

*I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.*

Joel 2:28

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Rend your Heart

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Joel 2:1-17

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Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming. It is close at hand

2 a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness. Like dawn spreading across the mountains a large and mighty army comes, such as never was in ancient times nor ever will be in ages to come.



**God Warns About
the Day of the
Lord**

Joel 2:3-5

3 Before them fire devours, behind them a flame blazes.

Before them the land is like the garden of Eden,
behind them, a desert waste— nothing escapes them.

4 They have the appearance of horses; they gallop along like
cavalry. 5 With a noise like that of chariots they leap over the
mountaintops, like a crackling fire consuming stubble,
like a mighty army drawn up for battle.

Joel 2:6-9

6 At the sight of them, nations are in anguish; every face turns pale. 7 They charge like warriors; they scale walls like soldiers.

They all march in line, not swerving from their course.

8 They do not jostle each other; each marches straight ahead. They plunge through defenses without breaking ranks.

9 They rush upon the city; they run along the wall. They climb into the houses; like thieves they enter through the windows.

Joel 2:10-11

10 Before them the earth shakes, the heavens tremble, the sun and moon are darkened, and the stars no longer shine.

11 The LORD thunders at the head of his army; his forces are beyond number, and mighty is the army that obeys his command.

The day of the LORD is great; it is dreadful.

Who can endure it?

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**The Judgement of God
in the OT is often
conditional**

Jonah Goes to Nineveh – Chapter 3

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: **2** “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

3 Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. **4** Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” **5** The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

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**However, the
Judgement of God can
also be prophetic**

Luke 21:20-24

20 “When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near. 21 Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city. 22 For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written. 23 How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! There will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people. 24 They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

Two Important Clarifications

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2. The Judgement and Wrath of God is essential in understanding the Grace of God

2 Peter 3:8-9

8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

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Application – Joel
2:11-17



1. Rend Your Heart

Joel 2:12-14

12 “Even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.”

13 **Rend your heart and not your garments.** Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. 14 Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing— grain offerings and drink offerings for the LORD your God.

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**2. Leave your
comfort and
tradition**

Joel 2:15-16

**15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast,
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children, those nursing at the breast.**

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3. Corporate Sanctification

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PRAYER

