

# Joel 3

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## Judgment on the Nations

- <sup>1</sup> For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,
  - <sup>2</sup> 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.
  - <sup>3</sup> 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.
  - <sup>4</sup> Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the coasts of Palestine? will ye render me a recompence? and if ye recompense me, swiftly and speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head;
  - <sup>5</sup> Because ye have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly pleasant things:
  - <sup>6</sup> 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.
  - <sup>7</sup> Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompence upon your own head:
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- <sup>8</sup> 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.

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## **The Valley of Decision**

- 9** 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:
- 10** Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong.
- 11** Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD.
- 12** 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.
- 13** Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great.

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- 14** Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.
- 15** The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.
- 16** 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.
- 17** 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.

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## **Blessings for God's People**

- 18** 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.

**19** 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.

**20** But Judah shall dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.

**21** For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed: for the LORD dwelleth in Zion.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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).

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### **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.

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### **Lord** — אֲדֹנָי / יְהוָה (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.

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## CROSS REFERENCES

**Joel 3:1** **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 30:3; Psalms 14:7; 85:1; Jeremiah 16:15; 29:14; 30:3; 30:18; Ezekiel 16:53; 39:25; Amos 9:14

**Joel 3:2** **Parallel theme:** Joel 3:12; Isaiah 66:16; Jeremiah 25:31; Ezekiel 35:10; 38:22; Zephaniah 3:8; Revelation 16:16. **References Israel:** Ezekiel 39:11

**Joel 3:3** **Parallel theme:** Amos 2:6; Obadiah 1:11; Nahum 3:10; Revelation 18:13

**Joel 3:4** **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 34:8; 59:18; Jeremiah 47:4

**Joel 3:5** **Parallel theme:** 2 Kings 12:18

**Joel 3:6** **Parallel theme:** Joel 3:3; 3:8; Deuteronomy 28:68; Ezekiel 27:13

**Joel 3:7** **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 23:8; 30:10; 30:16; 2 Thessalonians 1:6

**Joel 3:8** **References Lord:** Judges 2:14; Isaiah 60:14. **Parallel theme:** Job 1:15

**Joel 3:9** **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 31:10; Ezekiel 38:7

**Joel 3:10** **Parallel theme:** 2 Chronicles 25:8; Zechariah 12:8. **Word:** Isaiah 2:4; Micah 4:3

**Joel 3:11** **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 13:3. **References Lord:** Zephaniah 3:8

### Joel 3:12

**Parallel theme:** Joel 3:2; 3:14. **Judgment:** Psalms 7:6; 96:13; 98:9; Isaiah 2:4; 3:13; Micah 4:3

**Joel 3:13** **Parallel theme:** Genesis 18:20; Deuteronomy 16:9; Isaiah 63:3; Jeremiah 51:33; Lamentations 1:15; Hosea 6:11; Mark 4:29. **Evil:** Matthew 13:39

**Joel 3:14** **Parallel theme:** Joel 3:2; Philippians 3:2; 2 Peter 3:7. **References Lord:** Joel 2:1

**Joel 3:15** **Darkness:** Joel 2:10; 2:31; Matthew 24:29

### Joel 3:16

**References Lord:** Psalms 18:2; Proverbs 18:10; Isaiah 42:13; Jeremiah 16:19; Amos 1:2; Haggai 2:6. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 61:3; Isaiah 51:16; Revelation 16:18. **References Israel:** Ezekiel 38:19

### **Joel 3:17**

**References God:** Joel 2:27. **Holy:** Isaiah 4:3; 52:1; Jeremiah 31:23. **Parallel theme:** Nahum 1:15; Revelation 21:27. **References Lord:** Joel 3:21

**Joel 3:18** **Parallel theme:** Numbers 25:1; Psalms 46:4; Isaiah 30:25; 35:6; Zechariah 14:8

**Joel 3:19** **Blood:** Jeremiah 51:35

**Joel 3:20** **Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 37:25; Amos 9:15. **References Jerusalem:** Isaiah 33:20

**Joel 3:21** **Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 36:25; 36:29; Revelation 21:3. **Blood:** Isaiah 4:4.

**References Lord:** Joel 3:17; Ezekiel 48:35

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