## A God Promised Revival - The Second Time

Two Shabbats ago, I have shared the following with you...

What is the purpose of going into the past and sharing about these past revivals.

Some of you have been struggling with these messages. Wondering where I am headed.

Simply put, in order to understand the future, you must first look at the past.

When I first started on this path of the revival mindset, I conveyed that there are two distinct types of revival.

1. Revival that is prayed for and in God's sovereign grace responds by pouring out His Spirit as He has done...

**Joe 3:1** "After this, I will pour out my Spirit on all humanity. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions;

Joe 3:2 and also on male and female slaves in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

2. The second type of revival is not based on prayer but based on a promise. God's Promise.

Num 23:19 "God is not a human who lies or a mortal who changes his mind. When he says something, he will do it; when he makes a promise, he will fulfill it.

Prayer and Repentance were the foundation for any "Prayed for Revival" to happen. The other thing to understand about such a desired Revival is that God's Time, not ours, is relative to and for His purpose.

This is where I am headed now. Within that Promise I see the following aspects as it is revealed.

- 1. Promise Adonai makes a promise
- 2. Preparation When Adonai makes a promise, He prepares for the promise
- 3. **Proof** Results...We will see noticeable, tangible results pertaining to His promise (previously production)

So you have the game plan for the next few weeks.

This week I want to share another promised revival that is occurring in two parts. We have witnessed the first part and thus we are beneficiaries of what has already transpired.

This promise comes through the Prophet Yoel, where Adonai makes this promise...

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Joe 3:2 and also on male and female slaves in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

Yet there is more that has been promised but has not happened yet.

Let's go back through Yoel and see what Adonai promises and thus will happen.

The first is a call to repentance.

Joe 1:13 Cohanim, put on sackcloth, and weep! Wail, you who serve at the altar! Come, lie in sackcloth all night long, you who serve my God! For the grain offering and drink offering are withheld from the house of your God.

Joe 1:14 Proclaim a holy fast, call for a solemn assembly, gather the leaders and all who live in the land to the house of Adonai your God, and cry out to Adonai,

Joe 1:15 "Oh no! The Day! The Day of Adonai is upon us! As destruction from Shaddai it is coming!

Joe 1:16 The food is cut off before our very eyes, also joy and gladness from the house of our God.

Joe 1:17 The seed-grain is rotting in its furrows; the granaries are deserted, the barns in ruins; because the grain has withered.

Joe 1:18 How the animals groan! The herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture. The flocks of sheep bear the punishment, too.

Joe 1:19 Adonai, I cry out to you! For the fire has consumed the pastures in the desert, and the flame set ablaze all the trees in the fields.

Joe 1:20 Even the wild animals come to you, panting, because the streambeds have dried up, and fire has consumed the pastures in the desert."

We see this message throughout the Prophets, Yoel being one of them and thus what do we see...

Yochanan the Immerser...

Mat 3:1 It was during those days that Yochanan the Immerser arrived in the

desert of Y'hudah and began proclaiming the message,

- Mat 3:2 "Turn from your sins to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near!"
- Mat 3:3 This is the man Yesha`yahu was talking about when he said, "The voice of someone crying out: 'In the desert prepare the way of Adonai! Make straight paths for him!' "

Today the Kingdom of God comes immediately and truly-but partially-to all who put their trust in Yeshua and his message, thus committing themselves to live the holy lives God's rulership demands. As an example of the "partialness," they have peace in their hearts even though there is not peace in the world. But in the future, at the end of the present age of history, when Yeshua returns, he will inaugurate the Kingdom truly and completely (Rev\_19:6); then God will fulfill the rest of his Kingdom promises.

**Joh 1:23** He answered in the words of Yesha`yahu the prophet, "I am The voice of someone crying out: 'In the desert make the way of Adonai straight!' "

That what Yochanan is doing is preparing the way for His planned coming, a day unlike any other...

Joe 2:1 "Blow the shofar in Tziyon! Sound an alarm on my holy mountain!" Let all living in the land tremble, for the Day of Adonai is coming! It's upon us!—

Just as Yochanan had conveyed...

Yet not in its fullness, for this is what Yoel continues to share.

- Joe 2:2 a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick fog; a great and mighty horde is spreading like blackness over the mountains. There has never been anything like it, nor will there ever be again, not even after the years of many generations.
- Joe 2:3 Ahead of them a fire devours, behind them a flame consumes; ahead the land is like Gan-`Eden, behind them a desert waste. From them there is no escape.
- Joe 2:4 They look like horses, and like cavalry they charge.
- Joe 2:5 With a rumble like that of chariots they leap over the mountaintops, like crackling flames devouring stubble, like a mighty horde in battle array.
- Joe 2:6 At their presence the peoples writhe in anguish, every face is drained of color.
- Joe 2:7 Like warriors they charge, they scale the wall like soldiers. Each one keeps to his own course, without getting in the other's way.

- Joe 2:8 They don't jostle each other, but stay on their own paths; they burst through defenses unharmed, without even breaking rank.
- Joe 2:9 They rush into the city, they run along the wall, they climb up into the houses, entering like a thief through the windows.
- Joe 2:10 At their advance the earth quakes, and the sky shakes, the sun and moon turn black, and the stars stop shining.
- Joe 2:11 Adonai shouts orders to his forces—his army is immense, mighty, and it does what he says. For great is the Day of Adonai, fearsome, terrifying! Who can endure it?

The call for T'shuvah remains and is further expressed. It is a constant message that God conveys to a people that are constantly struggling with their faith, commitment and obedience towards Him...

- Joe 2:12 "Yet even now," says Adonai, "turn to me with all your heart, with fasting, weeping and lamenting."
- Joe 2:13 Tear your heart, not your garments; and turn to Adonai your God. For he is merciful and compassionate, slow to anger, rich in grace, and willing to change his mind about disaster.
- Joe 2:14 Who knows? He may turn, change his mind and leave a blessing behind him, [enough for] grain offerings and drink offerings to present to Adonai your God.

Adonai most certainly left us with a blessing.

It is challenging to read prophecy and apply it context using our own understanding. We know now that Yeshua would come a first time and did. We now know that He is to return, not only because He said He would, but because Scripture says He would. That will be for another sermon.

Part of Yoel's prophecy here is also to the land, as well as the people.

- Joe 2:18 Then Adonai will become jealous for his land and have pity on his people.
- Joe 2:19 Here is how Adonai will answer his people: "I will send you grain, wine and olive oil, enough to satisfy you; and no longer will I make you a mockery among the Goyim.
- Joe 2:20 No, I will take the northerner away, far away from you, and drive him to a land that is waste and barren; with his vanguard toward the eastern sea and his rearguard toward the western sea, his stench and his rottenness will rise, because he has done great things."
- Joe 2:21 Don't fear, O soil; be glad! rejoice! for Adonai has done great things.

Yet this is not talking about the time I am talking about now, because the people were already in the

land. So, we must continue to look at Yoel as being more than one moment in time and thus a compilation of events from different points in time, brought together to create one narrative...God's Faithfulness to the promise He has made to His people.

What does Adonai promise through Yoel...

**Joe 2:25** "I will restore to you the years that the locusts ate, the grasshoppers, shearer-worms and cutter-worms, my great army that I sent against you.

Joe 2:26 You will eat until you are satisfied and will praise the name of Adonai your God, who has done with you such wonders. Then my people will never again be shamed.

Joe 2:27 You will know that I am with Isra'el and that I am Adonai your God, and that there is no other. Then my people will never again be shamed.

This is talking about a restoration of things that were lost, in essence a time when they were absent from the land, yet this is not about exile to Bavel but about the longer exile in the diaspora, nearly 2000 years.

It relates to the promise of the New Covenant found in Jeremiah...

Jer 31:33 No longer will any of them teach his fellow community member or his brother, 'Know Adonai'; for all will know me, from the least of them to the greatest; because I will forgive their wickednesses and remember their sins no more."

So what is this moment that transpired, but none other than the result of the death, burial and resurrection of Yeshua, ushering in, ratifying the New Covenant, a promise made by Adonai. It is through this promise that a revival took place.

Yeshua says prior to his ascension...

**Act 1:3** After his death he showed himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. During a period of forty days they saw him, and he spoke with them about the Kingdom of God.

Act 1:4 At one of these gatherings, he instructed them not to leave Yerushalayim but to "wait for what the Father promised, which you heard about from me.

What happened 10 days later...

**Act 2:1** The festival of Shavu`ot arrived, and the believers all gathered together in one place.

- Act 2:2 Suddenly there came a sound from the sky like the roar of a violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.
- Act 2:3 Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire, which separated and came to rest on each one of them.
- Act 2:4 They were all filled with the Ruach HaKodesh and began to talk in different languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

Just as Yeshua said would happen...

- **Act 1:7** He answered, "You don't need to know the dates or the times; the Father has kept these under his own authority.
- Act 1:8 But you will receive power when the Ruach HaKodesh comes upon you; you will be my witnesses both in Yerushalayim and in all Y'hudah and Shomron, indeed to the ends of the earth!"

The impact was unmistakable and experienced by many, while many witnessed it.

- **Act 2:5** Now there were staying in Yerushalayim religious Jews from every nation under heaven.
- Act 2:6 When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered; they were confused, because each one heard the believers speaking in his own language.
- Act 2:7 Totally amazed, they asked, "How is this possible? Aren't all these people who are speaking from the Galil?
- Act 2:8 How is it that we hear them speaking in our native languages?
- Act 2:9 We are Parthians, Medes, Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Y'hudah, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia,
- Act 2:10 Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome;
- Act 2:11 Jews by birth and proselytes; Jews from Crete and from Arabia. . . ! How is it that we hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things God has done?"
- Act 2:12 Amazed and confused, they all went on asking each other, "What can this mean?"

How did Kefa respond to what was being asked?

Act 2:14 Then Kefa stood up with the Eleven and raised his voice to address them: "You Judeans, and all of you staying here in Yerushalayim! Let me tell you

what this means! Listen carefully to me!

Act 2:15 "These people aren't drunk, as you suppose—it's only nine in the morning.

Act 2:16 No, this is what was spoken about through the prophet Yo'el:

Act 2:17 'Adonai says: "In the Last Days, I will pour out from my Spirit upon everyone. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

Yoel talks about Adonai pouring out His Spirit on all flesh, yet it would be years later that the Goyim would experience what happened in Jerusalem...

Act 10:44 Kefa was still saying these things when the Ruach HaKodesh fell on all who were hearing the message.

Act 10:45 All the believers from the Circumcision faction who had accompanied Kefa were amazed that the gift of the Ruach HaKodesh was also being poured out

Act 10:46 on the Goyim, for they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Kefa's response was,

Act 10:47 "Is anyone prepared to prohibit these people from being immersed in water? After all, they have received the Ruach HaKodesh, just as we did."

What was the blessing that was left behind?

Joe 2:14 Who knows? He may turn, change his mind and leave a blessing behind him, [enough for] grain offerings and drink offerings to present to Adonai your God.

The Ruach Ha Kodesh.

This was planned and promised by Adonai when He said there would be a New Covenant. It aligned with the other prophets who constantly made mention of returning to Adonai through T'shuvah.

This would happen at a moment in time determined by Adonai. Other aspects relate to this one moment in time such as the proclamation by Koresh, king of Persia, thus setting the time piece in motion, relating to the 70 weeks of Daniel...

Dan 9:24 "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and for your holy city for putting an end to the transgression, for making an end of sin, for forgiving iniquity, for bringing in everlasting justice, for setting the seal on vision and prophet, and for anointing the Especially Holy Place.

Dan 9:25 Know, therefore, and discern that seven weeks [of years] will elapse

between the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Yerushalayim until an anointed prince comes. It will remain built for sixty-two weeks [of years], with open spaces and moats; but these will be troubled times.

Thus the promise of Yoel, is an amalgamation of more than one revival or a revival in two parts. I will be revisiting Yoel in future sermons as we draw closer to the revival no one is seeing, no one is truly talking about and no one has fully embraced, yet we are in the midst of it.

Next, I will look at the promises of this revival and what He sets forth and walk through how it is coming to fruition.