

"A BIG DAY IN AMERICA?"

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- 1 The word of the LORD that came to Joel son of Pethuel.
- 2 Hear this, you elders; listen, all who live in the land. Has anything like this ever happened in your days or in the days of your forefathers?
- 3 Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation.

There have been various interpretations of the Book Of Joel. However, most students of the Bible agree that this was a period when God's children had "gone astray" from His teachings. Thus, He allowed some calamities to come upon them such as in: agricultural disasters (drought, vegetation destroyed, the invasion of locusts causing destruction of plant life, etc), and in the invasion of their enemies.

Note verse two above, "Has anything like this ever happened in your days...?". Could the Terrorist attacks on America on September 11, 2001 be paralleled with this verse of Scripture? **THE BOTTOM LINE** should be that every American (red & yellow, black & white) who is not walking in God's ways is being called to Him. This is victory in God's eyes and blessings which come to God's people. However, action is needed is needed from each of us!

Everyday we walk upon God's earth, eat God's food, drink God's water, and breathe God's air. He gives each of us 168 hours every week and expects us to express a spirit of thanks unto Him. However, we often are selfish and do not do as His Word (Bible) instructs us to do, such as: 1) Worship Him in a Church Service (Acts 2:42; Hebrews 10:25) 2) Share at least a tithe (10%) of what He grants unto us (1 Corinthians 9:1-27 3) Witness for Him (Matthew 28:18-20)

God is in need of many more "Christians" to share this message. Will we answer the call to be a "Christian", if not already one? If we had more "Christians" the world would be a better place to live and there would be more people to help share the Word about Jesus. Now, the **Bible's plan of salvation is very plain.** The Book Of Acts teaches that one must:

- 1) Believe In Jesus As Savior (16:31) 2) Repent Of Sins (17:30)
- 3) Confess Christ Audibly (8:37) 4) Be Baptized In Water (2:38)
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