



# Decision Valley

## The Valleys – Excursion Three

### Joel 3:1-2

#### Take Home Tour Guide

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Here we go – this is your chance to dig a little deeper beyond the Sunday morning experience. Let's start with the passage itself. In the book of Joel, God speaks of a time when He will gather nations in the Valley of Jehoshaphat for judgment. This valley symbolizes both divine justice and the hope of restoration. Rather than a place of fear, Decision Valley represents an opportunity for personal reflection, realignment, and the chance to make decisions that invite God's blessings into our lives.

### Here is how Joel 3:1-2 breaks down

1. Gathering of Nations: God will bring all nations to the valley, emphasizing collective accountability. This isn't just about punishment; it invites reflection on how our actions impact others.
2. Judgment and Justice: The Lord's judgment addresses injustices and calls for accountability. This reminds us that our choices have consequences.
3. Hope of Restoration: The valley is also a place where God seeks to restore what has been broken. It's an invitation to realign our lives with His will.

Now in some ways, you can see that Joel can be a bit complicated to understand. Pastor Jeff reminded us of this and share that prophecy also can have personal application in the here and now. That is the trek he took when using the passage for us in Celebration Worship. So let's ponder and personally apply the passage to our own lives.

## Personal Application:

- Reflect on Your Personal "Nations": Identify the different aspects of your life—relationships, work, spiritual health.  
How are these areas aligned with God's will?  
What choices can you make to foster harmony and growth?
- Accountability: Consider where you might need to take responsibility for your actions.  
Are there areas in your life where you can seek accountability from others?
- Decision-Making: As you face decisions this week, ask yourself how these choices align with biblical principles.  
What guidance can you seek from scripture or trusted Christian friends?
- Restoration Focus: Identify one area in your life that needs restoration.  
What specific steps can you take this week to invite God into that space?

**OK, now it is time to record some additional thoughts.**  
**These questions are designed specifically for your own quiet**  
**time and personal journaling moments**

**1. Personal Inventory:** What are the three primary areas of your life that you feel need attention?

Why are they important to you?

**2. Decision Reflection:** Describe a recent decision you made. How did it align with God's principles?

What was the outcome?

**3. Gathering Experience:** Reflect on a time when you felt a sense of community or accountability.

How did that experience shape your perspective or actions?

**4. Restoration Goals:** What does restoration look like for you in your current circumstances?

What practical steps can you take this week to move toward that goal?

**5. Vision for the Future:** How do you envision your life changing if you make decisions that align with God's will?

Write about the potential impact on your relationships, career, and spiritual life.

**Here are some additional reminders that Pastor Jeff wants you to remember as you think back about the sermon, the excursion, and the study guide this week**

**-"In the Decision Valley, we gather our personal nations—not for judgment, but for growth."**

**-"In the courtroom of heaven, God is both the judge and the advocate—so we don't need to worry, but we still need to take the stand."**

**-"Sometimes, the path to restoration runs through the valley of decision."**

**-"In the Decision Valley, justice isn't just an outcome; it's a journey we take with God guiding our steps."**

**This guide serves to deepen understanding and encourage practical application of the sermon's themes.**

**As you reflect on the messages from Decision Valley, may you find clarity and renewal in your journey.**