

War and Peace

Joel 3

A (Brief) Timeline of the End Times:

Rapture of the church (1 Thess. 4)

Tribulation (Jer. 30:7; Dan. 9:24; Matt 24:9-28; Rev. 4-19)

Two-fold: discipline the nation of Israel and judge unbelieving nations

Second Coming of Christ (Matt. 24:29-31; Rev. 19:11-16)

Heavenly signs, visible return of the Son of Man, angels sent to gather elect

Armageddon (Rev. 19:17-20:3)

Antichrist, false prophet, the kings of the earth, and their armies destroyed

Millennium (Rev. 20)

Satan bound and Saints reign with Christ for 1000 years

New Heavens and New Earth (Rev. 21 and 22)

Joel's View of the End Times:

1) Escape from Destruction (Joel 2:32)

(End of Tribulation)

2) Judgment in the Valley of Decision (3:1-8)

(Between Armageddon and Millennium)

Timing (3:1)

Judge (3:2,12)

Defendants (3:2)

Location (3:2,12,14)

Reason (3:2-8)

_____ against God's people

Verdict (Matt. 25:31-46)

_____ the sickle

_____ the sheep and goats

_____ (Matthew 25:31-46)

Sheep (right side)

Blessed

*Inherit the kingdom
prepared for them*

Good works

*Towards the least of the
brothers and sisters*

Eternal life

Goats (left side)

Cursed

*Depart into the eternal fire
prepared for the devil and his angels*

Lack of works

Towards the least of these

Eternal punishment

Interpretive Issues:

- 1) What does the Bible say about how we are saved?
- 2) Is judgment an individual or corporate experience?

Interpretive Solutions:**3) A War Against the Nations (3:9-13)**

(Armageddon)

A _____ war

4) Promises of the Coming Kingdom (3:17-21)

(Millennial Kingdom)

- 1) _____ in Zion and Jerusalem (3:17)
- 2) _____ of the Land (3:18)
- 3) _____ of Enemies (3:19)
- 4) _____ of God's People (3:20)

Lessons from Joel: