

The King of the North
in the Book of Joel

The Third Woe
The Trumpet Call
&
The Loud Cry

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...The most valuable teaching of the Bible is not to be gained by occasional or disconnected study. Its great system of truth is not so presented as to be discerned by the hasty or careless reader. Many of its treasures lie far beneath the surface, and can be obtained only by diligent research and continuous effort. The truths that go to make up the great whole must be searched out and gathered up, 'here a little, and there a little.' Isaiah 28:10.

When thus searched out and brought together, they will be found to be perfectly fitted to one another. Each Gospel is a supplement to the others, **every prophecy an explanation of another, every truth a development of some other truth.** The types of the Jewish economy are made plain by the gospel. Every principle in the word of God has its place, every fact its bearing. And the complete structure, in design and execution, bears testimony to its Author. Such a structure no mind but that of the Infinite could conceive or fashion. *Education*, page 123 (emphasis supplied)

...It was needful for the followers of Christ to have an intelligent faith, not only in their own behalf, but that they might carry the knowledge of Christ to the world. *The Great Controversy*, pages 348-349

I am pained at my very heart; . . . I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, **the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.** *Jeremiah 4:19*

Introduction

It has been said that any prophecy in the Bible, if we have the true interpretation, has to harmonize with other prophecies relating to the same subject. This is a basic principle of biblical interpretation. So if the literal interpretation of *Daniel* 11:36-45 is correct, there would have to be other prophecies that relate to, and harmonize with, the literal view of this passage.

We have already shown in our previous study of *The Final Way-Mark* that *Revelation* 9, 11, and 16:12 are complementary with *Daniel* 11:36-45. Upon further study, we have discovered a prophecy in the book of *Joel*, that when paralleled with *Revelation* 9, *Exodus* 10, *Psalms* 91, and several other passages in the Bible, provides a vindication of the literal understanding of *Daniel* 11:45 that is irrefutable. This prophecy in *Joel* was never linked to the King of the North by our pioneers because they simply did not have enough information. It demands our study just now because it depicts final events of the greatest magnitude that have been overlooked because of the misinterpretation that the papacy is the King of the North.

The book of *Joel* is a prophecy of the soon-coming global jihad where Islam makes its bid to take the whole world for Allah, bringing untold death and devastation upon mankind. This scourge will continue until the sixth plague when Islam (the King of the North) will come to his end, precipitating the battle of Armageddon, and finally the Second Coming of Christ.

There are prophecies in *Isaiah*, *Jeremiah*, and *Ezekiel* that expound on the symbolic prophecy in *Joel*

and the literal understanding of *Daniel* Chapter 11. These additional prophecies bring into focus the sequence of events that are about to transpire. They explain how Islam will be the catalyst that will quickly establish the image of the beast, bringing the Sunday law, the death decree, and the close of probation. They show us what must happen before literal Israel is destroyed, and illustrate the destruction of spiritual Babylon. They teach us the real purpose behind Armageddon, and reveal how God will deliver His people through it all. This will all be brought out in our next study called *The Princes of the North*.

We must always remember that the papacy is the main perpetrator behind all these terrible events and calamities that are coming on the earth. The papacy created Islam to be her battle axe and now God will use Islam to bring judgment upon the papacy and destruction to all the churches who corrupt themselves by idolatrous devotion to the service of the papacy.

So why would the papacy want Islam to make a bid to take the world for Allah? First of all, the papacy needs a catalyst to cause the world to accept the Sunday law, to compel all to come under her dominion, and finally to instigate the death decree against God's last day remnant. Satan himself, appearing as an Angel of Light, will declare that the little companies standing in defiance of the Sunday law are causing the terrible judgments to continue, and therefore, ought not to be tolerated. Also, the papacy knows that Islam is her major contender for control of the world, and therefore must be eliminated, but not until after it has done its work of death and destruction. Please notice the following inspired counsel;

The Roman Church is far-reaching in her plans and modes of operation. She is **employing every device** to extend her influence and increase her power in preparation for **a fierce and determined conflict** to regain control of the world, to re-establish persecution, and to undo all that Protestantism has done. *The Great Controversy*. pages 565-566 (emphasis supplied)

Stealthily and unsuspectedly she is strengthening her forces to further her own ends when the time shall come for her to strike. All that she desires is vantage-ground, and this is already being given her. We shall soon see and shall feel what the purpose of the Roman element is. *Ibid*, page 581

The papacy has wanted Jerusalem for centuries but has never been able to obtain it without revealing her true character. How shrewd would it be for the papacy to coerce Islam into perpetrating a global jihad, beginning with the annihilation of Israel, and causing untold death and destruction throughout the world, including much of spiritual Babylon itself, to achieve her goal.

Political correctness, also initiated by Rome to blind the world to her devices, would be thrown out. Islam would be unmasked as the destroyer and exterminator that it is, and the whole world, led by the United States and instigated by the papacy, would rise up and totally annihilate Islam. The papacy doesn't care who she kills, and the global elite want to eliminate up to ninety percent of the population anyway. The papacy would, through it all, present herself as the savior of mankind, and come out on top with Jerusalem as her capital.

The papacy's plans ultimately backfire when the ten kingdoms of the New World Order turn on her. Her cup will be filled to her double.

Conversely, God's true remnant also need an impetus for the Loud Cry to be sounded to the world. Let's face it, we have been trying to give the last message of warning for a long time now, and very few are listening. When we have true revival and reformation in our own lives, God will turn around these very events that the papacy is using as a catalyst to promote her agenda, and use these events, depicted in *Joel* and *Daniel* 11:45, as the very means necessary to get all who are honest in heart to finally listen and realize we have the truth for this time.

If we can present this prophecy of *Joel* and *Daniel* 11:45 to the world before it happens, first they will think we are crazy, (they already do anyway) but then when they see it come to pass, they will wake up and realize we have the truth: and then we can share with them the information they need to avoid the mark of the beast and to receive the seal of God, just as probation is closing.

The book of *Joel* describes the terrible destruction, loss of life, and almost universal devastation coming upon the Earth just prior to the close of probation, and continuing through the plagues. But thank God, *Joel* also gives the remedy and the assurance to all who truly repent of their sins of being gathered in and protected during this very trying time. By comparing passages from *Joel* with *Revelation* 9, *Exodus* 10, *Psalms* 91, and *Daniel* 11:45, we will prove that the resurrection of the Caliphate in Islam is the resurgence of the King of the North, bringing it very rapidly to the status of a world contender. And it is this power, when it declares global jihad, that will bring the third **woe** upon the world.

We will now look at statements by Ellen White where she refers to the book of *Joel*, and links this prophecy with several others, placing it in the context of the time of trouble leading up to the sealing and the close of probation, and continuing on through the plagues;

Angels are now restraining the winds of strife, that they may not blow until the world shall be warned of its coming doom; but a storm is gathering, ready to burst upon the earth; and when God shall bid His angels loose the winds, **there will be such a scene of strife as no pen can picture.**

The Bible, and the Bible only, gives a correct view of these things. Here are revealed the great final scenes in the history of our world, events that already are casting their shadows before, the sound of their approach causing the earth to tremble and men's hearts to fail them for fear.

"Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof. . . . They have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate. . . . The mirth of tabrets ceaseth, the noise of them that rejoice endeth, the joy of the harp ceaseth." Isaiah 24:1-18.

"Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come. . . . The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered. How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate." "The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men." Joel 1:15-18, 12.

"I am pained at my very heart; . . . I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, **the sound of**

the trumpet, the alarm of war. Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled."

"I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down." Jeremiah 4:19, 20, 23-26. [Jeremiah 4:6 also says; "Set up the standard toward Zion: retire, stay not: for **I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction.**"]

"Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it." Jeremiah 30:7.

"Come, My people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast." Isaiah 26:20.

"Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, Even the Most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, Neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling." Psalm 91:9, 10. *Education*, pages 179-181 (emphasis supplied)

In the plague that follows, power is given to the sun "to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat." Verses 8, 9. The prophets thus describe the condition of the earth at this fearful time: "The land mourneth; . . . because the harvest of the field is perished. . . . All the trees of the field are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men." "The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate. . . . How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture. . . . The rivers of water are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness." "The songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord God: there shall be many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast them forth with silence." **Joel 1:10-12**, 17-20; Amos 8:3. *The Great Controversy*, page 628 (emphasis supplied)

Elder A.T. Jones also makes a very interesting comment in connection with the book of *Joel*. He did not have enough information to tie the prophecy in *Joel* with the King of the North because in his day Turkey was “the sick man of the east”. But today, as we watch the Muslim Brotherhood causing all the uprisings in the Middle East in their quest to resurrect the Ottoman Empire and reestablish the Caliphate, **the connection between *Joel* and the King of the North becomes crystal clear**. We will confirm this again and again as we go through the prophecy.

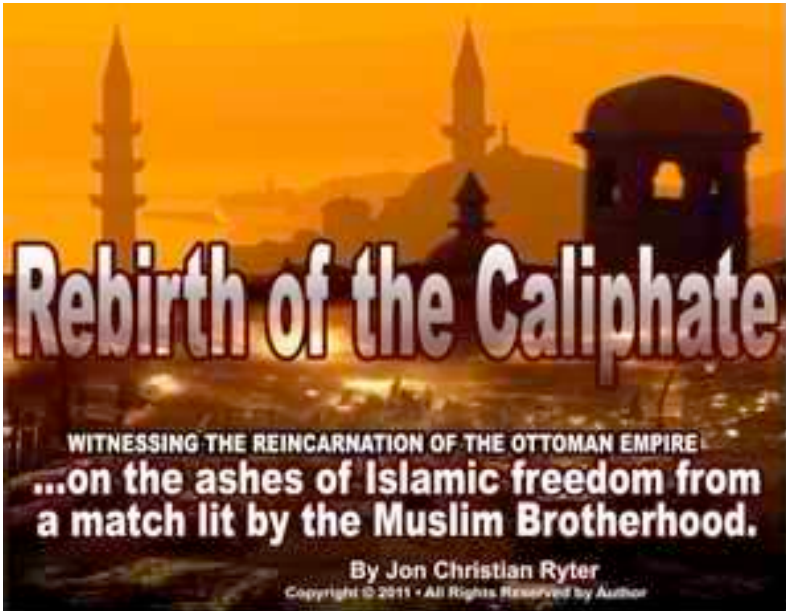
In his book, Elder Jones parallels the destruction of the Roman Empire “**by the mighty armies of the peoples of the north**” when the beast (the papacy) was formed, to the “utter ruin of the world, **by the mighty armies of another people**” (the King of the North) when the Image of the Beast is formed. He refers to it this way;

The result, to the Roman Empire, of the making of the Beast in the Roman Empire, and by the Roman Empire, was the utter ruin of that empire. This ruin was accomplished by the mighty armies of the peoples of the north marching forth under the first four of the Seven Trumpets. And the result, to the world, of the making of the Image of the Beast, and the worship of the Beast and his Image, in the world and by the world, will be the utter ruin of the world, by the mighty armies of another people marching forth under the sounding of the Seventh Trumpet, accompanied by the mighty notes of "the last trump."

And concerning this, it is written: [*Joel* 2:1-11 quoted]. A.T. Jones, *The Great Nations of Today*, page 202.

Chapter 1

The Third Woe - The Locusts are Coming



We will now go through the prophecy of *Joel* verse by verse, comparing it with *Revelation* 9, *Exodus* 10, *Psalms* 91, and several other verses.

The word of the LORD that came to Joel the son of Pethuel. *Joel* 1:1

In this verse Joel is simply telling us this is a prophecy from the Lord, and not his own words. No one really knows who Joel was, other than he was a prophet of God, and the son of Pethuel. Neither do we know the exact time period in which he lived, but it was undoubtedly a short time before the destruction of

Jerusalem by Babylon. This prophecy undoubtedly had a fulfillment in Joel's day but its primary application is to "the day of the Lord". Therefore, it illustrates the final destruction coming upon the apostate "christian" world.

Next we will parallel *Joel 1:2* with *Exodus 10:6* and *Joel 1:3* with *Exodus 10:2*. *Exodus 10* describes the plague of locusts in Egypt which was followed by one more plague, and then the Passover, which was death to the Egyptians but deliverance to God's people. Joel describes a scourge of symbolic locusts that will destroy the whole Earth. They will come to their end during the sixth plague, which is followed by one more plague, and then death to all sin and sinners, and eternal deliverance to God's people.

Notice the remarkable similarity between these passages in *Joel 1* and *Exodus 10*;

Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers? *Joel 1:2*

And they shall fill thy houses, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians; which neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth unto this day. And he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh. *Exodus 10:6*

Both of these passages are describing a terrible scourge of locusts and saying this is something that has never been seen before in the world.

Tell ye your children of it, and [let] your children [tell] their children, and their children another generation. *Joel 1:3*

And that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that ye may know how that I [am] the LORD. *Exodus 10:2*

The parallel in these verses is undeniable. Both are saying this is something that needs to be told to following generations, and we are the final generation.

That which the palmerworm [The root word for palmerworm is cutting locust] hath left hath the [swarming] locust eaten; and that which the [swarming] locust hath left hath the cankerworm [the un-winged stage] eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpillar [the worm stage] eaten. *Joel 1:4*

This verse is describing the four stages of growth in the life of the locust. It is very interesting to note that there are four stages in the growth of Islam. **First**, the rise of Islam in the early centuries. **Second**, the conquering of Constantinople, and their ruling of the eastern division of what had been the Roman Empire. **Third**, their fall from power, when they became known as “the sick man of the east”. **And finally**, their resurrection to a world power as the King of the North, when they will soon make their bid to take the world for Allah.

Compare *Joel 2:25*;

And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. *Joel 2:25*

Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine, for it is cut off from your mouth. *Joel 1:5*

The drinkers of water needed not to care when the vine was laid waste, they could live as well without it as they had done; it was no trouble for the Nazarites; but the drinkers of wine will weep and howl. - *Matthew Henry*

The above verse is calling us to awake from false doctrine, such as the idea that the King of the North is the papacy, an idea that has partially blinded the spiritual vision of the church for so long. They need to wake up and realize what the true pioneer position is on this present truth issue, and follow the counsel given. Compare *Isaiah 29:9-14*;

Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered. And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which [men] deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it [is] sealed: And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned. Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near [me] with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men: Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, [even] a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise [men] shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent [men] shall be hid. *Isaiah 29:9-14*

If we would simply stop making excuses and follow the divine counsel that we have been given and base our understanding of the prophecies on what was established by our pioneers in the first fifty years, we would not be led astray by false teachers. The prophecies can and should be clearly understood.

It is true that there are prophecies yet to be fulfilled. But **very erroneous work has been done again and again, and will continue to be done by those who seek to find new light in the prophecies, and who begin by turning away from the light that God has already given.** *Selected Messages*, book 2, pages 111-112 (emphasis supplied)

...In the prophecies **the future is opened before us** as plainly as it was opened to the disciples by the words of Christ. **The events connected with the close of probation and the work of preparation for the time of trouble, are clearly presented.** But multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths than if they had never been revealed. Satan watches to catch away every impression that would make them wise unto salvation, and the time of trouble will find them unready. *The Great Controversy*, page 594 (emphasis supplied)

Our pioneers taught that *Daniel* Chapter 11 is a literal delineation of historical events that lead up to the close of probation, and that opens the future before us, clearly presenting the final way-mark of probationary time. The book of *Joel* complements *Daniel* 11:45, and outlines the work of preparation for the time of trouble, thus irrefutably vindicating the literal understanding of *Daniel* 11:36-45. The official pioneer position of the church on this issue is as follows;

The eleventh chapter of Daniel entire is a literal historical prophecy, the longest and most remarkable of its kind in all the Scriptures. *1888 Bible Readings for the Home Circle*, page 395

Even James White, who everyone quotes to try to make Daniel 11:36-45 symbolic, made it very clear that this entire chapter of Daniel is literal;

There is a line of historic prophecy in chapter eleven, **where the symbols are thrown off**, beginning with the kings of Persia, and reaching down past Grecia and Rome, to the time when that power 'shall come to his end, and none shall help him. (James White, R&H, Oct. 3, 1878) (emphasis supplied)

Next Joel portrays this swarm of locusts that will cover the whole earth as “a nation”. This is a very unusual term for a swarm of insects, but remember the whole burden of the book of *Joel* is the devastation that will be caused by this plague of locusts.

For **a nation** is come up **upon my land, strong**, and without number, **whose teeth [are] the teeth of a lion**, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion. *Joel* 1:6 (emphasis supplied)

Compare *Joel* 2:25 where the locusts are juxtaposed to a “great army”;

And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, **my great army** which I sent among you. *Joel* 2:25 (emphasis supplied)

These verses indicate Joel is symbolically talking about a very numerous race of people. There are 1.5 billion Muslims in the world today.

The last part of the verse describes them as a people “whose teeth [are] the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion.” We will now compare this with *Revelation 9*. Remember, *Revelation 9* is the prophecy that was interpreted by Josiah Litch, and his exposé was endorsed by Ellen White, and his prediction, based on this prophecy, was fulfilled to the very day. **He proved beyond question that the locusts referred to in Chapter 9 represented the Muslims**, usually referred to today as Islam. Notice the remarkable similarities in *Revelation 9: 3, 7, and 8* to *Joel 1:6*;

And there came out of the smoke **locusts upon the earth**: and unto them was given **power**, as the **scorpions** of the earth have power. ...And the shapes of the **locusts** [were] like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads [were] as it were crowns like gold, and their faces [were] as the faces of men. And they had hair as the hair of women, and **their teeth were as [the teeth] of lions**. *Revelation 9:3, 7, and 8* (emphasis supplied)

The conclusion that these verses in Joel and Revelation are talking about exactly the same thing is inescapable. This deduction will be reiterated and reinforced again and again as we compare the two books. Therefore, the locusts in the book of *Joel* represent Islam, and the teeth of a lion represents their ferocity. In *Revelation 9*, verses 3 and 10, they are also called scorpions. One of the unique characteristics of a scorpion is that when it is cornered with no way to

escape, it will commit suicide by stinging itself to death. Fundamentalist Islam teaches its people to commit suicide.

He hath laid my vine waste, and **barked** my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast [it] away; the branches thereof are made white. *Joel 1:7* (emphasis supplied)

The “vine” and “fig tree” are a reference to the church. The word “barked” can also be translated “reduced to a stump”. This verse is beginning to describe the terrible devastation that Islam is going to bring upon apostate christendom and especially the professed remnant church. Consider the prophecy in Ezekiel 9:3-8 which we are told will be fulfilled to the letter, and then review the passage from Isaiah 5:4-7, 13, 14;

And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which [had] the writer's inkhorn by his side; And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: Slay utterly old [and] young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom [is] the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which [were] before the house. And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city. And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord GOD! wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem? *Ezekiel 9:3-8.*

What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes? And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; [and] break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down: And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briers and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts [is] the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry. ... Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because [they have] no knowledge: and their honourable men [are] famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst. Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it. *Isaiah* 5:4-7, 13,14

Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth. *Joel* 1:8.

The word “virgin” here would probably be better translated a “young bride” but either translation fits. A virgin represents a pure church. (see 2 Corinthians 11:2) The husband is Jesus Christ. This church has lost her husband before the consummation of the marriage. The marriage is the Investigative Judgment. (see Matthew 22:1-14) The consummation is the conclusion of the judgment when it is determined who will be a part of the bride. When the judgment is finished, probation closes.

The only fair conclusion that can be reached, therefore, is that this is describing the Seventh-day Adventist Church which was once pure in its youth, but has lost her husband, Jesus, sometime before probation

closes. This occurred in 1956-57 when our historic doctrine of the “fallen nature” of Christ was changed and the church began worshipping a false Christ. This is the reason that this terrible judgment described in Joel is allowed to come upon the church and the world. The church is going to have a fearful account to render to God.

A parallel passage is found in *Joel 2:17*;

Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where [is] their God? *Joel 2:17*

Only those who are found sighing and crying for all the abominations being done in the church will receive the seal of God.

And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. *Ezekiel 9:4*

The meat offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of the LORD; the priests, the LORD'S ministers, mourn. *Joel 1:9*

The meat offering and the drink offering were the priests portion. (see Leviticus, Chapter 2) Today, this would be equivalent to the tithe. A large share of the tithe has been cut off from the church because faithful members have been removed, and the leaders are continually crying for support.

The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted: the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth. Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished. The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, [even] all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men.

Joel 1:10-12

Ellen White places the fulfillment of these verses during the fourth plague. (see *The Great Controversy*, page 628, quoted on page 8 of this book) Verse 10 shows there will be no harvest for an apostate church. Verse 11 describes the shame of the apostate leaders for their utter failure, and all who continue to follow these false shepherds will perish with them. Verse 12 emphasizes the severity of the situation.

Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests: howl, ye ministers of the altar: come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of **my** God: for the meat offering and the drink offering is withholden from the house of **your** God. *Joel 1:13* (emphasis supplied)

The leaders and ministers will at this time be weeping and howling for the misery that has come upon them, but it will be too late. All support for the apostate church has dried up. They are worshiping a God of their own making, a false Christ.

Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders [and] all the inhabitants of the land [into] the house of **the LORD your God**, and cry unto the LORD. *Joel 1:14* (emphasis supplied)

Joel now reverts back to the period just before the close of probation, and gives the only remedy for God's people in this fearful hour. To sanctify means to set apart for holy use. This is a call for revival and reformation which would be of no avail if probation had already closed. Only God's true remnant and the honest in heart will heed this call and find shelter in the time of trouble. It is a call to return to the worship of "the LORD your God", the true Christ. We need to be coming together now more than ever to fast and pray for forgiveness for our own sins, and for our loved ones, and also for the abominations that have come into the church. Only those "that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof" (Ezekiel 9:4) will receive the seal of God.

Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD [is] at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come. *Joel* 1:15

This verse tells us that this scourge, as Islam attempts to conquer the world, is a judgment from the Lord. The reason judgment came upon Egypt was because of their total rebellion against the God of Heaven. Ancient Israel, when the measure of her iniquity was full, received the same condemnation. And today, judgment is soon to come upon an apostate church and the world for the same reason. Consider this parallel passage from *Zephaniah* 1:14-18;

The great day of the LORD [is] near, [it is] near, and hasteth greatly, [even] the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. That day [is] a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day

of clouds and thick darkness, A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers. And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD'S wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land. *Zephaniah 1:14-18*

Many people speculate that the “high towers” referred to in these verses are a reference to the twin towers of New York City. It is very easy to see the reasoning in this view. Another inspired statement describing the great day of the Lord is as follows;

As the angels of God cease to hold in check the fierce winds of human passion, all the elements of strife will be let loose. The whole world will be involved in ruin more terrible than that which came upon Jerusalem of old. ...There are **forces now ready, [Islamic ?] and only waiting the divine permission, to spread desolation everywhere.** ...Those who honor the law of God have been accused of bringing **judgments** upon the world, and they will be regarded as the cause of the fearful convulsions of nature and the **strife and bloodshed** among men that are filling the earth with **woe.** *The Great Controversy*, page 614 (emphasis supplied)

Terrible judgments are very soon to come upon the church and the world because of their rebellion against God. We need to understand these prophecies so we will have an intelligent faith and be able to warn the church and the world. Joel again brings us to the close of probation in the next verse.

Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, [yea], joy and gladness from the house of our God? *Joel 1:16*

We will compare this verse with another passage that also describes the close of probation;

And it shall come to pass in that day, [at the close of probation] saith the Lord GOD, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day: And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning of an only [son], and the end thereof as a bitter day. *Amos 8:9 -10*

This presents a very gloomy picture indeed, but we need to understand these prophecies so we can find shelter during this terrible time. Now Joel brings us again to the time of the fourth plague (see *The Great Controversy*, page 628). We will compare these next passages in *Joel* with *Revelation 16:8, 9*;

The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered. How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate. O LORD, to thee will I cry: for the **fire** hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the **flame** hath burned all the **trees** of the field. The beasts of the field cry also unto thee: for the rivers of waters are dried up, and the **fire** hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness. *Joel 1:17-20* (emphasis supplied)

And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with **fire**. And men were scorched with **great heat**, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues:

and they repented not to give him glory. *Revelation 16:8, 9.* (emphasis supplied)

Now we will compare *Joel 1:17-20* with *Revelation 9:4 & 6*. We are led by this comparison to conclude that there is a dual application to *Revelation 9*, except for the time prophecies;

And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. ...and their torment [was] as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. *Revelation 9:4-6*

In the first fulfillment of *Revelation 9*, judgment was mingled with mercy. After probation closes, there is no mercy for the transgressor.



Chapter 2

The Trumpet Call to the Church



In *Joel* Chapter 2, the prophet goes back over much of the same ground of Chapter 1, bringing in more detail. He begins with a warning of coming judgment upon the church and the world, and ends with the promise of mercy and deliverance to the true remnant.

Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for [it is] nigh at hand;
Joel 2:1

This is a call for all of God's true people to come into unity and give the final warning message, a message so solemn and disquieting that it will make "all the inhabitants of the land tremble".

Compare *Numbers* 10:2, 3, and 9, and *Isaiah* 58:1;

Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps. And when they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ...

And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies. *Numbers 10:2, 3, and 9*

Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. *Isaiah 58:1*

A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, [even] to the years of many generations. *Joel 2:2*

The phrase “as the morning spread upon the mountains” is an obscure expression, and very difficult to translate. From the context, we know it is talking about the spread of the locusts over the whole land. It is comparable to *Exodus 10:6*;

And they shall fill thy houses, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians; which neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth unto this day. And he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh. *Exodus 10:6*

The last part of *Joel 2:2* parallels *Exodus 10:14*, and also refers back to *Joel 1:2, 3*;

And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the coasts of Egypt: very grievous [were they]; before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such. *Exodus 10:14*

Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers? Tell ye your children of it, and [let] your children [tell] their children, and their children another generation. *Joel 1: 2, 3*

We will now continue with *Joel* Chapter 2.

A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land [is] as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them. *Joel 2:3*

This is describing a work of total devastation upon the once fruitful world.

The appearance of them [is] as the **appearance of horses**; and as **horsemen, so shall they run**. *Joel 2:4* (emphasis supplied)

By comparing this verse with *Revelation 9: 7-9*, and 16, there can be no doubt that Joel is describing the global jihad that Islam is soon to bring upon this world;

And the shapes of the locusts [were] **like unto horses** prepared unto battle; and on their heads [were] as it were crowns like gold, and their faces [were] as the faces of men. And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as [the teeth] of lions. And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings [was] as the **sound of chariots** of many horses **running to battle**.

And the number of the army of the **horsemen** [were] two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. *Revelation* 9:7-9, and 16 (emphasis supplied).

The parallels between the above passages of scripture are striking. Joel describes the locusts “as the appearance of horses”. John in the *Revelation* describes them as “like unto horses”. Joel says “so shall they run”. John depicts them as “running to battle”. There can be no doubt they are describing the same event.

Another fact we need to note is that out of 1.5 billion Muslims in the world today, 200 million of them are considered to be radical extremists. This is the exact number of **horsemen** depicted in *Revelation* 9:16 and mentioned in *Joel* 2:4.

Like the **noise of chariots** on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as **a strong people set in battle array**. *Joel* 2:5 (emphasis supplied)

The “noise of chariots” mentioned here is the same as the “sound of chariots” in *Revelation* 9:9 quoted above. We will now compare the last part of *Joel* 2:5 “as a strong people set in battle array” with *Revelation* 9:17;

And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses [were] as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. *Revelation* 9:17

It is not hard to see that this verse also describes “a strong people set in battle array”.

Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness. *Joel 2:6*

Not paleness, which may be occasioned by sickness, or fainting, or slighter terror; but blackness, like that of the countenance of those who are expiring in convulsions, or whose blood is suspended from circulation by some inward or outward violence. The extremity of horror and anguish is intended. - *Scott's Notes on Joel 2:6*.

We will compare this verse with *Nahum 2:10*;

She is empty, and void, and waste: and the heart melteth, and the knees smite together, and much pain [is] in all loins, and the faces of them all gather blackness. *Nahum 2:10*

These verses are reminiscent of *Daniel 5:6*, when Belshazzar was about to be slain and Babylon destroyed;

Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another. *Daniel 5:6*

God's true remnant need to understand this prophecy, and when they see this scourge unleashed upon the world, their faith will be strengthened and they will be able to claim the promise of *Psalms 91*;

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; [but] it shall not come nigh thee. ...There shall **no evil** befall thee, **neither** shall any **plague** come

nigh thy dwelling. ...Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, **because he hath known my name**. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I [will be] with him in **trouble; I will deliver him**, and honour him. With **long life** [eternal life] will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation. *Psalm 91:7-16* (emphasis supplied)

Transgression has almost reached its limit. Confusion fills the world, and **a great terror is soon to come upon human beings**. The end is very near. We who know the truth should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world **as an overwhelming surprise**. *Testimonies*, vol. 8, page 28 (emphasis supplied)

When the apostate churches and the world are forced to face the global jihad that is about to be unleashed, they will be overwhelmed with terror. Desperate people will resort to desperate measures, such as a Sunday law, and finally a death decree.

They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks: Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and [when] they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded. *Joel 2:7, 8*

When the Caliphate is formed and the Caliph (the supreme leader) is installed, he will be believed to be the reincarnation of Muhammed, and he will declare global jihad. Fighting between Islamic nations will subside, and they will all unite with one common cause - to take the world for Allah. No conventional modes of warfare will stop them. How do you stop an army of 200 million suicide bombers, especially when there are 1.5 billion Muslims and there is no way of knowing who is a

radical and who isn't? I hate to even say it, but the only way to stop them will be to annihilate them; thus the King of the North will "come to his end", but not before they have brought untold death, destruction, and ruin to the United States and the apostate protestant world.

They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief. *Joel 2:9*

The first part of this verse can be translated "they shall rush upon the city". **This is one reason why we are told to get out of the cities.** Very soon, the cities will be destroyed and desolated. The last part of the verse says "they shall enter in at the windows like a thief". In *John* Chapter 10, Jesus describes Himself as the true shepherd who enters in at the door, and the sheep know His voice. These are false shepherds (thieves) who are propagating a false religion through global jihad.

The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining: *Joel 2:10*

The first part of this verse is an illustration of the magnitude of this scourge that is coming, and can also be expected to have a literal application. The last part of the verse is repeated in *Joel 3:15*. A parallel passage is found in *Isaiah 13:9, 10, and 13* which places it just before the coming of the Lord, and *Revelation 16:10* locates these verses during the fifth plague. By comparing these verses with *Early Writings*, page 41, we understand they will be literally fulfilled;

The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. *Joel 3:15*

Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. ... Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger. *Isaiah 13:9, 10, and 13.*

And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, *Revelation 16:10.*

The powers of heaven are the sun, moon, and stars. They rule in the heavens. The powers of earth are those that rule on the earth. The powers of heaven will be shaken at the voice of God. Then the sun, moon, and stars will be moved out of their places. They will not pass away, but be shaken by the voice of God. *Early Writings, page 41.*

And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp [is] very great: for [he is] strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD [is] great and very terrible; and who can abide it? *Joel 2:11*

You might ask, how could Islam be described as the Lord's army? When Cyrus came against Babylon to destroy it, Jeremiah speaking for the Lord, described him this way;

Thou [art] my battle ax [and] weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms; *Jeremiah 51:20*

The last part of verse 11 asks “who can abide” “the day of the Lord”? *Malachi* 3:2 asks the same question and then *Malachi* 3:3 explains that only those who are refined and purified will “offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness”. Compare also *Revelation* 6:17 and then *The Great Controversy*, pages 310-311;

For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand? *Revelation* 6:17

It was needful that men should be awakened to their danger; that they should be roused to prepare for the solemn events connected with the close of probation. The prophet of God declares: "The day of the Lord is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?" ... *Joel* 2:11; ...

The prophet Jeremiah, looking forward to this fearful time, exclaimed: "I am pained at my very heart. . . . I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war. Destruction upon destruction is cried." *Jeremiah* 4:19, 20.

...Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, . . . to lay the land desolate: and He shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it." *Isaiah* 13:9.

In view of that great day the word of God, in the most solemn and impressive language, calls upon His people to arouse from their spiritual lethargy and to seek His face with repentance and humiliation: "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand." "Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children: . . . let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar." "Turn ye even to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for He is

gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness." Joel 2:1, 15-17, 12, 13.

To prepare a people to stand in the day of God, a great work of reform was to be accomplished. God saw that many of His professed people were not building for eternity, and in His mercy He was about to send a message of warning to arouse them from their stupor and lead them to make ready for the coming of the Lord. *The Great Controversy*, pages 310-311.

Then in *Joel 2:12-20*, God gives the remedy for His people to be able to survive the terrible evil that is coming upon the world.

Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye [even] to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he [is] gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. *Joel 2:12, 13*

We will compare these verses with *James 4:7-10* and *Jeremiah 29:11-13*;

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse [your] hands, [ye] sinners; and purify [your] hearts, [ye] double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and [your] joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. *James 4:7-10*

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find [me], when ye shall search for me with all your heart. *Jeremiah 29:11-13*.

Our Lord is calling for true heart repentance, with no pretense or outward show. We need to be on our knees, fasting and praying, submitting ourselves fully to God, seeking a relationship with him until every fiber of our being is on the stretch. Then our Lord promises to be gracious and merciful, and He will be the protector of His people.

Who knoweth [if] he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; [even] a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God? *Joel 2:14*

If the church would return to the Lord with true revival and reformation, this judgment would be lifted. But apparently, this will not happen except for a very small remnant.

Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: *Joel 2:15*

This is the trumpet call to the church: her last chance to solemnly consecrate herself and return to her Lord as probation is closing.

Compare *Zephaniah 2:1-3*;

Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired; Before the decree [Of *Revelation 22:11*] bring forth, [before] the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, before the day of the LORD'S anger come upon you. Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger. *Zephaniah 2:1-3*.

Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of

his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. *Joel*
2:16

This is a promise that all who heed the last call and truly repent will be gathered in and saved at this time. The true Christ, the Christ with a fallen nature who keeps His Father's commandments, is to be proclaimed to the world by His true church.

Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where [is] their God? *Joel* 2:17

We will compare this verse with *Ezekiel* 9:4;

And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. *Ezekiel* 9:4

The phrase “between the porch and the altar” signifies the place of meeting. We need to be coming together and praying that God will be merciful and spare His people. Only those “that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof” will receive the seal of the living God. The “heathen”, Babylon and Islam, will be making their bid to rule the world and destroy the remnant.

Notice the following inspired counsel from *Testimonies*, vol. 5, pages 452-453;

God has revealed what is to take place in the last days, that His people may be prepared to stand against the tempest of opposition and wrath. ...

Let the servants of the Lord weep between the porch and the altar, crying: "Spare Thy people, O Lord, and give not Thine heritage to reproach." God has always wrought for His people in their greatest extremity, when there seemed the least hope that ruin could be averted. The designs of wicked men, the enemies of the church, are subject to His power and overruling providence. He can move upon the hearts of statesmen; the wrath of the turbulent and disaffected, the haters of God, His truth, and His people can be turned aside, even as the rivers of water are turned, if He orders it thus. Prayer moves the arm of Omnipotence. He who marshals the stars in order in the heavens, whose word controls the waves of the great deep, the same infinite Creator will work in behalf of His people if they call upon Him in faith. He will restrain the forces of darkness until the warning is given to the world and all who will heed it are prepared for the conflict. *Testimonies*, vol. 5, pages 452-453.

Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people. Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen: *Joel 2:18, 19*

This is God's promise that He will spare His people, and all will be restored at the second coming.

To better understand these verses we need to realize that the words "zeal" and "jealous" are both derived from the same original word. Now compare *Psalms 69:9*;

For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me. *Psalms 69:9*

But I will remove far off from you the northern [army], and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things. *Joel* 2:20

Compare *Jeremiah* 1:13-16 and apply it to today;

And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a **seething pot [Islam ?]**; and the face thereof [is] **toward the north**. Then the LORD said unto me, **Out of the north** an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land. For, lo, I will call all the families of **the kingdoms of the north**, saith the LORD; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne **at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem**, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah. And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands. *Jeremiah* 1:13-16 (emphasis supplied)

There can be no doubt that “the northern army” referred to here is the King of the North as we compare these verses with *Daniel* 11:45;

And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. *Daniel* 11:45

This northern army will be driven “into a land barren and desolate”. This is a symbol of speedy and total destruction. The King of the North “shall come to his end, and none shall help him”. The northern army will have “his face toward the east sea [the Dead sea], and

his hinder part toward the utmost sea [the Mediterranean sea]”. This army has set up his camp “between the seas”, which places him in Jerusalem. According to *Daniel* 9:16 “thy city Jerusalem” [is] thy [glorious] holy mountain”. In other words “he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain”.

The marginal reading for the last part of *Joel* 2:20 is “his stink shall come up, and his ill savor shall come up, because he hath magnified himself to do great things”.

We need to also compare *Joel* 2:20 with *Exodus* 10:19;

And the LORD turned a mighty strong west wind, which took away the locusts, and cast them into the Red sea; there remained not one locust in all the coasts of Egypt.
Exodus 10:19

It appears from a comparison of these verses that when the King of the North “shall come to his end”, that this means the Caliphate (the resurrected Ottoman Empire), consisting of all the Islamic nations, will be annihilated; but not before it has done its work of death and destruction. By comparing *Revelation* 16:12 with *Revelation* 9:14, we know that he “shall come to his end” during the sixth plague;

And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.
Revelation 16:12

Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. *Revelation* 9:14

Josiah Litch, in his exposé on *Revelation 9* proved conclusively that the loosing of “the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates” was the loosing of the Ottoman power; therefore, the drying up of the great river Euphrates would be the drying up, or destruction, of that same power, setting the stage for the battle of Armageddon and the second coming of Christ when the papacy will be destroyed and God’s people delivered.

Joel 2:20, along with all the other parallels we have drawn, proves conclusively that the King of the North is the restored Ottoman power, today known as Islam. The Caliphate is the governing body of Islam, with the Caliph as the supreme leader, just as the papacy is the governing body of the Catholic church, with the Pope as the supreme leader.

Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things. Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. *Joel 2:21-22*

Verses 21-22 assure us that our Lord is in control. We do not need to fear for He will supply all our needs. Soon the curse will be removed and the Earth and man will be restored to their original condition.

Compare the following verses;

For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy [is] his name. And his mercy [is] on them that fear him from generation to generation. *Luke 1:49-50*.

O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon

earth. Selah. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. [Then] shall the earth yield her increase; [and] God, [even] our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. *Psalms 67:4-7*

Verses 23 puts the book of Joel in the context of the time of the outpouring of the latter rain, and continues to the second coming of Christ.

Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first [month].
Joel 2:23

In verse 23 where it says “the former rain” in the margin it says “a teacher of righteousness”, and where the verse says “moderately” in the margin it is rendered “according to righteousness”. If we supply these marginal readings the verse would read; “For He hath given you a teacher of righteousness according to righteousness”.

To know who this “teacher of righteousness” is we need to compare *John 14:26* with *John 16:13* and we will see that this “teacher”, also referred to as the former and latter rain, is the Holy Spirit;

But the Comforter, [which is] the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. *John 14:26*

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, [that] shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. *John 16:13*

When the Holy Spirit is poured out upon us "He will guide [us] into all truth" including a correct understanding of prophecy.

We are given the following inspired statement on this verse;

As the "former rain" was given, in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the opening of the gospel, to cause the upspringing of the precious seed, so the "latter rain" will be given at its close for the ripening of the harvest. "Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth." Hosea 6:3. "Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain." Joel 2:23. "In the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh." "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Acts 2:17, 21.

The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel are again to be fulfilled in the latter rain at its close. Here are "the times of refreshing" to which the apostle Peter looked forward when he said: "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and He shall send Jesus." Acts 3:19, 20.

Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given. ...

Thus the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to take their stand. *The Great Controversy*, pages 611-612.

The Septuagint version renders the last part of verse 23 “And He will rain on you the early and the latter rain as formerly”. You will notice that the word “month” is in italics and is therefore a supplied word.

Verse 24 assures us that there will be a bountiful harvest of souls at that time;

And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. *Joel 2:24*

And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. *Joel 2:25*

This verse suggests we will lose everything in this world, but all will be restored, and much more, in God’s kingdom. It also reinforces the fact that it will be the King of the North that will cause most of the death and destruction. Consider the following statement;

In the last great conflict of the controversy with Satan those who are loyal to God will see every earthly support cut off. Because they refuse to break His law in obedience to earthly powers, they will be forbidden to buy or sell. It will finally be decreed that they shall be put to death. See Revelation 13:11-17. But to the obedient is given the promise, "He shall dwell on high: his place of defense shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure." Isaiah 33:16. By this promise the children of God will live. When the earth shall be wasted with famine, they shall be fed. "They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied." Psalm 37:19. *The Desire of Ages*, pages 121-122

And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I [am] in the midst of Israel, and [that] I [am] the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed. *Joel 2:26, 27*

These verses are saying the same thing stated in the above quote.

And it shall come to pass afterward, [this word “afterward” can be translated “accordingly” or “again”] [that] I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. *Joel 2:28-31*

The outpouring of the spirit has been manifested in a very special way in the gift of the Spirit of Prophecy. This is one of the identifying marks of the remnant church, according to *Revelation 12:17* and *19:10*.

The signs “in the heavens and in the earth”, especially the great dark day of May 19, 1780, and the falling of the stars on Nov. 13, 1833, mark the beginning of the final generation, the final religious movement. They are also identified in *Matthew 24:29-30*; *Mark 13:24-26*; *Luke 21:25-27*; and *Revelation 6:12-17*. Some of these passages add more detail and give additional events, but they are always given in the same sequence. The sum total of these signs show that this

movement continues until the consummation of all things.

The church, identified by these “wonders in the heavens and in the earth”, was raised up to give the last warning message to the world. It is a prophetic church, not only arriving right on time, but also fulfilling the prophecies of *Revelation* Chapters 10, 12, and 14.

That church fell into apostasy, but there remains a very small remnant who continue to uphold the truth, the original message, that God gave to the pioneers in the first 50 years of the movement. God will so bestow His Spirit upon this true remnant that they will become a light amid the moral darkness of the last days, and great light will be reflected in all parts of the world.

And it shall come to pass, [that] whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

Joel 2:32

This verse is an example of Hebrew dualism, “mount Zion” and “Jerusalem” are equated to the “remnant”. But the vast majority, even of those who claim to be part of the remnant, will be destroyed because they went along with, or failed to stand up against, the apostasy and abominations that have come into the church;

And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord GOD! wilt thou destroy all the residue [or remnant] of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem?

Ezekiel 9:8

It is this true residue, or remnant of the remnant, that will be delivered along with the faithful of all ages, and not an apostate structure.

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. *Daniel 12:1*



Chapter 3

The Loud Cry to the World



The context of *Joel* Chapters 1 and 2 strongly suggests that the Loud Cry of Chapter 3 cannot be effectively given until we have the proper understanding of The King of the North and his work of destruction. Seeing this prophecy beginning to be fulfilled will wake up the true remnant and bring them to revival and reformation. This will prepare them for the time of trouble and give them vital information that has been overlooked, information they need to effectively give the last warning message to the world.

For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I

will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and [for] my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land. *Joel* 3:1,2

God's heritage has again been taken captive to Babylon, but our Lord will deliver the honest in heart who wish to be delivered. Babylon's treachery will be recompensed back upon her own head. The name "Jehoshaphat" in verse 2 means judgment. "Every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people" will be brought to judgment (*Revelation* 14:6).

Notice also in verse 2, **all nations** will be gathered together to answer for their crimes against God's elect and to receive their punishment.

Consider *Zephaniah* 3:8 and *Revelation* 16:16;

Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination [is] to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, [even] all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. *Zephaniah* 3:8

And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. *Revelation* 16:16

And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink. Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the coasts of Palestine? will ye render me a recompense? and if ye recompense me, swiftly [and] speedily will I return your recompense upon your own head; *Joel* 3:3, 4

Anciently, when the children of Israel were taken captive they were enslaved and treated very cruel. This passage has a spiritual application today.

The name “Palestine” in verse 4 is rendered “Philistines” in the Septuagint. Tyre and Sidon are today located in Lebanon, and the land of the Philistines is now known as the Gaza Strip. All are held by Islamists today. The Lord will soon return their doings back upon their own head. But even these cities and lands will not be held as guilty as most who claim to be God’s people.

Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not: Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. *Matthew 11:20-22.*

Who is it today who claim to be God’s people, but are not, and when will they be recompensed?

And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling [fig] from the fig tree. For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment. ... For [it is] the day of the LORD's vengeance, [and] the year of recompenses for the controversy of Zion. And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch. It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever. *Isaiah 34:4,5, 8-10.*

“Idumea” is the greek form of Edom, the land of Esau. Esau was the twin brother of Israel, representing the division in the church today. He was the elder sibling and would have received the birthright but he sold it for a bowl of pottage. The professed church today at first held the birthright but they too sold it (to the Evangelicals in 1956 and 57) for a bowl of pottage. Now the curse of God is upon them and the birthright has passed to the true and faithful remnant.

Because ye have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly pleasant things:
Joel 3:5

True riches belong to those who hold the true word of God. The very foundation of the truth that was given to the last day remnant church was taken from them by Babylon, and they offered it up willingly in exchange for a bowl of pottage.

The children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem have ye sold unto the Grecians, that ye might remove them far from their border. *Joel 3:6*

When the nation of Israel began sending their young scholars to Alexandria in Egypt, which was the center of higher education in the Grecian world, they ended up crucifying their own Redeemer. Greece represents higher reasoning - putting the wisdom of men above the wisdom of God. The church is repeating this tragic scenario, and crucifying Jesus afresh in the person of the true remnant.

Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompense upon

your own head: And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a people far off: for the LORD hath spoken [it]. Joel 3:7, 8

The Lord in His great mercy will rescue His honest children from the devises of the enemy. The Sabeans, which are said to be from Arabia, are mentioned in *Job* 1:15 and are the people who robbed Job and cruelly murdered his servants. Job represents the 144,000. Those who oppose the true remnant will be sold by the Lord into the hand of the Sabeans, the Arab nations of today.

Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I [am] strong. Joel 3:9, 10

This is the beginning of the Loud Cry message to the world. This is the Lord speaking and telling His people to wake up and prepare for war. This is the opposite of *Isaiah* 2:2-4, and *Micah* 4:1-3 where the people and nations are speaking and giving the message of peace.

The marginal reading for “Prepare war” is “Sanctify war”. This is the Lord’s battle and the finishing of the great controversy. Only those who realize their weakness and their great need of Jesus will stand in that day.

Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD. *Joel* 3:11

This is the call out message in the book of *Joel*. This is the final call of the judgment hour message to come out of Babylon. This is equivalent to the Loud Cry of *Revelation* 18:1-4. Those who teach that the King of the North is the papacy will try to tell you that *Daniel* 11:41 is the call out message. It is a far stretch to get the call out message from that verse. They insist that the literal understanding of *Daniel* 11:40-45 destroys the call out message, but on the contrary, God's people will not be able to effectively give the Loud Cry message until they understand the literal application of the King of the North.

This verse has a dual application, however, because the word "heathen" which usually means "nation", or "anyone who is not of the literal children of Israel", can also mean, figuratively speaking, "a flight of locusts". This definition can be found in *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance with Vine's Dictionary*.

In *Revelation* Chapter 9 the locusts have been proved to be Islam, or more precisely, the restored Ottoman empire. So in this verse the Lord is telling the King of the North, who is ultimately Satan, to assemble his people and come up to the battle.

Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. *Joel* 3:12

Remember the name "Jehoshaphat" means judgment. This is the same judgment hour message as is found in *Revelation* 14:6-12.

This verse also has another application because it uses the same word "heathen" with the same double

meaning. Here God is telling the Islamic nations to wake up, which is what we are seeing right now, and come up to the battle and receive their judgment. In other words, He is telling them to go ahead and declare global jihad and then He will bring them to their end.

Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the vats overflow; for their wickedness [is] great. *Joel 3:13*

This is describing the harvest of the grapes of wrath, the same as in *Revelation 14:19-20*. This harvest is overflowing, showing that the vast majority will be lost.

Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD [is] near in the valley of decision. *Joel 3:14*

This verse is self-explanatory. It is time to make our decision for the Lord.

The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. *Joel 3:15*

We will compare this verse with *Isaiah 13:9-13* and *Revelation 16:10*;

Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. And I will punish the world for [their] evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the

golden wedge of Ophir. Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger. *Isaiah* 13:9-13.

And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, *Revelation* 16:10.

By comparing these verses we see that the passage in *Joel* 3:15 will be fulfilled during the fifth plague. Before probation closed the remnant were completely refined and purified and are now considered by God to be “more precious than fine gold”. We know these passages will be fulfilled literally because of the comment in *Early Writings*, page 41;

The powers of heaven are the sun, moon, and stars. They rule in the heavens. The powers of earth are those that rule on the earth. The powers of heaven will be shaken at the voice of God. Then the sun, moon, and stars will be moved out of their places. They will not pass away, but be shaken by the voice of God. *Early Writings*, page 41.

The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD [will be] the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel. So shall ye know that I [am] the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more. *Joel* 3:16, 17

This is the second coming of our Lord. Jesus is telling us to put our hope, our trust, and our faith in Him, and He will be our strength, and our salvation. Sin and

sinners will be cut off, but the righteous will dwell with the Lord forever.

And it shall come to pass in that day, [that] the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim. Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence [against] the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land. But Judah shall dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation. For I will cleanse their blood [that] I have not cleansed: for the LORD dwelleth in Zion. *Joel 3:18-21*

This is a description of Heaven and the Earth made new. All traces of the curse will be removed, and the earth will be recreated into a perfect paradise.

Egypt represents those who refuse to acknowledge God and Edom corresponds to those who claim to be God's people but sold their birthright. Condemnation for both classes comes from the fact that they have shed innocent blood. The wicked have always persecuted the righteous. All sin and sinners will be brought to ashes together and will be lost for all eternity.

The righteous, all those who have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus, will dwell with the Lord in perfect peace, and ever increasing joy and happiness, throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. Amen

It is the hope and prayer of the author that this commentary on the book of *Joel* will be profitable and a comfort to all who study it. It behooves us to have an intelligent faith, not merely for our own benefit, but that

we might come into unity and give the last message of warning to the world.

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If only Muslims were clever politically, they could take over the United States and replace its constitutional government with a caliphate. If we were united and strong, we would elect our own emir and give allegiance to him. Take my word if eight million Muslims unite in America, the country will come to us.

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(Notice the hand displaying the papal sign.)

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They forgot one thing.



Our Lord is coming to take us home.

Revelation 22:7: **Behold, I come quickly:** blessed [is] he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Verse 12: And, **behold, I come quickly;** and my reward [is] with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Verse 20: He which testifieth these things saith, **Surely I come quickly.**

Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

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