

OLD TESTAMENT SERIES

JOEL

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Dear Saints in Christ Jesus,

These notes were taken from our Old and New Testament Bible surveys at Koinonia on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. The intention was to give an overview of the entire Bible and see how the two testaments “connect.” Within the notes, practical truths were brought out because we know that the study of Scripture without application is like a vehicle without gas...going nowhere.

If the Holy Spirit can use these simply truths to draw you closer to Jesus Christ and develop a more mature love of God the Father, then this booklet will have accomplished its task.

May the blessing of God be shed upon you as you receive, with meekness, His engrafted Word.

Selah,

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Chapter 1

- 1:1** We see here how we have obtained the Holy Scriptures.
2 Peter 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old times by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.
- 1:2** The Hebrew word for hear means “to pay attention to with the intention to obey”.
The reply to the question could only be an emphatic NO! This plague was unique. Joel is speaking about the far reaching prophecy concerning the nation of Israel’s time of trouble.
Dan 12:1 At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands *watch* over the sons of your people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that time
Jer 30:7 Alas! For that day *is* great, so that none *is* like it; and it *is* the time of Jacob’s trouble, but he shall be saved out of it.
Jesus, speaking of these days, said:
Matt 24:21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.
- 1:4** Four varieties of locust are mentioned. Literally, the Hebrew words mean: “After the cutter-locusts finish eating your crops, the swarmer-locusts will take what’s left! After them will come the hopper-locusts! And then the stripper-locusts too!”
- Locust swarms commonly number in the millions, if not billions. Each succeeding group of locusts eat whatever is left from the previous invasion, making the devastation complete.
 - This picture of a literal locust swarm prepared Joel’s hearers and readers for the second chapter in which an invading army appears as aggressive and destructive to the nation as the locusts had been to the land. As recently as 1938, locusts have swarmed to a depth of about six inches on Syrian and Palestinian rail beds. When a locomotive stopped in their midst, it could not start again under its own power because of the lubricating effect of crushed locusts on the rails in response to the engine’s drive wheels.
- 1:5** The locusts would destroy the vineyards, leaving the drunkards without wine. (Drunkenness is the only specific sin mentioned in this book.)

Would God judge someone that had a disease?

We have created in our **liberated** society all kinds of “addictions”. Sex addicts and drugs addicts to name just a couple. The contemporary spin that is put upon these things is that there was some kind of genetic predisposition to do these things; therefore, any accountability or need to repent is removed. So, instead of confession and forgiveness, there is therapy and bondage.

Note that the word the Lord uses to get Israel’s attention is “Awake!”

Look at a couple of other Biblical “wake up calls”:

Luke 21:34 But take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come upon you unexpectedly.

:35 For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.

:36 Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.

Rom 13:11 And that, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed.

:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

:13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.

:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

Saints, it appears very clear to me that these warnings about being spiritually alert are directed to us. Are we listening? Do we care?

1:6 The “teeth of a lion” and the “fangs of a fierce lion” metaphorically portray the efficiency in destruction of the invading army as being greater, if possible, than that of the locusts in their destruction of the land and crops.

- The Hebrew word for nation can be translated “a foreign nation; hence a Gentile; also (fig.) a troop of animals, or a flight of locusts.”

In **Revelation 9** we find this prophecy:

Rev 9:7 And the shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces *were* like the faces of men.

:8 They had hair like women’s hair, and their teeth were like the teeth of lions.

:9 And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings *was* like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These locusts will ascend out of the bottomless pit and will be unleashed upon this earth as part of the judgment during the Great Tribulation period. They have a king over them whose name means “Destroyer”. (Rev 9:2,3)
1:7	<p>The branches were white because they were stripped bare.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The vineyard here is a reference to the nation of Israel. (Isaiah 5:1-7)
1:8	<p>“A virgin” means a betrothed woman. Because of the binding nature of betrothal, the man could be considered her husband (who in this verse had died before the marriage was consummated). Betrothal was considered as equally binding as marriage. (Deut 22:23-24)</p>
1:9	<p>The grain offering and drink offering could no longer be offered because the locusts had wiped out the raw materials for these offerings.</p>
1:10	<p>In the Book of Haggai, the reason for crop failure was because the people’s priorities were all wrong. They were twice told to “Consider your ways!” (Haggai 1:5,7)</p>
1:12	<p>Sin does wither away joy, but repentance and salvation restore it. When David repented, his joy in the Lord returned in his life. (Psalms 32:1-5,11) When the entire population of Nineveh repented, the Lord spared them judgment at that time. (Jonah 3:6-10)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When joy and gladness are cut off from God’s house, when serious godliness decays, and love waxes cold, then it is time to cry unto the Lord. (Matt Henry) • Do not confuse joy with happiness. Happiness is purely circumstantial, emotional, subject to change at any moment. Joy, however, is independent of circumstances. <p>James 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, :3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 1 Peter 4:13 But rejoice, inasmuch as you are partakers of Christ’s sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.</p>
1:13-14	<p>The priests were called upon to lead the people in a fast and solemn public gathering of national repentance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In times of crisis, God’s people need to join in public and private lamentation earnestly seeking God’s direction for a way out.
1:15	<p>This impending “day of the LORD” in judgment becomes a foreshadowing of the great climactic Day of the LORD, not yet</p>

fulfilled. The picture foreshadows the end-time of Israel's age, of "the times of the Gentiles" (**Luke 21:24; Rev 16:19**), of the battle of Armageddon (**Rev 16:14, 19:11-21**), of the regathering of Israel (**Rom 11:26**), and of Kingdom blessing.

1:18-20 Even the animals suffer because of man's sin, and they too cry to God.

Rom 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

- Note that Joel is crying out to the Lord for mercy along with the rest of the nation. We must identify with the sins of our nation and church, as being a part of the problem.

Chapter 2

We will discover a 3-fold prophecy unfolding in this chapter, and, at times, the three are woven together:

1. The local plague of the locusts that we saw in chapter 1;
 2. The impending invasion from the northern army of the Assyrians in the near future;
 3. The future Day of the LORD.
(Remember saints, the Day of the LORD is a time period that includes the entire 70th week of Daniel and the 1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ upon this earth. Within the 70th week there is the divided time period of two 3 1/2 year sections, the latter being the Great Tribulation, and the former, the time of great deception.
- How wrong it is to think of the LORD as being some distant Deity, uninvolved with the affairs of our lives here upon the earth. As we read about both judgment and blessing, take note of all the personal pronouns that describe His intimate, personal involvement in every aspect of our planet.

2:1 Please take careful note of the fact that this alarm is to be sounded in Zion, "My holy mountain". So we are on Jewish ground here.

We find here a reference to a trumpet.

Num 10:1 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

:2 "Make two silver trumpets for yourself; you shall make them of hammered work; you shall use them for calling the congregation and for directing the movement of the camps.

:3 When they blow both of them, all the congregation shall gather before you at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

:4 But if they blow *only* one, then the leaders, the heads of the divisions of Israel, shall gather to you.

:5 When you blow an alarm, the camps that lie on the east side shall then begin their journey.

:6 When you blow an alarm the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall begin their journey; they shall blow an alarm for them to begin their journeys.

:7 And when the assembly is to be gathered together, you shall blow, but not sound an alarm.

:8 The sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow the trumpets; and these shall be to you as an ordinance forever throughout your generations.

:9 And when you go to war in your land against the enemy who oppresses you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, and you will be remembered before the LORD your God, and you will be saved from your enemies.

:10 Also in the day of your gladness, in your appointed feasts, and at the beginning of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be a memorial for you before your God: *I am* the LORD your God.”

- It is a wonderful time studying God’s Word, and His words.
- In **Numbers 10:2** we find reference to two trumpets of silver. They were used either to summon the people to the Tabernacle or to alert them that they were to break camp. The blowing of these trumpets was to assemble the people for marching (**vv. 5-6**), for battle (**9**), and for festivals (**10**).
- In the **Book of Revelation**, we find the reference to the 7 trumpets that were to be sounded by 7 angels.
- Although it really doesn’t fit in with the subject matter of this study of prophecy, it is nonetheless noteworthy that a hypocrite blows his own trumpet when he does spiritual things (**Matt 6:2,5,16**).
- Lastly, we must remember that when the Church has been completed, we will be called home at the sound of the trump, which will take place in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye (**1 Thess 4:15-17, 1 Cor 15:52**). Obviously, this trump precedes the 70th week of Daniel because the 7 trumpets during the tribulation period occur in a time frame, not in a moment.
- This trumpet in **Joel 2:1** is one that is sounding a warning of impending judgment.

2:2 The Hebrew day begins at 6 pm in the evening. Note the Day of the LORD “begins” as a time of darkness and gloominess.

2:3 During the Great Tribulation period horrific occurrences will take place upon earth’s natural resources. There will also be two significant times when 1/4th and then 1/3rd of the earth’s population will be destroyed by judgment.

The statement is made here that nothing shall escape this judgment.
That is, nothing that is unsealed shall escape.

The question is asked during the Great Tribulation:

Rev 6:17 The great day of His wrath is come, and who is able to stand?

The question is answered in the next chapter:

Rev 7:3 saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads."

:4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel *were* sealed.

- Note that being sealed by God's Spirit saves a person from eternal judgment and separation from the Lord.

Eph 1:13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

:14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

2:4-9 Again, we must be sensitive to the phrases of prophecies in this chapter. The locust judgment is in view here. The head of a locust resembles a horse's head. It is worth mentioning again that oftentimes judgments that took place historically also contain elements of judgment that will take place in the future. In the last chapter for example, we found that in **Rev 9** locusts ascend out of the bottomless pit to torment those without the seal of God in their foreheads.

2:10 After a picture of the activities of the locust army in **verses 5-9**, we see here a verse that lifts us right to the end of the tribulation period. **Matt 24:29** Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. **:30** Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

2:12-14 Connected with this alarm of the impending judgment was the call to repentance. Even in wrath the Lord shows mercy! This is a call to personal repentance that comes from the heart. Conventional public expression of grief or sorrow for sin involved the rending of one's clothes. Often this degenerated into nothing more than ritual without any genuine repentance. Joel's challenge is to omit the outward sign in favor of broken-heartedness over sin.

This "rending" of the heart is expressed in the first two Beatitudes:

Matt 5:3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

:4 Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Luke 18:13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me a sinner!"

2 Cor 7:9 Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner that you might suffer loss from us in nothing.

:10 For godly sorrow produces repentance *leading* to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

Joel further surmises the possibility of an exhibition of God's mercy and blessing based upon the gracious character and long-suffering nature of God. Remember what Jonah was disturbed about after Nineveh repented?

Jonah 4:2 So he prayed to the LORD, and said, "Ah, LORD, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm.

Although we should never presume upon the mercy and grace of God, it is equally a revelation found in Scripture that He is gracious and willing to forgive the repentant sinner.

Psalm 86:5 For You, Lord, *are* good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.

Psalm 86:15 But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.

2:15-17 A call to national repentance in a solemn assembly from which no one, not even babies or newlyweds, would be exempt.

Deut 24:5 When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war or be charged with any business; he shall be free at home one year, and bring happiness to his wife whom he has taken.

Note in verse 17 that Israel is God's heritage.

Exodus 19:5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

Deut 4:20 But the LORD has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be His people, an inheritance, as you are this day.

- Remember that the Church (ekklesia), or called out ones, are a mystery body of people. After the rapture of the Church we are no longer in human terms the ekklesia, but Christ's bride. The elect, from the rapture on, is the nation of Israel and any Gentile that comes to Christ during that time.

2:18 It is worth repeating that the Lord is jealous for His land and His people.

Zech 1:14 So the angel who spoke with me said to me, “Proclaim, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts: “I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.” ’ ”

- 2:23** The former and latter rains are in Sept.-Oct. and March-April, respectively.
- 2:24** Viewing this in a purely symbolic way, we see that the fruit of godly sorrow and the Lord’s blessing are floors full of wheat (“Satan has desired to sift you as wheat” - remember? **Luke 22:31**), and vats overflowing with wine and oil, both of which are pictures of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament.
- 2:25** The promise of restoring the years that the “locust has eaten” means that the time, money, energy, etc., consumed in vain, unredemptive ways, God will more than make up (in His grace) by the joys and security of His full restoration of His people to their land. Then God’s people will soon forget the years of heartache in the abundance of His favors.
- 2:28** Although this is a familiar passage of Scripture, let’s remember that Peter quotes this verse (**Acts 2:17**) because of its Messianic age connection with the promise of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In other words, the events that took place on Pentecost proved Jesus Christ is the Jewish Messiah. However, Pentecost was not the total fulfillment of this section of Scriptural prophecy, as even its context reveals.

The “afterward” in verse 28 refers to Israel’s future repentance and restoration in connection with the second advent of Christ.

Zech 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and of supplication; then they will look upon Me whom they pierced, and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

- At the second coming of Christ, Israel will recognize Jesus as her Messiah, acknowledging with deep contrition that He was the One whom their forefathers pierced (**John 19:37**).

- 2:32** The Holy Spirit uses this same passage in the New Testament to declare how a person gets saved by trusting in Jesus Christ.
- Rom 10:9** that is you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.
- :10** For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- :11** For the Scripture says, Whoever believes on Him will not be put

to shame.

:12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.

:13 For whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.

- Praise God, saints, the Deliverer has come to us!

Chapter 3

3:1 Let us take note again that the Lord is a very active participant in the events relative to the last days. At the second coming of Christ, Israel will be regathered to her ancient homeland.

Matt 24:31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

- This promise of restoration follows a return to the Lord. Note the promise of this return to Him in **Deut 30:1-6**.

3:2 The Lord is going to sovereignly draw all nations into the theater of the Valley of Jehoshaphat for the final battle at the end of the 70th week of Daniel. The name of this valley means, “The LORD Judges”.

Zeph 3:8 “Therefore wait for Me,” says the LORD, “until the day I rise up for plunder; My determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour on them My indignation, all My fierce anger; for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of My jealousy.”

Zech 14:2 For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; and the city shall be taken, the houses plundered, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

:3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when He fights in the day of battle.

Also at the Second Coming the Gentiles will be judged for their treatment of Israel in the Valley of Jehoshaphat.

Matt 25:40 And the King will answer and say to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.”

- Note again the personal pronouns attached to the Lord’s description of “My heritage Israel, My people, My land”.

3:4-6 The Lord here identified with Israel’s mistreatment by the other nations. Jesus said to Saul that when he was persecuting the Church, he was essentially persecuting Him.

- 3:8** This prophecy was fulfilled in 345 B.C., when Artaxerxes III sold the Sidonians into slavery, and in 332 B.C., when Alexander the Great did the same to the people of Tyre and Gaza.
The **Sabeans** were a trading people who lived in Arabia.
- 3:9** This verse begins with a proclamation of the campaign of Armageddon.
Rev 16:16 And they gathered them together to a place called in the Hebrew, Armageddon.
The Old Testament prophets foretold of these days.
Isaiah 34:2 For the indignation of the LORD *is* against all nations, and *His* fury against all their armies; He has utterly destroyed them, He has delivered them over to the slaughter.
Obadiah 15 For the day of the LORD upon all the nations *is* near; as you have done, it shall be done to you; your deeds shall return upon your own head.
- Mankind is on a certain collision course with the Lord God.
- 3:10** “**Beat your plowshares into swords**” is the reverse of **Isaiah 2:4** and **Micah 4:3**.
Micah 4:3 He shall judge between many peoples, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plow shares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
- There is no contradiction here at all. The prophecy regarding beating the swords into plowshares will be fulfilled after Armageddon and during the 1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ upon this earth.
 - J. Vernon McGee used to say, “When Christ is ruling you can get rid of your sword, but until then you’d better keep your ammunition dry and you’d better be prepared.”
- 3:11** The “**mighty ones**” appear to be the Lord’s armies from heaven.
Rev 19:14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him upon white horses.
- 3:13** The wicked are a harvest, ripe for judgment.
Rev 14:18 And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, “Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe.”
:19 And the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast *it* into the great winepress of the wrath of God.
- Their wickedness is great. There is an unmistakable theme that runs throughout the entire Bible that reveals that the Lord

measures time morally, as seen in **Gen 6:1-8, 11-13**, and **Gen 18:20,21, 19:24**.

- Part of the last days' "wakeup call" is the return to attitudes (e.g. unbelief, complacency) and activities (e.g. violence, immorality) upon the earth that parallel these two eras of mankind (**Luke 17:26-30**).

3:14 "The valley of decision" is the same as the Valley of Jehoshaphat, where God will decide about men, not where men decide about God (**Psalm 2:1-5**).

3:15 See **Isaiah 13:9-13**.

3:16 Can you imagine the Lord roaring?

Isaiah 42:13 The LORD will go forth as a mighty man, like a man of war He will stir up His zeal; He will cry out, yea, roar; He will prevail against His enemies.

Jer 25:30 Therefore prophesy against them all these words, and say to them: "The LORD will roar from on high, and utter His voice from His holy habitation; He will roar mightily against his fold, and shout, like those who tread grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth.

:31 A noise will come to the ends of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with the nations; He will plead with all flesh; He will give those who are wicked to the sword," says the LORD.

Note the contrast. The Lord will roar against the nations that have resisted His opportunities to repent and turn to His Son; but, for His people, He will be their hope.

Hope: Heb. – place of repair, or, harbor; a shelter (lit. or fig.): (place of) refuge, trust.

Strength: Heb. – a fortified place; fig. defense: force, fort(-ress), rock, strength(-en), strong(hold).

Psalm 18:2 The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my high tower.

Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

- Two beautiful verses to encourage us today. Jesus is both our hope and our strength. Our faith is the very "substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (**Heb 11:1**)

Rom 15:13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- Our hope and strength is not in this or that, but in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ!

3:18 "In that day" refers to the millennial reign of the Messiah in His

earthly Kingdom. The “new wine” and the “milk” comprise an expansive picture of Messianic fertility and prosperity as God brings victory to Himself and His people. The rivers of Judah will begin to be “flooded with water; a fountain will flow from the house of the LORD”. (See **Ezek 47:1-12** and **Rev 22:1,2**.)

“**The Valley of Shittim**” (or **Acacias**) is a dry valley near the northern end of the Dead Sea.

3:19 “**Egypt shall be a desolation**” depicts the present world system – desolate.

The Edomites, descendants of Jacob’s twin, Esau, were in constant conflict with Israel, the descendants of Jacob. They denied Moses’ request to pass through their land (**Num 20:14-21**); they opposed King Saul (**1 Sam 14:47**) and fought against Solomon (**1 Kings 11:14**) and Jehoshaphat (**2 Chron 20:22 [Gen 36:9]**); they rebelled against Jehoram (**2 Chron 21:5,8**). Herod the Great was an Edomite.

3:21 The promise of the LORD dwelling in Zion (Jerusalem) assures the nation of Israel of the glorious future that lies ahead for them.

Jer 31:33 “But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD: “I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

:34 No more shall every man teach his neighbor and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” says the LORD. “For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

Jer 32:37 “Behold, I will gather them out of all countries where I have driven them in My anger, in My fury, and in great wrath; I will bring them back to this place, and I will cause them to dwell in safety.

:38 They shall be My people, and I will be their God;

:39 then I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me forever, for their good and the good of their children after them.

:40 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good; but I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me.

:41 Yes, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will assuredly plant them in this land, with all My heart and with all My soul.”

Jer 33:14 “Behold the days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

:15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and He shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

:16 In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell

securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD our Righteousness.' ”

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