

Joel 2:1-32 **The Day of Yahweh (The Lord)**

A Time of Trouble – None Like It Before or After

The Day of the Lord

1 Blow the trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; For the day of Yahweh (the Lord) is coming, For it is at hand:

2 A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, Like the morning clouds spread over the mountains. A people come, great and strong, The like of whom has never been; Nor will there ever be any such after them, Even for many successive generations.

3 A fire devours before them, And behind them a flame burns; The land is like the Garden of Eden before them, And behind them a desolate wilderness; Surely nothing shall escape them.

4 Their appearance is like the appearance of horses; And like swift steeds, so they run.

5 With a noise like chariots Over mountaintops they leap, Like the noise of a flaming fire that devours the stubble, Like a strong people set in battle array.

6 Before them the people writhe in pain; All faces are drained of color.

7 They run like mighty men, They climb the wall like men of war; Every one marches in formation, And they do not break ranks.

8 They do not push one another; Every one marches in his own column. Though they lunge between the weapons, They are not cut down.

9 They run to and fro in the city, They run on the wall; They climb into the houses, They enter at the windows like a thief.

10 The earth quakes before them, The heavens tremble; The sun and moon grow dark, And the stars diminish their brightness.

11 Yahweh (the Lord) gives voice before His army, For His camp is very great; For strong is the One who executes His word. For the day of Yahweh (the Lord) is great and very terrible; Who can endure it?

A Call to Repentance

12 "Now, therefore," says Yahweh (the Lord), "Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning."

13 So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to Yahweh Eloheykem (the Lord your God), For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm.

14 Who knows if He will turn and relent, And leave a blessing behind Him — A grain offering and a drink offering For Yahweh Eloheykem (the Lord your God)?

15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly;

16 Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children and nursing babes; Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, And the bride from her dressing room.

17 Let the priests, who minister to Yahweh (the Lord), Weep between the porch and the altar; Let them say, "Spare Your people, O Yahweh (Lord), And do not give Your heritage to reproach, That the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is Eloheyhem (their God)?'"

Yahweh promised to respond to their repentance with great blessings

18 Then Yahweh (the Lord) will be zealous for His land, And pity His people.

19 Yahweh (The Lord) will answer and say to His people, "Behold, I will send you grain and new wine and oil, And you will be satisfied by them; I will no longer make you a reproach among the nations.

20 "But I will remove far from you the northern army, And will drive him away into a barren and desolate land, With his face toward the eastern sea And his back toward the western sea; His stench will come up, And his foul odor will rise, Because he has done monstrous things."

Restoration of the Kingdom Age

21 Fear not, O land; Be glad and rejoice, For Yahweh (the Lord) has done marvelous things!

22 Do not be afraid, you beasts of the field; For the open pastures are springing up, And the tree bears its fruit; The fig tree and the vine yield their strength.

23 Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in Yahweh Eloheykem (the Lord your God); For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you — The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month.

24 The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, And the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil.

25 "So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you.

26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, And praise the name of Yahweh Eloheykem (the Lord your God), Who has dealt wondrously with you; And My people shall never be put to shame.

27 Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: I am Yahweh Eloheykem (the Lord your God) And there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame.

God's Spirit Poured Out

28 "And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.

29 And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

30 "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.

31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of Yahweh (the Lord).

32 And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of Yahweh (the Lord) Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As Yahweh (the Lord) has said, Among the remnant whom Yahweh (the Lord) calls.

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Facts Revealed:

The Day of the Lord [Joel 2:1-11]

✧ Blow the trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; For the day of Yahweh (the Lord) is coming, For it is at hand:

A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, Like the morning clouds spread over the mountains. A people come, great and strong, The like of whom has

never been; Nor will there ever be any such after them, Even for many successive generations. [Joel 2:1-2, Daniel 12:1, Matthew 24:21, Mark 13:19, Luke 21:22, Revelation 6:7-8]

✧ **The Day of Yahweh** was introduced in chapter 1 as a time of trouble unequalled in the history of mankind from creation to the very end of the world.

✧ **Yahweh called the plague of Locust a people great and strong, the like of them has never been nor will ever be again.**

Description of the Locust and their impact on the land [Joel 2:3-10]

✧ Though the land is like the Garden of Eden before them it is left totally devastated like a wilderness after them because nothing will escape them. [Joel 2:3]

✧ This plague is fully against all vegetation and is probably among the destructive signs introducing the Great Tribulation. [Revelation 6:5-8]

✧ Their appearance is like horses, their sound is like the roar of devouring fire. [Joel 2:4-5]

✧ The appearance and sound of the locust is similar to the locust that touch no vegetation but harm only the people without the protective seal of God for five months. [Revelation 9:1-9]

✧ The People writhe in pain before them, all faces are drained of color as they watch their food being destroyed before their own eyes. [Joel 2:6]

✧ They move like locust climbing walls, running on the walls, climbing into houses, entering windows like thieves. They march in orderly columns and weapons of mankind have no impact on them. [Joel 2:7-9]

✧ They are accompanied by earth quakes, and signs in the heavens, the sun and moon grow dark, the stars diminish their brightness. [Joel 2:10]

✧ It is interesting that whenever God steps in to take personal action against evil there is the lighting effect put into place as the sun and moon go dark and the stars dim. According to Genesis creation story, the sun, moon, and stars were made for signs first and light secondly. [Genesis 1:14-15]

✧ Many of the prophecies regarding the signs of the sun, moon, and stars are in the setting of the "Day of Yahweh (The Lord)." [Isaiah 13:4-10, Joel 2:10, 3:14-17, Matthew 24:29-31, Luke 21:25-28, Mark 13:24-27, Revelation 8:12]

✧ The Locusts are under the command of Yahweh who speaks of them as His army, and His camp is very great, His power is very strong to execute His Word.

✧ The Day of Yahweh (The Lord) is great and very terrible. He asked, "Who can endure it?" [Joel 2:11]

A Call to Repentance [Joel 2:12-17]

✧ Yahweh finds no pleasure in the death of sinners, so He calls them to repent and return to Him so He can show them mercy. [Joel 2:12, Ezekiel 18:23, 32, 33:11, 2 Peter 3:9]

✧ Yahweh is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm. [Joel 2:13]

✧ The way to avoid the wrath of Yahweh is for the nation to wholeheartedly return to Him beginning with the religious leaders calling for sacred assembly and public fasting with fervent prayer and weeping.

✧ The call includes everyone, the priests, the people, the elders, the children and the nursing babes, the bride and the groom.

✧ It must be a testimony to the world that Israel has fully returned to their God with all their heart.

Yahweh promised to respond to their repentance with great blessings [Joel 2:18-27]

✧ After punishing the people for their sins as a warning to the world at large, Yahweh will again be zealous for His Land and will pity His people. [Joel 2:18]

- ✧ Yahweh will satisfy His people with abundance of harvest in grain, new wine and oil and they will no longer be a reproach among the nations. [Joel 2:19]
- ✧ Yahweh will remove the northern army and his foul odor will rise. [Joel 2:20, Ezekiel 38:1 – 39:29]

Restoration of the Kingdom Age [Joel 2:21-27]

- ✧ The curse will be gone and the land refreshed abundantly.
- ✧ The former and later rains will be restored.
- ✧ The beasts of the field will thrive on open pastures.
- ✧ The trees and vineyards will produce abundantly and the earth will yield its strength in the fruit.
- ✧ Yahweh will restore the years that were lost during the time of punishment of their sins.
- ✧ The people will eat in plenty and be satisfied.
- ✧ They will praise the name of Yahweh Eloheykem and know that He is in their midst and that there is no other God.
- ✧ They will never again be put to shame.

God's Spirit Poured Out [Joel 2:28-32]

- ✧ "And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.

And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. [Joel 2:28-29]

- ✧ After the plague of Locust and its desolation and before the coming of the great and awesome Day of Yahweh (the Lord); Yahweh will pour out His Spirit on all flesh.
- ✧ "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.

The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of Yahweh (the Lord). [Joel 2:30-31]

- ✧ Signs in the Sky often accompany a special move of Yahweh as He reveals Himself to mankind by a mighty display of His power.
- ✧ And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of Yahweh (the Lord) Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As Yahweh (the Lord) has said, Among the remnant whom Yahweh (the Lord) calls. [Joel 2:32]
- ✧ Throughout the Great Tribulation and to the establishment of the Kingdom of God, Yahweh continues to call for repentance for salvation and whoever turns to Him through that time will be saved. [Joel 2:32, Revelation 12:13-17, 13:1-17, 14:12-13,
- ✧ They might be beheaded by the Antichrist and False Prophet for refusing the mark of the beast, but their soul will be saved.
- ✧ Evidence that God is looking for repentance through the Great Tribulation is the call to repentance, and the reference to the fact that the wicked do not repent. [Revelation 2:5, 16, 21, 22, 3:19, 9:20, 21, 16:9, 11]