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QUESTION: "WHAT MODERN DAY EVENTS DID JOEL SEE?"

Part 1 of 2

ANSWER: He sees ...

- 1. (THE) GREAT TRIBULATION** [Joel 2:28-32](#)
- 2. THE POURING OUT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON ISRAEL IN THE 7 YEAR TRIBULATION** [Joel 2:28-32](#)
- 3. THE REMOVAL RUSSIA & ARAB NATIONS IN 1ST HALF OF THE SEVEN YEAR TRIBULATION** [Joel 2:20](#)
- 4. ARMAGEDDON** [Joel 3:1-17](#)
- 5. MILLENNIUM** [Joel 3:18-21](#)

Right from the "Get-Go" ... **around 830 BC**, in the Book of Joel, the 'first' of Israel's 16 prophets ... there being 4 major ones and 12 minor ones, God's declares his future plans for Israel and all the nations of the world.

EXPLANATION:

Following are the scriptures for numbers 1, 2 and 3

- 1. (THE) GREAT TRIBULATION** [Joel 2:28-32](#)

*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.*

2. THE POURING OUT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON ISRAEL IN THE 7 YEAR TRIBULATION [Joel 2:28-32](#)

See as above

3. REMOVAL RUSSIA & ARAB NATIONS IN 1ST HALF OF THE TRIBULATION

*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. [Joel 2:20](#)*

JOEL

Along with invading armies, **leprosy** and **locusts** were the cause of absolute terror to the Jew, with leprosy bringing personal physical destruction in the form of an 'incurable' disease, while locusts brought a national starvation calamity.

Joel opens his account, with the devastations brought about by locust eggs, pupae, caterpillars and adults, each signifying the **successive stages** of the **destruction of crops**, that is, symbolic of the successive stages of the destruction of Israel.

Since the creation of the two kingdoms, Northern and Southern in 930 BC, there had been a rapid decline in the moral condition of Judah (the Southern tribes), which had culminated in their almost complete eradication, thanks to the **Northern "locust queen" called Athaliah**, inter-marrying into the Southern line. Like the locust in the natural, she had 'eaten' and 'consumed' with murder, all the kings, and their families, of the South, except for a little boy called **Joash**, the future king, who was kept hidden in the temple for six years.

So it is with the analogy of the locust, that Joel, the first of the prophets, calls Judah to attention just after Athaliah was killed around 830 BC.

One cannot imagine a blacker description of hopelessness and devastation than Joel with his **fire, virgins mourning, beasts groaning, no food or drink, corrupt priests, invading armies, rivers dried up, no pastures, thick darkness, withered corn, rotten seed, drunkenness, chariots, dark moon, desolate wilderness, the coming day of the Lord, withered trees, the flame of fire and stubble, pain, the sword and so on.**

The solution? A solemn assembly of mourning and fasting.

Joel's account is divided into **several parts**, with the **first** from [Joel 1:1](#) – [Joel 2:17](#), the **second** from [Joel 2:18](#) the **third** [Joel 2:28-32](#), the **fourth** [Joel 3:1-3](#) [Joel 3:15](#), the **fifth** [Joel 3:16-21](#).

His account covers about 3,000 years from 930BC to the seven year tribulation and Armageddon.

WAS PENTECOST THE DAYS OF JOEL? [Acts 2:16](#)

"*But **this is that** which was spoken by the prophet **Joel**" [Acts 2:16](#).*

Let's compare the two accounts:

1. *I will pour out my spirit upon **all flesh**; ... your sons and your daughters shall **prophecy**, your old men shall **dream dreams**, ... young men shall see **visions**.* And also upon the **servants** and upon the **handmaids** in those days will I pour out my spirit. [Joel 2:28-29](#) **NONE OF THIS HAPPENED AT PENTECOST!**

2. *... **wonders** in the **heavens** ... in the **earth**... **blood** ... **fire** ... **pillars of smoke**. The **sun** shall be turned into **darkness** ... **moon into blood** [Joel 2:30-31](#). **NONE OF THIS HAPPENED AT PENTECOST!***

3. *... before the great & the terrible **day of the LORD** come. [Joel 2:31](#). **WAS PENTECOST A TERRIBLE DAY? NO!***

4. Joel is foretold for the day of the LORD. This is the **seven year wrath** of God. This is the **tribulation**.

5. *...whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD **shall be delivered**: ([Joel 2:32](#)).* They weren't being delivered at Pentecost! However, if they **would call on the Lord Jesus Christ** ([Acts 2:38](#)), **they would be saved**.

In Joel they will call upon the **LORD** who is **Jehovah**. At Pentecost, they call on the **Lord** who is **Jesus**. Also, Pentecost was **voluntary**. Joel is **forced** upon Israel. It will be a **mandatory** deliverance.

6. *....for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, ... and in the **remnant** whom the LORD shall call. [Joel 2:32](#).* Pentecost was **not** about a remnant being delivered.

7. Joel does **not** talk of anyone speaking in **tongues**, of **rushing wind** or **cloven tongues** of fire.

8. The Spirit is **never** poured out anywhere in the New Testament **upon** any flesh. However God's Spirit touches the flesh, when a person is born again ([Col 2:11-14](#)), in that, the soul is cut from the flesh in a spiritual circumcision that separates the soul **from** the body of flesh.

9. The Jews at Pentecost knew they were **not** in the last days. These two events are separated by 2,000 years.

10. So the **"...this is that..."** refers to the same Spirit that will work at both times. Peter is merely calming down the agitated and confused Jews at Pentecost by saying "Don't be alarmed. This is not an evil spirit. It is God's Spirit that is working here. It is the same Spirit that will work in the future – in the days of Joel. Be comforted! Everything is OK.

Peter says "THIS (Spirit at work here at Pentecost) IS THAT (Spirit which will work in the last days mentioned in Joel)."

In summary:

JOEL 830BC

The 1st of Judah's 11 prophets.

GOD WILL RESCUE ISRAEL. THE COMING DAY OF GOD.

The locust plagues herald the up-coming day of the Lord.

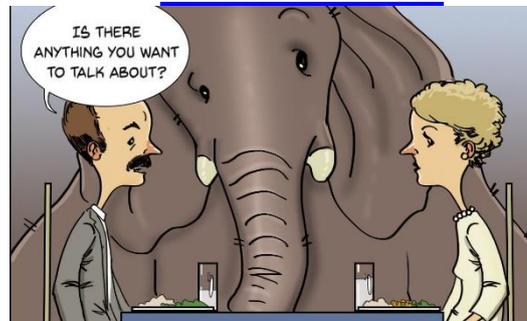
He sees:

- 1. (The) Great Tribulation [Joel 2:28-32](#)**
- 2. Pouring out of Holy Spirit on Israel in the 7 year tribulation [Joel 2:28-32](#)**
- 3. Removal Russia & Arab nations in 1st half of the tribulation [Joel 2:20](#)**
- 4. Armageddon [Joel 3:1-17](#)**
- 5. Millennium [Joel 3:18-21](#)**

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