

Announcement from God: Israel Shall be Delivered

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

III. The Proclamation of God (Joel 2:18 -32)

18 Then will the LORD be jealous(have zeal) for his land, and pity his people.

A. God's Response (Joel 2:19-32)

1. I will send Sustenance (Joel 2:19) - I'm Going to take care of you

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 among the heathen:

2. I will send Security (Joel 2:20-22)

20 But I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things.

- God does deliver Judah from the attack of the Assyrian Army and only the Northern kingdom is taken captive
- 100 years later Babylon takes Judah Captive
- Ezekiel 38-39 speaks of the Great Tribulation where an army comes from the North to attack Israel
- This description fits the battle of Armageddon also

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

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.

3. I will send Satisfaction (Joel 2:23-27)

23 Be glad(rejoice) then, ye children of Zion, 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.

- The Former rain is in the month Marchesvan (our September & October) their seed or springtime
- The Latter rain in in the month Nisan (our March & April) their harvest time or fall

The Raining of God's Word

Deuteronomy 32:2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:

Know God

Hosea 6:3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to **know the LORD**: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and **he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.**

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

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

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.

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.**

4. I will send My Spirit (Joel 2:28-32)

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

29 And also **upon the servants and upon the handmaids** in those days **will I pour out my spirit.**

30 And **I will shew 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 great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

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.