

29-Joel-2-Transcript

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well greetings brethren and welcome to another line upon line wednesday night bible

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study and our focus here is to study the scriptures line by line and just let the let the

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prophets speak to us or let the scriptures speak to us this evening god willing we'll be covering the first part

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of joel 2. so we covered joel 1 last week i think we'll cover about half of joel 2

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this week and i just wanted to mention as well that i didn't cover

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at the end of last week i wanted to talk a bit about the the outline of joel so

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uh let me just do that and then we'll open with a quick word of prayer because i didn't get to cover this last

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week so you know we're going to be covering some pretty tough scriptures but uh there is a structure and there is

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good news that that joel does want to cover and so you'll see the structure in verse 1 he introduces his commission

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and then there's two big parts two major sections invasion and destruction

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and that's what we're covering it's very very heavy but then the next part is hope and

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restoration and god willing next week will then be in the hope and the restoration so i don't want to

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discourage you you know joel is a pretty heavy prophet these minor prophets they're not minor prophets because

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they're insignificant in fact quite the opposite they're quite significant they're just called minor

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prophets because they're they're they don't they have very small scrolls compared to isaiah jeremiah ezekiel

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which are the major prophets that their scrolls are quite big but it doesn't mean that the message of the minor

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prophets are insignificant so that's the structure the first part of the scroll is really quite heavy

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invasion and destruction and we were looking at that last week will continue this week but then it's shifts beginning

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in verse 15 to hope and restoration so i just wanted to put that out there just to make sure

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that uh we're not we're not being overly burdened by what the prophet joel is

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going to be uh sharing with us let's open with the word of prayer and then we can get into the study for this evening

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our heavenly father we come before you lord god almighty we are frail

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you are mighty and and we live in a very very corrupt and evil world

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a wicked world and father it's hard for us not to be affected

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by what's around us help us father to be hopeful help us to be faithful

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and then help us to purify ourselves so that we can stand before you

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we look to you father we love the appearing of jesus christ and we we look forward to his judgment

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on this earth thank you that we have each other please bless us please bless our loved

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ones please heal us father please strengthen us especially now as we are approaching

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the fall holy days we praise you lord we thank you so much and we pray that you'll bless our understanding as we

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study the prophet joel amen in jesus name we pray amen let's uh

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continue now in joel 2 i'm just going to check the chat just to make sure that i thank you pastor murray always right

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there appreciate it coming through clearly really appreciate that so greetings brethren let's get into the

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study for this evening we are in joel chapter 2 and just before

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we get into joel 2 i want to just quickly pick up on a couple of verses from joel chapter 1.

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remember he began by summoning everybody you got to hear this folks here you hear this you old

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men you elders that the leaders and give ear all you inhabitants of the

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land and again this is a book about the middle east this is the inhabitants of the the promised land

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and we said last week and i will repeat it again today this is very specific to

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the southern kingdom of judah so in particular it applies to judah but

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in principle it applies to us as well we we historically

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we worshiped the god of the bible we structured our society based on the god of the bible and we have now turned away

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from the god of the bible so in principle this destruction which is going to be

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global uh we have called it upon ourselves so we need to have that sort of dual

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lens yes we're talking about judah but we're really talking about all those that have turned their back on god

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hear this you old man and give ear all you inhabitants of the land has this been in your days have you ever

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seen anything like this or even in the days of your fathers and then he goes on to talk about this

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incredible devastation of these waves of locusts wave upon waves that just strip

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everything bare and in an agricultural society that is economic collapse

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economic collapse famine starvation that's what he tells them is coming the

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likes of which they've never experienced before but then he pivots and basically is using that

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very real agricultural catastrophe to point to

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them as a metaphor to point to an invasion of a hostile army

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and so that's where he sees this pivot now in verse 6 to say this this this is

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what really concerns him for a nation has come upon my land specifically

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jerusalem the southern kingdom of the cities of judah and that's what isaiah prophesied would

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happen in chapter 6 he says for a nation has come upon my land strong and without number this is just wave

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upon wave of an invading army whose teeth are the teeth of a lion

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and he has the the cheap teeth of a great lion then he drops down in verse 15 and says

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alas for the day for the day of the lord is at hand so this is really truly an end time

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prophecy it he's pointing to something that happened in his day but it was really pointing to

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what was going to happen in the time just ahead of us now and this instability that we are experiencing in in in the

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world today wherever you are in the world this instability that we're all experiencing it's setting us up for the

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appearance of jesus christ and the day of the lord he says alas for the day alas this is

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like oh no for the day for the day of the lord is at hand and as a destruction

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from the almighty shall it come and this is something that we need to read the scriptures carefully and

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understand this the day of the lord is a day of destruction and it is from the almighty and it is

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dual in its purpose yes he's going to punish the wicked yes all these people who are high and mighty

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and think they're god and think they're wiser than god and want to play god on the earth he's going to destroy them and

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bring them down but also we need to from from from from moses

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from the great prophet moses right through all the prophets

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we need to understand god's message that he will destroy his own people that this this anger this wrath of the

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lord will fall upon the heads of his own people so says the scripture

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and we also need to understand that this is again why these prophets always have uh despite the intensity of their

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message there's always a message of hope because god's purpose is not to destroy

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his people to remove them from the earth the reason he's punishing his people so extremely is to drive them to repentance

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and that's why these prophets always pivot and people get confused they don't understand what's what what is the the

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message here is it good or is it bad well we just have to understand torah and once the pat once mooses lays down

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the pattern then we see it everywhere so let's go now into uh chapter two

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and verse one blow you the trumpet the sound of alarm

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where where should we blow the trumpet all over the world shall we blow the trumpet everywhere who needs to be

9:21

warned blow you the trumpet in zion in zeon

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to warn my people within it where the worship system should be headquartered for the whole world blow the trumpet

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there and sound an alarm in my holy mountain

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that this is absolutely devastating instead of this holy mountain instead of

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this this city of god being the example for the whole world

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they're actually the counter example and the destruction is coming upon their heads

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so the prophet is telling that the ministers now warn the people

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and and it's no different today as it was anciently so it is today if you have a minister

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that's basically just serving you milk toast and cookies you've got a false minister

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or at the very best you've got a minister who may be sincere but they're tuned out

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because the purpose of the elders is to bring the passages of scripture to the people and to warn god's people of what is

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coming and so this is this is the instruction all you elders blow the trumpet in zion

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and sound an alarm in my holy mountain let all the inhabitants of the land

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tremble this is upon you yep there's a lot of instability in the world yes there's a lot of wicked and

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evil people in the world that need to be punished but understand what the purpose of god is

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and understand what the day of the lord means for his own people blow the trumpet in zion sound an alarm in my

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holy mountain let all the inhabitants of the land tremble

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for the day of the lord is coming it is it is near it is nigh at hand and so um

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i think what what the prophet is saying here is we have very little time to repent

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you you've got to choose your lane which which lane are you in because he's about to appear and he's coming with great punishment

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so the time to repent is running out this is urgency

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it's near at hand now let's describe what is this day why should we blow this trumpet in zion why

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should we be concerned why should we be warning the inhabitants of the land because it's a day of darkness

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and of gloominess this is no picnic this is no time to be superficial and say oh

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yeah i know the lord is coming i'm really looking forward to it no we need to understand what this means

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john in revelation and he tells us that we should be studying that that scroll and and we're blessed if we read it and

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we're blessed if we hear it and continue to read it and hear it but he warns

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that that christ is returning with the clouds and that when he returns with the clouds

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that all eyes are going to see him so this is this is global in its effect

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but then he also says in addition to the fact that those who pierced him uh will will look to him he says

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that all the tribes of the earth shall mourn because of him

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he's bringing destruction he's bringing darkness and gloominess so this is a day of darkness and of gloominess

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a day of clouds and of thick darkness not just any regular darkness this is

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thick darkness as the morning spread upon the mountains then he goes on to say this

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a great people and the strong there has never been never been ever the

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like neither shall there be any more after it even to the years of many generations so

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this and again i said last week that we would use the term unprecedented

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if that's a word that we maybe wasn't in our vocabulary before over the last few years everything is unprecedented

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everything is something we've never seen before well this is something we've never seen before

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and this this globalization is really setting something up for the antichrist to come in and inherit

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and when the antichrist inherits this it is a military objective of conquest it's a nimrod

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objective of conquest that he has so this is and it's going to be

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something that his wrath will be turned to the people of god and he'll actually be doing the will of

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god so that's why we have to blow the trumpet in zion because god is going to use

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the assyrian as his weapon as his tool as a tool in his hand to punish his people

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so he says there has never been ever the like

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neither shall there be any more after it will never see something like this again even to the years of many generations

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jeremiah speaking of this unprecedented attack an invasion he says alas alas is like all

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hope is lost here alas for that day is great

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speaking of the day of the lord so that none is like it it's unprecedented it is and it is even or it is especially

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the time of jacob's trouble god is orchestrating this to bring down

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jacob to humble jacob it is even the time of jacob's trouble

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but and here's the hope god is not doing this to destroy his people and remove them from the earth

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this destruction is to drive them to repentance which is what moises said from the beginning

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it is it is especially the time of jacob's trouble but he shall be saved out of it so this

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unprecedented trouble is going to fall upon the head of jacob and then god is going to swoop in and save jacob in the

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end time primarily represented by the southern kingdom of judah that's why

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christ said to jerusalem to the elders in jerusalem you won't see me again from

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this point forward until you shall say blessed is he who comes in the name of

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the lord in verse 24 of jeremiah 30 he says the fierce anger of jehovah shall not return

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god is angry and again if we have ministers that are saying hey everything's okay you're okay

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i'm okay the world's okay everything's fine let's just sort of just be nice to everybody let's just it's nice to be

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nice christ was nice we should be nice if that's the message you're getting

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from your elder there's a problem because god is angry

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and we we are his mouthpiece we need to inform not just the world

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but his people that he is fiercely angry there's there's fire in his eyes

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the fierce anger of the lord will not return until he has done it

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until he has performed the intents of his heart and if we don't understand torah

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if we don't study moses we don't understand what are his intents

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what what is the intent of his heart if we don't study isaiah who gives the whole picture from genesis to revelation

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if we don't understand isaiah we don't understand what what is the counsel of the lord what is his plan what is it that he's

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accomplishing in the earth we we can knit this together by studying

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genesis or i should say torah the first five books by understanding

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isaiah and then bringing it all together uh with revelation that this is like wow i've got now i've

17:01

got the blueprint now i understand the intents of the lord's heart and and he's doing it it doesn't matter how wicked

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the men are it doesn't matter how powerful the men are and it doesn't matter how corrupt

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and and unfaithful his people are he is doing his will he he's going to do it so

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even if he has to use the dregs of the earth he's going to accomplish his will

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in the latter days you shall consider it well how is that going to work if the

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elders have no clue what god is doing if the elders are not reflecting the

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insight of the scriptures how is how are his people going to consider it

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clearly from the fact that jeremiah is saying in the latter days you're going to consider this clearly

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somebody's going to be communicating the intents and the will and the counsel

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of god's heart amos says in 5 18 of amos what unto you that

18:03

desire the day of the lord basically are you crazy do you have any idea what the day of the

18:08

lord is are you able to reconcile your behavior with the day of the lord can you put

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those two things together whoa unto you speaking to god's people

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the wicked are not desiring the day of the lord he's speaking to god's people woe unto you
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that desire the day of the lord are you are you crazy to what end is it for you
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the day of the lord is darkness and not light all the prophets see the same thing
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it's a day of darkness of thick darkness joel continues verse three chapter two
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a fire devours before them this is this is the locust metaphor
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the locusts come in wave upon wave and whatever is in front of them they completely destroy it
well this army is

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the same way when the army makes landfall they just strike everything in their

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path joel describes it as a fire before them that this is you know um all these uh

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charlatans oh climate change and we've got to save the earth and they're making billions of

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dollars from the war industrial complex they love it

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that's why as soon as they could get uh the previous administration out who didn't start any new
wars

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as soon as they could get that administration out and get their puppets in back to business war
everywhere and

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start sending money and and weaponry and everything everywhere and so the bank

19:48
the the cash register to change the change we're back in business boys

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but we care about the environment and there's nothing more devastating on the environment
than war these people

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are hypocrites so yeah you you turn up your thermostat and and swelter in the heat

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and think that you're making some kind of impact on the environment while they're just
investing in war machinery everywhere

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and just bankrolling them bankrolling each other he says a fire devours before them

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and behind them a flame burns think about the environment the land here it is

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the land it's like the garden of eden before them and behind them a desolate wilderness

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you care about the environment stop funding the antichrist you care about the environment stop

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putting war before people stop putting war before the environment

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the lands like the garden of eden in front is just so beautiful and then they come through nothing's

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left behind them a desolate wilderness yes and nothing shall escape them it's like the locusts wave upon wave upon wave

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every even the tree bark is gone by the time the fourth wave has gone through nothing shall escape them

21:05

this is the wrath of god coming into the land of coming into his land

21:11

and his his people and the worship system that he set up in the earth

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to to teach the earth how to have a relationship with him it's not working and so this is the fierce anger of the

21:24

lord the appearance of them is as the appearance of horses

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and as horsemen so shall they run so this is a military

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uh reference which you know we don't really fully appreciate today [Music]

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but you just think of these horses just skilled horsemen pursuing the prey

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but do this at scale so just do that at scale there's no escaping them you can you you might be

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on a horse trying to escape and you've got these little things that you try to distract them there's so many of them nobody can escape and that's a military

22:02

uh reference which in our modern time we have engines with horsepower

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we don't necessarily have horses anymore we we still have horses but just think of the whole military machine

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that that's what's coming and as as like horsemen that's how they run this is this is a true conquest

22:23

like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap like the noise of a flame of fire that

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devours the stubble as a strong people set in battle array so again we've got to think about this

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in terms of modern military horsepower and what's coming in the sound of these helicopters and just everything's coming

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at once before their face the people shall be much pained

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all faces shall gather blackness you look at how terrified

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the earth was over a fake pandemic

23:01

yeah it's a virus yes people get sick but the the way they exaggerated this

23:06

thing to put us all in a state of terror and how easily we frighten how easily we're frightened

23:13

well this is real this is something to be really fearful of this is absolute true

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destruction and if you see how quickly we turned on each other just through the hyperbole of the media

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then how much more quickly will people turn on each other when when there's something to truly

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fear on the land before their face the people shall be much pained you know um

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the so-called prophet muhammad when when he was started to array his

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armies to go into a land he was he was a month away and they just heard that he was coming

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and the people just gave up they were so terrified of what was coming and he's a month away and they

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already gave up it's that kind of terror that we're talking about all faces shall gather blackness

24:06

these people this are they shall run like mighty men they shall climb the wall like men of

24:11

war and they shall march every one on his ways and they shall not break their ranks

24:18

they are serious and they are full of incredible power and confidence and they're not going to break rank

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neither shall one thrust another so they're going to be very organized they shall walk everyone in his path so

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they're in this array and they don't break rank and when they fall upon the sword

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they shall not be wounded so you know maybe this means that there are

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so many of them that when one falls they're just replaced so the battle the army as a

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whole is not wounded by the loss of a soldier here or there but it could also be something that

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they're just so invincible and whatever they have they just they

25:03

you can use your weaponry it's going to be ineffective against them they shall run to and fro in the city

25:11

they shall run upon the wall they shall climb upon the houses

25:18

they shall enter in at the windows like a thief this you know

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when we have these politicians who want to fool around

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with the economy and print money like there's no tomorrow

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and and put us trillions of dollars in debt and sell us out to our enemies

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economically they're actually weakening the nation they're actually weakening the nation

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militarily and now these invading armies can come

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in and does it matter that you're able to put a lock on your door

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when we're dealing with armies they'll just break in at the windows and they'll come into the houses

26:05

and this is the fate of jerusalem that they're coming in and nobody is safe now

26:11

and they they mean to destroy every soul in jerusalem so he says here

26:18

that they shall run to and fro in the city they shall run upon the wall

26:24

they shall climb up upon the houses they shall enter in at the windows like

26:31

a thief it doesn't matter that your door is locked they're coming in and nobody is safe

26:36

he says in zechariah so zechariah saw the same thing for jerusalem

26:42

14 and verse 1 he says behold the day of the lord comes what does the day of the lord mean is it

26:48

destruction of the earth everybody on the planet is that is that the sole purpose of the day

26:54

of the lord to punish the wicked or is the day of the lord associated with the destruction of his own people

27:00

what did zechariah say same thing joel sees behold the day of the lord comes and your spoil

27:07

jerusalem shall be divided in the midst of you his anger his fierce anger is

27:12

against his own people he says for i will gather all nations against jerusalem to battle all these

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nations are under the antichrist and the antichrist is antichrist

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and so he hates jerusalem and wants to destroy jerusalem and doesn't realize he's doing the lord's will he's a tool

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in the hand of the lord so he's going to god is going to gather all nations against jews he thinks he's

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doing his own will he's actually doing the intent of god's heart i will gather all nations against

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jerusalem to battle and the city shall be taken and the houses rifled

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and the women ravished and half of the city shall go forth into captivity and the residue of the people

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shall not be cut off from the city so they shall be saved out of it ultimately

28:02

joel 2 and verse 10 the earth shall quake before them

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it's it's then again is this a supernatural earthquake well it could be matthew 24. we know there's going to be

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these uh massive earthquakes or it's just this is this the the massive army

28:19

that's coming that's just shaking the earth the heavens shall tremble

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and this is something that god says in matthew 24 when they're asking him

28:31

how do we know the sign of your return he says don't don't allow anybody to deceive you but

28:36

he says when you see the signs in the heavens this is what man cannot control

28:43

this is the signal from god that his appearance is near and this is what we're so they're all

28:48

seeing the same thing the in fact the the disciples knowing the scriptures would then look to these different

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prophets who spoke about signs in the heavens the heavens shall tremble

29:00

the sun and moon shall be dark the stars shall withdraw their shining isaiah says

29:07

and we've studied this already in chapter 13 verse 10 for the stars of heaven

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and the constellations thereof shall not give their light the sun shall be darkened in its going

29:19

forth and the moon shall not cause her light to shine

29:24

in revelation uh the prophet the apostle john it says what he saw in chapter 6

29:30

and verse 12 and i beheld when he had opened the sixth seal and lo there was a

29:35

great earthquake there it is and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair

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and the moon became as blood back to joel 2 and verse 11

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and jehovah shall utter his voice before his army

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so this army is god's army and god is going to utter his voice

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for his camp is very great for he is strong that executes his word

30:04

for the day of the lord is great and very terrible who can abide it

30:11

and so this army yes you know god is going to come with the angels to save his people but before that he's sending

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this habakkuk he says to habakkuk you won't believe what my work is even if so even if i tell you what my work is

30:24

you're not going to believe it i'm going to raise up the heathen and i'm going to use them to destroy my

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people so this heathen army is actually a tool in my hand he says in isaiah 10 and

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verse 5 o assyrian the rod of mine anger god has fierce

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anger but he's going to use the assyrian to unleash that anger upon his people oh

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syrian the rod of mine anger and the staff in their hand is my indignation

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they hate judah and they mean to destroy judah but but that hatred that they have for

31:02

judah that is that actually reflects my fierce anger i'm the one who's allowing it

31:08

he says again in joel 2 11 that the lord shall utter his voice before his army

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for his camp is very great he's talking about this this great swarm of locusts coming into the land for he

31:19

is strong that executes his word for the day of the lord is great and very terrible who among god's people

31:28

can abide this this this type of anger that he's unleashing upon his people

31:34

who will survive this malachi says in chapter three and verse two but who may abide who among us

31:42

may abide the day of his coming the says why are you desiring the day of the lord

31:48

i don't understand are you crazy but who may abide the day of his coming

31:53

and who shall stand when he appears for he is like a refiner's fire and like

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fuller soap so even malachi sees that this fierce anger that he's going

32:04

to unleash upon his people it's not to remove them from the earth it's to refine them

32:11

to drive them to repentance when we studied psalms psalm chapter 15

32:18

and the psalmist asked lord who shall abide in your tabernacle who shall dwell in your holy hill

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and then we actually see the attributes of what god is looking for the character that he's looking for

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and the uprightness that he's looking for and that's the answer

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joel 2 and verse 12 therefore also now says the lord so this is it that here we see

32:43

all all of this fierce anger all of this destruction this raising the

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chaldeans that bitter and hasty nation to come in upon the land and just wipe everything out

32:54

what is the intent of the lord's heart therefore also now says the lord

33:00

turn you even to me with all your heart and with fasting and with weeping

33:07

and with mourning and rend your heart and not your garments

33:13

stop with the superficial show of religiosity and give me your heart

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this is what mooses said this is what's in torah and this is the

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pattern that mooses laid down that all of the prophets are then amplifying magnifying repeating

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rend your heart not your garments stop with the religious theater

33:36

and turn unto the lord your god for he is gracious and merciful

33:41

slow to anger and of great kindness and repents him of the evil

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so we can change well god can delay this doesn't have to happen tomorrow

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it can be delayed if we if we show him a heart of repentance

34:02

because he's slow to anger but the the nature of man

34:07

we have to put the warning out there for the nature of man the hypocritical nature of the covenant people

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this thing is coming we put all the prophecies together it's it's coming but it doesn't have to come upon you it

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doesn't have to come upon me it doesn't even have to come upon his physical covenant people

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the warning needs to get out there and and revelation shows us there's a large cohort

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that does repent that does listen he says who knows

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if he will return and repent and leave a blessing behind him

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even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the lord your god so

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this can hold this can turn around because what god wants is faithful covenant people

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who have a true deep relationship with him so this is the purpose of all of this

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and somebody has to understand the intents of his heart and preach that

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preach that specifically to the covenant community in jerusalem but also to the covenant community

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uh who have the holy spirit who should know better but we're in a time of deception

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and if the last two and a half years have taught us anything it's how easily even the covenant community can be

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deceived and how quickly even the covenant community will will worship the state and

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cooperate with the state and turn against their own brethren how quickly we had a dress rehearsal

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and so now's the time for us to reflect and repent so that when the next wave comes we don't fall into it

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so i just wanted to take it to joel 2 14 but and then beginning next week god

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willing joel brings up incredible message of hope but we're beginning to see

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the purpose the intent of god's heart behind all of this it's to drive his people to repentance

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moses says in deuteronomy 30 a passage we're very familiar with and it shall come to pass

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when all these things have come upon he just gave them deuteronomy 28 and 29 the blessings and the curses

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and he says when all these things have come upon you both the blessing and the curse you're going to get it all

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you might start out well but you're going to utterly corrupt yourselves

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both the blessing and the curse which i've set before you think deuteronomy 28 29

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and then you shall call them to mind among all the nations where the lord your god has driven you

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how the mighty have fallen you had this great empire the whole world respected you and now you've been scattered and

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enslaved and destroyed but in your suffering

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the torah should come to mind that mooses prophesied all of this

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and and the prophets amplified his message that when this really comes upon you

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that you shall return unto the lord your god you're now now suddenly you're not distracted

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you know there's no more netflix and partying and drinking and that's what joel says like even the

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drunkard wake up the supply of wine has run out you're going to sober up and face what's

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coming so now there's no distraction suffering has a way of focusing the mind

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that you shall return unto the lord your god and now you shall obey his voice

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according to all that i command you this day oh the torah is back in fashion they don't want to hear about it today

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they're going to love it soon and they're going to obey the torah you and your children

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with all your heart and with all your soul joe says rend your hearts and not

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your garments well it's gonna happen then that then the lord your god will

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end your captivity that's what he wanted the whole time in fact you didn't even have to go through this but the reason

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you're going through this is god wants your heart and now once once these people turn to

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god wholeheartedly he will end the captivity and he'll have compassion upon you

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and will return and gather you from all the nations where the lord your god has scattered you these three verses

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in deuteronomy 30 once we understand this we can go to any prophet

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any prophet and we can unpack that prophet and the message of that prophet because these three verses are the foundation of all

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the prophecies let's end in second peter three and verse nine where we can apply it

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to the modern day the the christian community the covenant

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community with the holy spirit peter says the lord is not slack

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concerning his promise joel says he's slow to anger yes indeed he is you look

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at what's going on in the earth and it's like if it was anybody else they would have just reacted you know just

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you know passionately and and just without any thought but god has a plan he has a design and he has a heart for

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his people and he's slow to anger he says the lord is not slack concerning his promise as

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some men counts likeness but he's long suffering toward us

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not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance

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so this is you know first with us the holy spirit community wants us all to come to

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repentance that means we have to preach effectively so people wake up and there they have a sense of urgency then he

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wants the covenant community the physical people of judah to we need to take the message to them

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and then once they're driven to their needs god is going to use them he says you are my witnesses he's going to use

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them and the whole body of israel as the priest on the earth to teach the rest of mankind so it's a wonderful

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message as we unpack these scriptures and god willing next week joel has a

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tremendous message of hope that is very very relevant to our day so god willing

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we will cover joel next week thank you so much brethren for joining thank you so much for your diligent study and and

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we have each other and it's just so encouraging to know we're not alone in this walk god has given us each other

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god bless you jesus is lord

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you