JOEL – THE COMING DAY OF THE LORD

A WARNING FOR TODAY

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The Day Of The Lord Is Near -- How Close Is It?
Joel 1:15 (NIV) — 15 Alas for that day! For the day of the Lord is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty.

Joel Has A Message For Us Today:
• It's Time For The People Of Faith To Call Out To Him
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The Call Is To Us Is An Imperative
• It’s Time To Turn Back To God

• God's Timeline Is In Motion

When Everything We've Depended On Is Broken Down
There Is Only One Solution:
• “To You, Lord, I Call .”
The Coming Day Of The Lord -- A Day That Is Imminent

Joel 2:1 (NIV) — 1 Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand—

Joel 2:15 (NIV) — 15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly.
1. **The Present Day Of The Lord** this is the day we are now in

2. **The Day Of Christ** the time when Christ will come to rapture the Church out of the earth, taking Christians to be with Him forever. (1 Th. 4:13–18) (Jn. 14:1–3)

3. **The Day Of The Lord**, a dark gloomy day — of judgment

4. **The Day Of God**
   2 Peter 3:12 (NIV) — 12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.
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Joel Was Anointed To Be A Watchman For Judah/Israel

• Called To Wake And Warn Them

• Especially Concerning The Coming Day Of The Lord
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A DAY OF WARNING

Joel 2:1–2 (NIV) — 1 Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand— 2 a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness. Like dawn spreading across the mountains a large and mighty army comes, such as never was of old nor ever will be in ages to come.
A DAY OF WAR AND A TIME OF WARRING

Joel 2:2–5 (NIV) — 2 ... Like dawn spreading across the mountains a large and mighty army comes, such as never was of old nor ever will be in ages to come. 3 Before them fire devours, behind them a flame blazes. Before them the land is like the garden of Eden, behind them, a desert waste— nothing escapes them. 4 They have the appearance of horses; they gallop along like cavalry. 5 With a noise like that of chariots they leap over the mountaintops, like a crackling fire consuming stubble, like a mighty army drawn up for battle.
Joel 2:6–9 (NIV) — 6 At the sight of them, nations are in anguish; every face turns pale. 7 They charge like warriors; they scale walls like soldiers. They all march in line, not swerving from their course. 8 They do not jostle each other; each marches straight ahead. They plunge through defenses without breaking ranks. 9 They rush upon the city; they run along the wall. They climb into the houses; like thieves they enter through the windows.
EZEKIEL’S WAR

Chapters 38 & 39
A DAY OF WOE

Joel 2:10–11 (NIV) — 10 Before them the earth shakes, the sky trembles, the sun and moon are darkened, and the stars no longer shine. 11 The Lord thunders at the head of his army; his forces are beyond number, and mighty are those who obey his command. The day of the Lord is great; it is dreadful. Who can endure it?
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A DAY OF WEEPING AND A DAY OF RETURNING

Joel 2:12–17 (NIV) — 12 “Even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” 13 Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. 14 Who knows? He may turn and have pity and leave behind a blessing— grain offerings and drink offerings for the Lord your God. 15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly. 16 Gather the people, consecrate the assembly; bring together the elders, gather the children, those nursing at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her chamber. 17 Let the priests, who minister before the Lord, weep between the temple porch and the altar. Let them say, “Spare your people, O Lord. Do not make your inheritance an object of scorn, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’ ”
Hosea 14:1–2 (NIV) — 1 Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God. Your sins have been your downfall! 2 Take words with you and return to the LORD. Say to him: “Forgive all our sins and receive us graciously, that we may offer the fruit of our lips.

THE RIGHT RESPONSE IS THIS:

• Right Now, Return To God!
• 100% -- Let It Be A Wholehearted Return
• With Heartfelt Fasting And Weeping
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The Time Is Now For God's People: Turn Back To God

- Blow The Trumpet In Zion
- Fast, Come Together, Consecrate Yourselves.
- Sound The Call For A Sacred Assembly

Gather Everyone From Young To Old -- Children And Infants Included – **THIS IS FOR EVERYONE – NO ONE IS EXCLUDED OR EXCUSED**
This Is The Time To Get Serious And Press Into God

• A Day Of Weeping And Returning To Him

• For All Of Us This Return Will Awaken A Sensitivity To Sin
THE PEOPLE OF GOD MUST LEAD THE CHARGE

- Ministering, Weeping, Interceding.
- Bringing The People And Their Sad Plight Before God

1 John 1:9 (NIV) — 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.
The Repentance And Return Of God's People Lead To:
A DAY OF WONDER (Joel 2:18-27)

• The 1000-year Millennial Reign of Christ
• GOD REESTABLISHES his people
• GOD REVERSES their defeat
• GOD RESTORES the blessings the locusts devoured
Amid troubling times and spiritual attacks when the life we're living is being attacked by the enemy -- if we will return to the Lord in faith—there, we will find our victory!

When We Turn Back To Christ There Is A New Beginning

• An Abundant Life Of Spiritual Blessings
THE DAY OF THE LORD IS NEAR (1 Thes. 5:1-2)

• When it comes it will take place quickly
• For those who are not ready it will be a frightful time

WE NEED TO STAND FIRM AND PATIENT IN OUR FAITH because the Lord's coming is near (James 5:8-9)