



THE BOOK OF

JOEL

The Day of The LORD

...a verse by verse study

Joel

- *“Joel, ... was probably the first of the so called writing prophets; so this book provides a valuable insight into the history of prophecy, particularly as it furnishes a framework for the end times which is faithfully followed by all subsequent Scripture. God started a new work with the writing of Joel, that of preparing the human race for the end of this temporal era, and thus gave an outline of His total plan. Later prophets, including even our Lord, would only flesh out this outline, but in keeping with the divine nature of true Scripture, never found it necessary to deviate from this, the initial revelation.”*

Montague S. Mills

Types & Shadows

¹⁰ I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.

Hosea 12:10

The Feasts of Israel

(Leviticus 23)

- | | | |
|---|---------------------------|---|
| 1 | Feast of Passover | Prophetically
Fulfilled during
Passion Week |
| 2 | Feast of Unleavened Bread | |
| 3 | Feast of Firstfruits | |
| 4 | Feast of Weeks | |
| 5 | Feast of Trumpets | |
| 6 | Feast of Atonement | |
| 7 | Feast of Tabernacles | |

The Feasts of Israel

(Leviticus 23)

1 Feast of Passover

2 Feast of Unleavened Bread

3 Feast of Firstfruits

4 Feast of Weeks

Pentecost

5 Feast of Trumpets

6 Feast of Atonement

7 Feast of Tabernacles

Fulfilled with the Birth
of the Church (Acts 2)

The Feasts of Israel

(Leviticus 23)

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 1 Feast of Passover | Prophetically
Fulfilled during
Passion Week |
| 2 Feast of Unleavened Bread | |
| 3 Feast of Firstfruits | |
| 4 Feast of Weeks | |
| 5 Feast of Trumpets | Pentecost |
| 6 Feast of Atonement | |
| 7 Feast of Tabernacles | |
-
- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 5 Feast of Trumpets | Prophetically
Outlined in
Joel? |
| 6 Feast of Atonement | |
| 7 Feast of Tabernacles | |

The Fall Feasts – Prophetic Fulfilment?

- Israel's history summarised Joel 1
 - From Egypt to the Tribulation
- Feast of **Trumpets** Joel 2:1-11 / Rev 8 & 9
 - A blowing of trumpets
 - Fire symbolizing judgment
- Feast of **Atonement** Joel 2:12-2:32 / Rev 12
 - Repentance & reconciliation
 - Scapegoat flees to the wilderness
- Feast of **Tabernacles** Joel 3:1-21 / Rev 16,19
 - The feast of ingathering
 - The dwelling together in unity

Chapter 1: Review

- Verse 1: Introduction: God speaks!
- Verse 2-3: Riches to rags!
- Verse 4: Utter destruction (then & coming)
- Verse 5: Israel's wake-up call!
- Verse 6-7: Rome!
- Verse 8: Israel's rejection of Messiah
- Verse 9: AD 70 - Sacrifice stopped
- Verse 10: AD 132 – Jerusalem ploughed
- Verse 11-12: Worldwide diaspora & shame

Chapter 1: Review

- Verse 13: Abomination of Desolation!
Sacrifice 'withholden'
Time to flee!
- Verse 14: The 'Elders' gathered into the
house of the LORD & called to pray!
— A picture of the Rapture of the Church?
- Verse 15: The Day of The LORD
The Great Tribulation begins!
- Verse 16-18: Israel forced to flee
- Verse 19-20: Desperate Israel seeks refuge in
the wilderness of Edom



THE BOOK OF

JOEL

...a verse by verse study

The Feast of Trumpets

Joel Chapter 2: 1-11

Revelation 8 & 9



¹ Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand;

Joel 2:1

2 A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.

Joel 2:2

³ A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them.

Joel 2:3

- Joel is speaking in the aftermath of a devastating locust plague
- Yet he is speaking as though the devastation he is describing is yet future...
- Thus, the actual locust plague was to serve as an object lesson of the reality that his prophecy was not just some fanciful ramblings!

Revelation 8

- 10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;
- 11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

Revelation 8:10-11

- This is just too fanciful, isn't it?

April 26th 1986



The Russian word for 'Wormwood' is translated 'Chernobyl'. When the Chernobyl reactor problem occurred in 1986 many died and the surrounding water supplies were contaminated.

Revelation 18

- ¹ And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.
- ² And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

Revelation 18:1-2

Revelation 18

- 8 Therefore shall her plagues come in **one day**, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.
- 9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,

Revelation 18:8-9

Revelation 18

- ¹⁰ Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.
- ¹¹ And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:

Revelation 18:10-11

- This is just too fanciful, isn't it?

September 11th 2001



The Twin Towers, fallen, fallen.
In under an hour both towers devastated.
The merchants of the earth weep.

3 A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them.

Joel 2:3

- Joel's hearers knew this was not too fanciful!
- They had just experienced the 'dress rehearsal'

4 The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run.

5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.

Joel 2:4-5

6 Before their face the people shall be much pained:
all faces shall gather blackness.

7 They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the
wall like men of war;
and they shall march every one on his ways,
and they shall not break their ranks:

Joel 2:6-7

8 Neither shall one thrust another;
they shall walk every one in his path:
and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be
wounded.

Joel 2:8

9 They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.

Joel 2:9

10 The earth shall quake before them;
the heavens shall tremble:
the sun and the moon shall be dark,
and the stars shall withdraw their shining:

Joel 2:10

11 And the Lord shall utter his voice before his army:
for his camp is very great: for he is strong that
executeth his word: for the day of the Lord is great and
very terrible; and who can abide it?

Joel 2:11

Isaiah 13

6 Howl ye; for the day of the Lord is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

7 Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:

8 And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames.

Isaiah 13

⁹ Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

¹⁰ For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

Isaiah 13:9-10

Isaiah 13

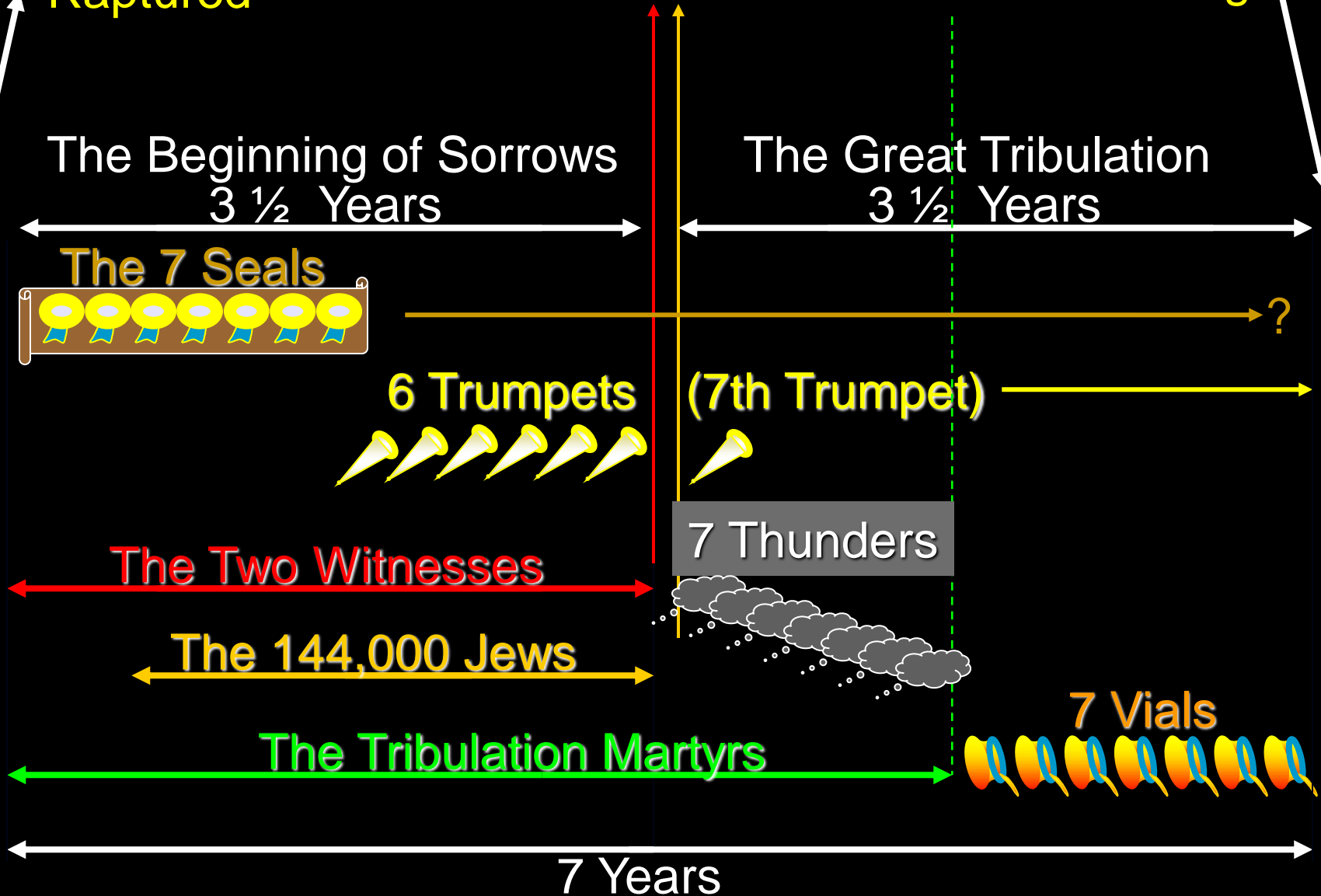
¹¹ And I will punish the world for their evil,
and the wicked for their iniquity;
and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease,
and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

Isaiah 13:11

The Tribulation

Church
Raptured

Second
Coming



Revelation 8

2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God;
and to them were given seven trumpets.

Revelation 8:2

Revelation 8

3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

Revelation 8:3

Revelation 8

4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

Revelation 8:4

Revelation 8

- 5 And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.
- 6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

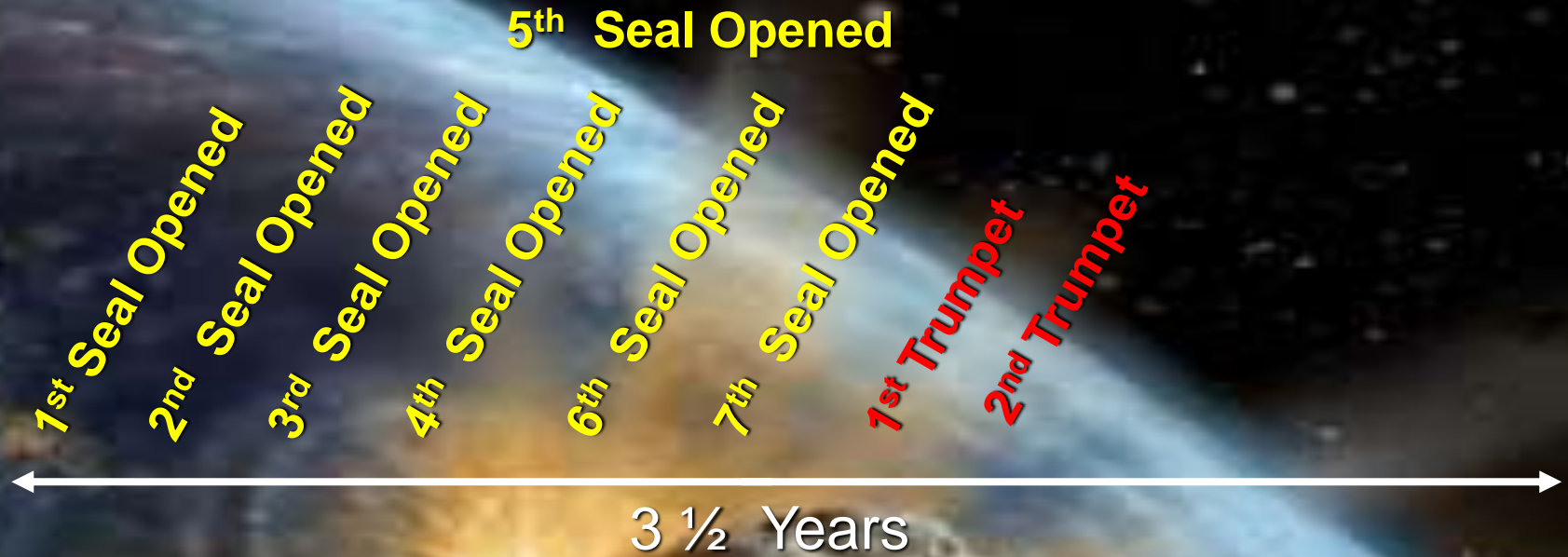
Revelation 8:5-6

The First Trumpet



**Hail, Fire & Blood rain down,
1/3 trees/green grass burnt up.**

The Second Trumpet



Massive meteor hits the ocean

1/3 of all marine life dies & 1/3 ships destroyed

The Third Trumpet



**Another 'star' hits the rivers and contaminates
1/3 of the rivers – 'many men died'**

The Forth Trumpet



1/3 Sun & Moon turns to darkness

Revelation 8

¹³ And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

Revelation 8:13

The Fifth Trumpet



**Demonic Locusts released from the
bottomless pit – to torture men for 5 months**

Revelation 9

¹ And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

Revelation 9:1

Revelation 9

- 2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.
- 3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

Revelation 9:2-3

Revelation 9

4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

Revelation 9

- 5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.
- 6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them..

Revelation 9:5-6

Revelation 9

- 7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.
- 8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.

Revelation 9:7-8

Revelation 9

- 9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.
- 10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

Revelation 9:9-10

¹¹ And the Lord shall utter his voice before his army:
for his camp is very great: for he is strong that
executeth his word: for the day of the Lord is great and
very terrible; and who can abide it?

Joel 2:11

The Feast of Atonement

Joel Chapter 2: 12-14 / 18-32

Revelation 12:6

Zechariah 12 & 13



The Feast of Atonement

26 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

27 Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

28 And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God.

Leviticus 23:26-28

The Tribulation

Church
Raptured

Second
Coming

The Beginning of Sorrows
3 ½ Years

The Great Tribulation
3 ½ Years

Temple Rebuilt: Sacrifice Resumed

"Abomination of Desolation"

Israel's flight to Edom for 1260 d.



7 Years

Feast of
Trumpets

Feast of
Atonement

Feast of
Tabernacles



(7th Trumpet)



¹² Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:

¹³ And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

Joel 2:12-13

14 Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the Lord your God?

Joel 2:14

Joel 2:15-17

Parenthesis?



The Feast of Atonement

Joel Chapter 2: 12-14 / 18-32

Revelation 12:6

Zechariah 12 & 13



18 Then will the Lord be jealous for his land, and pity his people.

19 Yea, the Lord will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen:

Joel 2:18-19

20 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

21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice:
for the Lord will do great things.

22 Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field:
for the pastures of the wilderness do spring,
for the tree beareth her fruit,
the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.

Joel 2:21-22

23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil..

Joel 2:23-24

25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

27 And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

Joel 2:25-27

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.

Joel 2:15-17

Parenthesis?



¹⁵ Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:

¹⁶ Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

Joel 2:15-18

¹⁷ Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?

¹⁸ Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people.

Joel 2:15-18



THE BOOK OF

JOEL

To be continued...

...a verse by verse study