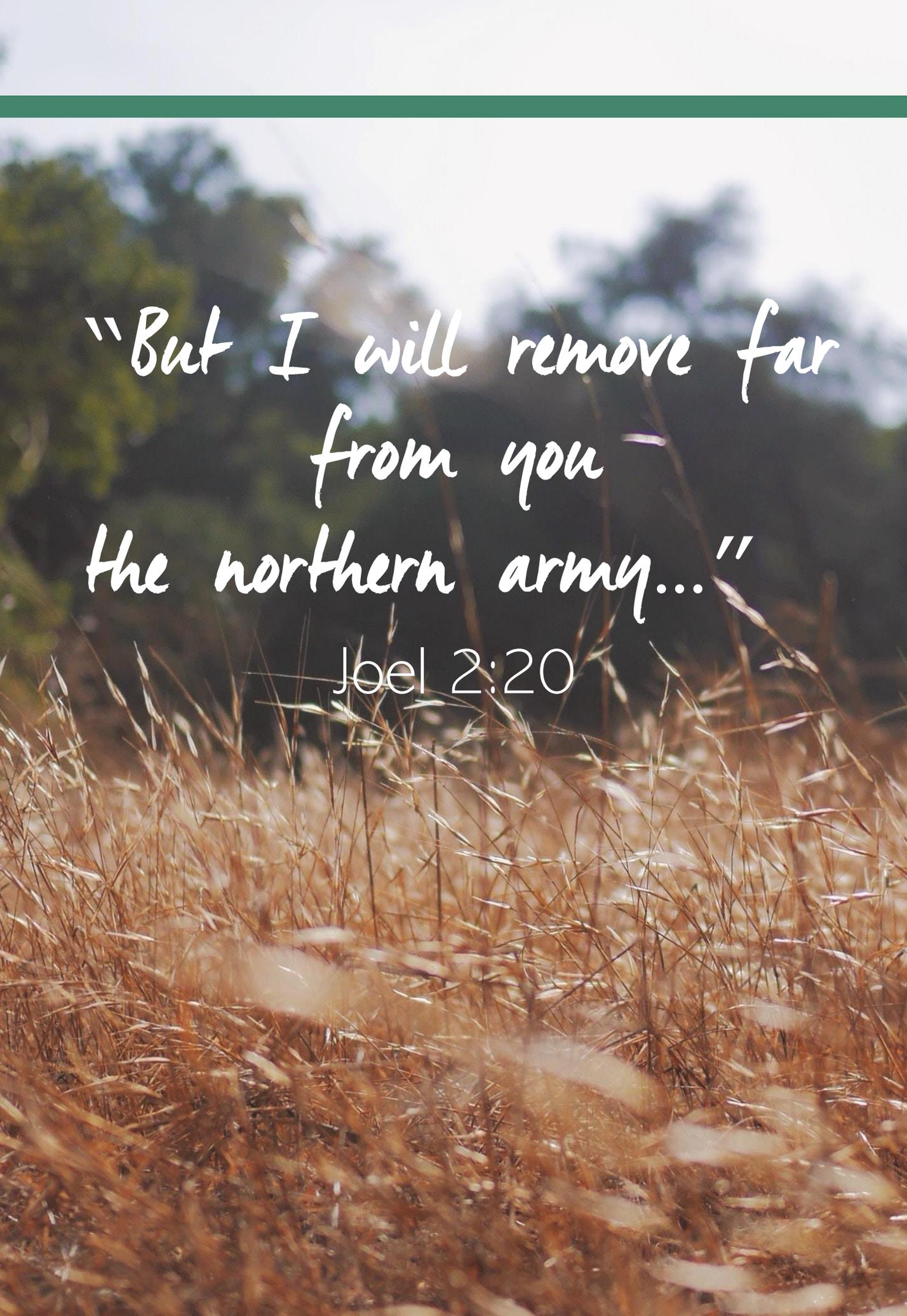


# Week 43

Joel 2 Lifestyle



*The Zeal of God  
manifesting through  
political and military victory*



"But I will remove far  
from you  
the northern army..."

Joel 2:20

In Joel 2:20, the Lord was speaking of a literal Babylonian army that would come from the north in Joel's day. But he was also prophesying of the far future when an army will come at the End of the Age (i.e. Antichrist's army).

Before the Lord's Second Coming, all nations will be hostile to Israel and align themselves against her. Yet this is really the divine plan of God to cause Israel to return to Him.

Many kings of the earth will choose the oil of the Middle East over supporting Israel. God sovereignly placed oil in the Middle East on purpose, testing all of the nations of the earth with its location. Unfortunately, most nations will yield to what is "pragmatic" instead of choosing what is right.

*The nations that do not know  
and love Jesus will end up  
opposing Him.*

For four thousand years, nations have come against Israel. But at the End of the Age, this drama will crescendo and culminate with the strength of a single coalition of nations united around this purpose. God will allow them to press into the full extent of opposition against Him before He judges them in wrath.

The largest army in history to come against Israel will be one with the most advanced weapon technologies, the most well financed, and one with the greatest hatred for Israel. The evil Antichrist will be the recognized global leader of this mighty End-Time northern army.

At this time, Israel will be caught off guard due to her misplaced confidence in the peace treaty she had made with the Antichrist (Dan. 9:27). With all her defenses down, her villages and towns will be attacked and plundered. They will receive neither protection nor help from any nations (Ezek. 38:10–16).

At the height of their horrendous hostilities against Israel, the Lord will pour out His wrath on the Antichrist army.





The despicable acts done by the man of sin and his army will stir God to mete out on them the full judgement that they deserve. The destruction and casualties inflicted on them will be tremendous. The dead bodies from the defeated evil army will be so numerous as to cause a mighty foul stench to arise and contaminate the land for a season (Joel 2:20, Isa. 34:2–3). This is not a figurative prophecy; it will literally happen!

Ezekiel prophesied that it would literally take Israel seven months to bury the bodies of the multitudes of soldiers from all the nations of the world who had come against her and perished (Ezek. 39:12).

This military victory will occur at the coming of the Lord. His coming has several dimensions to it. One of the most unusual dimensions is the destruction of these evil nations that will happen in various stages. Israel will experience liberation from all the hostile nations through the supernatural work of God.

When Jesus brings forth this victory for Israel, all of the nations of the earth will be amazed! He will stun the nations by doing the impossible, i.e. taking the weakest, most reproached nation in history and elevating her to a position of leadership over the nations of the earth.



Jesus will usher in everlasting  
peace and bring honour to Israel  
as He makes her the head over  
all the nations of the earth.

God does this for His own  
glory, so that all the nations  
will know that He is the Lord

(Ezek. 36:21-23).





# Readings and Prayers for the week

## **Readings for Week 43**

- Read Zechariah 12 to 14. Gain understanding of our faithful God who always keeps His covenant. He will fulfill all His promises to Israel. Even though Israel had to go through fire, God will restore her and elevate her as the leader over all the nations so that she can walk out the fullness of her destiny.

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## **Prayers for Week 43**

- Pray Romans 16:25-27 that the Holy Spirit will open up to the Church the prophetic Scriptures concerning what will happen to Israel. Ask God to give us understanding of both the persecutions that will come, as well as the greatest glory as He delivers Israel out of His great zeal for her. Pray that the Church will faithfully stand with Israel and intercede for her.