

Joel 3:1-17 **All Surrounding Nations Judged at Valley of Jehoshaphat**

God Will Judge All Nations

1 "For behold, in those days and at that time, When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem,

2 I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there On account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land.

3 They have cast lots for My people, Have given a boy as payment for a harlot, And sold a girl for wine, that they may drink.

4 "Indeed, what have you to do with Me, O Tyre and Sidon, and all the coasts of Philistia? Will you retaliate against Me? But if you retaliate against Me, Swiftly and speedily I will return your retaliation upon your own head;

5 Because you have taken My silver and My gold, And have carried into your temples My prized possessions.

6 Also the people of Judah and the people of Jerusalem You have sold to the Greeks, That you may remove them far from their borders.

7 "Behold, I will raise them Out of the place to which you have sold them, And will return your retaliation upon your own head.

8 I will sell your sons and your daughters Into the hand of the people of Judah, And they will sell them to the Sabeans, To a people far off; For Yahweh (the Lord) has spoken."

9 Proclaim this among the nations: "Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty men, Let all the men of war draw near, Let them come up.

10 Beat your plowshares into swords And your pruning hooks into spears; Let the weak say, 'I am strong.'"

11 Assemble and come, all you nations, And gather together all around. Cause Your mighty ones to go down there, O Yahweh (Lord).

12 "Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; For there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations.

13 Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; For the winepress is full, The vats overflow — For their wickedness is great."

14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of Yahweh (the Lord) is near in the valley of decision.

15 The sun and moon will grow dark, And the stars will diminish their brightness.

16 Yahweh (The Lord) also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; But the Lord will be a shelter for His people, And the strength of the children of Israel.

17 "So you shall know that I am Yahweh Eloheykem (the Lord your God), Dwelling in Zion My holy mountain. Then Jerusalem shall be holy, And no aliens shall ever pass through her again."

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Facts Revealed:

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- ✧ "For behold, in those days and at that time, When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem,
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They have cast lots for My people, Have given a boy as payment for a harlot, And sold a girl for wine, that they may drink. [Joel 3:1-3]
- ✧ The timing of the Judgment of the nations is when Yahweh has returned and is setting up His Kingdom and He will be King of kings and Lord of lords ruling over all the earth for a thousand years of mandatory righteousness ruling with a rod of iron. [Psalm 2:9, Revelation 2:27, 12:5, 19:15]
- ✧ At that time He will bring back to the Land of Israel the captives of Judah and Jerusalem from all the nations to which they were scattered.
- ✧ The nations will be judged because of what they did to the Children of Israel, God's people.
- ✧ They have **scattered Yahweh's people** among the nations.
- ✧ They have **divided the Land of Israel** which belongs to God.
- ✧ They have cast lots for Yahweh's people and sold them for their own pleasure.
- ✧ "Indeed, what have you to do with Me, O Tyre and Sidon, and all the coasts of Philistia? Will you retaliate against Me? But if you retaliate against Me, Swiftly and speedily I will return your retaliation upon your own head;
Because you have taken My silver and My gold, And have carried into your temples My prized possessions.
Also the people of Judah and the people of Jerusalem You have sold to the Greeks, That you may remove them far from their borders. [Joel 3:4-6]
- ✧ This reads just like the news reports of today.
- ✧ Tyre and Sidon are in the area called Lebanon from which the so called Palestinian terrorists calling themselves Hizbollah are attacking Israel.
- ✧ The coasts of Philistia include the Gaza strip from which the so called Palestinian terrorists calling themselves Hamas are attacking Israel.
- ✧ When Israel moves to defend themselves, the attacking forces justify their terror attacks as retaliation against Israeli aggression.
- ✧ Here Yahweh identifies Himself with Israel and promises the nations attacking Israel that He will return their retaliation upon their own heads.
- ✧ Yahweh then gives His reasons for His actions, because they mistreated the people of Israel.
- ✧ "Behold, I will raise them Out of the place to which you have sold them, And will return your retaliation upon your own head.
I will sell your sons and your daughters Into the hand of the people of Judah, And they will sell them to the Sabeans, To a people far off; For Yahweh (the Lord) has spoken." [Joel 3:7-8]
- ✧ At the time when Yahweh gathers His people back to their own land, He will punish the wicked nations.

Nations on earth and armies in Heaven called to war

- ✧ Proclaim this among the nations: "Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty men, Let all the men of war draw near, Let them come up.
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am strong."

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- ✧ The armies of earth are called to the Valley of Jehoshaphat (Armageddon in Revelation) to face God Most High for judgment. [Joel 3:1-3, 9-11, Revelation 16:13-16]
- ✧ They are called to make their best preparation for war and build up their self-esteem, so in their pride, arrogance, and haughtiness they will come with confidence to destroy God's people, and they will find themselves facing Yahweh on a white horse.
- ✧ Yahweh will bring with Him the armies of Heaven. [Revelation 19:11-21]
- ✧ This is all part of the "Day of The Lord" which is an End Time event.
- ✧ The harvest and mention of the Winepress is the same as in Revelation. [Revelation 14:19-20, 19:15]
- ✧ The sun and moon will grow dark, And the stars will diminish their brightness. [Joel 3:15]
 - ✧ As with many of God's special actions in the affairs of mankind, He also accompanies it with special lighting effects. [Isaiah 13:10, Matthew 24:29, Mark 13:24-25, Zechariah 14:6-7, Revelation 6:12, 8:12]
- ✧ Yahweh (The Lord) also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; But the Lord will be a shelter for His people, And the strength of the children of Israel. [Joel 3:16]
 - ✧ From the judgment of the nations and the Judgment Seat of Christ, Yahweh will go to Zion where He will rule the entire earth with a rod of iron in mandatory righteousness.
 - ✧ Though the heavens and earth will shake, Yahweh will be a shelter for His people.
 - ✧ Yahweh will be the strength for His people Israel.
- ✧ "So you shall know that I am Yahweh Eloheykem (the Lord your God), Dwelling in Zion My holy mountain. Then Jerusalem shall be holy, And no aliens shall ever pass through her again." [Joel 3:17]
 - ✧ When Yahweh has established His Kingdom and is reigning from His throne in Zion over the entire world, it will be quite obvious to all, and His people Israel will certainly know that He is Yahweh Eloheykem.
 - ✧ He will be dwelling in Zion, and Jerusalem will be holy.
 - ✧ Aliens will never pass through Jerusalem again.