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JOEL 2:18-27

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• Joel Is Calling People To Return To The Lord

• Blow The Trumpet = A Call To Assemble & Turn To God

• For A Nation To Be Blessed—There Is A Turning Point

• If We Will Return To The Lord -- We Will Find Our Victory
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• *When We Turn Back To Christ There Is A New Beginning*

• *In Return There Is An Abundant Life Of Spiritual Blessings*
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• Jeremiah 18:8 (NIV84) — 8 and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned.

• Jonah 3:10 (NIV84) — 10 When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.

• Amos 5:4 (NIV84) — 4 This is what the LORD says to the house of Israel: “Seek me and live;
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The Repentance And Return Of God's People Leads To:

A DAY OF WONDER as in Joel 2: 18- 27

- The 1000-year Millennial Reign Of Christ
- GOD: Reestablishes His People
- Reverses Defeat
- Restores Blessings That Locusts Have Devoured
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Amid Troubling Times And Spiritual Attacks Of The Enemy:

• *When God's People Repent* -- God Will Relent

• *This Is A Great Witness To Us And To Our World*

• *If We Confess Sin And Seek God* -- He Will Pardon Us
Revelation 20:1–6 (NIV84) — 1 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. 2 He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. 3 He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time. 4 I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5 (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.
THE MILLENNIUM:

• A 1000-year time frame of Christ's rule
• Satan is seized and bound
• Satan is unable to mislead the nations any longer (Rev 20:1–3).
• God will also resurrect the saints to reign with Christ (Rev 20:4–6).
• It will occur before the creation of a new heavens and new earth (Rev 21:1–2).
• THE DAY OF WONDER! = Heavenly Reversal & Godly Restoration
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THE LORD’S RESPONSE TO HIS PEOPLE IS: JEALOUS / PITY

• Joel 2:18 (NIV) — 18 Then the Lord will be jealous for his land and take pity on his people.

• Zechariah 1:14–15 (NIV) — 14 Then the angel who was speaking to me said, “Proclaim this word: This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘I am very jealous for Jerusalem and Zion, 15 but I am very angry with the nations that feel secure. I was only a little angry, but they added to the calamity.’
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THE LORD RESTORES HIS PEOPLE AND LAND

• **JOEL 2:19 (NIV)** The Lord will reply to them: “I am sending you grain, new wine and oil, enough to satisfy you fully; never again will I make you an object of scorn to the nations.

• **The Calamity Is Reversed**

• **Anti-Semitism Has No Place In Christ's Millennial Kingdom**
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THE LORD RESCUES HIS PEOPLE FROM INVADING ARMIES OF THE NORTH

• **JOEL 2:20 (NIV)** “I will drive the northern army far from you, pushing it into a parched and barren land, with its front columns going into the eastern sea and those in the rear into the western sea. And its stench will go up; its smell will rise.” Surely, he has done great things.

• The Hostile And Marauding Enemy Will Be Driven Away Far From Their Land

• **Isaiah 34:2–3 (NIV)** — 2 The Lord is angry with all nations; his wrath is upon all their armies. He will totally destroy them; he will give them over to slaughter. 3 Their slain will be thrown out; their dead bodies will send up a stench; the mountains will be soaked with their blood.
The Mindset Of The Rescued:
FEAR NOT AND REJOICE – LAND, ANIMALS, TREES & VINEYARDS

• **JOEL 2:21-22 (NIV)** Be not afraid, O land; be glad and rejoice. Surely the Lord has done great things. 22 Be not afraid, O wild animals, for the open pastures are becoming green. The trees are bearing their fruit; the fig tree and the vine yield their riches.

• **The Barren Land And Dry Pastures Will Become Green Again**

• **This Is Great For All Concerned**
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Concerns Over Drought And Barrenness Will Become A Thing Of The Past

THE RAINS RETURN; FORMER & LATTER

• JOEL 2:23 (NIV) Be glad, O people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you the autumn rains in righteousness. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before.

• He Will Pour Water On The Ground -- His Spirit On The Land

• The Drought Is Reversed

• The Land Can Now Recover
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THE CROPS RETURN

• JOEL 2:24 (NIV) The threshing floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.

• The Lord Restores The Former Blessings

• A Time Of Reversal – Return – And Total Restoration
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THE LOCUSTS DAMAGE IS REPAID AND RESTORED

• **JOEL 2:25 (NIV)** “I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten— the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm— my great army that I sent among you.

• *Complete Redemption -- The Disaster Will Be Reversed*
• *Everything Taken From Them Will Be Repaid*
The Changes And Restoration Bring On
A PRAISE FOR HIS PLENTIOUS BLESSINGS

• **JOEL 2:26-27 (NIV)** You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the Lord your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed. 27 Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the Lord your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.

• *The Food Supply Is No Longer In Jeopardy.*
• *In Fact, It Will Be A Bountiful Overflow*
GOD WILL NEVER ALLOW HIS PEOPLE TO BE DISAPPOINTED

• **What A Joy And Comfort.**

• *Zephaniah 3:15–20 (NLT) — 15* For the Lord will remove his hand of judgment and will disperse the armies of your enemy. And the Lord himself, the King of Israel, will live among you! At last your troubles will be over, and you will never again fear disaster. **16** On that day the announcement to Jerusalem will be, “Cheer up, Zion! Don’t be afraid! **17** For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs.” **18** “I will gather you who mourn for the appointed festivals; you will be disgraced no more. **19** And I will deal severely with all who have oppressed you. I will save the weak and helpless ones; I will bring together those who were chased away. I will give glory and fame to my former exiles, wherever they have been mocked and shamed. **20** On that day I will gather you together and bring you home again. I will give you a good name, a name of distinction, among all the nations of the earth, as I restore your fortunes before their very eyes. I, the Lord, have spoken!”
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• God Transforms And Reverses Defeat And Devastation And Turns It Into Overflowing & Bountiful Victory
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- God Will Restore The Years That The Locusts Have Eaten
- God's Justice Is Flavored With His Goodness And Mercy
- When God's People Repent God Will Relent,
- There Is An Overwhelming Restoration For All People Through The Spirit Of God