

Cosmic Disturbances in 70th Week

Joel 3:15

The sun and moon grow dark and the stars lose their brightness.

Matthew 24:29

But **immediately after the tribulation of those days** THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

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The Consummation of the Age

Matthew 24:3

As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of **the end of the age?**"

Daniel 9:24a

Seventy weeks have been decreed for **your people** and **your holy city**...

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The Promises to Israel

Matthew 24:30-31

And then **the sign of the Son of Man** will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. **31** And He will send forth His angels with A **GREAT TRUMPET** and **THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER** His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

Isaiah 27:12-13

In that day the LORD will start His threshing from the flowing stream of the Euphrates to the brook of Egypt, **and you will be gathered up one by one, O sons of Israel.** **13** It will come about also in that day that a **great trumpet** will be blown, and those who were perishing in the land of Assyria and who were scattered in the **land of Egypt will come and worship the LORD in the holy mountain at Jerusalem**

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The Call to Repentance

Joel 2:12-13

"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "**Return** to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, weeping and mourning; **13** and rend your heart and not your garments." Now **return** to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in **lovingkindness** and relenting of evil."

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God's Anticipated Response

Joel 2:14

Who knows whether He will not **turn** and relent and leave a blessing behind Him, **even a grain offering and a drink offering For the LORD your God?**

1. Israel "turns"
2. God "turns"
3. Israel can worship God!

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Repentance Trumps Other Concerns

Joel 2:15-16

Blow a trumpet in Zion, consecrate a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly, **16** gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children and the nursing infants. Let the bridegroom come out of his room and the bride out of her bridal chamber.

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God's Glory Is at Stake

Joel 2:17

Let the priests, the LORD'S ministers, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, "Spare Your people, O LORD, and do not make Your inheritance a reproach, A byword among the nations. Why should they among the peoples say, **Where is their God?**"

Terms for Repentance

Old Testament:

1. Return/Repent/Turn (shuv)
2. Repentance (shuvah)

New Testament:

1. Repent (metavoeo)
2. Repentance (metanoia)
3. Turn (epistrepho)

Faith and Repentance

- Repentance and faith are two sides of the same coin.
- Those who believe have turned from unbelief!

Mark 1:15 ...and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; **repent and believe** in the gospel."

Faith and Repentance

Acts 20:21

solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of **repentance** toward God and **faith** in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 2:38

Peter said to them, "**Repent**, and each of you be **baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2:41

So then, those who had **received his word** were **baptized**; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

Acts 8:12

But when **they believed** Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, **they were being baptized**, men and women alike.

Faith and Repentance

Acts 16:14-15a

A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart **to respond to the things spoken by Paul**.
15 And when she and her household had been **baptized**.

Faith and Repentance as God's Gift

John 1:12-13

But **as many as received Him**, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those **who believe in His name**, 13 who **were born**, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but **of God**.

Acts 13:48

When the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and **as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed**.