Joel 2:17-27

- This may be the actual response of the Lord given through Joel to the lamenting and repenting
 done by the people in Jerusalem after they heard the advice in the previous verses (Joel 2:1217). This may be a prophecy given to Joel by the Lord for the people in real time after the solemn
 assembly.
- A response from the Lord after mourning was common. For example 2 Chronicles 20 where a Levite responded after Jehoshaphat's lamented before the Lord.
- Some of the Psalms may have been the Lord's response to repentance by the people
- Breakdown of these verses:
 - Introduction of God's response:
 - **2:18**
 - Two oracles:
 - **2:19-20**
 - **2:24-27**
 - o Prophetic song of joy encouraging the people:
 - **2:21-23**

Joel 2:18 – "Then the LORD became jealous for his land and had pity on his people.

Joel 2:19 – "The LORD answered and said to his people, "Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations.

Joel 2:20 – "I will remove the northerner far from you, and drive him into a parched and desolate land, his vanguard into the eastern sea, and his rear guard into the western sea; the stench and foul smell of him will rise, for he has done great things.

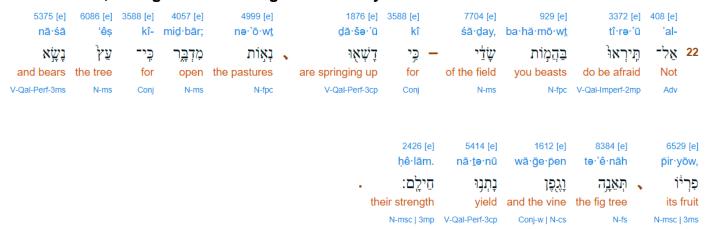
<u>Joel 2:21-23</u> - Here is a prophetic song of joy given by the Lord through the prophet at this time to encourage the people.

- 1. This is addressed to:
 - a. The Land
 - b. The Beasts
 - c. The Children of Zion (reverses the order in ch. 1:2-15; 16-20-people → animals → land
- 2. They are told to:
 - a. Fear not The "Fear Not" commands help indicate a new beginning within this section
 - b. Be glad
 - c. Rejoice all three are indications that salvation, deliverance has come
- 3. The reason for this is the "Great things" or "Marvelous things" done by YHWH:
 - a. Green pastures notice redemption of man results in redemption of creation-Is.65; Rm8
 - b. Fruit on trees and vines
 - c. Abundant rain
 - i. Early rain
 - ii. Late rain
- 4. All of this is a complete reversal of 1:15-20
- 5. These blessings not only indicate material restoration, but restoration of fellowship with YHWH.

Joel 2:21 – "Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things!



Joel 2:22 – "Fear not, you beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit; the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

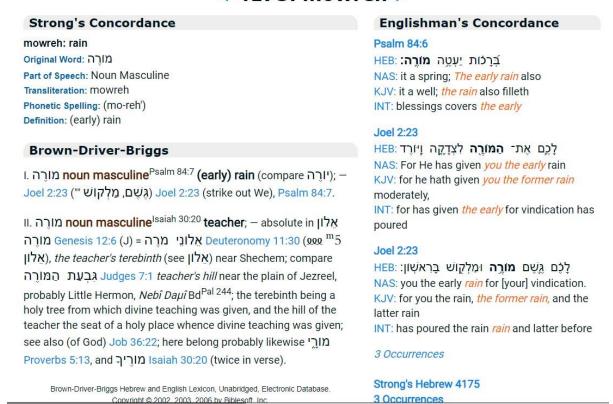


1. Animals had suffered in 1:18 and the trees had been stripped bare in 1:7

Joel 2:23 – "Be glad, O children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the latter rain, as before.



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<u>Joel 2:24-27</u> –

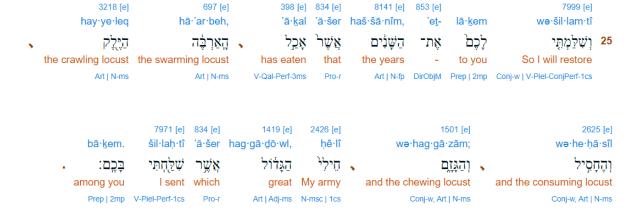
The Second Prophecy or Oracle promising restoration (The first prophecy was 2:19-20) This is a continued reversal of the locust, famine, fire and invading army.

Joel 2:24 - "The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

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1. This is a contrast with 1:10-12, 17

Joel 2:25 – "I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you.



- 1. Reversal of 1:4
- 2. YHWH's army of 2:11 is mentioned here again.

Joel 2:26 – "You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

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- 1. Both 2:26 and 2:27 repeated reference Israel as God's people by saying:
 - a. "praise the name of the LORD our God"
 - b. "my people shall never again be put to shame" (2x)
 - c. "know that I am in the midst of Israel"
 - d. "I am the LORD your God"
- 2. Joel 2:17 the people had lamented "Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?' "...But, now, The LORD is there with his people in 2:26-27!

Joel 2:27 – "You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God and there is none else. And my people shall never again be put to shame.



Next the Supernatural spiritual blessings in 2:28-32