

## God Judges Israel's Enemies

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

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

#### B. God's Great **Tribulation** (Joel 3:1-16)

1 For, behold, **in those days**, and in that time, **when I shall bring again**(**turn again**) the captivity(**prisoners**) of Judah and Jerusalem,

#### C. Israel's Enemies Receive **Judgment** (Joel 3)

##### 1. **Punishment** - The Enemy Gets what they Gave

2 I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into **the valley of Jehoshaphat**, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

3 And **they have cast lots for my people**; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink.

4 Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the coasts of Palestine? will ye render me a recompence? and if ye recompense me, swiftly and speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head;

5 **Because ye have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly pleasant things:**

6 The children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem **have ye sold** unto the Grecians, that ye might remove them far from their border.

7 Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, **AND WILL RETURN YOUR RECOMPENCE UPON YOUR OWN HEAD:**

8 And **I will sell your sons and your daughters** into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the **Sabeans**, to a people far off: for the LORD hath spoken it.

9 Proclaim ye this **among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up:**

##### 2. Preparation - Tools made into **weapons**

10 **Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears:** let the weak say, I am strong.

11 **Assemble yourselves**, and come, **all ye heathen**, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD.

12 Let **the heathen be wakened**, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.

13 **Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe:** come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great.

### **3. Pass - They had a chance to get it **right** with God**

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 the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

16 **The LORD also shall roar out of Zion,** and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but **the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.**

### **D. God's **Millennial** Kingdom (Joel 3:17-21)**

#### **1. **Protection** - No Invaders**

17 So shall ye know that I am the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall **no strangers pass through her any more.**

#### **2. **Prosperity** - Riches will abound**

18 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down **new wine**, and the hills shall **flow with milk**, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim.

#### **3. **Provision** - Israel will be ok**

19 Egypt shall be a desolation, and **Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence against the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land.**

20 But **Judah shall dwell for ever, and Jerusalem** from generation to generation.

21 For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed: for the LORD dwelleth in Zion.