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Sermon Title: "The Valley of Decision"

Text: Joel 3:1-21 (NASB)

Series: "Heal our Land"

"For behold, in those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, ² I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there on behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; and they have divided up My land. ³ "They have also cast lots for My people, traded a boy for a harlot and sold a girl for wine that they may drink. ⁴ Moreover, what are you to Me, O Tyre, Sidon and all the regions of Philistia? Are you rendering Me a recompense? But if you do recompense Me, swiftly and speedily I will return your recompense on your head. ⁵ Since you have taken My silver and My gold, brought My precious treasures to your temples, ⁶ and sold the sons of Judah and Jerusalem to the Greeks in order to remove them far from their territory, ⁷ behold, I am going to arouse them from the place where you have sold them, and return your recompense on your head. ⁸ Also I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the sons of Judah, and they will sell them to the Sabeans, to a distant nation," for the Lord has spoken. ⁹ Proclaim this among the nations: prepare a war; rouse the mighty men! Let all the soldiers draw near, let them come up! ¹⁰ Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears; Let the weak say, "I am a mighty man." ¹¹ Hasten and come, all you surrounding nations, And gather yourselves there. Bring down, O Lord, Your mighty ones. ¹² Let the nations be aroused and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. ¹³ Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, tread, for the wine press is full; the vats overflow, for their wickedness is great. ¹⁴ Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision. ¹⁵ The sun and moon grow dark and the stars lose their brightness. ¹⁶ The Lord roars from Zion and utters His voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth tremble. But the Lord is a refuge for His people and a stronghold to the sons of Israel. ¹⁷ Then you will know that I am the Lord your God, dwelling in Zion, My holy mountain. So Jerusalem will be holy, and strangers will pass through it no more. ¹⁸ And in that day the mountains will drip with sweet wine, and the hills will flow with milk, and all the brooks of Judah will flow with water; and a spring will go out from the house of the Lord to water the valley of Shittim. ¹⁹ Egypt will become a waste, and Edom will become a desolate wilderness, because of the violence done to the sons of Judah, in whose land they have shed innocent blood. ²⁰ But Judah will be inhabited forever and Jerusalem for all generations. ²¹ And I will avenge their blood which I have not avenged, for the Lord dwells in Zion.

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