

# Eschatological Verses:

## Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Zechariah, Malachi

### Hosea

- 1) Hosea 1:2-2:1 – Israel will be restored at the end of the age
  - a. 1:10 – “Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered. And in the place where it was said to them, “You are not my people,” it shall be said to them, “Children of the living God.”
  - b. 1:11 – “The children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint for themselves one head. And they shall go up from the land, for great shall be the day of Jezreel.”
- 2) Hosea 2:2-3:5 – after the judgment of Israel the Lord will restore Israel
  - a. 2:14-23 -
  - b. Israel will be with the Lord in his Kingdom
  - c. 3:4-5 – “For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or household gods. Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the Lord and to his goodness in the latter days.”
- 3) Hosea 4:1-6:3 –
  - a. The Lord will stay “in His place” until Israel acknowledge their guilt and seek God during a time of great distress.
  - b. Then Israel will be revived and healed.
- 4) Hosea 6:4-11:11 –
  - a. 11:8 – “How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel? How can I treat you like Admah? How can I make you like Zeboiim?”
  - b. 11:10-11 – “They shall go after the Lord; he will roar like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west; they shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria, and I will return them to their homes, declares the Lord.”
- 5) Hosea 11:12-14:9 – At the end of the age Israel will return to the Lord and be healed from apostasy.
  - a. 13:14 – I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. Where, O death, are your plagues? Where, O grave, is your destruction.
  - b. 14:1-3 – “Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity. Take with you words and return to the Lord; say to him, “Take away all iniquity; accept what is good, and we will pay with bulls the vows of our lips. Assyria shall not save us; we will not ride on horses; and we will say no more, ‘Our God,’ to the work of our hands. In you the orphan finds mercy.”
  - c. 14:4 – “I will heal their apostasy; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them.”
  - d. 14:5-6 – “I will be like the dew to Israel; he shall blossom like the lily; he shall take root like the trees of Lebanon; his shoots shall spread out; his beauty shall be like the olive, and his fragrance like Lebanon.”

## Joel

- Joel 1 – locust invasion foreshadows the Tribulation in the future (1:15-20)
- Joel 2 – These verses were partially fulfilled in the Assyrian or Babylonian invasions (if Joel was written before 605, 597 and 586 BC. But, I think it was written after the return from exile.)
  - 2:2 – antichrist leading military invasion against Israel in the Tribulation. It is the most terrible army in all of human history.
  - 2:12-17 – Call to repentance
  - 2:18-27 – Promise of Restoration
  - 2:28 – “afterwards” indicates that after this army is finished God introduces the Kingdom and his restoration
  - 2:28-32 – Promise of the Holy Spirit
    - Acts 2:14-21 – Began the “last days” with a call to Israel to repent. This call continues through the church age until Israel does repent as described in Zechariah 12:10-13
- Joel 3 –
  - The gathering of all nations for the Armageddon campaign and the siege of Jerusalem.
  - This will be the day of the Lord when Israel experiences salvation (deliverance) and the nations are judged.
  - Judgment in the Valley of Jehoshaphat between Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives
  - Jehoshaphat means “the Lord judges”. He was king around 850 BC won the battle against Moab and Ammon in 2 Chron. 20. The enemy camped at En edi in the desert of Tekoa and returned to the Valley of Berakah (“praise”) which is a valley east toward the Dead Sea by way of the Kidron Valley.
  - Joel 3:4-8 – judgment declared for Tyre and Sidon. Fulfilled by Alexander the Great
  - Joel 3:9-15 – armies of nations called to assemble for war in the Valley of Jehoshaphat.
  - Joel 3:16-21 – Judah will be restored and Israel forgiven

## Amos

Amos 9 – The judgment is partially fulfilled in 721 BC by the Assyrians and in 70 AD and 135 AD by the Romans. But, ultimately this is fulfilled at the end in the Day of the Lord when the sun goes dark.

- At this time the Lord will:
  - rebuild the tabernacle of David
  - bring the remnant of Israel back from the nations

## Obadiah

Obadiah 1 – The Lord’s wrath will come to the nations and Israel will be saved.

## Micah

Micah 4 –

- Messiah will rule in peace from Jerusalem over all nations.
- First God “threshes” the nations
- Israel will respond positively to the Lord and receive a deliverance far greater than Cyrus delivering them from Babylon

Micah 5 –

- Messiah will reign and shepherd His people after the defeat of the antichrist.

- 5:7-9 – “cutting off” Israel’s enemies in nations where Israel was scattered

#### Micah 7

- Israel is re-gathered at the end of the Tribulation when signs like Moses’ Exodus out of Egypt (7:15)
- The nations will be ashamed of their lack of military strength that they will come trembling to the Lord (7:16-17)