



1. The Day of Gd Yoel 3 (1353-1355)

Hosheia: Midway through the first Beit haMikdash (8<sup>th</sup> century or 6<sup>th</sup> century BCE), in Yisrael

2. Outline

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| Chapters 1-3   | End your infidelity to Gd           |
| Chapters 4-5   | Rebuke for corruption               |
| Chapters 6-11  | How to repent                       |
| Chapters 12-13 | Another rebuke for infidelity to Gd |
| Chapter 14     | A call for return                   |

3. Talmud, Pesachim 87a-b

HaShem said to Hosheia, 'Your children have sinned.' Hosheia should have replied, 'They are Your children, the children of Your beloved, the children of Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov, bring Your mercy upon them!' But not only did he not say this, but he said, 'Master of the Universe, the whole world is Yours – Trade them for another nation!'

HaShem said, 'What will I do for this old man? I will tell him, 'Take a *zonah* and create children of *z'nut*,' and then I will tell him, 'Send her from before you.' If he can send, then I will send Israel away. This fulfills, 'And HaShem said to Hosheia, 'Go take for yourself a wife of *z'nut* and children of *z'nut*.'...

After two sons and a daughter were born to him, HaShem said to Hosheia, 'Should you not have learned from Moshe your master? When I spoke to him he separated from his wife; you should also separate from her.'

Hosheia said, 'Master of the Universe, I have children from her! I cannot send her away and divorce her!'

HaShem said, 'You, whose wife is a *zonah* and whose children are born of *z'nut*, and you don't know whether the children are yours or are from others, say this? Israel, who are my children, children of My tested ones, children of Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov, one of the four acquisitions I have made in this world... and you say I should trade them for another nation?!'...

4. Rambam, Moreh haNevuchim 2:46

כל אלו המשלים במראה הנבואה...וכן אמרו להושע קח לך אשת זנונים וילדי זנונים, והענין ההוא כלו מלידת הבנים וקריתם פלוני ופלוני הכל במראה הנבואה,

All of these parables are in prophetic visions... And so He told Hosheia, 'Take an unfaithful wife and children of infidelity for yourself.' All of this, from the birth of the children to their naming, was in a prophetic vision.

5. The Day of Judgment 1:5 (1333), 4:1-3 (1335), 5:9 (1339), 9:4-7 (1343)

Amos: Midway through the first Beit haMikdash (8<sup>th</sup> century or 6<sup>th</sup> century BCE), in Yisrael

6. Outline

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| Chapters 1-2 | Warning of punishment for the nations (three sins and a fourth) |
| Chapters 3-5 | The danger of proximity to Gd                                   |
| Chapters 6-8 | War with the powerful for freedom of expression                 |
| Chapter 9    | Punishment and redemption                                       |

7. The Day of Judgment 5:18-20 (1363), 8:8-14 (1367), 9:13-15 (1369)

Yoel: Midway through the first Beit haMikdash, just before Assyrian invasion, location uncertain

8. Outline

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| Chapters 1-2 | Punishment is coming, in the form of locusts             |
| Chapters 3-4 | The Day of Gd is coming, bringing justice and redemption |

9. Talmud, Shabbat 32b-33a

בעון גזל הגובאי עולה והרעב הווה ובני אדם אוכלים בשר בניהן ובנותיהן שנאמר +עמוס ד+ שמעו הדבר הזה פרות הבשן אשר בהר שמרון העשקות דלים הרצצות אביונים... הרבות גנותיכם וכרמיכם ותאניכם וזיתיכם יאכל הגזם וכתיב +יואל א+ יתר הגזם אכל הארבה ויתר הארבה אכל הילק ויתר הילק אכל החסיל וכתיב...

For the sin of theft, *govai* ascends and famine exists, and people eat the flesh of their sons and daughters, as it is written, 'Hear this, cows of Bashan on Mount Shomron, who cheat the poor and crush the indigent... the plenty of your gardens, vineyards and figs will be consumed by the *gazam*.' And it is written, 'The remnant of the *gazam* will be consumed by the *arbeh*, and the remnant of the *arbeh* will be consumed by the *yelek*...'

10. Midrash, Vayikra Rabbah 5:3

ר' אבא בר כהנא בשם ר' שמואל בר נחמן אמר ג' גזרי דינין נחתמו באותו היום נתחתם גזר דין של י' שבטים ליפול ביד סנחריב ונתתם גזר דינו של סנחריב ליפול ביד חזקיה ונתתם גזר דינו של עוזיה שילקה בצרעת, ועל גוי ועל אדם יחד, גוי זה סנחריב דכתיב ביה (יואל א) כי גוי עלה על ארצי,

R' Abba bar Kahana cited R' Shemuel bar Nachman: Three decrees were sealed on that day. The decree that the ten tribes would fall to Sancherev was sealed, the decree that Sancherev would fall to Chizkiyah was sealed, and the decree that Uziah would be struck with *tzara'at* was sealed. It is written, "And on *goy* and man together" – "goy" refers to Sancherev [and his forces], regarding whom it is written, "For a *goy* has ascended upon My land."

11. The Day of Judgment 3:1-5 (1353-1355)

12. Rabbi Moses Maimonides (Rambam, 12<sup>th</sup> century Egypt), Commentary to Mishnah Sanhedrin 10:1

*Techiyat haMeitim* is the foundation of foundations of the Torah of Moshe our master. There is no religion or connection to the Jewish nation for one who does not believe in it. But this is for the righteous, as recorded in midrash... and how could the wicked live, when even during their lifetimes they are dead?...

But the time of Mashiach is the time when monarchy will return to Israel, and they will return to the land of Israel. That monarch's place of reign will be Zion, and his name will be elevated and reach the ends of the earth, greater than the kingdom of Solomon, and the nations will make a covenant of peace with him, and all of the lands will serve him in his great righteousness, and amazing things will be revealed at his hand, and Gd will destroy and give over to him anyone who rises against him.

Michah: Midway through the first Beit haMikdash (8<sup>th</sup> century or 6<sup>th</sup> century BCE), in Yehudah

13. An unusual out-of-book reference Yirmiyahu 26:18 (1133)

14. Outline

Chapters 1-3 Judgment is coming, and you have failed to listen

Chapters 4-5 The end is coming, and with it peace, justice, prosperity, leadership and rebirth

Chapters 6-7 Trial of the Jews, repentance and forgiveness

15. A future conversion? Michah 4:1-2 (1379)

16. The Day of Judgment Chapters 1-2 (1377-1379) vs. Chapters 4-5 (1379-1383)