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Joel 3:1-3

God Brings the Nations to the Valley of Jehoshaphat (Pt 2)

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The Work of the Spirit

Deuteronomy 10:16
So **circumcise your heart**, and stiffen your neck no longer.

Deuteronomy 30:6
Moreover **the LORD your God will circumcise your heart** and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live.

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The Work of the Spirit

Romans 8:1-4
Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. **2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.** **3** For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, **4** so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh **but according to the Spirit.**

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The Work of the Spirit

Romans 8:8-9
...and those who are **in the flesh** cannot please God. **9** However, you are not in the flesh but **in the Spirit**, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

In the flesh

In the Spirit

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The Promise of Restoration

Now: God will pour out rain – Joel 2:23
Last Days: God will pour out Spirit – Joel 2:28
Now: God removes northern army – Joel 2:19
Last Days: God removes all armies – Joel 3:1ff.

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The Ultimate Restoration Comes

Joel 3:1-2
For behold, **in those days and at that time**, When **I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem,** **2** I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the **valley of Jehoshaphat.** Then I will enter into judgment with them there on behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; and they have divided up My land.

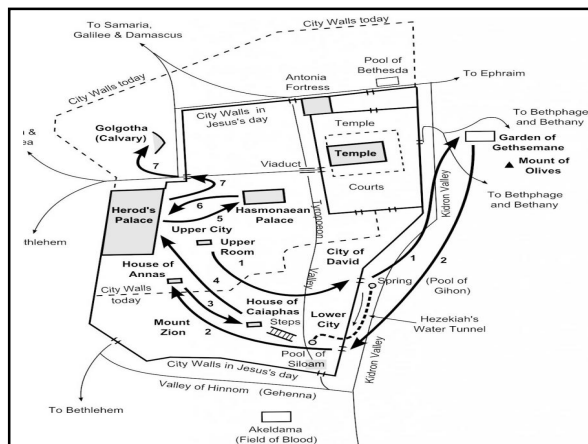
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Where Is the Valley of Jehoshaphat?

1. Not a literal place?
2. A literal place that Joel didn't really know?
3. Jezreel Valley
4. Kidron Valley

Zechariah 14:4

In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.



The Valley of Jehoshaphat?

Zechariah 14:5

You will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!

God Judges Those Who Abuse Israel

Joel 3:2

I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there on behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; and they have divided up My land.

1. This happens now during church age?
2. This happens at the end of 70th week of Daniel?

Be Content for the Coming Wrath

Romans 2:5

But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God...

Matthew 3:7

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

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Joel 3:3

They have also cast lots for My people, traded a boy for a harlot and sold a girl for wine that they may drink.

Nahum 3:10

Yet she became an exile, she went into captivity; Also her small children were dashed to pieces at the head of every street; they cast lots for her honorable men, and all her great men were bound with fetters.