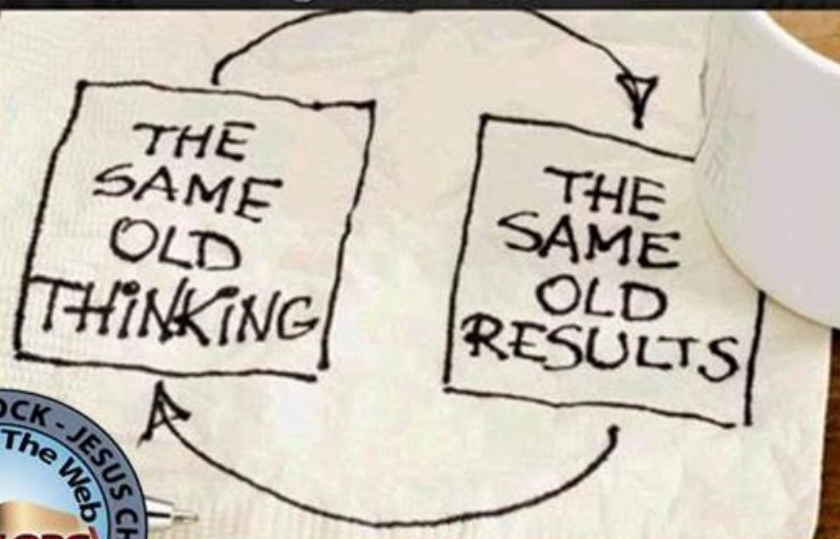


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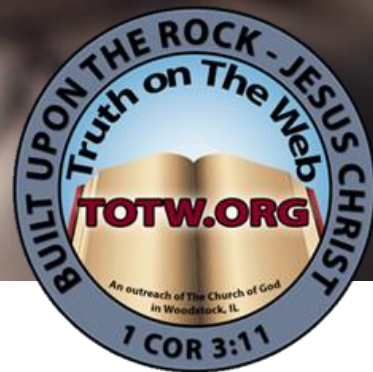


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Israel into Assyrian captivity - 722 BC									
687 - 642	Manasseh (Son)	Evil / Good		2 Ki 21 2 Ch 33					<i>Nahum</i>
642 - 640	Amon (Son)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 21 2 Ch 33					
640 - 608	Josiah (Son)	Good/Good		2 Ki 22-23 2 Ch 34-35					
608	Jehoahaz (Son)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 23 2 Ch 36					<i>Daniel</i>
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Hosea 2:23 And I will sow her unto Me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to *them which were* not My people, Thou *art* My people; and they shall say, *Thou art* my God.

Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

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Hosea 10:12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for *it is* time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

Hosea 11:1 When Israel *was* a child, then I loved him, and called My son out of Egypt.

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Hosea 2:1-13 Say ye unto your brethren, Ammi; and to your sisters, Ruhamah. **2** Plead with your mother, plead: for she *is* not my wife, neither *am* I her husband: let her therefore put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts; **3** Lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst. **4** And I will not have mercy upon her children; for they *be* the children of whoredoms. **5** For their mother hath played the harlot: she that conceived them hath done shamefully: for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give *me* my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my drink. **6** Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths. **7** And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find *them*: then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then *was it* better with me than now. **8** For she did not know that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, *which* they prepared for Baal. **9** Therefore will I return, and take away my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will recover my wool and my flax *given* to cover her nakedness. **10** And now will I discover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of mine hand. **11** I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts. **12** And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees, whereof she hath said, These *are* my rewards that my lovers have given me: and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them. **13** And I will visit upon her the days of Baalim, wherein she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers, and forgot me, saith the LORD.

Hosea 2:14-23 Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her. **15** And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt. **16** And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, *that* thou shalt call Me Ishi; and shalt call Me no more Baali. **17** For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name. **18** And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and *with* the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely. **19** And I will betroth thee unto Me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto Me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies. **20** I will even betroth thee unto Me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD. **21** And it shall come to pass in that day, I will hear, saith the LORD, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth; **22** And the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall hear Jezreel. **23** And I will sow her unto Me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to *them which were* not My people, Thou *art* My people; and they shall say, *Thou art* my God.

Hosea 3:1-5 Then said the LORD unto me, Go yet, love a woman beloved of *her* friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the LORD toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and love flagons of wine. **2** So I bought her to me for fifteen *pieces* of silver, and *for* an homer of barley, and an half homer of barley: **3** And I said unto her, Thou shalt abide for me many days; thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be for *another* man: so *will* I also *be* for thee. **4** For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and *without* teraphim: **5** Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.

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Hosea 4:1-7 Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because *there is* no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. **2** By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. **3** Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away. **4** Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for thy people *are* as they that strive with the priest. **5** Therefore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night, and I will destroy thy mother. **6** My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to Me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. **7** As they were increased, so they sinned against Me: *therefore* will I change their glory into shame.

Hosea 5:1-15 Hear ye this, O priests; and hearken, ye house of Israel; and give ye ear, O house of the king; for judgment *is* toward you, because ye have been a snare on Mizpah, and a net spread upon Tabor. **2** And the revolvers are profound to make slaughter, though I *have been* a rebuker of them all. **3** I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from Me: for now, O Ephraim, thou committest whoredom, *and* Israel is defiled. **4** They will not frame their doings to turn unto their God: for the spirit of whoredoms *is* in the midst of them, and they have not known the LORD. **5** And the pride of Israel doth testify to his face: therefore shall Israel and Ephraim fall in their iniquity; Judah also shall fall with them. **6** They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the LORD; but they shall not find *him*; he hath withdrawn himself from them. **7** They have dealt treacherously against the LORD: for they have begotten strange children: now shall a month devour them with their portions. **8** Blow ye the cornet in Gibeah, *and* the trumpet in Ramah: cry aloud *at* Bethaven, after thee, O Benjamin. **9** Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel have I made known that which shall surely be. **10** The princes of Judah were like them that remove the bound: *therefore* I will pour out My wrath upon them like water. **11** Ephraim *is* oppressed *and* broken in judgment, because he willingly walked after the commandment. **12** Therefore *will* I *be* unto Ephraim as a moth, and to the house of Judah as rottenness. **13** When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah *saw* his wound, then went Ephraim to the Assyrian, and sent to king Jareb: yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound. **14** For I *will be* unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, *even* I, will tear and go away; I will take away, and none shall rescue *him*. **15** I will go *and* return to My place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek My face: in their affliction they will seek Me early.

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Hosea 7:1-16 When I would have healed Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim was discovered, and the wickedness of Samaria: for they commit falsehood; and the thief cometh in, *and* the troop of robbers spoileth without. **2** And they consider not in their hearts *that* I remember all their wickedness: now their own doings have beset them about; they are before My face. **3** They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies. **4** They *are* all adulterers, as an oven heated by the baker, *who* ceaseth from raising after he hath kneaded the dough, until it be leavened. **5** In the day of our king the princes have made *him* sick with bottles of wine; he stretched out his hand with scorners. **6** For they have made ready their heart like an oven, whiles they lie in wait: their baker sleepeth all the night; in the morning it burneth as a flaming fire. **7** They are all hot as an oven, and have devoured their judges; all their kings are fallen: *there is* none among them that calleth unto me. **8** Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned. **9** Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth *it* not: yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not. **10** And the pride of Israel testifieth to his face: and they do not return to the LORD their God, nor seek Him for all this. **11** Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart: they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria. **12** When they shall go, I will spread My net upon them; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven; I will chastise them, as their congregation hath heard. **13** Woe unto them! for they have fled from Me: destruction unto them! because they have transgressed against Me: though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against Me. **14** And they have not cried unto Me with their heart, when they howled upon their beds: they assemble themselves for corn and wine, *and* they rebel against Me. **15** Though I have bound *and* strengthened their arms, yet do they imagine mischief against Me. **16** They return, *but* not to the Most High: they are like a deceitful bow: their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue: this *shall be* their derision in the land of Egypt.

Hosea 8:1-14 Set the trumpet to thy mouth. *He shall come* as an eagle against the house of the LORD, because they have transgressed My covenant, and trespassed against My law. **2** Israel shall cry unto Me, My God, we know Thee. **3** Israel hath cast off *the thing that is* good: the enemy shall pursue him. **4** They have set up kings, but not by Me: they have made princes, and I knew *it* not: of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off. **5** Thy calf, O Samaria, hath cast *thee* off; Mine anger is kindled against them: how long *will it be* ere they attain to innocency? **6** For from Israel *was* it also: the workman made it; therefore it *is* not God: but the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces. **7** For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk: the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up. **8** Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein *is* no pleasure. **9** For they are gone up to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself: Ephraim hath hired lovers. **10** Yea, though they have hired among the nations, now will I gather them, and they shall sorrow a little for the burden of the king of princes. **11** Because Ephraim hath made many altars to sin, altars shall be unto him to sin. **12** I have written to him the great things of My law, *but* they were counted as a strange thing. **13** They sacrifice flesh *for* the sacrifices of Mine offerings, and eat *it*; *but* the LORD accepteth them not; now will He remember their iniquity, and visit their sins: they shall return to Egypt. **14** For Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth temples; and Judah hath multiplied fenced cities: but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.

Hosea 9:1-17 Rejoice not, O Israel, for joy, as *other* people: for thou hast gone a whoring from thy God, thou hast loved a reward upon every cornfloor. **2** The floor and the winepress shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail in her. **3** They shall not dwell in the LORD'S land; but Ephraim shall return to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean *things* in Assyria. **4** They shall not offer wine *offerings* to the LORD, neither shall they be pleasing unto Him: their sacrifices *shall be* unto them as the bread of mourners; all that eat thereof shall be polluted: for their bread for their soul shall not come into the house of the LORD. **5** What will ye do in the solemn day, and in the day of the feast of the LORD? **6** For, lo, they are gone because of destruction: Egypt shall gather them up, Memphis shall bury them: the pleasant *places* for their silver, nettles shall possess them: thorns *shall be* in their tabernacles. **7** The days of visitation are come, the days of recompence are come; Israel shall know *it*: the prophet *is* a fool, the spiritual man *is* mad, for the multitude of thine iniquity, and the great hatred. **8** The watchman of Ephraim *was* with my God: *but* the prophet *is* a snare of a fowler in all his ways, *and* hatred in the house of his God. **9** They have deeply corrupted *themselves*, as in the days of Gibeah: *therefore* He will remember their iniquity, He will visit their sins. **10** I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the firstripe in the fig tree at her first time: *but* they went to Baalpeor, and separated themselves unto *that* shame; and *their* abominations were according as they loved. **11** As *for* Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird, from the birth, and from the womb, and from the conception. **12** Though they bring up their children, yet will I bereave them, *that there shall not be* a man *left*: yea, woe also to them when I depart from them! **13** Ephraim, as I saw Tyrus, *is* planted in a pleasant place: but Ephraim shall bring forth his children to the murderer. **14** Give them, O LORD: what wilt thou give? give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts. **15** All their wickedness *is* in Gilgal: for there I hated them: for the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of Mine house, I will love them no more: all their princes *are* revolvers. **16** Ephraim *is* smitten, their root *is* dried up, they *shall bear no fruit*: yea, though they bring forth, yet will I slay *even* the beloved *fruit* of their womb. **17** My God will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto Him: and they shall be wanderers among the nations.

Hosea 10:1-15 Israel *is* an empty vine, he bringeth forth fruit unto himself: according to the multitude of his fruit he hath increased the altars; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly images. **2** Their heart is divided; now shall they be found faulty: He shall break down their altars, He shall spoil their images. **3** For now they shall say, We have no king, because we feared not the LORD; what then should a king do to us? **4** They have spoken words, swearing falsely in making a covenant: thus judgment springeth up as hemlock in the furrows of the field. **5** The inhabitants of Samaria shall fear because of the calves of Bethaven: for the people thereof shall mourn over it, and the priests thereof *that* rejoiced on it, for the glory thereof, because it is departed from it. **6** It shall be also carried unto Assyria *for* a present to king Jareb: Ephraim shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel. **7** *As for* Samaria, her king is cut off as the foam upon the water. **8** The high places also of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed: the thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us. **9** O Israel, thou hast sinned from the days of Gibeah: there they stood: the battle in Gibeah against the children of iniquity did not overtake them. **10** *It is* in My desire that I should chastise them; and the people shall be gathered against them, when they shall bind themselves in their two furrows. **11** *And Ephraim is as an heifer that is taught, and loveth to tread out the corn; but I passed over upon her fair neck: I will make Ephraim to ride; Judah shall plow, and Jacob shall break his clods. 12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till He come and rain righteousness upon you. 13 Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men. 14* Therefore shall a tumult arise among thy people, and all thy fortresses shall be spoiled, as Shalman spoiled Betharbel in the day of battle: the mother was dashed in pieces upon *her* children. **15** So shall Bethel do unto you because of your great wickedness: in a morning shall the king of Israel utterly be cut off.

Hosea 11:1-12 When Israel *was* a child, then I loved him, and called My son out of Egypt. **2** As they called them, so they went from them: they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense to graven images. **3** I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them. **4** I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love: and I was to them as they that take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid meat unto them. **5** He shall not return into the land of Egypt, but the Assyrian shall be his king, because they refused to return. **6** And the sword shall abide on his cities, and shall consume his branches, and devour *them*, because of their own counsels. **7** And My people are bent to backsliding from Me: though they called them to the most High, none at all would exalt *Him*. **8** How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? *how* shall I deliver thee, Israel? how shall I make thee as Admah? *how* shall I set thee as Zeboim? Mine heart is turned within Me, My repentings are kindled together. **9** I will not execute the fierceness of Mine anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim: for I *am* God, and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee: and I will not enter into the city. **10** They shall walk after the LORD: He shall roar like a lion: when He shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west. **11** They shall tremble as a bird out of Egypt, and as a dove out of the land of Assyria: and I will place them in their houses, saith the LORD. **12** Ephraim compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with the saints.

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Hosea 12:1-14 Ephraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind: he daily increaseth lies and desolation; and they do make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is carried into Egypt. **2** The LORD hath also a controversy with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will He recompense him. **3** He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he had power with God: **4** Yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed: he wept, and made supplication unto Him: he found Him *in* Bethel, and there He spake with us; **5** Even the LORD God of hosts; the LORD *is* His memorial. **6** Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually. **7** *He is* a merchant, the balances of deceit *are* in his hand: he loveth to oppress. **8** And Ephraim said, Yet I am become rich, I have found me out substance: *in* all my labours they shall find none iniquity in me that *were* sin. **9** And I *that am* the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt will yet make thee to dwell in tabernacles, as in the days of the solemn feast. **10** I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets. **11** *Is there* iniquity *in* Gilead? surely they are vanity: they sacrifice bullocks in Gilgal; yea, their altars *are* as heaps in the furrows of the fields. **12** And Jacob fled into the country of Syria, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept *sheep*. **13** And by a prophet the LORD brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved. **14** Ephraim provoked *Him* to anger most bitterly: therefore shall he leave his blood upon him, and his reproach shall his Lord return unto him.

Hosea 13:1-16 When Ephraim spake trembling, he exalted himself in Israel; but when he offended in Baal, he died. **2** And now they sin more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, *and* idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of the craftsmen: they say of them, Let the men that sacrifice kiss the calves. **3** Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud, and as the early dew that passeth away, as the chaff *that* is driven with the whirlwind out of the floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney. **4** Yet I *am* the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for *there is* no saviour beside me. **5** I did know thee in the wilderness, in the land of great drought. **6** According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted; therefore have they forgotten me. **7** Therefore I will be unto them as a lion: as a leopard by the way will I observe *them*: **8** I will meet them as a bear *that is* bereaved of *her whelps*, and will rend the caul of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lion: the wild beast shall tear them. **9** O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me *is* thine help. **10** I will be thy king: where *is any other* that may save thee in all thy cities? and thy judges of whom thou saidst, Give me a king and princes? **11** I gave thee a king in mine anger, and took *him* away in my wrath. **12** The iniquity of Ephraim *is* bound up; his sin *is* hid. **13** The sorrows of a travailing woman shall come upon him: he *is* an unwise son; for he should not stay long in *the place of* the breaking forth of children. **14** I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes. **15** Though he be fruitful among *his* brethren, an east wind shall come, the wind of the LORD shall come up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up: he shall spoil the treasure of all pleasant vessels. **16** Samaria shall become desolate; for she hath rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword: their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up.

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Joel 2:12-13 Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye *even* to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: **13** And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he *is* gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

Joel 2:28-32 And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: **29** And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. **30** And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. **31** The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. **32** And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

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1:1-20 The Plague Of Locusts

2:1-32 The Day Of The LORD

3:1-21 The LORD Answers

Joel 1:1-10 The word of the LORD that came to Joel the son of Pethuel. **2** Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers? **3** Tell ye your children of it, and *let* your children *tell* their children, and their children another generation. **4** That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpillar eaten. **5** Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth. **6** For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth *are* the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion. **7** He hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast *it* away; the branches thereof are made white. **8** Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth. **9** The meat offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of the LORD; the priests, the LORD'S ministers, mourn. **10** The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted: the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth.

Joel 1:11-20 Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished. **12** The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, *even* all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men. **13** Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests: howl, ye ministers of the altar: come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God: for the meat offering and the drink offering is withholden from the house of your God. **14** Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders *and* all the inhabitants of the land *into* the house of the LORD your God, and cry unto the LORD, **15** Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD *is* at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come. **16** Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, *yea*, joy and gladness from the house of our God? **17** The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered. **18** How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate. **19** O LORD, to thee will I cry: for the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field. **20** The beasts of the field cry also unto thee: for the rivers of waters are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

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Joel 2:18-26 Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people. **19** Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen: **20** But I will remove far off from you the northern *army*, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things. **21** Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things. **22** Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. **23** Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first *month*. **24** And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil. **25** And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. **26** And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

Joel 2:27-32 And ye shall know that I *am* in the midst of Israel, and *that* I *am* the LORD your God, and none else: and My people shall never be ashamed. **28** And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out My spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: **29** And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out My spirit. **30** And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. **31** The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. **32** And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

Joel 3:1-14 For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, **2** I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for My people and *for* My heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted My land. **3** And they have cast lots for My people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink. **4** Yea, and what have ye to do with Me, O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the coasts of Palestine? will ye render Me a recompence? and if ye recompense Me, swiftly *and* speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head; **5** Because ye have taken My silver and My gold, and have carried into your temples My goodly pleasant things: **6** The children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem have ye sold unto the Grecians, that ye might remove them far from their border. **7** Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompence upon your own head: **8** And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a people far off: for the LORD hath spoken *it*. **9** Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: **10** Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I *am* strong. **11** Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD. **12** Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. **13** Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness *is* great. **14** Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD *is* near in the valley of decision.

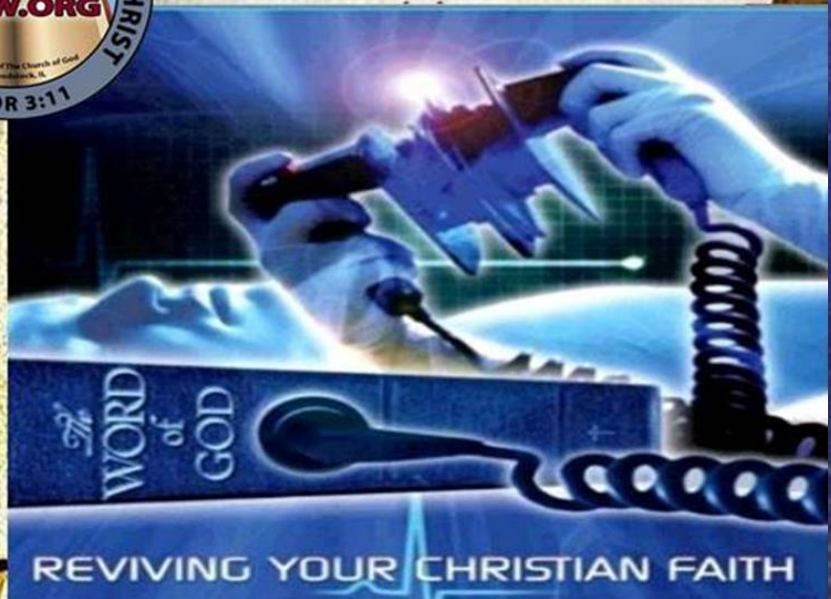
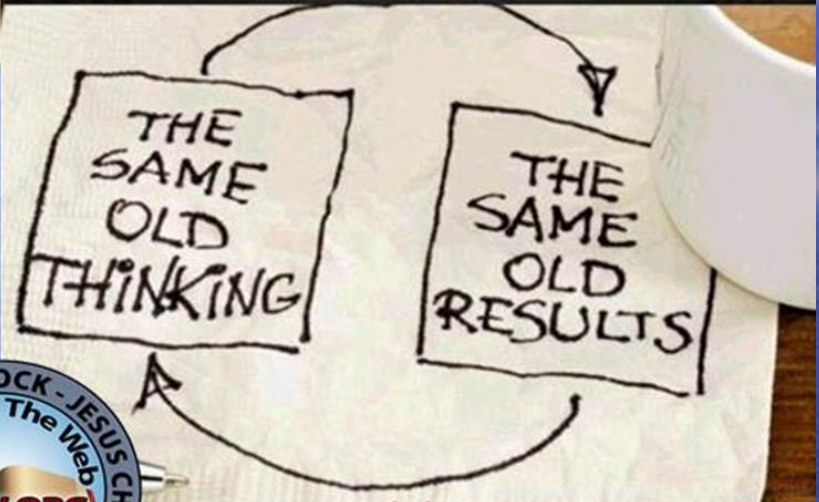
Joel 3:15-21 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. **16** The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD *will be* the hope of His people, and the strength of the children of Israel. **17** So shall ye know that I *am* the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, My holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more. **18** And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim. **19** Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence *against* the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land. **20** But Judah shall dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation. **21** For I will cleanse their blood *that* I have not cleansed: for the LORD dwelleth in Zion.

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