

Joel 2:17-27

- This may be the actual response of the Lord given through Joel 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.**

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.**

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.**

Joel 2:21-23 - Here is a prophetic song of joy given by the Lord through the prophet at this time to encourage the people.

1. This is addressed to:
 - a. The Land
 - b. The Beasts
 - c. The Children of Zion (reverses the order in ch. 1:2-15; 16-20-people→animals→land)
2. They are told to:
 - a. Fear not – The “Fear Not” commands help indicate a new beginning within this section
 - b. Be glad
 - c. Rejoice – all three are indications that salvation, deliverance has come
3. The reason for this is the “Great things” or “Marvelous things” done by YHWH:
 - a. Green pastures - notice redemption of man results in redemption of creation-Is.65; Rm8
 - b. Fruit on trees and vines
 - c. Abundant rain
 - i. Early rain
 - ii. Late rain
4. All of this is a complete reversal of 1:15-20
5. These blessings not only indicate material restoration, but restoration of fellowship with YHWH.

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Strong's Concordance

mowreh: rain
Original Word: מוֹרֵה
Part of Speech: Noun Masculine
Transliteration: mowreh
Phonetic Spelling: (mo-reh')
Definition: (early) rain

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I. מוֹרֵה **noun masculine** Psalm 84:7 (**early**) rain (compare מוֹרֵה); — Joel 2:23 (גֶּשֶׁם, מִלְקוֹשׁ) Joel 2:23 (strike out We), Psalm 84:7.

II. מוֹרֵה **noun masculine** Isaiah 30:20 **teacher**; — absolute in אֱלוֹן מוֹרֵה Genesis 12:6 (J) = מֵרֵה = אֱלוֹנֵי דְּבָרִים Deuteronomy 11:30 (אֱלוֹן), the teacher's terebinth (see אֱלוֹן) near Shechem; compare מוֹרֵה הַמּוֹרֵה Judges 7:1 teacher's hill near the plain of Jezreel, probably Little Hermon, Nebī Dami Bd^{Pal} 244; the terebinth being a holy tree from which divine teaching was given, and the hill of the teacher the seat of a holy place whence divine teaching was given; see also (of God) Job 36:22; here belong probably likewise מוֹרֵה Proverbs 5:13, and מוֹרֵה Isaiah 30:20 (twice in verse).

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Englishman's Concordance

Psalm 84:6
HEB: בְּרִלּוֹת יַעֲטָה מוֹרֵה
NAS: it a spring; *The early rain* also
KJV: it a well; *the rain* also filleth
INT: blessings covers *the early*

Joel 2:23
HEB: לָכֶם אֶת־ הַמּוֹרֵה לְצִדְקָה וַיִּזְרַד
NAS: For He has given *you the early* rain
KJV: for he hath given *you the former rain* moderately,
INT: for has given *the early* for vindication has poured

Joel 2:23
HEB: לָכֶם גֶּשֶׁם מוֹרֵה וּמִלְקוֹשׁ בְּרֵאשׁוֹן
NAS: you the early *rain* for [your] vindication.
KJV: for you the rain, *the former rain*, and the latter rain
INT: has poured the rain *rain* and latter before

3 Occurrences

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Joel 2:24-27 –

The Second Prophecy or Oracle promising restoration (The first prophecy was 2:19-20)
 This is a continued reversal of the locust, famine, fire and invading army.

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-yiṣ·hār.	tī-rō-wōš	hay·qā·bīm	wə·hē·šī·qū	bār;	hag·go·rā·nō·wṭ	ū·mā·le·ū
וַיִּצְהַר:	תִּירוֹשׁ	הַיִּקְבִּים	וְהַשִּׁיקוּ	בָּר	הַגְרָנוֹת	וּמְלֵאן 24
and oil	with new wine	the vats	and shall overflow	wheat	of the threshing floors	And shall be full
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-3cs

1. This is a contrast with 1:10-12, 17

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,	'eṭ-	lā·kem
הַיֵּלֶק	הַאֲרָבָה	אָכַל	אֲשֶׁר	הַשָּׁנִים	אֶת־	לָכֶם
the crawling locust	the swarming locust	has eaten	that	the years	-	to you
Art N-ms	Art N-ms	V-Qal-Perf-3ms	Pro-r	Art N-fp	DirObjM	Prep 2mp
						Conj-w V-Piel-ConjPerf-1cs
						So I will restore 25

bā·kem.	7971 [e]	834 [e]	1419 [e]	2426 [e]	1501 [e]	2625 [e]
בְּכֶם:	שִׁילַח־תִּי	אֲשֶׁר	הַגָּדוֹל	חֵילִי	וְהַגֹּמֵם	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

1. Reversal of 1:4
2. YHWH's army of 2:11 is mentioned here again.

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-ḵem,	Yah-weh	šêm	'et-	wə-hil-lal-tem,	wə-šā-bō-w-a',	'ā-ḵō-wl	wa-'ā-ḵal-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-mî	yê-bō-šū	wə-lō-	le-haḵ-îlî;	'im-mā-ḵem	'ā-šāh
לְעֹלָם:	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

1. Both 2:26 and 2:27 repeated reference Israel as God's people by saying:
 - a. “praise the name of the LORD our God”
 - b. “my people shall never again be put to shame” (2x)
 - c. “know that I am in the midst of Israel”
 - d. “I am the LORD your God”
2. Joel 2:17 – the people had lamented “Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’ ”...But, now, The LORD is there with his people in 2:26-27!

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-ḵem	Yah-weh	wa-'ā-nî	'ā-nî,	yiś-rā-'ēl	bə-qe-reḇ	kî	wî-da'-tem,
אֱלֹהֵיכֶם	יְהוָה	וְאֲנִי	אֲנִי	יִשְׂרָאֵל	בְּקִרְבִּי	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]	
s	le-'ō-w-lām.	'am-mî	yê-bō-šū	wə-lō-	'ō-wd;	wə-'ēn
ס	לְעֹלָם:	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

Next the Supernatural spiritual blessings in 2:28-32