

Joel 2

Chapter 2 of 3 · 32 Verses · Authorized King James Version

The Day of the Lord

- ¹ 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;
- ² 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.
- ³ 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.
- ⁴ The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run.
- ⁵ 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.
- ⁶ Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness.
- ⁷ 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:
- ⁸ 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.
- ⁹ 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.

- 10 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:
- 11 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?
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Return to the Lord

- 12 Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:
- 13 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.
- 14 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?
- 15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:
- 16 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.
- 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?
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- 18 Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people.
- 19 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:

- 20 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.
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- 21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things.
- 22 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.
- 23 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.
- 24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.
- 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.
- 26 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.
- 27 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.
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The Promise of the Spirit

- 28 And it shall come to pass afterward, 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:
- 29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.
- 30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

- 31** The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.
- 32** 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.

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Altar — מִזְבֵּחַ (Mizbeach)

Altar, place of sacrifice

The Hebrew **mizbeach** (מִזְבֵּחַ) means altar—from the root 'to slaughter.' Altars were places where sacrifices were offered to God, pointing forward to Christ's ultimate sacrifice.

Blood — דָּם (Dam)

Blood

The Hebrew **dam** (דָּם) means blood—representing life itself. 'The life of the flesh is in the blood' (Leviticus 17:11), and blood was required for atonement, foreshadowing Christ's sacrifice.

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Heaven — שָׁמַיִם (Shamayim)

Heaven, sky

The Hebrew **shamayim** (שָׁמַיִם) means heaven or sky—God's dwelling place and the realm above earth. 'The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's' (Psalm 115:16), yet 'the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him' (1 Kings 8:27).

Holy — קָדוֹשׁ (Qadosh)

Holy, set apart

The Hebrew **qadosh** (קָדוֹשׁ) means holy or set apart—separated from common use for God's purposes. God is 'the Holy One of Israel,' utterly distinct from creation in moral perfection.

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Priest — כֹהֵן (Kohen)

Priest

The Hebrew **kohen** (כֹהֵן) denotes a priest—one who mediates between God and people through sacrifices and intercession. Aaron and his descendants served as Israel's priests, foreshadowing Christ the Great High Priest.

Sanctify — שִׁדָּשׁ (Qadash)

To set apart, make holy

The Hebrew **qadash** (שִׁדָּשׁ) means to set apart or consecrate—separating something for God's sacred purposes. God sanctified the seventh day (Genesis 2:3) and calls His people to 'be holy; for I am holy' (Leviticus 11:44).

Spirit — רוּחַ (Ruach)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Hebrew **ruach** (רוּחַ) means spirit, wind, or breath—invisible but powerful. It describes both the Holy Spirit and the human spirit. God's Spirit gives life and empowers His people.

Word — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

CROSS REFERENCES

Joel 2:1 **Parallel theme:** Joel 2:15; Jeremiah 4:5; 1 Peter 4:7. **References Lord:** Joel 1:15; Isaiah 66:2; Jeremiah 5:22; Zephaniah 1:14; Malachi 4:1. **Holy:** Joel 3:17; Zephaniah 3:11

Joel 2:2

Parallel theme: Joel 1:6; 2:5; 2:25; Daniel 12:1. **Darkness:** Joel 2:31; Isaiah 5:30; 8:22

Joel 2:3 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 2:8; Exodus 10:5; 10:15; Isaiah 51:3; Zechariah 7:14

Joel 2:4 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 9:7

Joel 2:5 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 5:24; 30:30; Revelation 9:9

Joel 2:6 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 13:8; Jeremiah 30:6; Lamentations 4:8; Nahum 2:10

Joel 2:7 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 30:27

Joel 2:8 **Word:** Job 33:18. **Parallel theme:** 2 Chronicles 32:5

Joel 2:9 **Parallel theme:** Exodus 10:6; Jeremiah 9:21; John 10:1

Joel 2:10 **Darkness:** Isaiah 13:10; Matthew 24:29; Acts 2:20. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 18:7; Revelation 6:12

Joel 2:11 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 46:6; Jeremiah 30:7; Nahum 1:6; Malachi 3:2; Revelation 6:17. **References Lord:** Joel 3:16; Isaiah 13:4; 42:13; Jeremiah 50:34; Revelation 18:8

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Parallel theme: Hosea 12:6; Acts 26:20. **References Lord:** Judges 20:26; 1 Samuel 7:3; 7:6; Isaiah 22:12; Jeremiah 4:1; Hosea 6:1; 14:1; Zechariah 7:3

Joel 2:13 **Grace:** Psalms 86:5; 86:15; 103:8; Jonah 4:2; Micah 7:18. **References Lord:** Psalms 34:18; Isaiah 66:2. **Parallel theme:** 2 Samuel 1:11; Isaiah 57:15. **References God:** Psalms 51:17

Joel 2:14 **Repentance:** Jonah 3:9. **Blessing:** Haggai 2:19. **Sacrifice:** Joel 1:9; 1:13. **Sin:** Exodus 32:30. **References God:** 2 Samuel 12:22; 2 Kings 19:4; Amos 5:15; Jonah 1:6. **References Lord:** Zephaniah 2:3

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Joel 2:17 **References God:** Psalms 79:10; 115:2; Isaiah 37:20; Amos 7:2. **Sacrifice:** Joel 1:9; Ezekiel 8:16; Matthew 23:35. **References Lord:** Exodus 34:9; Hosea 14:2. **Parallel theme:** 1 Kings 6:3

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Joel 2:19 **Parallel theme:** Joel 1:10; 2:24; Ezekiel 34:29; Hosea 2:15; Matthew 6:33. **References Lord:** Jeremiah 31:12; Ezekiel 36:15; 39:29

Joel 2:20

Parallel theme: Exodus 10:19; Deuteronomy 11:24; Isaiah 34:3; Ezekiel 47:18; Amos 4:10; Zechariah 14:8

Joel 2:21

Parallel theme: Joel 2:20; Deuteronomy 4:32; Psalms 98:8; Isaiah 35:1; 41:10; 54:4; Jeremiah 33:3; Zechariah 8:15. **References Lord:** 1 Samuel 12:16; 12:24

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Joel 2:23 **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 26:4; Deuteronomy 11:14; Psalms 149:2; Isaiah 30:23.
References Lord: Psalms 28:7; Isaiah 41:16; Hosea 6:3; Zechariah 10:1; Philippians 3:1; 4:4

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Joel 2:25 **Parallel theme:** Zechariah 10:6

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Resurrection: Psalms 22:26; Isaiah 25:1. **References God:** Deuteronomy 12:7; Romans 5:5.
References Lord: Isaiah 45:17; 49:23

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Spirit: Proverbs 1:23; Isaiah 32:15; 44:3; Ezekiel 39:29; Zechariah 12:10; John 7:39; Acts 2:33.
Parallel theme: Luke 3:6; Acts 2:39; Galatians 3:28

Joel 2:29 **Spirit:** 1 Corinthians 12:13. **Parallel theme:** Galatians 3:28; Colossians 3:11

Joel 2:30 **Parallel theme:** Judges 20:40; Matthew 24:29; Luke 21:11

Joel 2:31 **Darkness:** Joel 2:10; 3:15; Matthew 24:29; 27:45. **References Lord:** Malachi 4:1; 4:5. **Parallel theme:** Joel 3:1; Luke 21:25

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