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Joel Chapter 3 Is About God’s Judgment Being Poured Out

- God’s People Come Back To Him

- The People – Of The World Who Continue To Oppose And Reject God Will Be Gathered Together For Judgment
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Joel 3:1–4 (NIV) — 1 “In those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, 2 I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will enter into judgment against them concerning my inheritance, my people Israel, for they scattered my people among the nations and divided up my land. 3 They cast lots for my people and traded boys for prostitutes; they sold girls for wine that they might drink. 4 “Now what have you against me, O Tyre and Sidon and all you regions of Philistia? Are you repaying me for something I have done? If you are paying me back, I will swiftly and speedily return on your own heads what you have done.
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Joel 3:5–8 (NIV) — 5 For you took my silver and my gold and carried off my finest treasures to your temples. 6 You sold the people of Judah and Jerusalem to the Greeks, that you might send them far from their homeland. 7 “See, I am going to rouse them out of the places to which you sold them, and I will return on your own heads what you have done. 8 I will sell your sons and daughters to the people of Judah, and they will sell them to the Sabeans, a nation far away.” The LORD has spoken.
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God Calls The Nations, To Prepare For Judgment!(Joel 3:1–8)

- He Will Judge The Them For Their Treatment And Rejection Of The Jews
- They Are Guilty Of Scattering His People And Dividing His Land
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God Calls All Nations To Get Ready For The Great War:

Joel 3:9-11 (NIV) — 9 Proclaim this among the nations: Prepare for war! Rouse the warriors! Let all the fighting men draw near and attack. 10 Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears. Let the weakling say, “I am strong!” 11 Come quickly, all you nations from every side, and assemble there. Bring down your warriors, O LORD!
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Joel 3:12–15 (NIV) — 12 “Let the nations be roused; let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will sit to judge all the nations on every side. 13 Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, trample the grapes, for the winepress is full and the vats overflow— so great is their wickedness!” 14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. 15 The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars no longer shine.
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- (JOEL 3:9) The Call Is Made To Call The Nations To Battle
- An Incredible Fighting Force Will Be Assembled To Attack Israel
- V. 11 – Come Quickly And Assemble You Nations, And Bring Down Your Warriors—
- V. 12 This Is A Time For The Nations To Come, Show Their True Colors And Be Judged By The Lord
- V. 14 There Is A Valley Of Decision – A Choice – To Accept Christ’s Kingdom And Welcome Him Or To Reject And War Against Him
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God Says To The Nations – Get Ready For Your Defeat (Joel 3:16)

- Joel 3:16 (NIV) — 16 The LORD will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem; the earth and the sky will tremble. But the LORD will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel.

- The Lord Will Be A Stronghold For His People – A Refuge And A Place Of Safe Keeping
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(Zec 14:1-3 NIV)  A day of the LORD is coming when your plunder will be divided among you. (2) I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it; the city will be captured, the houses ransacked, and the women raped. Half of the city will go into exile, but the rest of the people will not be taken from the city. (3) Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights in the day of battle.
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(Zec 14:4-5 NIV) (4) On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south. (5) You will flee by my mountain valley, for it will extend to Azel. You will flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.
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**The Timing: This Takes Place After The Rapture**

- After The Rapture -- The Time Of Tribulation And Travail Begins As God Deals Directly With Human Sin And Divine Judgment.

- It Could Happen Very Soon
- Today The Nations Are Lining Up Just As Scripture Prophesied
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- Countries All Over Are Increasing Their Military Capabilities
- A Great Global Reset = Global Government, Economy, Religion
- A Global Digital Common Currency
- “Lawlessness" Every Law, Principle, And Precept Of Godliness Is Under Attack By All Of Society
- Hatred Of The Jews Is Spreading Everywhere
- Many Left Leaning And Mainline Churches Are Adopting The Idea Of Replacement Theology (God Is Done With Israel)
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What Does This Mean?

1. People Are Showing Their True Colors – Rejecting God
2. Everything That The Bible Says Is Falling Into Place
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- After The Church Is Raptured -- Anti-Christ Will Take Over
- This 7 Year Period Is Called The Tribulation
- At This Time -- God’s Judgment On The Earth Begins
- It All Starts When Anti-Christ Signs A Peace Treaty w/Israel
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What Is Armageddon?

- Armageddon Is Megiddo, A Geographic Location In Northern Israel
- A Broad Valley That Is Going To Be The Central Battleground For The Final Great War
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(Rev 16:12-16 NIV) The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East. (13) Then I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. (14) They are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty. (15) "Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed."(16) Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.
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Three Things We Learn About Armageddon:

1. It Is A Result Of The 6th Bowl Of God's Wrath. (Rev 16:12-16)

2. It Represents Satan's Final Strategy Of Opposition To God

3. It Is The Place Of The Final World Conflict Prior To 2nd Coming
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The Final Battle Of Armageddon: (A Closer Look)

- Joel Calls It The “Valley Of Jehoshaphat”
- The Scene Of The Most Devastating Military Battle Ever
- The Ultimate Final Battle Between Good And Evil
- The Battle Lines Will Stretch Almost 200 Miles
- Millions Of Warriors Will Be Engaged In Mortal Conflict
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A Culmination Battle --To Determine Control Of The World

Israel Is A Strategic Meeting Point Of Europe, Africa, And Asia.

Control Of This Land Is Essential For World Empire.
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Armageddon Is A Battle In Three Scenes:

Scene 1: Anti-Christ Battles The Kings Of The South & North

Scene 2: Anti-Christ Battles The Kings Of The East

Scene 3: Anti-Christ Vs. Christ The King At Armageddon
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The Nations Arrive With Their Armies

Zechariah 14:1–2 (NIV) — 1 A day of the Lord is coming when your plunder will be divided among you. 2 I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it; the city will be captured, the houses ransacked, and the women raped. Half of the city will go into exile, but the rest of the people will not be taken from the city.
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Strange Sights Begin To Appear In The Skies.

- Jesus Talked About These In Matt. 24:29-30

The Nations And Kings From All Over The World That Have Come To Battle One Another At Armageddon -- In Reality They Are Being Assembled Together To Face Their Day Of Reckoning With The Armies Of The Lord – And Against The Lord Himself
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The Third And Final Attack Occurs As All Nations Gather Against Jerusalem For This Great Battle

Israel Finally Turns Back To God

(Hosea 3:5 NIV) ... the Israelites will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the LORD and to his blessings in the last days
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Israel's Eyes Will Be Opened

Romans 11:25–26 (NIV84) — 25 I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: “The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob.
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- Many People Think Of Armageddon As The End Of The World
- Armageddon Is Not A Sad Ending -- It Is A Glorious Beginning

- Christ Returns To Earth To Stop Mankind's Destruction Of One Another
- To Set Up His Millennial Reign Of Peace, Love, Joy, And Security
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After That Day: The Blessing Of God Poured Out (Joel 3:17–21)

- Everything Changes When The King Comes Back & Begins His Reign
- Satan Will Be Bound
- The World Will Know And Follow The Lord
- The Government Of The World Will Be Under The Lord
- The Capitol Will Be At Jerusalem
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The Great Victory Results In A Holy City (Joel 3:17)

Joel 3:17 (NIV) — 17 “Then you will know that I, the LORD your God, dwell in Zion, my holy hill. Jerusalem will be holy; never again will foreigners invade her.
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The Great Victory Results In... A Restored Land (Joel 3:18–19).

Joel 3:18–19 (NIV) — 18 “In that day the mountains will drip new wine, and the hills will flow with milk; all the ravines of Judah will run with water. A fountain will flow out of the LORD’s house and will water the valley of acacias. 19 But Egypt will be desolate, Edom a desert waste, because of violence done to the people of Judah, in whose land they shed innocent blood.
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**The Great Victory Results In A Cleansed People** (Joel 3:20–21a).

- **Joel 3:20–21 (NIV)** — 20 Judah will be inhabited forever and Jerusalem through all generations. 21 Their bloodguilt, which I have not pardoned, I will pardon.” The LORD dwells in Zion!
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We Will Help in Christ's Reign By Serving As Administrators, Judges, And Spiritual Tutors To Those Who Enter The Kingdom In The Flesh — And To Their Children

(Dan 7:27 NIV) Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be handed over to the saints, the people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him.'
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The Great Victory Results In A Glorious King (Joel 3:21b).

Joel 3:21 (NIV) — 21 Their bloodguilt, which I have not pardoned, I will pardon.” The LORD dwells in Zion!

• God Keeps His Promises
• He Returns The Wayward
• He Restores His People
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God's Call To His People Is To Press Forward In Returning To Him

• To Respond To His Chastening
• To Place All Of Your Faith And Trust In Him
• To Know That In Him We Will Prevail!

Christ's Appearing And Reign Ends Mankind's Bias And Hatred For 1000 Years Of The Millennium (Rev.11:18)
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There Will Be Universal Peace Throughout The World

Isaiah 2:4 (NIV) — 4 He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.
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**Micah 4:3–4 (NIV)** — 3 He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. 4 Every man will sit under his own vine and under his own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid, for the Lord Almighty has spoken.
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▪ There Will Be Peace Everywhere – They Will Beat Their Swords Into Plowshares (Isaiah 2:4)

▪ Even The Animals Will Live In Peace.

▪ Children Will Not Be Harmed By Wild Animals Or Snakes.
  ▪ (Isaiah 11: 6-9)
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- We Will See -- The Removal Of The Curse - Romans 8:18-23
- It Will Be "Like The Garden Of Eden" - Ezekiel 36:35
- The Desert Shall Rejoice & Blossom As The Rose - Isaiah 35:1
- The Parched Ground Will Become A Pool - Isaiah 35:7
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**Lessons for Today**

A. God Is The Great Promise-Keeper

B. If Christ Reigns Within You Now, You Will Reign With Him Then

C. The Condition Of The Heart Is More Important Than The Condition Of The Environment
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The Gospel Calls Us To Accept Jesus Christ As King -- Now

- If You Put It Off -- Your Time For Getting It Right May Never Come
- Now Is The Time To Seek Him He Has A Place And Plan For You.
- In God's Time & Way, Every Sinner Will Be Brought Into Judgment.

- The Only Way Of Escape From The Righteous Judgment Of God Will Be The Grace Of God Provided In Salvation Through Jesus Christ.
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- The Time To Get Ready Is Today --Tomorrow May Be Too Late
- There Is No Good Reason Or Excuse For Waiting
- This Is The Day Of Salvation
- Come To Christ Today!