

Israel Renewed Joel 2:12-32

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General References: Joel 2:12-32, Volume 4 Pages 517-520

1) What is the timeframe for Joel 2:12-17? Joel 2:1

a. **Answer:** *Our Lord's second presence, specifically the time of trouble or the day of the Lord's vengeance, see verse 10-11.*

b. **Scriptures:**

i. **Joel 2:1:** Blow a trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm on My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, For the day of the LORD is coming; Surely it is near,

2) What events happened during this period? Joel 2:12-17

"Rend your heart" - Joel 2:12, Isa. 57:15 –

Answer: *Mankind will be humbled by the trouble. It will help break their stony heart and make it possible for God to write His law on it – under the New Covenant.*

Isa. 57:15: For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, "I dwell *on* a high and holy place, And *also* with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite.

"Trumpet in Zion" - Joel 2:13, Joel 1:14 –

Answer: *Harvest message proclaimed during the harvest of the Gospel Age. Bro. Russell was the one used to present the message.*

"Sanctify the people" - Joel 2:16, 2 Chron. 29:5

Answer: *Sanctify the congregation – the church so that the bride can come out of her chamber. This refers to the completion of the church – so that blessings mentioned later can be fulfilled.*

2 Chron. 29:5: Then he said to them, "Listen to me, O Levites. Consecrate yourselves now, and consecrate the house of the LORD, the God of your fathers, and carry the uncleanness out from the holy place.

"Your inheritance an object of scorn" - Joel 2:17, Exo. 34:9, Isa. 63:17-18

Answer: *Reference to the nation of Israel. God's promises to them will be fulfilled and they will no longer be an object of scorn among the nations.*

Ex. 34:9: and said—If, I pray thee, I have found favour in thine eyes, O My Lord, I pray thee let My Lord go on in our midst,—although a stiff-necked people, it is, so wilt thou pardon our iniquity and our sin and take us as thine own.

Isa. 63:17-18: Wherefore shouldst thou suffer us to wander O Yahweh, from thy ways? Wherefore shouldst thou let us harden our heart past revering thee? Return thou for the sake of Thy servants, The tribes thou thyself hast inherited. (18) For a short time only, did thy holy people hold possession,—Our adversaries, trod down thy sanctuary!

3) What is the timeframe for Joel 2:18-19? Dan. 12:1, D518

a. **Answer:** *During our Lord's parousia, the Jewish double is lifted and favor returns to Israel. Michael stands up – for His people.*

b. **Scriptures:**

i. **Dan. 12:1:** And, at that time, will Michael, the great ruler who standeth for the sons of thy people, make a stand, and there will be a time of trouble, such as never was since there

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was a nation, up to that time,—and, at that time, shall thy people, be delivered, every one found written in the book;

- ii. **D518:** The time of trouble, the "day of vengeance," with which this age will close and the Millennial age will open, will not only be a just recompense for misused privileges, but it will tend to humble the arrogance of men and to make them "poor in spirit," and ready for the great blessings God is ready to pour upon all flesh. ([Joe 2:28](#)) Thus he wounds to heal.

4) What events are happening during this period? Joel 2:18-19

"Jealous for His land" – Joel 2:18, Lev. 25:23, Zech. 8:2

Answer: *God is jealous for the land that He promised to Abraham and will both bring Israel back to it and give it to them for an inheritance.*

Lev. 25:23: 'The land, moreover, shall not be sold permanently, for the land is Mine; for you are *but* aliens and sojourners with Me.

Zech. 8:2-8: "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'I am exceedingly jealous for Zion, yes, with great wrath I am jealous for her.' (3) "Thus says the LORD, 'I will return to Zion and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth, and the mountain of the LORD of hosts *will be called* the Holy Mountain.' (4) "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Old men and old women will again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each man with his staff in his hand because of age. (5) 'And the streets of the city will be filled with boys and girls playing in its streets.' (6) "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'If it is too difficult in the sight of the remnant of this people in those days, will it also be too difficult in My sight?' declares the LORD of hosts. (7) "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Behold, I am going to save My people from the land of the east and from the land of the west; (8) and I will bring them *back* and they will live in the midst of Jerusalem; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God in truth and righteousness.'

"Pity on His people" – Joel 2:18, Deut. 32:43

Answer: *God will have pity on His people, natural Israel, and His favor will return to them after the time of their disfavor.*

Deut. 32:43: "Rejoice, O nations, *with* His people; For He will avenge the blood of His servants, And will render vengeance on His adversaries, And will atone for His land *and* His people."

"Enough to satisfy" – Joel 2:19, Joel 2:26

Answer: *Israel will be satisfied with their blessings under the New Covenant.*

Joel 2:26: "You will have plenty to eat and be satisfied And praise the name of the LORD your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; Then My people will never be put to shame.

"Object of scorn to all nations" – Joel 2:19, Ezek. 34:29

Answer: *God will not make Israel an object of scorn among the nations anymore. Their favor shall be restored. Other nations will come and say, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. Isa. 2:1-4; Zech. 8:23;*

Ezek. 34:29: "I will establish for them a renowned planting place, and they will not again be victims of famine in the land, and they will not endure the insults of the nations anymore.

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5) **What is the timeframe for Joel 2:20-27?** Jer. 30:7

a. **Answer:** God saves Israel from Gog and Magog (Jacob's trouble) and then blesses Israel under the New Covenant.

b. **Scriptures:**

i. **Jer. 30:7:** Alas! for, great, is that day, so that none is like it,—Yea, a time of anguish it is for Jacob, But out of it, shall he be saved.

6) **What events will happen during this period?** Joel 2:20-27

"Drive the northern hoard away" – Joel 2:20, Rev. 16:16, Zech. 12:9-11, Zech. 14:1-3

Answer: God defeats Gog and his hordes. He saves Israel in Jacob's trouble.

Rev 16:16: And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon.

Zech. 12:9-11: "And in that day I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

(10) "I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn. (11) "In that day there will be great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

Zech. 14:1-3: Behold, a day is coming for the LORD when the spoil taken from you will be divided among you. (2) For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. (3) Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle.

"Send forth rain & crops" – Joel 2:22-24, Psa. 104:11-15, Psa. 147:8-9, Isa. 51:3, B256

Answer: Blessings of the kingdom – the New Covenant;

Psa. 104:11-15: They give drink to every beast of the field; The wild donkeys quench their thirst. Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell; They lift up *their* voices among the branches. He waters the mountains from His upper chambers; The earth is satisfied with the fruit of His works. He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, And vegetation for the labor of man, So that he may bring forth food from the earth, And wine which makes man's heart glad, So that he may make *his* face glisten with oil, And food which sustains man's heart.

Psa. 147:8-9:

Isa. 51:3:

B256:

"Never again will my people be ashamed" – Joel 2:26-27, 1 Pet. 2:6

Answer: Natural Israel will no longer be ashamed.

1 Pet. 2:6: For *this* is contained in Scripture: "BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNER *stone*, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."

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"Know I am the Lord your God" – Joel 2:27, Ezek. 39:22,28, Lev. 26:12

Answer: *As a result of their deliverance, God will be sanctified in the eyes of Israel. They will once again know and recognize that Yhwh is their God.*

Ezek. 39:22,28: "And the house of Israel will know that I am the LORD their God from that day onward.... Then they will know that I am the LORD their God because I made them go into exile among the nations, and then gathered them *again* to their own land; and I will leave none of them there any longer.

Lev. 26:12: 'I will also walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.'

7) What is the timeframe for Joel 2:28-32? Psa. 118:18-27, D368-369

a. **Answer:** *The time-frame includes both the Millennial age (vs. 28, 32) and the great time of trouble in the harvest of the Gospel Age (vs. 30-31).*

i. **Psa. 118:18-27:** The LORD has disciplined me severely, But He has not given me over to death. (19) Open to me the gates of righteousness; I shall enter through them, I shall give thanks to the LORD. (20) This is the gate of the LORD; The righteous will enter through it. (21) I shall give thanks to You, for You have answered me, And You have become my salvation. (22) The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief corner *stone*. (23) This is the LORD'S doing; It is marvelous in our eyes. (24) This is the day which the LORD has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it. (25) O LORD, do save, we beseech You; O LORD, we beseech You, do send prosperity! (26) Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD; We have blessed you from the house of the LORD. (27) The LORD is God, and He has given us light; Bind the festival sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

ii. **D368-69:** True, these combinations of capital have in the past accomplished great enterprises which single individuals could not have accomplished so quickly or so well. Indeed, private corporative enterprise has taken and successfully carried risks which the public would have condemned and defeated if undertaken by the government. We are not to be understood as holding up vast accumulations of capital to wholesale condemnation; but we are pointing out that every year's experience not only adds largely to their financial power, but also to their sagacity, and that we are rapidly nearing the point where the people's interests and very liberties are threatened, if indeed we are not already there. Everybody says, Something must be done! but what to do nobody knows. The fact is, mankind is helplessly at the mercy of these giant outgrowths of the present selfish social system, and the only hope is in God. True, also, these giants are usually headed by men of ability who thus far generally seem disposed to use their power in moderation. Nevertheless, the power is being concentrated; and the ability, guided in the main by selfishness, will be likely from time to time to tighten the screws upon their servants and the public as opportunities permit and circumstances favor. These giants threaten the human family now as literal giants threatened it over four thousand years ago. Those giants were "men of renown"--men of wonderful ability and sagacity, above the fallen Adamic race; they were a hybrid

8) What events will happen during this period? Joel 2:28-32, D517-520

"Pour out my spirit" – Joel 2:28, Isa. 40:5

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Answer: *God will pour out His spirit upon the entire human family during Christ's kingdom. Vs.28*

Isa. 40:5: *Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, And all flesh will see it together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."*

"I will show wonders" – Joel 2:30, 1 Kings 8:60.

Answer: *During the time of trouble, God's intervention will show that He is the only true and living God. That demonstration will continue during Christ's kingdom when the God will be sanctified in the eyes of all people.*

1 Kings 8:60: *so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God; there is no one else.*

"Everyone who calls will be saved" – Joel 2:32, Acts 2:21, Isa. 11:16, Rom. 10:13, Luke 3:6

Answer: *All who call will be saved – both of the church and particularly, the world of mankind. This is primarily fulfilled during the time of trouble, those who call upon the Lord of spiritual Israel and natural Israel will be saved. However, in the Millennium, all who call upon the name of the Lord will also be saved. Zion – pictures the spiritual phase of the kingdom in which is spiritual salvation. Jerusalem pictures the earthly phase of the kingdom in which is earthly salvation.*

Acts 2:21: *'AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.'*

Isa. 11:16: *And there will be a highway from Assyria For the remnant of His people who will be left, Just as there was for Israel In the day that they came up out of the land of Egypt.*

Rom. 10:13: *for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."*

Luke 3:6: *AND ALL FLESH WILL SEE THE SALVATION OF GOD."*