



3092 [e]	6010 [e]	413 [e]		3381 [e]	1471 [e]	3605 [e]	853 [e]		6908 [e]
yə·hō·wō·šā·pāt;	'ē·meq	'el-		wə·hō·w·rad·tīm,	hag·gō·w·yim,	kāl-	'eṭ-		wə·qib·baš·tī
יְהוֹשָׁפָט	עֲמֻק	אֶל-		וְהוֹרַדְתִּים	הַגּוֹיִם	כָּל-	אֶת-		וְקִבַּצְתִּי
of Jehoshaphat	the Valley	to		and bring them down	nations	all	-		and I will gather
N-proper-ms	N-msc	Prep		Conj-w   V-Hifil-ConjPerf-1cs   3mp	Art   N-mp	N-msc	DirObjM		Conj-w   V-Piel-ConjPerf-1cs

6340 [e]	834 [e]	3478 [e]	5159 [e]	5971 [e]	5921 [e]	8033 [e]	5973 [e]		8199 [e]
piz·zə·rū	'ā·šer	yiś·rā·'ēl	wə·na·ḥā·lā·tī	'am·mî	'al-	šām,	'im·mām		wə·niš·paṭ·tī
פָּזְרוּ	אֲשֶׁר	יִשְׂרָאֵל	וְנַחֲלָתִי	עַמִּי	עַל-	שָׁם	עִמָּם		וְנִשְׁפָּטִי
they have scattered	Whom	Israel	and My heritage	of My people	On account	there	with them		and I will enter into judgment
V-Piel-Perf-3cp	Pro-r	N-proper-ms	Conj-w   N-fsc   1cs	N-msc   1cs	Prep	Adv	Prep   3mp		Conj-w   V-Nifal-ConjPerf-1cs

	2505 [e]	776 [e]	853 [e]		1471 [e]
	ḥil·lê·qū.	'ar·šî	wə·'eṭ-		ḡag·gō·w·yim,
	חִלְקוּ:	אֶרֶץ	וְאֶת-		בְּגוֹיִם
	they have divided up	My land	and also		among the nations
	V-Piel-Perf-3cp	N-fsc   1cs	Conj-w   DirObjM		Prep-b, Art   N-mp

1. “Valley of Jehoshaphat” means literally “Yahweh Judges”
  - a. This is the only place this is a geographical location.
  - b. It may be in the Kidron Valley or that valley extended toward the Dead Sea (King Jehoshaphat)
  - c. It may not be a location, but an event. The event would be “Yahweh Judges” and it would be there in Jerusalem where the nations have been gathered.
2. Valleys are often the place of battles
3. In verse 2:14 this location is called “valley of decision” where the nations are judged for scattering God’s people -  
“Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of decision!”
4. This may be the name of the new valley formed when the Lord returns as described in Zechariah 14:4 -  
“On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, **forming a great valley**, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south.”
5. Jesus refers to this verse in his account of the final judgment when the Son of Man comes in his glory in Matthew 25:31-46 –  
“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.....’”
- 6.

Joel 3:3 – “and have cast lots for my people, and have traded a boy for a prostitute, and have sold a girl for wine and have drunk it.

2181 [e]	3206 [e]	5414 [e]	1486 [e]	3032 [e]	5971 [e]	413 [e]
baz·zō·w·nāh,	hay·ye·led	way·yit·tə·nū	gō·w·rāl;	yad·dū	'am·mī	wə·'el-
בַּזוֹנָה	הַלֵּל	וַיִּתְּנוּ	גֹּרָל	יָדוּ	עַמִּי	וְעַל־ 3
for a harlot	a boy	and have given [as payment]	lots	they have cast	My people	For
Prep-b, Art   N-fs	Art   N-ms	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3mp	N-ms	V-Qal-Perf-3cp	N-msc   1cs	Conj-w   Prep

8354 [e]	3196 [e]	4376 [e]	3207 [e]
way·yiš·tū.	bay·ya·yin	mā·kə·rū	wə·hay·yal·dāh
וַיִּשְׁתּוּ:	בַּיַּיִן	מָכְרוּ	וְהַיְלָלָהּ
that they may drink	for wine	sold	and a girl
Conj-w   V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3mp	Prep-b, Art   N-ms	V-Qal-Perf-3cp	Conj-w, Art   N-fs

1. Jews were considered worth so little that:
  - a. A price for a slave boy was equal to the price of a night with a prostitute
  - b. A price for a slave girl was equal to wine (a glass? a bottle? a night's bar tab?)
2. This was partially fulfilled in the 300's by Antiochus Epiphanes, but this is talking about something bigger and eschatological.
  - a. It may include Rome and the local militaries in 70 AD
  - b. It may include the AntiChrist and the nations at the 3 ½ year mark pursuing Israel

Joel 3:4 – **“What are you to me, O Tyre and Sidon, and all the regions of Philistia? Are you paying me back for something? If you are paying me back, I will return your payment on your own head swiftly and speedily.**

859 [e]	1576 [e]	6429 [e]	1552 [e]	3605 [e]	6721 [e]	6865 [e]	859 [e]	4100 [e]	1571 [e]	
'at·tem	hag·ge·mūl,	pe·lā·šet;	ge·lī·lō·wṭ	wə·kōl	wə·šî·dō·wn,	šōr	lî	'at·tem	māh-	wə·gam
אַתֶּם ?	הַגְּמוּל ?	פְּלִשְׁתַּיִם	גְּלִילוֹת	וְכֹל	וְצִידוֹן	צָר	לִי	אַתֶּם	מָה	וְגַם 4
you	retaliate	of Philistia	the coasts	and all	and Sidon	Tyre	to do with Me	have you	what	And indeed
Pro-2mp	Art   N-ms	N-proper-fs	N-tpc	Conj-w   N-msc	Conj-w   N-proper-fs	N-proper-fs	Prep   1cs	Pro-2mp	Interrog	Conj-w   Conj

7218 [e]	1576 [e]	7725 [e]	4120 [e]	7031 [e]	5921 [e]	859 [e]	1580 [e]	518 [e]	5921 [e]	7999 [e]
bə·rō·šə·kem.	ge·mul·kem	'ā·šîb	mə·hē·rāh,	qal	'ā·lay,	'at·tem	gō·mə·lîm	wə·'im-	'ā·lāy,	mə·šal·le·mîm
בְּרֹאשֵׁיכֶם:	גְּמֻלְכֶם	אָשִׁיב	מְהֵרָה	קָל	עָלַי	אַתֶּם	גְּמֻלִים	וְאִם־	עָלַי	מִשְׁלְמֵי
upon your own head	your retaliation	I will return	and speedily	Swiftly	against Me	you	retaliate	but if	against Me	will
Prep-b   N-msc   2mp	N-msc   2mp	V-Hifil-Imperf-1cs	Adv	Adj-ms	Prep   1cs	Pro-2mp	V-Qal-PrtcpI-mp	Conj-w   Conj	Prep   1cs	V-Piel-PrtcpI-mp

1. The Phoenicians (Tyre and Sidon) and the Philistines (Philistia) are mentioned.
  - a. This would be modern Lebanon and Gaza
  - b. Tyre was destroyed by Alexander in 332 BC
2. Why only mention Phoenicia and Philistia? Where are mentions of Egypt, Babylon, Assyria, etc?
  - a. Phoenicians and Philistines may have done some unremember crime against Israel in Joel's day
  - b. When the northern army invades the local militaries may take advantage of Israel's weakness just like Edom did in the book of Obadiah when Babylon invaded Judah
  - c. These may be examples representing all the nations

3. Their sin against God is mentioned next verse:
  - a. Taken the Lord's silver and gold
  - b. Carried the Lord's treasures into their pagan temples
  - c. Sold the Lord's people to the Greeks to be slaves
  - d. Removed the Lord's people from the Promised Land so they could occupy it

Joel 3:5 – **“For you have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried my rich treasures into your temples.**

1964 [e]	935 [e]	2896 [e]		4261 [e]	3947 [e]	2091 [e]	3701 [e]	834 [e]
le·hê·kə·lê·kəm.	hă·bê·tem	hat·tō·bîm,	–	ū·ma·ḥă·mad·day	le·qah·tem;	ū·zə·hā·bî	kas·pî	'ă·šer-
·	להיכליכם:	הבאתם	–	ומתמדי	לקחתם	·	וזהבי	כספי
·	להיכליכם:	הבאתם	–	ומתמדי	לקחתם	·	וזהבי	כספי
into your temples	have carried	prized	and My possessions	you have taken	and My gold	My silver	because	5
Prep-I   N-mpc   2mp	V-Hifil-Perf-2mp	Art   Adj-mp	Conj-w   N-mpc   1cs	V-Qal-Perf-2mp	Conj-w   N-msc   1cs	N-msc   1cs	Pro-r	

Joel 3:6 – **“You have sold the people of Judah and Jerusalem to the Greeks in order to remove them far from their own border.**

4616 [e]	3125 [e]	1121 [e]	4376 [e]	3389 [e]	1121 [e]	3063 [e]	1121 [e]
le·ma·'an	hay·yə·wā·nîm;	lib·nê	mə·kar·tem	yə·rū·šā·lim,	ū·bə·nê	yə·hū·dāh	ū·bə·nê
למען	היוונים	לבני	מכרתם	ירושלם	ובני	יהודה	ובני
למען	היוונים	לבני	מכרתם	ירושלם	ובני	יהודה	ובני
that	the Greeks	to	You have sold	of Jerusalem	and the sons	of Judah	And the sons
Conj	Art   N-proper-mp	Prep-I   N-mpc	V-Qal-Perf-2mp	N-proper-fs	Conj-w   N-mpc	N-proper-ms	Conj-w   N-mpc

1366 [e]	5921 [e]	7368 [e]
ge·bū·lām.	mê·'al	har·ḥî·qām
·	גבולם:	מעל
·	גבולם:	מעל
their borders	from	you may remove them far
N-msc   3mp	Prep-m	V-Hifil-Inf   3mp

Joel 3:7 – “Behold, I will stir them up from the place to which you have sold them, and I will return your payment on your own head.

8033 [e]	853 [e]	4376 [e]	834 [e]	4725 [e]	4480 [e]	5782 [e]	2005 [e]
šām·māh;	'ō·tām	mə·kar·tem	'ā·šer-	ham·mā·qō·wm,	min-	mə·'î·rām,	hin·nî
שָׁמָּה	אֹתָם	מְכַרְתֶּם	אֲשֶׁר-	הַמָּקוֹם	מִן-	מֵעִירָם	הִנְנִי 7
there	them	you have sold	to which	of the place	Out	I will raise them	Behold
Adv   3fs	DirObjM   3mp	V-Qal-Perf-2mp	Pro-r	Art   N-ms	Prep	V-Hifil-PrtcpI-msc   3mp	Interjection   1cs

7218 [e]	1576 [e]	7725 [e]
bə·rō·šə·kəm.	gə·mul·kəm	wa·hā·ši·bō·tî
בְּרֹאשְׁכֶם:	גְּמֻלְכֶם	וְהִשְׁבֹּתִי
upon your own head	your retaliation	and will return
Prep-b   N-msc   2mp	N-msc   2mp	Conj-w   V-Hifil-ConjPerf-1cs

Joel 3:8 – “I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the people of Judah, and they will sell them to the Sabeans, to a nation far away, for the LORD has spoken.”

3063 [e]	1121 [e]	3027 [e]	1323 [e]	853 [e]	1121 [e]	853 [e]	4376 [e]
yə·hū·dāh,	bə·nê	bə·yaq	bə·nō·w·tê·kəm,	wə·'et-	bə·nê·kəm	'et-	ū·mā·kar·tî
יְהוּדָה	בְּנֵי	בְּיַד	בְּנוֹתֵיכֶם	וְאֶת-	בְּנֵיכֶם	-	וּמְכַרְתִּי 8
of Judah	of the sons	Into the hand	your daughters	and	your sons	-	And I will sell
N-proper-ms	N-mpc	Prep-b   N-fsc	N-fpc   2mp	Conj-w   DirObjM	N-mpc   2mp	DirObjM	Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-1cs

1696 [e]	3068 [e]	3588 [e]	7350 [e]	1471 [e]	413 [e]	7615 [e]	4376 [e]
s	dib·bêr.	Yah·weh	kî	rā·hō·wq;	gō·w	'el-	liš·bā·yim
ס .	דִּבֶּר:	יְהוָה	כִּי	רְחֹוק	גּוֹי	אֶל-	לְשָׁבָאִים
-	has spoken	Yahweh	for	far off	a people	to	to the Sabeans
Punc	V-Piel-Perf-3ms	N-proper-ms	Conj	Adj-ms	N-ms	Prep	Prep-I   N-proper-mp
							Conj-w   V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp   3mp
							and they will sell them

1. 332 BC - the citizens of Tyre and Gaza were conquered and enslaved by Alexander

Joel 3:9 – “Proclaim this among the nations: Consecrate for war; stir up the mighty men. Let all the men of war draw near; let them come up.

1368 [e]	5782 [e]	4421 [e]	6942 [e]		1471 [e]	2063 [e]	7121 [e]
hag·gib·bō·w·rîm,	hā·'î·rū	mil·ḥā·māh;	qad·de·šū	—	bag·gō·w·yim,	zōt	qir·'ū-
הַגְּבוּרִים	הַעִירוּ	מִלְחָמָה	קְדָשׁוּ	—	בַּגּוֹיִם	זֹאת	קְרְאוּ 9
the mighty men	Wake up	for war	Prepare		among the nations	this	Proclaim
Art   Adj-mp	V-Hifil-Imp-mp	N-fs	V-Piel-Imp-mp		Prep-b, Art   N-mp	Pro-fs	V-Qal-Imp-mp

	4421 [e]	582 [e]	3605 [e]		5927 [e]	5066 [e]
	ham·mil·ḥā·māh.	'an·šê	kōl	—	ya·'ā·lū,	yig·gə·šū
	הַמִּלְחָמָה:	אֲנָשֵׁי	כֹּל	—	יַעֲלוּ	יִגְשׁוּ
	of war	the men	all		let them come up	let draw near
	Art   N-fs	N-mpc	N-msc		V-Qal-Imperf-3mp	V-Qal-Imperf-3mp

1. God calls the nations to battle.
  - a. The nations may think God is calling them to battle to be victorious.
  - b. But, the Lord is calling the nations to march into battle to be defeated.
  - c. Revelation 16:13-16 (Read 16:12-21 with earthquake the splits Jerusalem into three parts) – “And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs. For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty. . . . And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.”
  - d. Zechariah 12:9 –
2. Clearly we are no longer talking about a locust invasion. This supports the switch from locust to a demon infested military in 2:1.
  - a. Locust invasion in Joel’s day
  - b. Jewish exile
  - c. Forgiveness of Israel
  - d. Restoration of Israel
  - e. Judgment of Nations
  - f. Kingdom of God