

Joel 2:28-3:2

- The focus is on the restoration of Israel before the nations are judged. Israel is judge during history, but when Israel is fully restored then the Day of the Lord begins for the nations.
- These verses are first and primary about Jerusalem, Judah and Israel. And, only have secondary application to the Gentile believers and the church.
- Clues that these verses written in Joel’s day refer to a distant time in the future:
 - 2:28 – “after this”
 - 2:29 – “in those days”
 - *Bayyamim hahemma* refers to End Times in:
 - Jer. 33:15-16 – “In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’ ”
 - Zech. 8:23 – “Thus says the Lord of hosts: In those days ten men from the nations of every tongue shall take hold of the robe of a Jew, saying, ‘Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.’”
 - 2:31(2:11) – “great and awesome day of the Lord”
 - 3:1 – “in those days and at that time when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem.”
 - 3:18 – “on that day”
- The presentation of the Day of the Lord follows a similar pattern of a 24 hour day as the Jews recognized of a normal day...beginning at sunset:
 - Before darkness of the sunset preparatory events before the Day of the Lord
 - During the darkness of the night. . . . Events during the darkness of the Day of the Lord
 - Events during twilight just before the daylight begins . . . transitional events at the dawn of the Day of the Lord
 - Events during the light of the day the established events during the light of the Day of the Lord

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, and your young men shall see visions.**

5012 [e]	1320 [e]	3605 [e]	5921 [e]	7307 [e]	853 [e]	8210 [e]	3651 [e]	310 [e]	1961 [e]
wə-nib·bə·'ū	bā·śār,	kāl-	'al-	rū·hî	'et-	'eš·pō·wāk	kên,	'a·hā·rê-	wə·hā·yāh
וְנִבְּאוּ	בְּשָׂר	כָּל-	עַל-	רוּחִי	אֶת-	אֶשְׁפּוּךְ	כֵּן	אַחֲרָיִ	וְהָיָה
and shall prophesy	flesh	all	on	My Spirit	-	that I will pour out	afterward	after	And it shall come to pass
Conj-w V-Nifal-ConjPerf-3cp	N-ms	N-msc	Prep	N-csc 1cs	DirObjM	V-Qal-Imperf-1cs	Adv	Prep	Conj-w V-Qal-ConjPerf-3ms
7200 [e]	2384 [e]	970 [e]	2472 [e]	2492 [e]	2205 [e]	1323 [e]	1121 [e]		
yir·'ū.	hez·yō·nō·wî	ba·hū·rê·kem,	ya·hā·lō·mūn,	hā·lō·mō·wî	ziq·nê·kem	ū·bə·nō·w·tê·kem;	bə·nê·kem		
יִרְאוּ	חֲזוֹנוֹת	בְּחֻרֵיכֶם	יַחְלְמוּן	חֲלֻמוֹת	זְקֵנֵיכֶם	וּבָנוֹתֵיכֶם	בְּנֵיכֶם		
shall see	visions	Your young men	shall dream	dreams	Your old men	and your daughters	Your sons		
V-Qal-Imperf-3mp	N-mp	N-mpc 2mp	V-Qal-Imperf-3mp Pn	N-mp	Adj-mpc 2mp	Conj-w N-fpc 2mp	N-mpc 2mp		

1. “after this” refers to after the deliverance from the Northern invader
 - a. After the defeat of the spiritual forces of evil (NT)

- b. After the defeat of the spiritual, demonic physical army of the 70th week (Revelation)
2. The Spirit coming on all is similar to promises in:
- Ez. 36:27 – “Thus says the Lord of hosts: In those days ten men from the nations of every tongue shall take hold of the robe of a Jew, saying, ‘Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.’”
 - Ez. 37:14 – “I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord
 - Ez. 39:29 – “ I will not hide my face anymore from them, when I pour out my Spirit upon the house of Israel, declares the Lord God.”
 - Zech. 12:10 – “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.
 - Moses words in Numbers 11:29 – “Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!”
 - Isaiah 32:15 – “until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is deemed a forest.
 - Isaiah 44:3-4 – “For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. They shall spring up among the grass like willows by flowing streams.
3. Absence of prophetic revelation results from sin and judgment, but the presence of prophetic revelation indicates divine favor and blessing. Thus, the day when the Spirit comes on all and all prophecy (receive revelation from the Lord) is the day of restoration:
- 1 Samuel 3:1 – “Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.
 - Amos 8:11 – “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord God, “when I will send a famine on the land— not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord.

2:29 – “Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

7307 [e]	853 [e]	8210 [e]	1992 [e]	3117 [e]	8198 [e]	5921 [e]	5650 [e]	5921 [e]	1571 [e]	
rū-hī.	'et-	'eš-pō-wk	hā-hēm-māh,	bay-yā-mīm	hāš-šə-pā-ḥō-wt;	we-'al-	hā-'ā-bā-dīm	'al-	we-ḡam	
רוּחִי:	את	אֶשְׁפּוֹד	הַהֵמָּה	בַּיָּמִים	הַשְּׁפָחוֹת	וְעַל-	הַעֲבָדִים	עַל-	וְגַם	29
My Spirit	-	will I pour out	those	in days	[My] maidservants	and on	[My] menservants	on	And also	
N-csc 1cs	DirObjM	V-Qal-Imperf-1cs	Art Pro-3mp	DirSub Art N-mp	Art N-tp	Conj-w Prep	Art N-mp	Prep	Conj-w Conj	

2:30 – “And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke.

6227 [e]	8490 [e]	784 [e]	1818 [e]	776 [e]	8064 [e]	4159 [e]	5414 [e]	
'ā-šān.	wə-tī-mā-rō-wt	wā-'ēš,	dām	ū-bā-'ā-reš;	baš-šā-ma-yim	mō-wp-tīm,	we-nā-tat-tī	
עָשָׂן:	וְתִמְרוֹת	וְאֵשׁ	וְדָם	וּבְאֶרֶץ	בַּשָּׁמַיִם	מִוִּפְתֵּי	וְנִתְּנִי	30
of smoke	and pillars	and fire	Blood	and in the earth	in the heavens	wonders	And I will show	
N-ms	Conj-w N-fpc	Conj-w N-cs	N-ms	Conj-w, Prep-b, Art N-fs	Prep-b, Art N-mp	N-mp	Conj-w V-Qal-ConjPerf-1cs	

- “wonders” refers to miracles on earth and sky

- a. These took place in Jesus ministry...leading to Acts 2 reference
- b. These will ultimately take place in the end...leading to the ultimate fulfillment
2. “blood, fire, columns of smoke” refer to warfare on earth
3. “sun dark” and “moon blood” refers to the appearance of the sun and moon from the earth
 - a. These took place in Jesus ministry with the darkness while he was on the cross
 - b. These will take place ultimately in the end:
 - i. Because of wars and fires on earth
 - ii. Because of Jesus return at the sign of the Son of Man
4. Similar to:
 - a. Ezekiel 32:6-8 – “
 - b. Amos 5:18-20 – “
 - c. Amos 8:9 – “And on that day,” declares the Lord God, “I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight.
 - d. Zephaniah 1:15 – “A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,
 - e. Revelation 6:12-13 – “When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale.

2:31 – **“The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.**

3117 [e]	935 [e]	6440 [e]	1818 [e]	3394 [e]	2822 [e]	2015 [e]	8121 [e]	
yō-wm	bō-w	liḵ-nê,	le-dām;	wə-hay-yā-rê-aḥ	le-ḥō-šek,	yê-hā-pêk	haš-še-meš	
יּוֹם	בּוֹא	לִפְנֵי	לְדָם	וְהַיָּרֵחַ	לְחֹשֶׁךְ	יִהְיֶה	הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ	31
Of day	the coming	Before	into blood	and the moon	into darkness	shall be turned	The sun	
N-msc	V-Qal-Inf	Prep-I N-cpc	Prep-I N-ms	Conj-w, Art N-ms	Prep-I N-ms	V-Nifal-Imperf-3ms	Art N-cs	
					3372 [e]	1419 [e]	3068 [e]	
					wə-han-nō-w-rā.	hag-gā-dō-wl	Yah-weh,	
					וְהַנּוֹרָא:	הַגָּדוֹל	יְהוָה	
					and awesome	the great	of Yahweh	
					Conj-w, Art V-Nifal-Prtcpl-ms	Art Adj-ms	N-proper-ms	

2:32 – **“And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.**

6726 [e]	2022 [e]	3588 [e]	4422 [e]	3068 [e]	8034 [e]	7121 [e]	834 [e]	3605 [e]	1961 [e]
ṣî-yō·wn	bə·har-	kî	yim·mā·lêṭ;	Yah·weh	bə·šêm	yîq·rā	'ā·šer-	kōl	wə·hā·yāh,
צִיּוֹן	בְּהַר־	כִּי	יִמְלֹט	יְהוָה	בְּשֵׁם	יִקְרָא	אֲשֶׁר־	כָּל	וְהָיָה 32
Zion	in Mount	for	shall be saved	of Yahweh	on the name	calls	[That] whoever	anyone	And it shall come to pass
N-proper-fs	Prep-b N-msc	Conj	V-Nifal-Imperf-3ms	N-proper-ms	Prep-b N-msc	V-Qal-Imperf-3ms	Pro-r	N-ms	Conj-w V-Qal-ConjPerf-3ms

7121 [e]	3068 [e]	834 [e]	8300 [e]	3068 [e]	559 [e]	834 [e]	6413 [e]	1961 [e]	3389 [e]
qō·rê.	Yah·weh	'ā·šer	ū·baš·šə·rî·dīm,	Yah·weh,	'ā·mar	ka·'ā·šer	pə·lê·ṭāh,	tîh·yeh	ū·bî·rū·šā·lim
קָרָא:	יְהוָה	אֲשֶׁר	וּבְשָׂרֵי־דִמַּיִם	יְהוָה	אָמַר	כַּאֲשֶׁר	פְּלִיטָה	תִּהְיֶה	וּבִירוּשָׁלַם
calls	Yahweh	whom	and Among the remnant	Yahweh	has said	as	deliverance	there shall be	and in Jerusalem
V-Qal-PrtcpI-ms	N-proper-ms	Pro-r	Conj-w, Prep-b, Art N-mp	N-proper-ms	V-Qal-Perf-3ms	Prep-k Pro-r	N-fs	V-Qal-Imperf-3fs	Conj-w, Prep-b N-proper-fs

1. “Call on the name of YHWH” means:
 - a. Call on the Lord consistently and exclusively as in:
 - i. Gen. 4:26 –
 - ii. Gen. 12:8 – “
 - iii. Gen. 13:4 – “
 - iv. 1 Kings 18:24 – “
 - v. Psalm 116:17 – “
 - vi. Zephaniah 3:9 – “
 - b. Acknowledge faith in the Lord in the midst of hostile environment as in
 - i. Psalm 105:1 – “
 - ii. Isaiah 12:4 – “
 - iii. Zech. 13:9 – “
2. In the NT after the day of Pentecost people could “call on the name of the Lord” or “Jesus” for salvation. This is a partial fulfilment of this verse according to:
 - a. Peter in Acts 2
 - b. Paul in Romans 10:13
3. Survivors and those who escape on Mt. Zion and Jerusalem as in:
 - a. Isaiah 51:3
 - b. Zech. 13:8 – “
4. Ten places in the NT where this context and promise appear:
 - a. Matt. 24:29
 - b. Mark 13:24-25
 - c. Luke 21:25
 - d. Acts 2:17-21, 39
 - e. Acts 2:28-32
 - f. Acts 21:9 – “He had four unmarried daughters, who prophesied.”
 - g. Acts 22:16 – “And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.”
 - h. Romans 10:13 – “For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”
 - i. Titus 3:6 – “he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior
 - j. Revelation 6:12 – “there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood,”

3:1 – “For behold, in those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem,

853 [e]	7725 [e]	834 [e]	1931 [e]	6256 [e]	1992 [e]	3117 [e]	2009 [e]	3588 [e]	
'eṭ-	'ā-šīb	'ā-šūb	'ā-šer	ha-hî;	ū-bā-'êṭ	hā-hēm-māh	bay-yā-mîm	hin-nêh	kî,
אֶת־	(אָשִׁיב)	[אָשׁוּב]	אֲשֶׁר	הַהִיא	וּבַעֲתָ	הַהֵמָּה	בַּיָּמִים	הִנֵּה	כִּי 1
-	I bring back	-	when	that	and at time	those	in days	behold	For
DirObjM	V-Hifil-Imperf-1cs	V-Qal-Imperf-1cs	Pro-r	Art Pro-3fs	Conj-w, Prep-b, Art N-cs	Art Pro-3mp	Prep-b, Art N-mp	Interjection	Conj
							3389 [e]	3063 [e]	7622 [e]
							wī-rū-šā-lim.	yə-hū-dāh	šə-būṭ
							וִירוּשָׁלַיִם:	יְהוּדָה	שְׁבוּת
							and Jerusalem	of Judah	the captives
							Conj-w N-proper-fs	N-proper-ms	N-fsc

3:2 – “I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. And I will enter into judgment with them there, on behalf of my people and my heritage Israel, because they have scattered them among the nations and have divided up my land,

	3092 [e]	6010 [e]	413 [e]	3381 [e]	1471 [e]	3605 [e]	853 [e]	6908 [e]	
	ye-hō-wō-šā-pāṭ;	'ê-meq	'el-	we-hō-w-rad-tîm,	hag-gō-w-yim,	kāl-	'eṭ-	we-qib-baš-tî	
	יְהוֹשָׁפָט	עֵמֶק	אֶל־	וְהוֹרַדְתִּים	הַגּוֹיִם	כָּל־	אֶת־	וְקִבַּצְתִּי	
	of Jehoshaphat	the Valley	to	and bring them down	nations	all	-	and I will gather	
	N-proper-ms	N-msc	Prep	Conj-w V-Hifil-ConjPerf-1cs 3mp	Art N-mp	N-msc	DirObjM	Conj-w V-Piel-ConjPerf-1cs	
	6340 [e]	834 [e]	3478 [e]	5159 [e]	5971 [e]	5921 [e]	8033 [e]	5973 [e]	8199 [e]
	piz-ze-rū	'ā-šer	yiś-rā-'êl	we-na-ḥā-lā-tî	'am-mî	'al-	šām,	'im-mām	we-niš-paṭ-tî
	פָּזְרוּ	אֲשֶׁר	יִשְׂרָאֵל	וְנַחֲלָתִי	עַמִּי	עַל־	שָׁם	עִמָּם	וְנִשְׁפָּטִיתִי
	they have scattered	Whom	Israel	and My heritage	of My people	On account	there	with them	and I will enter into judgment
	V-Piel-Perf-3cp	Pro-r	N-proper-ms	Conj-w N-fsc 1cs	N-msc 1cs	Prep	Adv	Prep 3mp	Conj-w V-Nifal-ConjPerf-1cs
						2505 [e]	776 [e]	853 [e]	1471 [e]
						ḥil-lē-qū.	'ar-šî	we-'eṭ-	ḅag-gō-w-yim,
						חֲלְקוּ:	אֶרְצִי	וְאֶת־	בְּגוֹיִם
						they have divided up	My land	and also	among the nations
						V-Piel-Perf-3cp	N-fsc 1cs	Conj-w DirObjM	Prep-b, Art N-mp