

6. The Second Coming of Christ with the establishment of the Millennial Kingdom – Joel 2:30-32. (Acts 15:15-17)

Joel 2:30, “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 the Lord. 32) And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance. As Lord has said, among the remnant whom the Lord calls.”

- “blood” – when the 4th seal judgment is opened, ¼ of the world’s population will be killed (Revelation 6:8). The trumpet judgment will destroy 1/3 of both sea and human life (Revelation 8:9; 9:15). At the battle of Armageddon blood will reach to the horse bridle for a distance of 200 miles in circumference (Rev. 14:20).
- “fire” – during the Trumpet judgment a censer of fire will be flung to the earth burning 1/3 of all vegetation. The 4th Bowl will produce an unbearable scorching of men with fire (Revelation 16:8).

Acts 15:15, “And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written: 16) ‘After this I will return and will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up; 17) So that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, says the Lord who does all these things.’”

7. The judgment of the nations at the Second Coming of Christ – Joel 3:1-16.

8. The full blessing of the Millennial Kingdom upon God’s redeemed people – Joel 3:17-21. (Zechariah 14:1-21)

Additional Notes: _____



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“Unfolding the Majestic Prophecies of Joel”
Message #2 in the series, JOEL
Bible Text: Joel 2:1-3:21**

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- Joel is the (1) _____ writing prophet and he looks centuries ahead and sees the Day of the Lord coming!

**8 MAJESTIC PROPHETIC EVENTS
FORETOLD IN JOEL’S PROPHECY**

1. The invasion of Gentile nations upon Israel in the Holy Land under the leadership of the Antichrist – Joel 2:1-10; (Armageddon – Revelation 16:14).

Joel 2:1, “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 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.”

- 2:1, “Blow the trumpet on Zion” – correlates with (2) _____.
- 2:2, “A day of darkness and gloominess” – Joel prophetically is describing the Great (3) _____ coming!

Matthew 24:21, “For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.”

- The Great Tribulation begins the Day of the Lord, a period of time of apocalyptic events.

Joel 2:3, “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.”

- “a fire devours” – could it be nuclear attack during the Tribulation?

“Again in 2:1 Joel used his newly discovered and highly original phrase ‘the day of the Lord,’ which he described as ‘a day of darkness’ in 2:2. He went on to portray a country overrun by locusts. Probably his primary reference was to the Assyrian invasion (the subject of many later prophets), but since he used the phrase ‘the day of the Lord,’ we know that he was also referring to the terrible wars that will be fought during the days of the antichrist.”

-John Phillips, *Exploring the Minor Prophets* (Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, inc., 1998), 75.

- **PROPHECY:** The Assyrian invasion was over (4) _____ years after Joel’s time, and the Tribulation over (5) _____ years later!

Joel 2:4, “Their appearance is like the appearance of horses; and like swift steeds, so they run. 5) With noise like chariots over mountains 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.”

“We know from many Old Testament and New Testament prophets that the antichrist will take over the world in the day of the Lord. A number of wars will fought during the antichrist’s rise to power, and Israel will have a significant role in his strategy. Once the Jewish nation and people have served his purpose, however, the antichrist will turn against them and the blood bath of the great tribulation will threaten to exterminate the Hebrew people completely. This terrible persecution will purge Israel of radical unbelievers and the stage will be set for the battle of Armageddon. By that time the land of Israel will have been ravaged by foreign troops and thousands of her people will be dying daily. When Israel is in her last extremity, the Lord Jesus will return to rescue the beleaguered Hebrew people from the final conflict at Megiddo.”

-John Phillips, *Exploring The Minor Prophets* (Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications inc., 1998), 76.

2. The decimation of the enemies of Israel in this battle by the Lord’s host – Joel 2:10-11. (Revelation 19:11, 21)

Joel 2:10, “The earth quakes before them, the heavens tremble; the sun and moon grow dark, and the stars diminish their brightness. 11) 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 the Lord is great and very terrible; Who can endure it?”

Zechariah 14:2, “For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished. Half the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. 3) The Lord will go forth and fight against those nations.”

Revelation 19:11, “Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 21) And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.”

3. The mass conversion of Jews in the land of Israel during the Tribulation – Joel 2:12-17.

4. God’s promise of deliverance for His people – Joel 2:18-27.

Joel 2:18, “Then the Lord will be zealous for His land, and pity His people. 19) 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 land 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.’”

- God did not deliver Israel from Assyrian invasion (722 B.C.). Ezekiel describes in the “latter days” (Ezek. 38:8, 14, 16, 18; 39:8, 11) a huge confederacy of nations will descend upon Israel from the (6) _____. The confederacy of nations will be made up of Magog (Russia), Persia (Iran), Libya, Ethiopia (in North Africa), Gomer (Germany), and Togarmah (Turkey and Armenia) [Ezek. 38:2, 5-6].

- How will this army be defeated? God will use (7) _____ means to bring on its demise: earthquake; self-destruction; pestilence (disease); and the Lord will rain fire and brimstone on them (some interpret this as a nuclear explosion – Ezek. 39:4, 20-22).

5. The pouring out of the Holy Spirit in the mass conversion of Jews during the Tribulation – Joel 2:28-29.

Joel 2:28, “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.”

- “afterward” – an interesting (8) _____ thought.
- Partial (9) _____ was at Pentecost (Acts 2:16), however, it points toward the massive conversion of Jews during the Tribulation (Revelation 7 – 144,000 Jewish evangelists).