

Joel 2:18-27

- This may be the Lord’s responses to the lamenting and repenting done by the people in Jerusalem after they heard the advice in the previous verses (Joel 2:12-17). This may be a prophecy given to Joel by the Lord for the people in real time after the solemn assembly.
- A response from the Lord after mourning was common. For example 2 Chronicles 20 where a Levite responded after Jehoshaphat’s lamented before the Lord.
- Some of the Psalms may have been the Lord’s response to repentance by the people
- Breakdown of these verses:
 - Introduction of God’s response:
 - 2:18
 - Two oracles:
 - 2:19-20
 - 2:24-27
 - Prophetic song of joy encouraging the people:
 - 2:21-23

Joel 2:18 – “Then the LORD became jealous for his land and had pity on his people.

5971 [e]	5921 [e]		2550 [e]	776 [e]	3068 [e]	7065 [e]	
'am·mōw.	'al-		way·yah·mōl	lə·'ar·šōw;	Yah·weh	way·qan·nê	
עַמּוֹ:	עַל-		וַיִּחַמֵּל	לְאַרְצוֹ	יְהוָה	וַיִּקְנָא	18
His people	on		and pity	for His land	Yahweh	and will be zealous	
N-msc 3ms	Prep	Conj-w V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3ms		Prep-l N-fsc 3ms	N-proper-ms	Conj-w V-Piel-ConseclImperf-3ms	

1. The repentance and public assembly were successful
2. “Jealous” and “Zealous” are the meaning of the Hebrew word *qanah*
3. “pity” is from a word that means “spared”

Joel 2:19 – “The LORD answered and said to his people, “Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations.

1715 [e]	853 [e]		7971 [e]	2005 [e]	5971 [e]	559 [e]	3068 [e]	6030 [e]
had·dā·gān	'et-	lā·kem	šō·lê·ah	hin·nî	lə·'am·mōw,	way·yō·mer	Yah·weh	way·ya·'an
הַדָּגָן	אֶת-	לְכֶם	שִׁלְחָה	הִנְנִי	לְעַמּוֹ	וַיֹּאמֶר	יְהוָה	וַיַּעַן
grain	-	you	I will send	behold	to His people	and say	Yahweh	And will answer
Art N-ms	DirObjM	Prep 2mp	V-Qal-PrtcpI-ms	Interjection 1cs	Prep-l N-msc 3ms	Conj-w V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3ms	N-proper-ms	Conj-w V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3ms

1471 [e]	2781 [e]	5750 [e]	853 [e]	5414 [e]	3808 [e]	854 [e]	7646 [e]	3323 [e]	8492 [e]
bag·gō·w·yim.	her·pāh	'ō·wǝ	'et·kēm	'et·tên	wə·lō-	'ō·tōw;	ū·šə·ba·'tem	we·hay·yiš·hār,	we·hat·tî·rō·wōš
בְּגוֹיִם:	חֲרָפָה	עוֹד	אֶתְכֶם	אֶתֶן	וְלֹא-	אֹתוֹ	וּשְׂבַעְתֶּם	וַחֲזִיקָר	וַתִּתְרוֹשׁ
among the nations	a reproach	longer	you	I will make	and no	by them	and you will be satisfied	and oil	and new wine
Prep-b, Art N-mp	N-fs	Adv	DirObjM 2mp	V-Qal-Imperf-1cs	Conj-w Adv-NegPrt	Prep 3ms	Conj-w V-Qal-ConjPerf-2mp	Conj-w, Art N-ms	Conj-w, Art N-ms

1. The food staples will be restored: Grain, Wine, Oil
2. “No more make you a reproach” seems unconditional and irreversible.
 - a. If this was spoken in Joel’s day to be fulfilled in Joel’s day then there is a challenge since Judah would again fall to the Gentiles in 70 AD.
 - b. This gives this promise of restoration an eschatological sense to be fulfilled in the end.

- c. The prophecy and promises may be mixed to include both contemporary and eschatological fulfillment

Joel 2:20 – “I will remove the northerner far from you, and drive him into a parched and desolate land, his vanguard into the eastern sea, and his rear guard into the western sea; the stench and foul smell of him will rise, for he has done great things.

854 [e] 'eṭ-	8077 [e] ū-šə-mā-māh	6723 [e] šī-yāh	776 [e] 'e-reṣ	413 [e] 'el-	5080 [e] wə-hid-dah·tīw	5921 [e] mē-'ā-lē-ḵem,	7368 [e] 'ar-ḥīq	6830 [e] haṣ-ṣə-pō-w-nī	853 [e] wə-'eṭ-
אתְ	וְשִׁמְמָהּ	צִיָּה	אֶרֶץ	אֶל-	וְהִדְחִיתִיו	מֵעֲלֵיכֶם	אֲרַחֵק	הַצְפוֹנִי	וְאֵתְּ 20
with	and desolate	barren	a land	into	and will drive him away	from you	I will remove far	the northern [army]	But
Prep	Conj-w N-fs	Adj-fs	N-fsc	Prep	Conj-w V-Hifil-ConjPerf-1cs 3ms	Prep-m 2mp	V-Hifil-Imperf-1cs	Art Adj-ms	Conj-w DirObjM

889 [e] bā-'e-šōw,	5927 [e] wə-'ā-lāh	314 [e] hā-'a-ḥā-rō-wn;	3220 [e] hay-yām	413 [e] 'el-	5490 [e] wə-sō-pōw	6931 [e] haq-qad·mō-nī,	3220 [e] hay-yām	413 [e] 'el-	6440 [e] pā-nāw,
בְּאִשּׁוֹ	וְעָלָהּ	הַאֲחֵרוֹן	הַיָּם	אֶל-	וּסְבִי	הַקְדְּמוֹנִי	הַיָּם	אֶל-	פְּנֵיו
His stench	and will come up	western	the sea	toward	and his back	eastern	the sea	toward	his face
N-msc 3ms	Conj-w V-Qal-ConjPerf-3ms	Art Adj-ms	Art N-ms	Prep	Conj-w N-msc 3ms	Art Adj-ms	Art N-ms	Prep	N-cpc 3ms

6213 [e] la-'ā-sō-wṭ.	1431 [e] hig-dīl	3588 [e] kī	6709 [e] ṣa-ḥā-nā-tōw,	5927 [e] wə-'ta'al
לַעֲשׂוֹת:	הַגְּדִיל	כִּי	צַחֲנוֹת	וְתַעַל
he has done	monstrous things	because	his foul odor	and will rise
Prep-i V-Qal-Inf	V-Hifil-Perf-3ms	Conj	N-fsc 3ms	Conj-w V-Qal-ConjImperf-Jus-3fs

1. “Northerner”

- a. Some say this refers to the locust even though locust invasions come from the south, southeast being carried in by the prevailing winds.
 - i. The locust invasion of 1915 came from the northeast.
 - ii. This one of Joel’s day could have come from the north? But, it would be very rare and unusual for “northerner” to refer to something this rare since it would not make sense.
 - iii. If this is locust then they would be blown into the two seas by the wind just as Jerome says he observed in his day when he saw heaps of dead locusts rotting and stinking up the beaches which even endangered the health of man and beasts.
- b. Yet, it a physical invading army from the north needs to be considered.
 - i. Joel 3:9
 - ii. Daniel 11:40
 - iii. Ezekiel 38:2, 6, 15 and 39:2 (they also advance like a cloud 38:15-16, and are buried toward the sea 39:1-20 (39:11)
 - iv. Zechariah 14:2

Joel 2:21 – “Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things!

6213 [e]	3068 [e]	1431 [e]	3588 [e]	8055 [e]	1523 [e]	127 [e]	3372 [e]	408 [e]	
la·'ā·śō·wṭ.	Yah·weh	hiḡ·dīl	kī-	ū·śə·mā·hī,	gī·lī	'ā·dā·mah;	tī·rə·'ī	'al-	
·	לַעֲשׂוֹת:	יְהוָה	הַגְּדִיל	כִּי	וּשְׂמְחִי	גִּילִי	אֲדַמָּה	תִּירְאֵי	אֵלֹ-
	has done	Yahweh	marvelous things	for	and rejoice	Be glad	land	fear	Not
Prep-I V-Qal-Inf	N-proper-ms	V-Hifil-Perf-3ms	Conj	Conj-w V-Qal-Imp-fs	V-Qal-Imp-fs	N-fs	V-Qal-Imperf-2fs	Adv	

Joel 2:22 – “Fear not, you beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit; the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

5375 [e]	6086 [e]	3588 [e]	4057 [e]	4999 [e]	1876 [e]	3588 [e]	7704 [e]	929 [e]	3372 [e]	408 [e]
nā·śā	'ēṣ	kī-	miḡ·bār;	ne·'ō·wṭ	ḡā·śə·'ū	kī	śā·ḡay,	ba·hā·mō·wṭ	tī·rə·'ū	'al-
וְנָשָׂא	עֵץ	כִּי	מִדְּבַר	נְאֻת	דְּשָׂאוּ	כִּי	שְׂדֵי	בַּהֲמוֹת	תִּירְאוּ	אֵלֹ-
and bears	the tree	for	open	the pastures	are springing up	for	of the field	you beasts	do be afraid	Not
V-Qal-Perf-3ms	N-ms	Conj	N-ms	N-fpc	V-Qal-Perf-3cp	Conj	N-ms	N-fpc	V-Qal-Imperf-2mp	Adv

2426 [e]	5414 [e]	1612 [e]	8384 [e]	6529 [e]
hē·lām.	nā·tə·nū	wā·ḡe·pen	tə·'ē·nāh	pīr·yōw,
·	חֵילָם:	נִתְּנוּ	וְגַפְּנוֹ	תְּאֵנָה
	their strength	yield	and the vine	the fig tree
N-msc 3mp	V-Qal-Perf-3cp	Conj-w N-cs	N-fs	N-msc 3ms

Joel 2:23 – “Be glad, O children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the latter rain, as before.

853 [e]	5414 [e]	3588 [e]	430 [e]	3068 [e]	8055 [e]	1523 [e]	6726 [e]	1121 [e]	
'et-	lā·kem	nā·tan	kī-	'ē·lō·hē·kem,	Yah·weh	wə·śim·hū	gī·lū	śī·yō·wn,	ū·bə·né
אֶת-	לְכֶם	נָתַן	כִּי	אֱלֹהֵיכֶם	בַּיהוָה	וּשְׂמַחוּ	גִּילוּ	צִיּוֹן	וּבְנֵי
-	you	He has given	for	your God	in Yahweh	and rejoice	Be glad	of Zion	Then you children
DirObjM	Prep 2mp	V-Qal-Perf-3ms	Conj	N-mpc 2mp	Prep-b N-proper-ms	Conj-w V-Qal-Imp-mp	V-Qal-Imp-mp	N-proper-fs	Conj-w N-mpc

7223 [e]	4456 [e]	4175 [e]	1653 [e]	3381 [e]	6666 [e]	4175 [e]	
bā·ri·śō·wn.	ū·mal·qō·wōš	mō·w·reh	ge·šem	lā·kem,	way·yō·w·red	liš·dā·qāh;	ham·mō·w·reh
·	בְּרֵאשִׁוֹן:	וּמִלְקוֹשׁ	וּמִוֶּרֶה	וּשְׁמֶ	וּלְכֶם	וַיִּזְרַד	וּלְצַדִּיקָה
	in the first [month]	and the latter rain	the former rain	the rain	for you	and He will cause to come down	faithfully
Prep-b, Art Adj-ms	Conj-w N-ms	N-ms	N-ms	Prep 2mp	Conj-w V-Hifil-ConsecImpf-3ms	Prep-I N-fs	Art N-ms

Joel 2:24 – “The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

3323 [e]	8492 [e]	3342 [e]	7783 [e]	1250 [e]	1637 [e]	4390 [e]
wə·yiš·hār.	tī·rō·wōš	hay·qā·bīm	wə·hē·śī·qū	bār;	hag·go·rā·nō·wṭ	ū·mā·le·'ū
·	וַיִּצְהָר:	תִּירוֹשׁ	הַיִּקְבִּים	וְהִשְׁיִקוּ	בָרֶ	הַגְּרָנוֹת
	and oil	with new wine	the vats	and shall overflow	wheat	of the threshing floors
Conj-w N-ms	N-ms	Art N-mp	Conj-w V-Hifil-ConjPerf-3cp	N-ms	Art N-fp	Conj-w V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp

Joel 2:25 – “I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you.

3218 [e]	697 [e]	398 [e]	834 [e]	8141 [e]	853 [e]	7999 [e]
hay·ye·leq	hā'ar·beh,	'ā·kal	'ā·šer	haš·šā·nīm,	'et- lā·kem	wə·šil·lam·tī
הַיִּלָּק	הַהֲרָבָה	אָכַל	אֲשֶׁר	הַשָּׁנִים	אֶת- לָכֶם	וְשִׁלַּמְתִּי 25
the crawling locust	the swarming locust	has eaten	that	the years	- to you	So I will restore
Art N-ms	Art N-ms	V-Qal-Perf-3ms	Pro-r	Art N-tp	DirObjM Prep 2mp	Conj-w V-Piel-ConjPerf-1cs

7971 [e]	834 [e]	1419 [e]	2426 [e]	1501 [e]	2625 [e]	
bā·kem.	šil·lah·tī	'ā·šer	hag·gā·dō·wl,	hē·lī	wə·hag·gā·zām;	wə·he·hā·sīl
בְּכֶם:	שִׁלַּחְתִּי	אֲשֶׁר	הַגָּדוֹל	חִילִי	וְהַגֹּזֵם	וְהַחֹסִיל
among you	I sent	which	great	My army	and the chewing locust	and the consuming locust
Prep 2mp	V-Piel-Perf-1cs	Pro-r	Art Adj-ms	N-msc 1cs	Conj-w, Art N-ms	Conj-w, Art N-ms

Joel 2:26 – “You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

834 [e]	430 [e]	3068 [e]	8034 [e]	853 [e]	1984 [e]	7646 [e]	398 [e]	398 [e]
'ā·šer-	'ē·lō·hē·kem,	Yah·weh	šēm	'et-	wə·hil·lal·tem,	wə·šā·bō·w·a',	'ā·kō·wl	wa·'ā·kal·tem
אֲשֶׁר-	אֱלֹהֵיכֶם	יְהוָה	שֵׁם	אֶת-	וְהִלַּלְתֶּם	וְשָׂבוּעַ	אֲכֹל	וְאָכַלְתֶּם 26
who	your God	of Yahweh	the name	-	and praise	and be satisfied	in plenty	And You shall eat
Pro-r	N-mpc 2mp	N-proper-ms	N-msc	DirObjM	Conj-w V-Piel-ConjPerf-2mp	Conj-w V-Qal-InfAbs	V-Qal-InfAbs	Conj-w V-Qal-ConjPerf-2mp

5769 [e]	5971 [e]	954 [e]	3808 [e]	6381 [e]	5973 [e]	6213 [e]
le·'ō·w·lām.	'am·mī	yē·bō·šū	wə·lō-	le·hap·lī;	'im·mā·kem	'ā·šāh
לְעוֹלָם:	עַמִּי	יִבְשׁוּ	וְלֹא-	לְהַפְלִיא	עִמָּכֶם	עָשָׂה
shall never	My people	shall be put to shame	and never	wondrously	with you	has dealt
Prep-I N-ms	N-msc 1cs	V-Qal-Imperf-3mp	Conj-w Adv-NegPrt	Prep-I V-Hifil-Inf	Prep 2mp	V-Qal-Perf-3ms

Joel 2:27 – “You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God and there is none else. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

430 [e]	3068 [e]	589 [e]	589 [e]	3478 [e]	7130 [e]	3588 [e]	3045 [e]
'ē·lō·hē·kem	Yah·weh	wa·'ā·nī	'ā·nī,	yis·rā·'ēl	bə·qe·reb	kī	wī·da·tem,
אֱלֹהֵיכֶם	יְהוָה	וָאֲנִי	אֲנִי	יִשְׂרָאֵל	בְּקֶרֶב	כִּי	וִידַעְתֶּם 27
your God	[am] Yahweh	and I	I [am]	of Israel	in the midst	that	Then you shall know
N-mpc 2mp	N-proper-ms	Conj-w Pro-1cs	Pro-1cs	N-proper-ms	Prep-b N-msc	Conj	Conj-w V-Qal-ConjPerf-2mp

5769 [e]	5971 [e]	954 [e]	3808 [e]	5750 [e]	369 [e]	
le·'ō·w·lām.	'am·mī	yē·bō·šū	wə·lō-	'ō·wḏ;	wə·'ēn	
לְעוֹלָם:	עַמִּי	יִבְשׁוּ	וְלֹא-	עוֹד	וְאֵין	
-	shall never	My people	shall be put to shame	and never	other	and there is no
Punc	Prep-I N-ms	N-msc 1cs	V-Qal-Imperf-3mp	Conj-w Adv-NegPrt	Adv	Conj-w Adv