

Prophets

Part 2, Joel 2:12-17; 28-32

¹² “Even now,” declares the LORD,
“return to me with all your heart,
with fasting and weeping and
mourning.”

¹³ Rend your heart
and not your garments.
Return to the LORD your God,
for he is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and abounding in love,
and he relents from sending calamity.

¹⁴ Who knows? He may turn and relent
and leave behind a blessing—
grain offerings and drink offerings
for the LORD your God.

¹⁵ Blow the trumpet in Zion,
declare a holy fast,
call a sacred assembly.

¹⁶ Gather the people,
consecrate the assembly;
bring together the elders,
gather the children,
those nursing at the breast.

Let the bridegroom leave his room
and the bride her chamber.

¹⁷ Let the priests, who minister before the
LORD,
weep between the portico and the altar.
Let them say, “Spare your people, LORD.

Do not make your inheritance an object
of scorn,
a byword among the nations.
Why should they say among the peoples,
‘Where is their God?’”

The Day of the LORD

²⁸ “And afterward,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions.

²⁹ Even on my servants, both men and
women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

³⁰ I will show wonders in the heavens
and on the earth,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

³¹ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and
dreadful day of the LORD.

³² And everyone who calls
on the name of the LORD will be saved;
for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem
there will be deliverance,
as the LORD has said,
even among the survivors
whom the LORD calls

1. What is the historical context of Israel at the time?
2. ‘Rend your heart not your garment’, what do you think this means?
3. Who is gathering and why? verses 15,16
4. What is Israel’s argument for restoration? Verse 17
5. What is this prophecy referring to? Verse 28
6. Does this mean that people in the OT did have the Spirit?
7. Why is this day both great and dreadful? Verse 31
8. Who will be saved on that day, how are they described?