

Series: The Day of the Lord

Title: The Ultimate Day of the Lord

Text: Joel Chapter 3

The Immediate Day of the Lord: (Chapter 1)

The Imminent Day of the Lord: (Chapter 2)

II. Day of the Lord: The Assyrian Invasion: (Vs 1-27)

III. Day of the Lord: The Antichrist Invasion: (Vs 1-27)

IV. Day of the Lord: The Spirit of God: (Vs 2:28-32)

A. Sign of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. (vs 28-29)

1. Peter's Pentecost Sermon Text: (Vs 2:18-27)
2. Pentecost: ex of Joel's Prpohecy: (Acts 2:16-18)
3. Spirit now abides in the believer: (John 14:17)
4. Spirit given prior to Pentecost: (John 20:22)

B. Signs preceding the Day of the Lord. vs 30 - 32

1. Astonishing Wonders. vs 30, 31
 - a. Heaven & Earth impressive displays: **(vs 30)**
Catastrophic Cosmic Events: (Acts 2:19)
 - b. Sun & moon transformed: **(vs 31)** Acts 2:20
 - c. Nature welcomes her Sovereign back.
2. Basis of deliverance. (vs 32): CR: (Rom 10:13)
 - a. Whosoever calls in repentance & faith: Act 2:21

To Israel: "the last days" involve tribulation & exaltation (Isa. 2:1-5; Micah 4:1-5),

A time of trouble followed by a time of triumph& glory

To the Believer: "the last days" involve "perilous times" & apostasy in the Local churches (1 Tim. 4:1-5; 2 Tim. 3:1-8; 2 Peter 3:1-9; 1 John 2:18-23; Jude 18-19).

V. Day of the Lord: Judgment Poured Out: (3:1 - 16)

A. Nations Prepare for Judgment. (vs 1 - 8)

1. Restoration of Israel. **(Vs 1)**
 - a. Israel's Situation dramatically changes.
 - b. God deals justice to nations for treatment of His people Israel.
2. Judgment of the nations after the battle of Armageddon. (vs 2-14)
 - a. Man's day of decision is over. (vs 2-8)
 - 1.) 2fold purpose for invasion gathering. **(vs 2)**
 - 2.) Valley of the Lord's Decision. **(vs 14)**
 - a.) Man's decision has already been made.
 - b.) God's verdict of the unbeliever's judgment.
 - 3.) All Nations gathered. **(vs 2)**
 - a.) Man will not have the last word. God will.
 - b.) Man proposes but God disposes.
 - 4.) Crimes against God's people exposed. **(vs 3)**
 - a.) Scattered the Jewish People: (Vs2)
 - b.) Sold them into slavery: (Vs 3a)
 - c.) Treated them like merchandise: (Vs 3b,c)
 - 5.) Doom of Tyre and Zidon. (vs 4 - 8)
 - a.) Judgment to come swiftly. **(vs 4)**
 - b.) Desecrated the Holy things of God. **(vs 5)**
 - c.) Sold Hebrew captives to Greeks. **(vs 6)**
 - d.) Example of punishment given out. **(vs 7, 8)**

(Jer 50:11)

B. Nations Prepare for War! (vs 9 - 14)

1. Assembly of troops. (vs 9 - 11)
 - a. Called to arms. **(vs 9-10)**
 - 1.) Antichrist, destroy Israel & her God. (Ps 2:1-3)
 - 2.) God, destroy antichrist & his allies. (Ps 2:4-5)
 - b. Heathen nations will sack Jerusalem (Zech 14:1-2)
 - c. Then Jesus Will Appear with His Army: **(vs 11)**

- 1.) God challenges them to confrontation.
- 2.) Regional Topography Shifts: (Zech 14:3)
- 3.) No man can hope to fight God successfully.
- d. ***“Cause His mighty one to come down.” (vs 11b)***
(Psa 103:20, 68:17, Isa 13:3)(II Kings 6:15-18)

2. Judgment of the nations. (vs 12 - 14)
 - a. Christ will judge. (vs 12) Isa 28:6, Matt 25:31, 32
 - b. Compares Battle to Harvest: (vs 13) Matt 13:30, 39

C. Nations Prepare for Defeat! (vs 15 - 16)

1. Nature under the control of God. (vs 15) Is 13:10, 34:4
2. Jesus mentioned this at the Olive Discourse:
(Matt 24:29-31)(Mark 13:19-27)(Luke 21:25-28)
3. Jesus Establish Kingdom. (Zech 12-14)(Rev 19:11)
 - a. Darkness to cover the earth.
 - b. Darkness is symbolic of judgment.
2. Returning Deliverer. (vs 16) (Amos 1:2)
 - a. Roaring voice of God thunders out. (Amos 3:8)
 - b. Everything shakable is shaken. (Heb 12:27)

VI. After the Day of the Lord: Blessings: (Vs 17-21)

A. A Holy City: (vs 17) Jerusalem's Exaltation.

B. A Restored Land: (vs 18 - 19)

1. National prosperity. (vs 18)
 - a. Nature itself will be transformed: (Is 51:3)
 - River is described in (Ezekiel 47:1-12) (Zech 14:8)
2. (Is 2:4) (Micah 4:3) rework weapons into farming
 - a. Punishment for Egypt & Edom. (vs 19)

C. A Cleansed People: (Vs 20-21a)

1. The everlasting kingdom set up. (vs 20)

2. Cleansed nation. (vs 21) (Zech 13:1)

D. A Glorious King: (Vs 21b)

1. Ezekiel watched as the glory of God depart:
(Ezek 8:4; 9:3; 10:4, 18; 11:23)
2. Ezekiel, prophetically saw in a vision, the glory of God return to the new temple in the restored nation: (Ezek 43:1-5)

Ezekiel saw New Jerusalem had been given a new name:
“Jehovah Shaman” The Lord is There” (Ezek 48:30-35)

Jesus Promised His Disciples This day would Come: (Matt 19:28)

May we never lose the Wonder of His Glorious Kingdom to Come: (Rev 11:15)

Many have prayed repeatedly over 20 centuries: (Matt 6:10)
“thy kingdom come”

The last prayer in the bible is for this even: (Rev 22:20)
“Even so come, Lord Jesus!”