

“Then, after doing all those things, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on servants—men and women alike.” Joel 2:28-29 NLT

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I read these passages in Joel and just cried over Israel. So many thoughts are going through my head. God always keeps his promises, this one has to STILL be futuristic. Joel writes, “You will no longer be an object of mockery among the surrounding nations.” That hasn’t fully happened yet. He also writes, “The Lord says, “I will give you back what you lostIt was I who sent this great destroying army against you.” This, also, has not happened yet. We thought May 14, 1948, was the ultimate fulfillment of these promises - it was not. Joel emphasizes again, “Never again will my people be disgraced.” Israel is still in constant turmoil and chaos. And just before this amazing verse of promise for generational blessing, he writes, “Then you will know that I am among my people Israel, that I am the Lord your God, and there is no other. Never again will my people be disgraced.” I believe it! I want to see it in my lifetime! Millions are praying to see this happen in our lifetime. However, there is no way anyone can think all of these promises have been fulfilled YET. And, this promise is a promise to Israel, but it is also a GLOBAL promise, in the fact that God always extends his grace far beyond his chosen people. All people is us too!

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Dad,

Today, my heart is so heavy for Israel. I read these beautiful promises that were penned almost 3,000 years ago or 40 generations and I just yearn, ache for the fulfillment of the promise. Let it be so.

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root