

# WRATH

MIXED WITH

*Mercy*

- Joel chapter 2: 1 -17 WRATH 18 – 27 MERCY
- Days of Yehoveh Fall of Ephraim/Israel, fall of Judah, coming of Christ, Christ's return, invasion of Canaan, Rome invades Jerusalem
- Joel not the first or last Prophet to speak of these things
- Zechariah 1:12 - 17

# Zechariah

## THE EXILED PROPHET

- **Prophesied around 520 B.C., about 250 years after Joel's prophecy**
- **Zechariah's prophecy is about pleading with God to carry out His promise to restore Judah**
- **Constantinian Christianity is based on Israel's restoration blessings being taken from them and given to the gentile Church**
- **Christians in general have become accomplices with the nations on the maltreatment of Israel, although some have not**

How to know on  
which side you  
stand....



- In the end, those people and nations that commit maltreatment of Israel will receive God's wrath!
- If you support a 2 State Solution, or that Jews must leave their Jewishness to worship Christ, you stand with the nations, and will be judged with them
- Stay and fight for reform? Or flee?
- Revelation 18:4 "Come out of her, My people..."

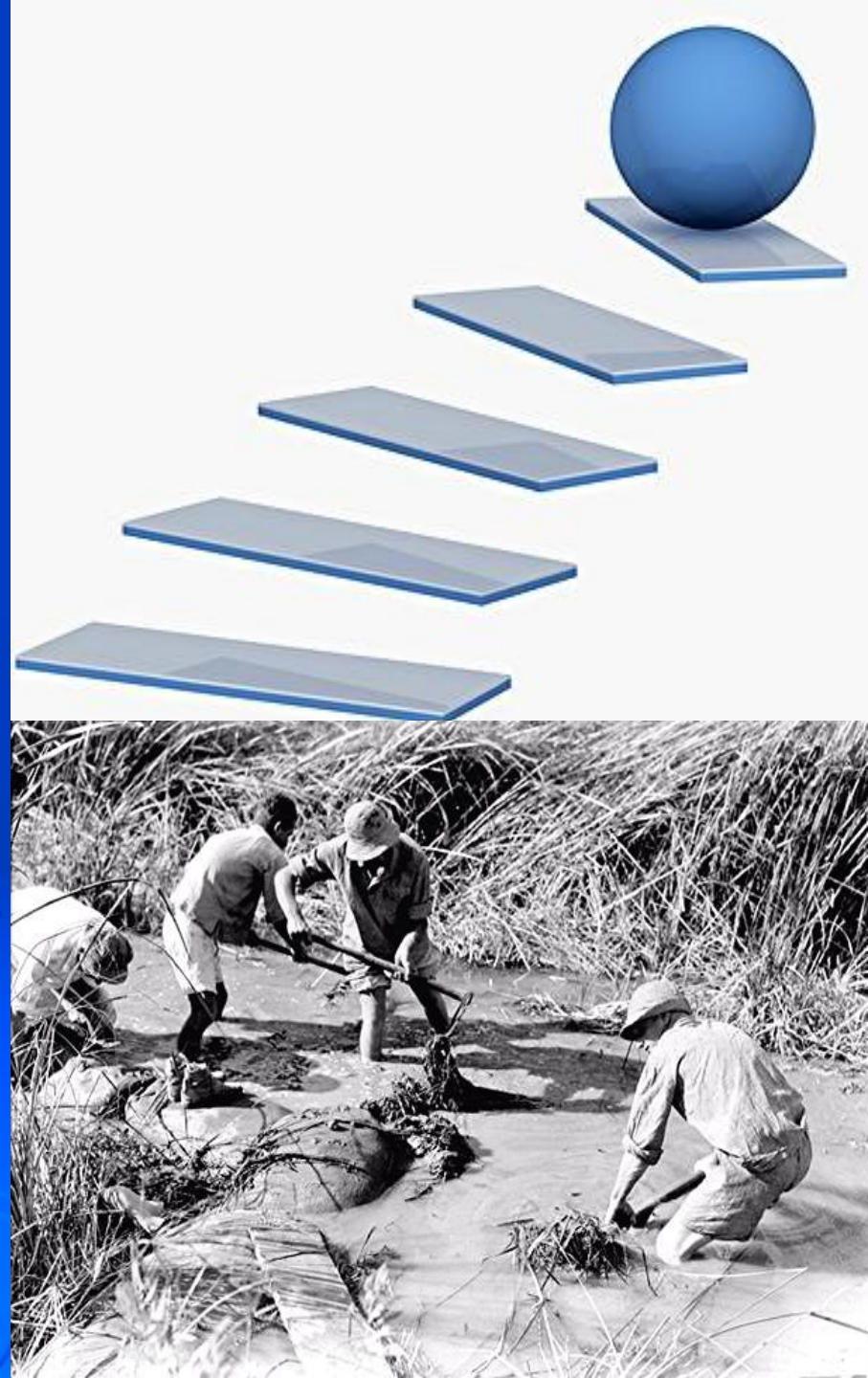
# SOME WILL BE LEFT BEHIND



- Some part of the Christian world will be deemed by God as members of Babylon
- Matthew 7:20 – 26
- When we understand the truth, we must put it into ACTION!
- 95% of Protestant doctrines ARE Catholic doctrines
- Joel's warning applies to us as well as to the ancient Israelites

# THE LAND + THE PEOPLE: ORGANIC UNITY

- God's mercy happens because of the positive response of the priests
- Prophets set into motion what has been decided in Heaven
- Prior to the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century the Land was swamps, rocks, weeds, and desert
- Today, with Israel back, all that has changed!



# THE NORTHERNERS



- The “northern nations” probably merely mean the invaders
- Invaders almost always came from the North
- Ezekiel 38:1 – 6
- Jeremiah 1:13 – 16
- Who has “done great things”? Has to be referring to Yehoveh
- The earth, animals, and the people suffered, so now they are called to rejoice!

- **Moreh** = rain, or teacher?
- Different Bible versions choose different ways to interpret **moreh**
- Likely that the 1<sup>st</sup> half of vs. 23 speaks of the Teacher, the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of watery rain
- Leviticus 26:31 – 35
- The land gets a repayment for the Sabbaths they were denied

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The Messiah as  
the Teacher of Righteousness

Dead Sea Scrolls



# RESTORATION OF ABUNDANCE!



- Vs. 26: is it “never again”? Or “never be”? Or “to the age”?
- If this is about the End Times, we have another conflation of Joel seeing fulfillments both near and far future
- The Jews return from Babylonian exile and remain until 70 A.D.
- Romans exile the Jews and they don't return until 1948





# EZEKIEL 37

- The “forever promise”
- We are today witnessing what Joel and Ezekiel spoke of
- Some of the Church, and many Jews, wants Israel to give up Samaria (West Bank) and part of Jerusalem to the Palestinians
- Palestinians = Philistines