

Week 11

Joel 2 Lifestyle



Call For

A

Corporate

Response



Joel 1:2-3 *Hear this, you elders, And give ear, all you inhabitants of the land! Has anything like this happened in your days, Or even in the days of your fathers?*

Tell your children about it, Let your children tell their children, And their children another generation.

Something tumultuous and unprecedented had just happened to the Kingdom of Israel, the magnitude and severity of which was totally unheard of. At the Kairos hour, Joel trumpeted this call to hear and to give ear!

Joel first addressed the elders of the land. [*The mandate to hear must always begin with the spiritual leaders of the land.*](#)

Joel then exhorted the inhabitants of the land to give ear. This is a corporate summon to all – whether you are elders, working class, adults and children,

*ALL are included in
Joel's charge to listen.*

More than a call to physically hear, Joel is calling the people to [actively engage God's heart](#), to know what He is saying with regards to the prophetic moment. He is calling the people to discern the times and respond accordingly.

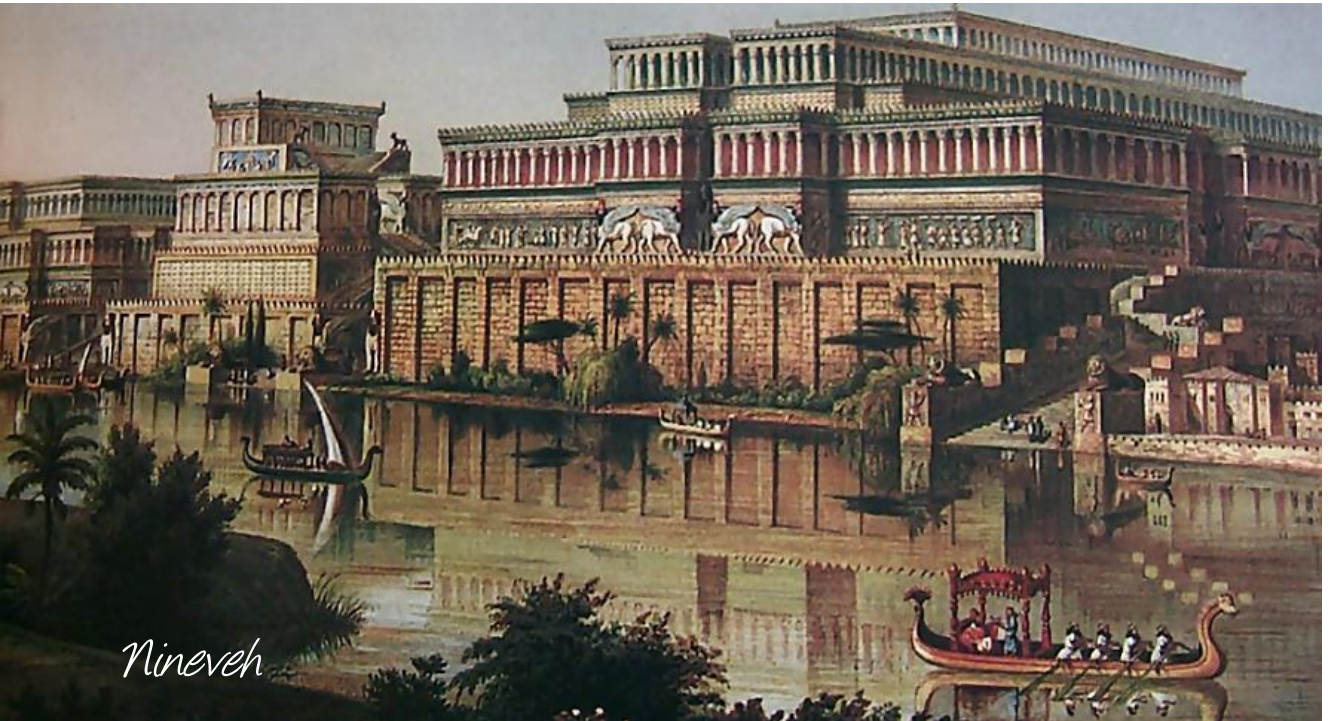


There are [certain windows in history](#) where it is [absolutely critical to know and give the correct interpretation of events](#), so as to set in place the culture and gatherings of prayer that will cry out to God to avert coming crises and disasters. Between 640 – 600 B.C., various prophetic voices arose, calling Judah to hear and respond, starting with Zephaniah and Jeremiah, and followed by Joel and Habakkuk. They were all calling Judah to do one thing:

[2 Chronicles 7:14.](#)

Yes, as the people of God, we have to come to Him, go on our knees, humble ourselves and seek His face and turn from our wicked ways! [A corporate crisis calls for a corporate response](#). There must be a Church-wide call for fasting and regular gatherings of prayer, a reordering of the priorities in our life and a genuine turning of our hearts to God.

Why?



Embedded in Scripture is [the principle of “the ‘Perhaps’ of God”](#). Zephaniah 2:1-3 exhorts the people to gather to seek the Lord. Listen to verse 3, “Seek the Lord, all you meek of the earth, who have upheld His justice. Seek righteousness, seek humility. [It may be that you will be hidden in the day of the Lord’s anger.](#)” The phrase “[it may be](#)” speaks of “the [‘Perhaps’ of God](#)”.

Even though God has decided to judge, [He may relent if the people repent.](#) The same thing happened in the time of Jonah. God was about to judge the wicked city of Nineveh - He sent Jonah to preach His message. The entire city responded, humbled herself, fasted and cried out to God. When God saw their sincere response, He relented and held back His judgment.



We want to seek the Lord for “[the ‘Perhaps’ of God](#)”. We want to contend for the ‘[Perhaps](#)’ of a merciful God that He will shield our nation and make Singapore a city of refuge even in the midst of global shakings and storms.

He will if we humble ourselves, seek His face and turn from our wicked ways.

Around the world, many nations are going down the path of moral decay. Bit by bit, society is sliding downwards in terms of moral values. Right now, in many nations, the prophetic voices of God are calling the Church to turn to 2 Chronicles 7:14 and the Joel 2 lifestyle.

God is the only answer!



This is the time for the Church in Singapore and Asia to call for and cultivate a [sustained lifestyle of gathering regularly for corporate prayer, fasting and repentance.](#)

There needs to be a nationwide seeking of God's face that will draw us close to His heart, so that we will be anchored on the Rock when the storms come!
May we hear and respond as a Church!



Readings and Prayers for the week

Readings for Week 11

- Joel did not leave out any category of people when he spoke. Why? Did the situation warrant a nation-wide response?
- With the present global crisis do you see a need for the whole Church of Singapore to hear, understand and to turn to Him in prayer?

Prayers for Week 11

- Pray Revelation 2:7 for the Church to have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying at such a time as this.
- Let us pray that Joel 2:12-17 will be the lifestyle and culture of the Church. That we, as a Church, will turn to God with all our hearts, and will gather in sacred assemblies to fast and pray, right until the day of His return.