

## “Valley of Jehoshaphat” Joel 3:1-21 12/03/23

Today, we'd like to see the title of "Valley of Jehoshaphat" Joel 3:1-21.

To Online Word's souls, *through MP3 or YouTube Channel*, on the earth, we'd like to suggest the 3 expositional Questions. (*Maranatha Worship Songs*..... Videos are watchable upon the click on the website). **YouTube Channel is not Available in China, Iran, Germany, etc. where only MP3 is available**

Q1. In verse 1, "For behold, in those days and at that time, When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem," what does it mean in the context? And how can we apply it to our lives?

Q2. In verse 2, "I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there On account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land," what does it mean in the context? And what can we learn from here?

Q3. In verse 21, "For I will acquit them of the guilt of bloodshed, whom I had not acquitted; For the LORD dwells in Zion," what does it mean in the context? And what can we learn from here?

**(Background for context of this text on Daily Bible Reading and Studying Weekly Book Basis)**

While Elijah (875-850 BC) and Elisha (850-800 BC) prophesied to Israel around reigns of the family of Ahab the evil king, Joel (840-830BC) probably prophesied to Judah ultimately about the great tribulation, under the reign of Athaliah (841-835 BC) the Ahab's daughter in *2 Kings 11:1*, "When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal heirs." But upon her death, Jehoash(835-796BC) began to rule in the instruction of Jehoiada the priest in *2 Kings 11:21*, "Jehoash was seven years old when he became king."

Athaliah's father in law was Jehoshaphat the 4<sup>th</sup> good king of Judah, who had prayed for God in the invasion of enemies in *2 Chronicles 20:1-4*, "It happened after this *that* the people of Moab with the people of Ammon, and *others* with them besides the Ammonites, came to battle against Jehoshaphat. <sup>2</sup>Then some came and told Jehoshaphat, saying, 'A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea, from Syria; and they are in Hazazon Tamar' (which is En Gedi). <sup>3</sup>And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. <sup>4</sup>So Judah gathered together to ask *help* from the LORD; and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD," to have been defeated by the Lord.

In the last time, in Joel 2:32, "And it shall come to pass *That* whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the LORD has said, Among the remnant whom the LORD calls," The Lord puts the remnants Israelites in the safe place in the latter 3 ½ years in Revelation 12:6, "Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days."

**TEXT: NKJV [KJV]**

Inductive **Explanation** in context & syntax

<p><sup>1</sup> "For behold, in those days and at that time, When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem,</p>	<p><sup>1</sup>=Q1 (In those days, in the said Joel 2:32, when antichrist and antisemitism nations, the followers of antichrist, are arising against Israelites in the latter 3 ½ years in the Great Tribulation, the Lord and His armies on white horses are coming down to the earth and are destroying them at Armageddon war in the plain of Megiddo and are saving the remnants 144,000 Israelites who mourningly repent and accept Jesus King "Hadad Rimmon (Joshia king)" as God promises to Abraham in <i>Genesis 12:3</i>;</p>
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<p><sup>2</sup> I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there On account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> They have cast lots for My people, Have given a boy <i>as payment</i> for a harlot, And sold a girl for wine, that they may drink.</p> <p><sup>4</sup> “Indeed, what have you to do with Me, O Tyre and Sidon, and all the coasts of Philistia? Will you retaliate [recompense] against Me? But if you retaliate against Me, Swiftly and speedily I will return your retaliation[recompense] upon your own head;</p> <p><sup>5</sup> Because you have taken My silver and My gold, And have carried into your temples My prized possessions.</p> <p><sup>6</sup> Also the people of Judah and the people of Jerusalem You have sold to the Greeks, That you may remove them far from their borders.</p> <p><sup>7</sup> “Behold, I will raise them Out of the place to which you have sold them, And will return your retaliation upon your own head.</p> <p><sup>8</sup> I will sell your sons and your daughters Into the hand of the people of Judah, And they will sell them to</p>	<p><i>Zechariah 12:10-11; Rev 19:14, 20-21</i><sup>1</sup> e.g. See the plain of Megiddo _____ )</p> <p>2=Q2 (The Valley of Jehoshaphat is not existent yet. Jehoshaphat means God’s judgment. The Lord’s setting His feet on the Mount of Olives to be split between the north and the south. Then, the new valley is formed, likely named as “the valley of Jehoshaphat.” There, the Lord will gather all antisemitism nations and make judgment for their previous scattering Israelites and dividing Canaan land the promised land. <i>Zechariah 14:4</i><sup>2</sup>)</p> <p>3-7= (Their wickedness is described. They sold a Jew boy for a harlot and a Jew girl for wine; Tyre and Sidon the Phoenicians and Philistia the southwest nation of Judah rejoiced at the fall of Judah and Israel; God is doing just judgment against them; They had stolen the silver and gold in the temple of God; They also had sold Israelites to the Greeks as slaves far from Canaan land, in history the Greeks traded with Phoenicia as of 800 BC. God is restoring the sold Israelites and is doing judgment against them.)</p> <p>8=(Equally, God is making the judgment against them into the hand of the Israelites and into the hand of the Sabeans the people from Sheba in southwestern Arabia. God’s judgment in the great tribulation time is like the Old Testament time to get even, unlike the New Testament the grace time. <i>1 Kings 10:1-2;</i> <i>Ex 21:23-24</i><sup>3</sup>)</p>
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<sup>1</sup> *Genesis 12:3* I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed; *Zechariah 12:10-11* “And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for *his* only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. <sup>11</sup> In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo; *Rev 19:14, 20-21* <sup>14</sup> And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. <sup>20</sup> Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. <sup>21</sup> And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh..

<sup>2</sup> *Zechariah 14:4* And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, *Making* a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south.

<sup>3</sup> *1 Kings 10:1-2* Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to test him with hard questions. <sup>2</sup> She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels that bore spices, very much gold, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart; *Ex 21:23-24* But if *any* harm follows, then you shall give life for life, <sup>24</sup> eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

<p>the Sabians, To a people far off; For the LORD has spoken.”</p> <p><sup>9</sup> Proclaim this among the nations: “Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty men, Let all the men of war draw near, Let them come up.</p> <p><sup>10</sup> Beat your plowshares into swords And your pruning hooks into spears; Let the weak say, ‘I <i>am</i> strong.’ ”</p> <p><sup>11</sup> Assemble and come, all you nations, And gather together all around. Cause Your mighty ones to go down there, O LORD.</p> <p><sup>12</sup> “Let the nations [heathen] be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; For there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations.</p> <p><sup>13</sup> Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; For the winepress is full, The vats overflow— For their wickedness <i>is</i> great.”</p> <p><sup>14</sup> Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD <i>is</i> near in the valley of decision.</p> <p><sup>15</sup> The sun and moon will grow dark, And the stars will diminish their brightness.</p> <p><sup>16</sup> The LORD also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; But the LORD will be a shelter for His people, And the strength of the children of Israel.</p> <p><sup>17</sup> “So you shall know that I <i>am</i> the LORD your God, Dwelling in Zion My holy mountain. Then Jerusalem shall be holy, And no aliens shall ever pass through her again.”</p>	<p>9-16= (The antichrist and the antisemitism nations gather together against Israel. They make plowshares into sword, pruning hooks into spears with the pride of strength. While the Lord and His armies come down, from heaven, into the valley of Jehoshaphat, they come for the ripe harvest with the sickle, the full winepress, and overflowing large tank along with their great wickedness. Many people face God’s judgment in the valley of decision at the time of both the darkness of sun and moon and diminishing bright stars, with roaring like a roaring lion in the great tribulation. The heaven and earth shall shake but God provides the shelter and strength for 144,000 Israelites the remnants. <i>Rev 10:2-3<sup>4</sup></i>)</p> <p>17= (The Lord comes to dwell on Zion Mount in Jerusalem, establishing the millennium kingdom upon the earth with His brides for 1,000 years – 144,000 Israelites, beheaded gentile believers, and raptured believers, excluding aliens or beast worshippers, i.e., antichrist followers. <i>Rev 20:4<sup>5</sup></i>)</p>
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<sup>4</sup> *Rev 10:2-3* He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and *his* left *foot* on the land, <sup>3</sup> and cried with a loud voice, as *when* a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices.

<sup>5</sup> *Rev 20:4* And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then *I* saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received *his* mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

<p>18 And it will come to pass in that day  <i>That</i> the mountains shall drip with new wine, The hills shall flow with milk, And all the brooks of Judah shall be flooded with water; A fountain shall flow from the house of the LORD And water the Valley of Acacias [Shittim].</p> <p>19 “Egypt shall be a desolation, And Edom a desolate wilderness, Because of violence <i>against</i> the people of Judah, For they have shed innocent blood in their land.  20 But Judah shall abide forever, And Jerusalem from generation to generation.  21 For I will acquit them of the guilt of bloodshed, whom I had not acquitted; For the LORD dwells in Zion.”</p>	<p>18= (In the kingdom age upon the earth, a fountain flowing from the house of the Lord means every blessing coming from Him. The abundant fruits come from Him because their water flows from the sanctuary or the Lord and flows in the valley of Shittim. <i>Ezekiel 47:12<sup>6</sup></i>)</p> <p>19-21=Q3 (Egypt and Edom against the people of Judah will be desolated by the Lord; God judges people fairly like the sheep on His right hand and the goats on the left. The Lord preserves Jerusalem because He dwells in Zion during the kingdom age. Now it is in the last days. How should we do now? Watch and pray always to escape this great tribulation as Jesus says. <i>Mat 25:33, 40-41; 2 Tim 3:1-5; Luke 21:35-36<sup>7</sup></i>)</p>
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Note: Most Christians say the Bible is important, but rarely study every word in the Bible and commit it to the Lord. So, it's better to study it and live accordingly after the Spirit for the Lord (2 Tim 2:15). This online word for global crusade in effect develops from the expositional sermon (KJV), into spiritual transformation in daily love fellowship with the Lord throughout the Bible Study (NKJV) -- *All Scripture Expository Study from verse by verse Inductive Studies* -- of which application is the Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, closer to the image of Christ. We think that “Any human opinion is not really important rather than what God says. So, the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible per se. But the opinion to make us understand God's Word is acceptable (2 *Corinthians 10:5*).” Further, for the application, a life or spiritual experience might be helpful to understand how to apply an understood word in the text column, but it is temperately used like

<sup>6</sup> *Ezekiel 47:12* Along the bank of the river, on this side and that, will grow all *kinds of trees* used for food; their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for medicine;.

<sup>7</sup> *Mat 25:33, 40-41* <sup>33</sup> And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.’ <sup>41</sup> “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:’ *2 Tim 3:1-5* But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: <sup>2</sup> For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, <sup>4</sup> traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup> having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! *Luke 21:35-36* For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Paul, because nobody should think above that actual experience (2 Cor 12:6, Jer 23:28; Ne 8:8).

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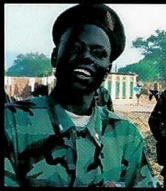
*Thank you everybody. Come to Jesus!*



Keep on Prayer and Love for the co-ministers and bereaved families of the killed 71 men in the service of the Lord in S Sudan during Christmas season.

## KILLED IN THE SERVICE OF OUR LORD

The first Sunday in November is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Often, when I share that we have lost 71 men, I think many do not know how to process this and I am sure some doubt. But Far Reaching Ministries has a rich history of men who have valued the lives of others more than their own. I can remember one incident in particular where a soldier was badly wounded on the battlefield and could not walk. Two of our chaplains went out under heavy fire and dragged the man to safety. In the process, they were both mortally wounded and died. They fully knew that death for them meant eternity with Christ, but they knew the other man had not yet given his life to Christ so death would mean eternal separation. They chose to die so that others might live. Scripture says that no greater love than this that a man lay down his life for a friend. This man was not even a friend but a lost soul. I know that when they stood before the Lord they heard, well done my sons, well done. We have before you the photos of 61 who have given their lives, not all were shot but most were killed in combat.



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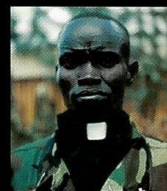
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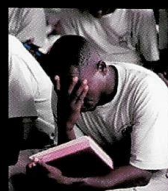
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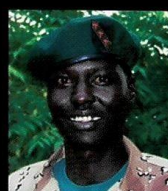
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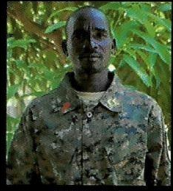
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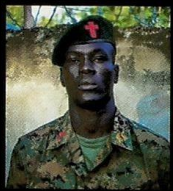
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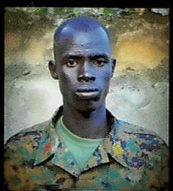
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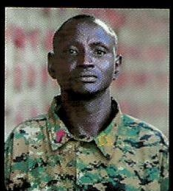
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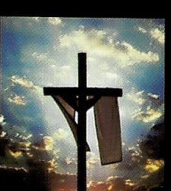
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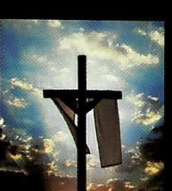
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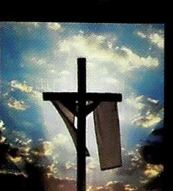
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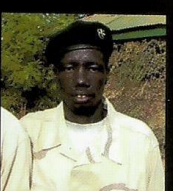
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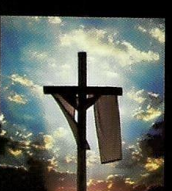
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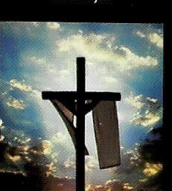
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## FREEDOM: 20 years of addiction; now Ali is leading others to freedom

Ali lived a lifestyle of crime and addiction for two decades. Then he met Jesus and his life was transformed. Ali has led more than thirty fellow Iranians to freedom in Christ.

Ali suffered with poor mental health from childhood. By the time he was an adolescent, the psychiatrists who were in charge of his care had all but given up hope of helping him.

Unable to engage with education, Ali fell in with the wrong crowd among whom he soon became addicted to drugs. For 20 years, Ali lived with this addiction and his lifestyle became marked by fist fights and knife crime. He had no hope that he would find freedom from the darkness in his life.

One day, Ali's felonies caught up with him and he was arrested. After completing a prison sentence, Ali's family insisted he attend a Narcotics Anonymous (NA) treatment camp. It was there that Ali became free from addiction, though his mental health

remained poor.

Ali continued to attend regular NA meetings where he made a new friend, Behnam - a Christian. Over time, Behnam shared the Gospel and gave Ali a Bible. Deeply convicted by what he read in God's Word, as well as by the testimony of Behnam's life, Ali put his trust in Jesus.


"Since I believed in Jesus Christ, I have been healed spiritually and psychologically by the grace of Christ," reports Ali.

Ali soon showed himself to be a natural evangelist. Just four months after becoming a Christian, Ali started to share the Gospel with others. Since then, he has led more than 30 people to faith, many of whom also have a history of addiction.

Ali has grown in his faith through

a two-week discipleship course and is part of a house church which uses Elam's Weekly Fellowship resource to shape their meetings.

Ali is trusting God with the political uncertainty in Iran at this time: "I leave it in the hands of our Lord Jesus Christ," he says. Whatever the future holds, Ali is committed to serving those struggling with addiction so that they too may find true freedom.

*Ali's story is remarkable but it is not unique: we hear many testimonies of people finding freedom from long-carried burdens when they surrender to Jesus. Please pray for Ali's continued growth in Christ and his ministry. Pray for many others trapped in addiction to find freedom in Christ. *