LifeBridge BAPTIST CHURCH

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Worship Service
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JOEL: Turn to the Lord

Lesson Five • Joel 3:1-21

The Day of the Lord

What Will Happen When the Day of the Lord Comes?

That Day will be both a day of DESTRUCTION and a day of DELIVERANCE; but it is also a day of DECISION—not by human beings, but by God.

The Day of the Lord

1. A Day of Decision: Final VINDICATION Is Prepared for God's People. *vs. 1-8*

Three Charges God Brings Against the Nations

- First charge: the nations have MISTREATED God's people *(vs. 2).*
- Second charge: the nations have DIVIDED UP God's land *(vs. 2).*
- Third charge: the nations have EXPLOITED God's vulnerable *(vs.3).*

Example of Divine Retribution

God will justly PAY BACK the Phoenicians' arrogance and the Philistines' violence against His people *(vs. 4-8).*

2. A Day of Destruction: Final JUDGMENT Is Proclaimed on God's Enemies. *vs. 9-16*

Announcement to the Nations

- "Nations, prepare for WAR in the Valley of Jehoshaphat!" *(vs. 9-13)*
- "Nations, prepare for DEFEAT in the Valley of Decision!" *(vs. 14-16)*

3. A Day of Deliverance: Final RESTORATION Is Promised for God's People. *vs. 17-21*

The Lord Dwells in Zion

The greatest BLESSING is God's presence dwelling with God's people in God's land under God's rule.

Blessings of God's Presence

- God's people will be eternally HOLY *(vs. 17).*
- God's people will be eternally SATISFIED *(vs. 18).*
- God's people will be eternally ESTABLISHED *(vs. 19-21).*

A Decision That Really Matters

TURN to the Lord: He is the Judge you should fear and He is also the Refuge you should seek.

The LORD roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth quake. But the LORD is a refuge to His people, a stronghold to the people of Israel. Joel 3:16

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. Romans 3:23-25