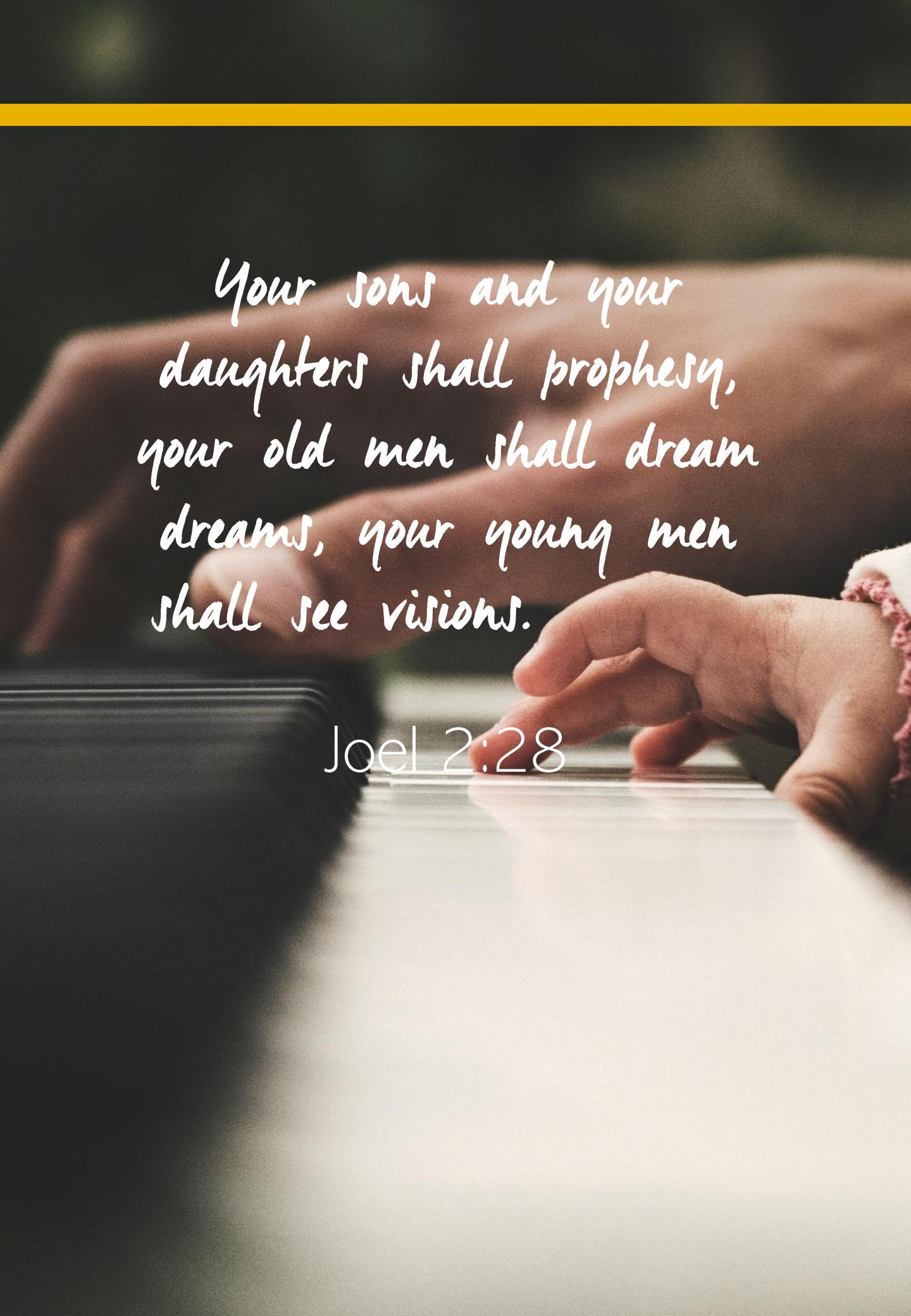


Week 46

Joel 2 Lifestyle

*End-Time Prophetic
Anointing and Cosmic
Signs (Joel 2:28)*

A close-up photograph of a person's hands resting on a dark piano keyboard. The hands are positioned as if the person is about to play or has just finished playing. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights on the fingers and the keys, while the background is dark and out of focus.

Your sons and your
daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream
dreams, your young men
shall see visions.

Joel 2:28

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit prophesied by Joel is *our inheritance*. Joel 2:28 promises that it will be poured out on *all flesh*. Likewise, the prophetic spirit, will be poured out on all - the young, the old, the sons and the daughters. The body of Christ worldwide will experience *an unprecedented increase in the level of the prophetic spirit and the understanding of the heart of God*, accompanied by grace for us to speak forth His heart with authority and clarity.

Prophecy is about *the Spirit of revelation giving testimony of Jesus' heart and mind* (Rev. 19:10). It is about *God giving us the ability to know and speak forth His heart*. The realm of the prophetic also includes *dreams, visions and angelic visitations that give us skill to understand End-Time prophecies* (Dan. 9:22; 11:32 – 33).

In the End Times, we will *operate in the spirit of Elijah, giving the prophetic oracles of God and speaking the word of the LORD with great authority and power*. Micah spoke of this realm of prophetic anointing when he said, “But truly I am *full of power by the Spirit of the Lord, and of justice and might*, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin.” (Mic. 3:8).

God has given us this passage in Joel to create confidence in our hearts that this global outpouring of the prophetic spirit of an unprecedented measure is our inheritance.

Yet this mighty move of the prophetic spirit at the End of the Age will only be released upon a Church that is rooted in intimacy with the Lord and established in a lifestyle of constantly contending in prayer. For this is the only way for the Church to know the Lord's heart and to proclaim His message with clarity.

In the End Times, the Antichrist and the false prophet will also move in great counterfeit signs and wonders. Darkness will be intense and oppressive. Churches and ministries that are *rooted in intimacy with God and the Joel 2 lifestyle of fasting and prayer*, will move with great power and authority and flow mightily in the prophetic unction of the Lord. On the other hand, ministries which are not rooted in intimacy with God and in prayer will *simply not be able to withstand the demonic onslaught of darkness*.

It will be crucial for the End-Time generation to move mightily in the prophetic spirit so as to testify of Jesus. In addition, it also give us the assurance that we can face the uncertainties ahead because we can hear God clearly, and that we will know what we ought to do.

The End-Times cosmic signs (Joel 2:30 – 31)

In Joel 2:30 – 31, Joel prophesied that *the cosmic signs will be released before the great and awesome Day of the Lord.*

Jesus said that there will be great earthquakes, fearful sights, great signs in the heavens, sun and stars. The nations will be perplexed and men's hearts will be failing from fear of what will take place. The powers of the heavens will be shaken, including the weather patterns and the solar system (Luke 21:11, 25 – 26).

God will show wonders on the earth, manifestations of blood, fire and pillars of smoke. Blood is listed as one of the major signs because God will cause blood of the nations to flow as a sign of His judgment, at a level that we have never witnessed in history. Other signs that God will use in significant measures include smoke and fire (Rev. 9:2; 15:8).

The false prophet will call down fire from heaven (Rev. 13:13). Fire proceeds from the mouth of the two righteous witnesses and the Lord Himself will release fire in His judgments and His glory (Rev.8:7; 11:5; Isa. 4:5).

Believers gathering in prayer meetings will see the fire of God coming down as it did in the book of Acts. At other times, God's fire will descend from heaven and destroy cities just as in the case of Sodom and Gomorrah.

The signs of the sun turning to darkness and the moon to blood, will occur in varying levels and the resulting darkness will not be a one-time event. Some of these signs will occur as a result of the intercession of the Church and through prophetic decrees.

God sends these cosmic signs for a number of reasons. The Lord wants the people of the earth to be clear about what hour of history they are living in, and this message will be like a trumpet sounding causing the trembling of hearts.

These wonders form an important part of God's End-Time strategy in warning the unbelieving world about His impending judgment.

As Joel presents it, the signs go hand-in-hand with the dreams and visions and supernatural outpouring of the Spirit.

God is going to use the Church to release these cosmic signs, and He is going to encourage the Church by using these wonders to authenticate the words of His prophets.



The prophet of God will stand before Israel, believers of God and unbelievers worldwide. When the prophet speaks to a heavenly body to move or an earthquake to break in, **it will happen exactly according to his word!**

These signs will appear at the precise time when the Holy Spirit gives a prophetic decree through His servants. As the prophets speaks forth, God brings them to pass.

When the End-Time Church recognizes that God has prophesied of these signs in His Word, they will not see them as being arbitrary or coincidental. Instead they will perceive these divine signs as supernaturally given by God at a critical juncture in history to signify the strategic hour that they are living in. The intensity, magnitude and frequency of these signs will make clear that the coming of the Son of Man is near.

The nation of Israel understood the significance of the supernatural signs of God. They knew that signs of heaven are a confirmation that the true Messiah is actively leading human history.

Remember how the Jewish people came to Jesus and asked for a heavenly sign. They were not looking for earthly signs such as healing and miracles.

**They wanted a sign that no one could explain away.
They knew that neither Satan nor all the great powers of darkness could move the stars and heavens around. There is only one who could do so - the Anointed One of God.**

Even till this day, many in Israel are still holding out for the Messiah, the One who has absolute authority over the galaxies and the stars. God will answer their prayer. Jesus, their Messiah, is going to demonstrate His power over the sun and the stars, and this time round, the whole earth will witness it.

The Jewish people will witness these cosmic signs even as the prophetic End-Time Church intercedes and cries out to the Lord. Eventually, the eyes of the hearts of the Jewish people will be opened supernaturally to see that Jesus truly is the Son of God, the Messiah! Then, they will call upon the name of the Lord and be saved!

Readings and Prayers for the week

Readings for Week 46

Run through Scriptures where God speaks of cosmic disturbances in the heavens. What will this be like? Can you imagine yourself partnering God to release these cosmic signs through His prophetic Word and through intercession? Ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes of faith to see the reality of this.

Prayers for Week 46

Use Joel 2:28-32 to pray for the Church to move in greater levels of the prophetic and of power.