

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: December 13, 2023
Joel 3

1. What does Joel say in 3:1?
 - A. In those days and at that time...
 - B. When I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem.

2. What days and times is he talking about?
 - A. "...afterward,"
 - B. When he pours out his Spirit on all people.
 - C. When everyone who calls on the name of Lord is being saved.

3. Do you think this really about Judah and Jerusalem?
 - A. Well, if I was hearing this prophesy in Jerusalem, I would surely thing so.
 - B. This is really referring to people more than places.
 - C. I think we can apply this to all the people of God, particularly after we have responded to the "Even now" call and God has restored us to himself.
 - D. The rest of this text seems to sound like he is talking about final judgment and this may not be only about Judah and Jerusalem.
 - E. Many prophecies have an immediate promise for the people who are in a specific situation, but are also applied to people thereafter as a more general promise of how God interacts with his people...and sometimes even an eternal promise with regard to the day of the Lord.

4. What is happening in 3:2-13?
 - A. Judgment.
 - B. God is bringing justice on those who have treated His people badly.

5. What does 3:14-16 sound like? _____

6. What does God promise in 3:17-21?
 - A. Blessings for his people.
 - B. Judgment for those who treated his people badly.
 - C. Protection so that "never again will foreigners invade..."

7. Knowing that this is how God promises to respond in the end, how will we live now?
 - A. I don't know, I'm not sure I'm really convinced.
 - B. Wow, this probably won't even happen in my lifetime anyway.
 - C. I'll get ready eventually...maybe when it's closer.
 - D. 2 Peter 3:11-13.