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Joel

CHAPTER 1

Verse 15: **“Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.”** The “day of the LORD” always concerns the Second Coming of Christ.

CHAPTER 2

Verses 1-2: **“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; 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.”** Again, the Second Coming is in view.

Verses 22-32: **“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. 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.”** Verses 22-23 have reference to the great rain that Israel will receive for her land just prior to the Second Coming of Christ her King. See Psalm 68:9, II Samuel 23:4, and I Kings 18:45 on the rain. Verses 24-32 are all Second Coming verses as well, especially verses 30-32.

CHAPTER 3

Verses 1-2: **“For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.”** This is Christ presiding over the judgment of nations just before the Millennial Kingdom. The New Testament reference is Matthew 25:31-46.