

GOSPEL of *Grace*
FELLOWSHIP

Joel 1:8-10
**Jerusalem Will Mourn First
and Rejoice Later**
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The Groups Addressed

1:2-4	elders
1:5-7	drunkards
1:11-12	farmers
1:13-14	priests

Jerusalem — Joel 1:8-10

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The Mourning of Jerusalem

Joel 1:8-10
Wail like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the bridegroom of her youth. 9 The grain offering and the drink offering are cut off from the house of the LORD. The priests mourn, the ministers of the LORD. 10 The field is ruined, the land mourns; for the grain is ruined, the new wine dries up, fresh oil fails.

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The Significance of Jerusalem

Psalm 132:13-17
For **the LORD has chosen Zion**; He has desired it for His habitation. 14 This is My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it. 15 I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her needy with bread. 16 Her priests also I will clothe with salvation, And her godly ones will sing aloud for joy. 17 There I will cause **the horn of David** to spring forth; **I have prepared a lamp for Mine anointed.**

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Jerusalem Judged?

Ezekiel 14:21
For thus says the Lord GOD, "How much more when **I send My four severe judgments against Jerusalem**: sword, famine, wild beasts and plague to cut off man and beast from it!"

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**Lesson 1: Judgement Begins
With God's People**

Amos 3:2
You only have I chosen among all the families of the earth; **therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.**

Isaiah 10:11
Shall I not do to Jerusalem and her images just as I have done to Samaria and her idols?

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Jerusalem's Journey

A horizontal timeline with a blue line. Above the line, from left to right: a red tick mark labeled '586 B.C. Jerusalem Temple Sacked', a black tick mark labeled '33 A.D. Jesus\' "Visitation"', and two blue tick marks labeled 'Christ\'s Parousia'. Below the line, from left to right: a red tick mark labeled '516 B.C. Second Temple Rebuilt', a black tick mark labeled '70 A.D. Temple Sacked', and an arrow pointing to the right labeled 'Millennial Kingdom'.

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33 A.D. Jesus' "Visitation"

Christ's Parousia

516 B.C. Second Temple Rebuilt

70 A.D. Temple Sacked

Millennial Kingdom

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Lesson 2: Jerusalem Will Rejoice

Isaiah 2:3-4

And many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that He may teach us concerning His ways and that we may walk in His paths." **For the law will go forth from Zion and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.** **4 And He will judge between the nations,** and will render decisions for many peoples; and they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they learn war.

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This Is Your Kingdom Too!

Romans 11:17

But if some of the branches were broken off, and **you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them** and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree...

Revelation 5:10

You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and **they will reign upon the earth.**"

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Benediction

Jude 24-25

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, **25** to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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