, in the South (Joel 2:25). But Samaria of Israel in the North was totally taken over of false god and idol worship. Even to the point of their building, “idol/ false gods” worship places, rather than their worshipping at the temple in Jerusalem as God commanded. Therefore, the LORD God never recovered Samaria of Israel to be a nation again. So then, Samaria ceased being “my land” long before the Assyrian destruction in 722 B.C.!?)

Joe 1:6 For a nation (*Babylon*) is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth *are* the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion.

Joe 1:7 He (*a great lion*) hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast *it* away; the branches thereof are made white (*over a period of 20 years; from about 604 B.C., Babylon lay siege to Judah of Israel on three different occasions before totally destroying her in 586 B.C.*).

Joe 1:8 Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth (*mourning*) for the husband of her youth (*or her covenant husband: could be the natural human relationship, or spiritual relationship with God, or both!*).

- Joe 1:9 The meat offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house (*or temple*) of the LORD; the priests, the LORD'S ministers, mourn (*the priests of Samaria were never referred to as, "the priests, the LORD's ministers!?"*).
- Joe 1:10 The field (*or harvest*) is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted: the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth (*or decline*).
- Joe 1:11 Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen (*cultivators, or leaders of the people*); howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished (*this is also indicative of the people perishing*).
- Joe 1:12 The vine (*or dedication of the chosen people to the God of their fathers*) is dried up, and the fig tree (*National Israel*) languisheth (*decline*) the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, *even* all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men.
- Joe 1:13 Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests: howl, ye ministers of the altar: come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers (*that remains*) of my God: for the meat offering and the drink offering is withholden from the house (*temple*) of your God.
- Joe 1:14 Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders *and* all the inhabitants of the land *into* the house (*temple*) of the LORD your God, and cry unto the LORD,

Joel 1:6 through 1:14

The LORD God has suspended, or taken away the sacrifice from Judah, because of their false god, idol worship, and iniquity; which they would not repent of!

- Joe 1:15 Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD *is* at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.
- Joe 1:16 Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, *yea*, joy and gladness from the house (*temple*) of our God (*ceases*)?
- Joe 1:17 The seed (*or progeny of Israel?*) is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered.
- Joe 1:18 How do the beasts (*used for sacrifice?*) groan! The herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; *yea*, the flocks of sheep are made desolate.
- Joe 1:19 O LORD, to thee will I cry: for the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field.
- Joe 1:20 The beasts of the field cry also unto thee: for the rivers of waters are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

Joel 1:15 through 1:20

Joel Chapter 2

This description shall be a day of trouble for the people of God; and of no rejoicing, if the LORD God should allow the enemy, "Babylonians/ Chaldeans", to come upon Judah of Israel.

At first inspection one would suppose that Joel 2:2 is saying nothing like this has ever happened to the chosen people of God before this time of Babylonian destruction and captivity, neither shall be any more after it! But let us rethink, re-examine the first inspection, because Judah of Israel was destroyed again by the Romans in 70 A.D. And

they are likely to be attacked again according to the Book of Revelation Chapter 16:16, Ezekiel Chapters 38 and 39!

Therefore, I am persuaded that this in Joel 2:2 is prophetic of Jesus Christ, Messiah, the Lamb of God and His Sacrifice for redemption/ salvation/ deliverance of the human race according to the Gospel! This is “the” one time deal; it shall never be done again, ever! And the verses that follow Joel 2:2 unto the end of the Book, describe prophetic events and the LORD God bringing to pass those occurrences associated with that which shall never, ever happen again; the sacrifice and work(s) of the LORD Jesus Christ!

Joe 2:1 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion (*Jerusalem*), and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for *it is* nigh at hand;

Joe 2:2 A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, *even* to the years of many generations.

Joe 2:3 A fire devoureth before them (*or the enemies of Judah*); and behind them (*or the enemies of Judah*) a flame burneth: the land (*of Judah*) *is* as the garden of Eden before them (*the enemies of Judah*), and behind them (*the enemies of Judah, they leave*) a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them (*the enemies of Judah*).

Joe 2:4 The appearance of them (*the enemies of Judah*) *is* as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they (*the enemies of Judah*) run (*destroying everything in their wake*).

Joe 2:5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they (*the enemies of Judah*) leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.

Joe 2:6 Before their (*Judah’s enemies’*) face the people (*of Judah*) shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness.

Joe 2:7 They (*Judah’s enemies*) shall run like mighty men; they (*Judah’s enemy*) shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they (*Judah’ enemy*) shall not break their ranks:

Joe 2:8 Neither shall one (*Judah’s enemy*) thrust another (*or spear each other*); they (*Judah’s enemy*) shall walk every one in his path (*or file*): and *when* they (*Judah’s enemy*) fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded.

Joe 2:9 They (*or Judah’s enemy*) shall run to and fro in the city (*of Jerusalem*); they (*Judah’s enemy*) shall run upon the wall (*of the city; Jerusalem*), they (*Judah’s enemy*) shall climb up upon the houses (*of the city*); they (*Judah’s enemy*) shall enter in at the windows like a thief.

Joel 2:1 through 2:9

In his day of prophecy, Joel the prophet says the LORD God calls the Babylonians/ Chaldeans His army against Judah of Israel, because of their idol, false god worship, and iniquity, which they would not repent of and return to Him!

Joe 2:10 The earth shall quake before them (*Judah's enemies; Babylonians/ Chaldeans*); the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:

Joe 2:11 And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army (*the Babylonians/ Chaldeans; Judah's enemy*): for his (*the LORD's army, the enemies of Judah; Babylonians'/ Chaldeans'*) camp *is* very great: for *he* (*the enemy of Judah of Israel*) *is* strong that executeth his (*the LORD's*) word: for the day of the LORD *is* great and very terrible; and who can abide (*or endure*) it?

Joel 2:10 and 2:11

Therefore, the LORD God invited Judah of Israel to return unto Him for forgiveness and safety.

Joe 2:12 Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye *even* to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:

Joe 2:13 And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he *is* gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of (*or forgives anyone that turn from*) the evil (*he/ she has done*).

Joe 2:14 Who knoweth *if* he (*Jacob/ Israel/ Judah of Israel/ he that sins*) will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; *even* a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God?

Joel 2:12 through 2:14

The prophet Joel in his day of prophecy says to Judah of Israel that they should make this a time of repentance: Begin by blowing the trumpet to declare a fast, call a solemn assembly ...!

Joe 2:15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:

Joe 2:16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

Joe 2:17 Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach (*disapproval*), that the heathen (*Babylonians/ Chaldeans*) should rule over them: wherefore (*or why*) should they (*the Babylonian enemy*) say among the people (*of Judah*), Where *is* their God?

Joel 2:15 through 2:17

The prophet Joel in his day of prophecy is saying, if Judah would do those things in Joel 2:15 through 2:17 above, there would be no destructions, and the people of the nation at this time of Joel's prophecy will have the favor of the LORD God again!

Joe 2:18 Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people.

Joe 2:19 Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach (*disappointment*) among the heathen (*your enemies*):

Joe 2:20 But I will remove far off from you the northern *army* (*your enemy*), and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea (*Dead Sea*), and his hinder part toward the utmost sea (*in other words outside of the land of*

Israel?), and his stink (*smell of rotting flesh*) shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great (*or terrible?*) things.

Joel 2:18 through 2:20

And the LORD God promises to do great things for His obedient servants, through His special servant (the Lord Jesus Christ). And we today not only have the record of history as witness, but the Judeo – Christian Bible, and the Holy Spirit, is the greater witness for the believer! Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to His followers in Acts Chapter 2, on the day of Pentecost, and He (the Holy Spirit) remains with the believer today. The Apostle Peter declared in Acts 2:16 that this prophecy in Joel, as promise of the Father was fulfilled then in the days of the first apostles. This occurred about 34 A.D., and the time of Joel’s prophecy seem to have occurred just prior to, or about the first and second Babylonian siege of Judah (610 to 597 B.C.)!

Joe 2:21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things.

Joe 2:22 Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.

Joe 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion (*Jerusalem*), and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first *month*.

Joe 2:24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.

Joe 2:25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, (*which is*) my great army which I sent among you.

Joe 2:26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

Joe 2:27 And ye shall know that I *am* in the midst of Israel, and *that* I *am* the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

Joe 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out my spirit (*Holy Spirit?*) upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

Joe 2:29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit (*Holy Spirit*).

Joel 2:21 through 2:29

The final verses of this Chapter (2), I believe, are yet to be fulfilled. This is the time of the Lord Jesus returning as presented in Joel Chapter 3, below!

Joe 2:30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

Joe 2:31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

Joe 2:32 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

Joel 2:30 through 2:32

Joel Chapter 3

And then, Jesus shall return the conquering King, next time and gather all nations on the planet. Then He shall settle every score with the nations, especially Israel/ Judah (also refer to Matthew 25:31 through 25:46; i.e. the sheep and goat nations)!

Joe 3:1 For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity *(or obedience to Me)* of Judah and Jerusalem,

Joe 3:2 I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and *for* my heritage Israel, whom they (*Judah's enemies*) have scattered among the nations, and parted my land *(it seems this shall be the time of the Battle of Armageddom: Ezekiel Chapters 38 and 39; Revelation 16:16; Revelation 19:11 through 19:21; Revelation 11:14 through 11:19?!)*.

Joe 3:3 And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink.

Joe 3:4 Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the coasts of Palestine? will ye render me a recompence (*repayment*)? and if ye recompense me, swiftly *and* speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head;

Joe 3:5 Because ye have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples *(of false gods/ idols)* my goodly pleasant things:

Joe 3:6 The children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem have ye sold unto the Grecians, that ye might remove them far from their border.

Joe 3:7 Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompence (*repayment*) upon your own head:

Joe 3:8 And I (*the LORD God, Jesus*) will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a people far off: for the LORD hath spoken *it*.

Joel 3:1 through 3:8

Gentiles with no god; those with false god/ idol worshipers should prepare for war!

Joe 3:9 Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up:

Joe 3:10 Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I *am* strong.

Joe 3:11 Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD.

Joe 3:12 Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.

Joe 3:13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness *is* great.

Joe 3:14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD *is* near in the valley of decision.

Joe 3:15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

Joe 3:16 The LORD also shall roar out of Zion (**Jerusalem**), and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD *will be* the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

Joe 3:17 So shall ye know that I *am* the LORD your God dwelling in Zion (**Jerusalem**), my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more (*to take advantage/ spoil her?*).

Joe 3:18 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim.

Joe 3:19 Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence *against* the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land.

Joe 3:20 But Judah shall dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.

Joe 3:21 For I will cleanse their blood *that* I have not cleansed: for the LORD dwelleth in Zion (**Jerusalem**).

Joel 3:9 through 3:21

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