

November 7–13
Hosea 1–6; 10–14; Joel
“I Will Love Them Freely”



Warning to Israel

Joel 1:9-13

What does Joel warn Judah that they will lose if they don't turn again to the Lord?

Warning to Israel

Hos 4:6-10

What does Hosea state is the reason that the priest-performed ceremonies are lost?

Warning to Israel

Hos 6:6-7

What does the Lord state that He desires more than burnt offerings?

Marion D. Hanks

“Hundreds of years before Christ, God confronted the willful ignorance of Israel in these words: ‘My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee ... seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God. ...’

“The knowledge for lack of which they suffered is plainly explained by Hosea:

‘... 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.

‘For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.’” (CR, April 1972)

The Army of the Lord

Joel 2:1-3,9-11

According to verse 2, what will be the state of the world when this army advances?

What “army” do you think is being referenced in these verses?

Neal A. Maxwell

“We must not underestimate, however, the difficulty of the last days. Joel and Zephaniah both speak of the last days as being ‘a day of ... gloominess.’ The coming decades will be times of despair. Why? Because, as Moroni said, despair comes of iniquity. The more iniquity, the more despair. And unless there is widespread repentance, despair will both deepen and spread—except among those who have gospel gladness.” (CR, Oct. 1982)

D&C 105:31-32

30 ... I will hold the armies of Israel guiltless... scattering their watchmen, and avenging me of mine enemies unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.

31 But first let my army become very great, and let it be sanctified before me, that it may become fair as the sun, and clear as the moon, and that her banners may be terrible unto all nations;

32 That the kingdoms of this world may be constrained to acknowledge that the kingdom of Zion is in very deed the kingdom of our God and his Christ...

John Taylor

“We will stretch out further and further. Zion's cords shall be lengthened and her stakes shall be strengthened until her armies shall become mighty and numerous and until God shall say to the Gentiles, it is enough.” (JD, 21:111)

The Army of the Lord

Hos 11:10-11

What effect will the gathering of the army of Zion have on the rest of the world?

Approaching Armageddon

Joel 3:1-2,9-12

Why do you think Joel is admonishing the gentiles to prepare for battle?

Dean L. Larsen

“The Savior himself said that conditions toward the end of this dispensation would very much resemble those that existed just before the Flood. ‘As the days of Noe were,’ he said, ‘so shall also the coming of the Son of man be’ (Matt 24:37).

“Joel saw the period of time in which we live as a great battleground for the souls of men....

“Joel saw that this great battle would not be regarded in a casual way. It would be no time for weakness nor weaklings.” (CR, April 1983)

Approaching Armageddon

Joel 3:13-17

What do you think he means by “the valley of decision”?

Joseph Fielding Smith

“We find Joel, Zephaniah, Zechariah, all proclaiming that in this last day, the day when the sun shall be darkened and the moon turned to blood and the stars fall from heaven, that the nations of the earth would gather against Jerusalem. All of them speak of it; and when that time comes, the Lord is going to come out of His hiding place.” (Signs of the Times, pg. 170)

Wilford Woodruff

“He has... called upon the inhabitants of the world to prepare themselves for the great day of his second advent and coming, which is at hand. He is calling upon them loudly today; and, as I have said to some of my brethren lately, the Lord now wants to know whether the Latter-day Saints are willing to work with him or not. It is a day of decision.” (JD, 18:109)

Approaching Armageddon

Joel 2:12-16

What do you think he means by “rend your heart, and not your garments”?

Approaching Armageddon

Joel 2:28-29,32

What evidence do we see that the Lord is fulfilling this promise?

Gordon B. Hinckley

“The vision of Joel has been fulfilled....

“There has been more of scientific discovery during these years than during all of the previous history of mankind. Transportation, communication, medicine, public hygiene, the unlocking of the atom, the miracle of the computer, with all of its ramifications, have blossomed forth, particularly in our own era. During my own lifetime, I have witnessed miracle after wondrous miracle come to pass. We take it for granted.

“And, with all of this, the Lord has restored His ancient priesthood. He has organized His Church and kingdom during the past century and a half. He has led His people. They have been tempered in the crucible of terrible persecution. He has brought to pass the wondrous time in which we now live.

“We have seen only the foreshadowing of the mighty force for good that this Church will become. And yet I marvel at what has been accomplished.” (CR, Oct. 2001)

Wilford Woodruff

“The day has already dawned when the light of heaven is to fill the earth; the day in which the Lord has said that nothing should be kept hidden,... the day in which everything that has been kept from the knowledge of man ever since the foundation of the earth, must be revealed;... It is a day in which the gospel is to be preached to every nation, tongue and people for a witness of what shall follow.” (JD, 24:51)

After Armageddon

Joel 3:18-21

After Armageddon

Hosea 14:5-8

How will Israel be changed after the end of the battle of Armageddon?

Next Week:

November 14–20

Amos; Obadiah

“Seek the Lord, and Ye Shall Live”

