

I Thessalonians

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Joel 2:30-32

- (30) "I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth, blood, fire and columns of smoke.
(31) "The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and awesome **day of the LORD** comes.
(32) "And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the LORD will be delivered; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be those who escape, as the LORD has said, even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.

Chapter 3

Joel 3:1-21

- (1) "For behold, in those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem,
(2) I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there on behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; and they have divided up My land.
(3) "They have also cast lots for My people, traded a boy for a harlot and sold a girl for wine that they may drink.
(4) "Moreover, what are you to Me, O Tyre, Sidon and all the regions of Philistia? Are you rendering Me a recompense? But if you do recompense Me, swiftly and speedily I will return your recompense on your head.
(5) "Since you have taken My silver and My gold, brought My precious treasures to your temples,
(6) and sold the sons of Judah and Jerusalem to the Greeks in order to remove them far from their territory,
(7) behold, I am going to arouse them from the place where you have sold them, and return your recompense on your head.
(8) "Also I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the sons of Judah, and they will sell them to the Sabeans, to a distant nation," for the LORD has spoken.
(9) Proclaim this among the nations: prepare a war; rouse the mighty men! Let all the soldiers draw near, let them come up!
(10) Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say, "I am a mighty man."
(11) Hasten and come, all you surrounding nations, and gather yourselves there. Bring down, O LORD, Your mighty ones.
(12) Let the nations be aroused and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations.
(13) Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, tread, for the wine press is full; the vats overflow, for their wickedness is great.
(14) Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the **day of the LORD** is near in the valley of decision.
(15) The sun and moon grow dark and the stars lose their brightness.
(16) The LORD roars from Zion and utters His voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth tremble. But the LORD is a refuge for His people and a stronghold to the sons of Israel.
(17) Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, dwelling in Zion, My holy mountain. So Jerusalem will be holy, and strangers will pass through it no more.
(18) And in that day the mountains will drip with sweet wine, and the hills will flow with milk, and all the brooks of Judah will flow with water; and a spring will go out from the house of the LORD to water the valley of Shittim.
(19) Egypt will become a waste, and Edom will become a desolate wilderness, because of the violence done to the sons of Judah, in whose land they have shed innocent blood.
(20) But Judah will be inhabited forever and Jerusalem for all generations.
(21) And I will avenge their blood which I have not avenged, for the LORD dwells in Zion.

“Day of the Lord” (continued)

11. God will display supernatural wonders in the sky to introduce the Day of the lord (Joel 2:31).
12. The supernatural wonders are a sign for the rescue of those who call on the name of the Lord (Joel 2:32).
13. The fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem will be restored (Joel 3:1).
14. Gentile nations will be judged for their treatment of Israel & the Israelites in the Valley of Jehoshaphat (Joel 3:2).
 - Note: The **Abrahamic Covenant (Gen. 12:1-3)**.
 - A binding, unconditional covenant (Gen 12:1-3).
 - Includes three things:
 - Land
 - Seed (physical progeny)
 - Blessing
15. A great war between the Lord and His armies against gentile nations and their armies will be fought.
16. The Lord will emerge victorious.
17. The Lord will live on the earth and rule from Jerusalem.
 - Note: The fulfillment of **Davidic Covenant** (2 Sam 7:12-13).
18. Israel will receive the land that God promised to them.
 - Note: The fulfillment of **Palestinian Covenant** or the land grant made to Israel (Gen 13:14; 15:18-21; Deut 1:7-8; 11:24; Nu 34:1-12).
19. Israel will be blessed in the land (Joel 3:18).

Definition of “Day of the Lord” – A fixed period of time where the Lord deals with mankind in executing judgment, establishing His reign and blessing His earthly people through fulfilling His four unconditional covenants made to regenerate Israel.

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