

THE MESSAGE OF THE PROPHET JOEL
THE DAY OF THE LORD IS COMING

JOEL CHAPTER 3:4-21

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**"WHEN THE END
BECOMES THE BEGINNING"**

THE COMING OF THE DAY OF THE LORD DRAWS NEAR

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Judgment, Revival, Repentance, Hope, Humility

Introduction to the Text;

Joel 3:4-21

Statement of Textual Summation and Theme

WHEN THE END BECOMES THE BEGINNING

1.) *Is when what's wrong with man comes out* v.4-8

The Situation:

4 "Indeed, what have you to do with Me, O Tyre and Sidon, and all the coasts of Philistia? Will you retaliate against Me? But if you retaliate against Me, Swiftly and speedily I will return your retaliation upon your own head; **5** Because you have taken My silver and My gold, And have carried into your temples My prized possessions.

6 Also the people of Judah and the people of Jerusalem You have sold to the Greeks, (Alexander The Great) That you may remove them far from their borders. **7** "Behold, I will raise them Out of the place to which you have sold

them, And will return your retaliation upon your own head. **8** I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the people of Judah, And they will sell them to the Sabeans, (Arabia) To a people far off;
For the LORD has spoken.”

IS WHEN WHAT'S WRONG WITH MAN COMES OUT

1a.) *Is that man is a thief*

Verse 4-5

4 “Indeed, what have you to do with Me, O Tyre and Sidon, and all the coasts of Philistia? Will you retaliate against Me? But if you retaliate against Me, Swiftly and speedily I will return your retaliation upon your own head; **5** Because you have taken My silver and My gold, And have carried into your temples My prized possessions.

IS WHEN WHAT'S WRONG WITH MAN COMES OUT

1b.) *Is that man is without conscience*

Verse 6-8

Also the people of Judah and the people of Jerusalem You have sold to the Greeks, (Alexander The Great) That you may remove them far from their borders. **7** “Behold, I will raise them Out of the place to which you have sold them, And will return your retaliation upon your own head. **8** I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the people of Judah, And they will sell them to the Sabeans, (Arabia) To a people far off;
For the LORD has spoken.”

WHEN THE END BECOMES THE BEGINNING

2.) *Is when a gathering storm is called*

v.9-16

IS WHEN A GATHERING STORM COMES

2a.) *When man's heart is unleashed*

Verse 9-11

9 Proclaim this among the nations: “Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty men, *(God says, You Wanna Fight?)* Let all the men of war draw near, Let them come up. **10** Beat your plowshares into swords And your pruning hooks into spears; Let the weak (the little nations) say, “I’m strong too.’ ” **11** Assemble and come, all you nations. And gather together all around. *(here Joel says) - Cause Your mighty ones to go down there, O LORD.*

Rev. 14:14-20

Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat *One* like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. **15** And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, “Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.” **16** So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped. **:17** Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. **:18** And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, “Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe.” **19** So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw *it* into the great winepress of the wrath of God. **20** And the winepress was trampled **outside the city** (Kidron, Jehosaphat and beyond), and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses’ bridles (5.6 ft. high), for one thousand six hundred furlongs. (180 miles long)

IS WHEN A GATHERING STORM COMES

2b.) *Is when the end of man's rule is near*

Verse 12-15

12 “Let the nations be wakened, 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, go down; For the winepress is full, The vats overflow—
For their wickedness *is* great

Verse 13

Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; For the winepress is full, The vats overflow— For their wickedness *is* great.”

Revelation 19:14-18

And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. **15** Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. **16** And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. **:17** Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, “Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, **18** that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all *people*, free and slave, both small and great.”

Isaiah Prophesied of This...

Isaiah 63:1-4

Who *is* this who comes from Edom, With dyed garments from Bozrah, This *One who is* glorious in His apparel, Traveling in the greatness of His strength?— “I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save.” **2** Why *is* Your apparel red, And Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? **3** “I have trodden the winepress alone, And from the peoples no one *was* with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, And trampled them in My fury; Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, And I have stained all My robes. **4** For the day of vengeance *is* in My heart, And the year of My redeemed has come.

John 5:22

For the Father judges no one,
but has committed all judgment to the Son,

Verse 13b

For the winepress is full,
The vats overflow — For their wickedness *is* great.”

The Lord Monitors Sin, It's Recorded in Heaven

Gen. 15:16

...for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete

Verse 14-15

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 will grow dark,
And the stars will diminish their brightness.

IS WHEN A GATHERING STORM COMES

2c.) And the clouds reveal His coming

Verse 16

The LORD also will **roar** from Zion, And **utter His voice** from Jerusalem;
The heavens and earth will shake; **But** the LORD will be a **shelter** for His
people, and the **strength** of the children of Israel...

Matt. 24:29-30

“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. **30** Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

He Will Roar

Rev.6:15

And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, **16** and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! **17** For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

WHEN THE END BECOMES THE BEGINNING

3.) *Is when Jesus Christ returns to earth* v.17-21

The Restoration:

17 "So you shall know that I *am* the LORD your God, Dwelling in Zion My holy mountain. Then Jerusalem shall be holy, And no aliens shall ever pass through her again." **18** And it will come to pass in that day *That* the mountains shall drip with new wine, The hills shall flow with milk, And all the brooks of Judah shall be flooded with water; A fountain shall flow from the house of the LORD And water the Valley of Acacias. **19** "Egypt shall be a desolation, And Edom a desolate wilderness, Because of violence *against* the people of Judah, For they have shed innocent blood in their land. **20** But Judah shall abide forever, And Jerusalem from generation to generation. **21** For I will acquit them of the guilt of bloodshed, whom I had not acquitted; For the LORD dwells in Zion."

IS WHEN JESUS CHRIST RETURNS

3a.) *Environmental things get fixed*

Verse 17-18

The Restoration: via Revival

17 "So you shall know that I *am* the LORD your God, Dwelling in Zion My holy mountain. Then Jerusalem shall be holy, And no aliens (Unbelieving gentiles) shall ever pass through her again."

But Read the Fine Print my Gentile Friend...

Zech. 8:22

Yes, many peoples and strong nations Shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, And to pray before the LORD.' :23 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: "In those days ten men (gentiles) from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man and say, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard *that God is with you.*"

Zech. 14:16

And it shall come to pass *that* everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. 17 And it shall be *that* whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain. 18 If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they *shall have no rain*; they shall receive the plague with which the LORD strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. 19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

Verse 18

18 And it will come to pass *in that day* That the mountains shall drip with new wine, The hills shall flow with milk, And all the rivers of Judah shall be flooded with water;

**All the Great Cities of the World were Built on Rivers.
The Rome's, The Babylon's, The London's, Cairo's...**

Jerusalem was Built about as Far Away from a
River as You Could Get - - but why?

**Because The Lord Had Told Jerusalem
That They Would Have to Depend Upon Him for Water...**

Look To Me For Help From Above - Say's The Lord

Verse 18

A fountain shall flow **from the house of the LORD**
And water the Valley of Acacias.

Zech 14:8-9

And **in that day** it shall be *That* living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, Half of them toward the eastern sea And half of them toward the western sea; In both summer and winter it shall occur. **9** And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. **In that day** it shall be— “The LORD is one,” And His name one.

At this Time, The Waters of the World are Bloody and Stinky.
(tribulation damage)

Healing Will Then Flow Out from the Temple, Beside the
Altar, from Jerusalem, to the world...

Ezek. 47:9-10

Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live. **:10** Fishermen will stand along the shore; from En Gedi to En Eglaim there will be places for spreading nets. The fish will be of many kinds — like the fish of the Great Sea.

This is Going to Be Awesome;

The "Reverse" Happens from What Happened In Egypt

IS WHEN JESUS CHRIST RETURNS

3b.) Political things get fixed

Verse 19

“Egypt shall be a desolation, And Edom a desolate wilderness, Because of violence *against* the people of Judah, For they have shed innocent blood in their land.

IS WHEN JESUS CHRIST RETURNS

3c.) *Judicial things get fixed*

Verse 20-21

20 But Judah shall abide forever, And Jerusalem from generation to generation.

21 For I will acquit them of the guilt of bloodshed, whom I had not acquitted; For the LORD dwells in Zion.”

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Israel is Going to Abide Forever -

This Must Have Driven Hitler Out of His Glockenspiel

This Must Drive Anti-Semitic's Mad

This Drive's Hezbollah and Hamas Crazy

(Tonight We Live In Between Israel's Robe)

What Terrible Times are Ahead.

we need to pray for **ourselves**

we need to pray for our **friends**

we need to pray for our **city**

we need to pray for our **state**

we need to pray for our **nation**

we need to pray for our **world**

Once the church is raptured out of here,
the nations will turn on Israel like never before

The Roll of The Church Toward Israel Today

Rom. 11:11

I say then, has Israel stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, I have brought salvation to the Gentiles.

If You Need Ministry of Any Kind

as soon as this song is over, you come forward today, and experience
God's mercy and grace in your own life.

End of Study
