

THE MESSAGE OF THE PROPHET JOEL

THE DAY OF THE LORD IS COMING

JOEL CHAPTER 1:8-20

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

"WILL YOU BE REVIVED?"

THE COMING OF THE DAY OF THE LORD DRAWS NEAR

Part I

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Judgment, Revival, Repentance, Hope, Humility

Introduction to the Text; **Joel 1:8-20**

Statement of Textual Summation and Theme

It's a Question... Will You, Be, Revived?

(It's not a question of "Can" you be revived, but rather, Will you?)

WILL YOU BE REVIVED ?

1.) All you *Elders* among my people

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Joel 1:1-4

The word of the LORD that came to Joel the son of Pethuel. 2 Hear this, you elders, And give ear, all you inhabitants of the land! Has anything like this happened in your days, Or even in the days of your fathers? 3 Tell your children about it, Let your children tell their children, And their children another generation. 4 What the chewing locust left, the swarming locust has eaten; What the swarming locust left, the crawling locust has eaten; And what the crawling locust left, the consuming locust has eaten.

Now Calling (Group 1)

The Elders Among Us...

**Who are the Elders
and What's Their Sin and Failure?**

**The Elders are the Community Leaders
who seek power for themselves, their decisions are
"self-based" promotions. = judges!**

WILL YOU BE REVIVED?

All you Elders among my people

1a.) Recognize that God resides over all human affairs

The Judgment Coming Upon Judah, Would One Day be Global.

WILL YOU BE REVIVED ?

All you Elders among my people

1b.) Repent of being self-reliant and void

They were "**the**" elders
men who had "**earned**" a reputation for being wise,
for "**stirring**" people to God.

But They Had Become "God-Less in Their Eldership"

WILL YOU BE REVIVED ?

When we grow older, we tend to settle in.
We begin to become satisfied.
The vision wanes and the urgency lessons.

The Danger of Growing Familiar with God-Things

"We Need to Become Old Like Caleb Became Old"
(the power of the Lord was with him)

WILL YOU BE REVIVED?

All you Elders among my people

1c.) Remember to look to the Lord again

The Catastrophe Against Judah was To Bring Them Around,
To Consider Again The Lord and His Place.

Joel 1:3

**Tell your children about it, Let your children tell their children,
And their children another generation.**

"Locusts!"

But why would a God of love let locusts do that to the land of Judah?
Answer is; because He is a God of love!

See, If You're Going to Judge God on "Situational Ethics"
Then You've Really Misunderstood Who God Is.

EXAMPLE...

"What If There's an Earthquake in Los Angeles"

Is God bad, mean or angry for Allowing an Earthquake in Los Angeles?

The People of Los Angeles Would Say Yes,
But The people of Seattle Would Say No

Calamity is Not God's Weakness, It's The Result of Human Sin, Which
Causes Our Suffering.

We Live in a Sin Torn World, It's at War and Broken,
the question is, Why, Why, Why, 1,000 times Why?
We've Decided to Go It Alone, Without God.

WILL YOU BE REVIVED?

2.) All you Drunks around my people

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Now Calling (Group 2)

The Drunks Among Us...

**Who are the Drunks
and What's Their Sin and Failure?**

**The Drunk is the Man or Woman
who is unable to cope, because they are unwilling to trust.**

Joel 1:5-7

Awake, you drunkards, and weep; And wail, all you drinkers of wine, Because of the new wine, For it has been cut off from your mouth. 6 For a nation has come up against My land, Strong, and without number; His teeth are the teeth of a lion, And he has the fangs of a fierce lion. 7 He has laid waste My vine, And ruined My fig tree; He has stripped it bare and thrown it away;

Its branches are made white.

WILL YOU BE REVIVED?

All you Drunks around my people

2a.) because your *crutch* is gone away

Verse 5

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The Crutch

America is Drunk, Drugged, and Doped
anything but reality...

But it's reality that brings us face to face with God

Will our nation turn to God or is it too doped up to respond?

WILL YOU BE REVIVED ?

All you Drunks around my people

2b.) Do you *want* to be revived?

Matthew 11:16-19

"But to what shall I liken this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their companions, 17 and saying: 'We played the flute for you, And you did not dance; We mourned to you, And you did not lament.' 18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' 19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'

But wisdom is justified by her children."

Cry Out to The Lord and Beg Him to Free You

WILL YOU BE REVIVED?

All you Drunks around my people

2c.) Ask for a *broken heart* toward your sin

Is This You?

Proverbs 23:31-35

Don't let the sparkle and smooth taste of wine deceive you. :32 For in the end it bites like a poisonous serpent; it stings like a viper. :33 You will see hallucinations, and you will say crazy things. :34 You will stagger like a sailor tossed at sea, clinging to a swaying mast. :35 And you will say, "Someone hit me, but I didn't feel it. I didn't even know someone beat me up.

When will I wake up so I can have another drink?"

Or Is This You?

Psalms 51;17

The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit, **A broken and a contrite heart**— These, O God, You will not despise.

Please Know My Friend, The Lord is Wanting You to Have Victory Over This Addiction, More Than You Do.

WILL YOU BE REVIVED ?

3.) All you *Farmers* for my people

v.11

Now Calling (Group 3)

The Producers Among Us...

Who are the Farmers/Producers and What's Their Sin and Failure?

The Farmers / Producers

began to take of the land for themselves, not God.

Joel 1:11-12

Be ashamed, you farmers, Wail, you vinedressers, For the wheat and the barley; Because the harvest of the field has perished. 12 The vine has dried up, And the fig tree has withered; The pomegranate tree, The palm tree also, And the apple tree— All the trees of the field are withered;

Surely joy has withered away from the sons of men.

WILL YOU BE REVIVED ?

All you Producers for my people

3a.) *When the **economy** fails ?*

WILL YOU BE REVIVED ?

All you Producers for my people

3b.) *When the **dollar** slips away ?*

WILL YOU BE REVIVED ?

All you Producers for my people

3c.) *When there is nothing left ?*

WILL YOU BE REVIVED ?

4.) *All you **Priests** to my people*

v.13-14

Now Calling (Group 4)

The Priests For Us...

**Who are the Priests / Shepherds / Pastors
and What's Their Sin and Failure?**

The Pastors / Priests

**failed at giving the full counsel of Gods word. They told the people what the
people wanted to hear.**

Joel 1:13-14

*Gird yourselves and lament, **you priests**; Wail, you who minister before the altar;
Come, lie all night in sackcloth, You who minister to my God; For the grain offering and
the drink offering Are withheld from the house of your God. **14** Consecrate a fast, Call
a sacred assembly; Gather the elders *And* all the inhabitants of the land Into the house
of the LORD your God,
And cry out to the LORD.*

2 Timothy 4:1-4

I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: **2** Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. **3** For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; **4** and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

WILL YOU BE REVIVED ?

All you Priests to my people

4a.) *Only if you feed upon His person*

Verse 13

Gird yourselves and lament, **you priests**; Wail, you who minister before the altar;
Come, lie all night in sackcloth, You who minister to my God;

WILL YOU BE REVIVED ?

All you Priests to my people

4b.) *Only if you give us His word*

Jeremiah 3:12-15

Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say: "Return, backsliding Israel," says the LORD; "I will not cause My anger to fall on you. For I *am* merciful," says the LORD; "I will not remain angry forever. **13** Only acknowledge your iniquity, That you have transgressed against the LORD your God, And have scattered your charms To alien deities under every green tree, And you have not obeyed My voice," says the LORD. **14** "Return, O backsliding children," says the LORD; "for I am married to you. I will take you, one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion. **15** And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.

WILL YOU BE REVIVED ?

All you Priests to my people

4c.) *Only if you serve in His power*

Zechariah 4:6

“This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ Says the LORD of hosts. 7 “Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With shouts of ‘Grace, grace to it!’ ””

***Verses 15-20 Look's Beyond Judah,
Beyond Israel, to The End of the Age***

Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD is at hand; It shall come as destruction from the Almighty. 16 Is not the food cut off before our eyes, Joy and gladness from the house of our God? 17 The seed shrivels under the clods, Storehouses are in shambles; Barns are broken down, For the grain has withered. 18 How the animals groan! The herds of cattle are restless, Because they have no pasture; Even the flocks of sheep suffer punishment. 19 O LORD, to You I cry out; For fire has devoured the open pastures, And a flame has burned all the trees of the field. 20 The beasts of the field also cry out to You, For the water brooks are dried up, And fire has devoured the open pastures.

Communion Tonight

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If You Need Ministry of Any Kind

as soon as this song is over, you come forward today, and experience God's mercy and grace in your own life.

End of Study