



# RETURN

THE PROPHET JOEL

## PROPHECY & PROMISE

THREE CONNECTIONS CONCERNING  
THE RESTORATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### JOEL 2:28:32

**CONNECTION #1:** Outpouring of the Spirit  
(Joel 2:28-29; Isaiah 40:5)

- A. The Who? - all classes and ages of people
- B. The What? - 3 ways God Communicated with his people Old Testament Days - special revelation
  - Prophecy (praising God)
  - Dreams
  - Visions

*In short the Spirit will burst through  
and bring spiritual energy to all classes of people*

**CONNECTION #2:** Judgment (Joel 2:30-31)  
(signs that precede the great Day of the Lord - future)

- A. Warfare - "blood, fire, column and smoke"
- B. Ominous Signs - sun (darkness) moon (blood)

**CONNECTION #3:** Promised Salvation (Joel 2:32)

- A. Israel's Future Restoration (Joel 3:1, 17-18)

### THE SPIRIT'S WORK IN THE EARLY CHURCH

- A. The Promise of the Spirit's Arrival by Jesus  
(John 14:15-17, 16:13-14; Acts 1:8)
- B. Peter and Paul
  - 1. Peter's Sermon (Acts 2)
  - 2. Peter's Dream and Declaration (Acts 10:44-48)
  - 3. Paul's Declaration (Romans 5:1-5)

**JOEL 2:28-32** "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit (WATERFALL) on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.<sup>29</sup> Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit.<sup>30</sup> And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke.<sup>31</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes.<sup>32</sup> And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

**JOEL 3:1** "For behold, in those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, . . .

**JOEL 3:17-18** "So you shall know that I am the Lord your God, who dwells in Zion, my holy mountain. And Jerusalem shall be holy, and strangers shall never again pass through it.<sup>18</sup> "And in that day the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the streambeds of Judah shall flow with water; and a fountain shall come forth from the house of the Lord and water the Valley of Shittim.

**JOHN 14:15-17** "If you love me, keep my commands.<sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—<sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

**JOHN 16:13-14** When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.<sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

**Acts 1:8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

**Acts 10:44-48** While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.<sup>45</sup> And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.<sup>46</sup> For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared,<sup>47</sup> "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"<sup>48</sup> And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

**ROMANS 5:1-5** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.<sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,<sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,<sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

## Discussion Questions

1. Read Joel 2:28-32 These verses are apocalyptic and eschatological. This means they look forward prophetically into the future. Do we have to be fearful of these days ahead as believers in Jesus? If not, why? Discuss.
2. Read Romans 5:1-5. How many promises are found in these verses and what do they say about the love of God for us? Discuss.
3. Read Acts 1:8. How does this verse reaffirm God's heart for all people found in Joel 2:32? Discuss.
4. Pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to pour love of God into your heart and that you share His love with the people around you.