

WHY DO THE NATIONS RAGE?

Joel 3:13-21

- God will judge the nations that rage against Him. 3:13-14

- God saves His people through judgment. 3:15-16

- God's people will experience superabundant permanent blessing in His Presence. 3:17-21

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1. Read Joel 2:13-14. How does the surety of God's judgment comfort you or make you uneasy?
2. How do you make sense of how Joel correlates with other passages in the Bible like Zechariah 14:1-9, Revelation 14:14-20, and Matthew 25:31-46?
3. Have you ever struggled with wondering if God's judgment and hell was unfair or overly harsh? How have you worked through this issue?
4. Read Joel 3:15-17. How do the events of the day of the Lord echo throughout the crucifixion of Jesus (see Matthew 27:33-54)? Why do you think there's a correlation?
5. How does it change our view of God's judgment to know that God incarnate was mocked, beaten, and crucified in our place?
6. Read Joel 3:18-21. What stands out to you about this passage? What is the significance of the fountain coming from the temple? (see also, Revelation 21:6, 22:1-5; John 4:13-14; John 7:37-38)
7. Read Joel 3:19-21. Why do you think the book of Joel ends on a note of God's vengeance? What's the significance of this?

