

²⁸ “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. ²⁹ Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit. ³⁰ “And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. ³² And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Joel 2:28-3:8

¹ “For behold, in those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, ² I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. And I will enter into judgment with them there, on behalf of my people and my heritage Israel, because they have scattered them among the nations and have divided up my land, ³ and have cast lots for my people, and have traded a boy for a prostitute, and have sold a girl for wine and have drunk it. ⁴ “What are you to me, O Tyre and Sidon, and all the regions of Philistia? Are you paying me back for something? If you are paying me back, I will return your payment on your own head swiftly and speedily.

Joel 2:28-3:8

⁵For you have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried my rich treasures into your temples.⁶ You have sold the people of Judah and Jerusalem to the Greeks in order to remove them far from their own border. ⁷Behold, I will stir them up from the place to which you have sold them, and I will return your payment on your own head. ⁸I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the people of Judah, and they will sell them to the Sabeans, to a nation far away, for the Lord has spoken.”

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THE CHRISTIAN RIGHTS: GOD'S PRESENCE & WORD

JOEL 2:28-3:8

Context: Textual

- God's people are suffering for an unclear reason. (1:1-12)
- God's people are called to repent. (1:13-20)
- God's power is proclaimed. (2:1-11)
- God's mercy is reiterated. (2:12-17)
- God's (material) blessings are promised. (2:18-27)

God's True Blessing

- 28-29: God's true blessing is His personal presence.
- 28-29: God's personal presence eliminates worth/value distinctions through access to His Word.
- 30-31: This access to God and His Word is a greater miracle than ever done before.
- 32: This access to God and His Word will be for all who "calls."

The New Covenant is God's presence empowering the Christian to both know and proclaim God's Word.

God's True Judgment

- 1-3: Though it is the Christians responsibility to proclaim, Judgment will ultimately be the Lord's.
- 4-6: God judges the nations who have, with all their power, sought to separate Him from His people.
- 7-8: God will do to them what they sought to do to His people, thus serving judgment.

God's judgment towards the wicked is that they will be, in all ways, forever separate from His presence and His Word.

How then shall we live?

- We have been given the right to study Scripture.
- We have been given the right to prophecy Scripture.
- We have been given the right to proclaim Scripture.
- We have been given the right to practice God's presence through prayer.
- We have been given the right to experience God's presence through worship.

Are you exercising your rights as Christians?



**The Word was made flesh
that we might know Him.**