



## SERMON NOTES

### WHAT NEXT?

From Pandemic to Possibility

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*Joel 1:1-3 (NKJV)*

*1 The word of the LORD that came to Joel the son of Pethuel. 2 Hear this, you elders, And give ear, all you inhabitants of the land! Has anything like this happened in your days, Or even in the days of your fathers? 3 Tell your children about it, Let your children tell their children, And their children another generation.*

### GOD'S RESPONSE

from devastation to restoration

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ RECOVERY

*Joel 2:20c-24 (CEV)*

*20 "...The LORD works wonders 21 and does great things. So tell the soil to celebrate 22 and wild animals to stop being afraid. Grasslands are green again; fruit trees and fig trees are loaded with fruit. Grapevines are covered with grapes. 23 People of Zion, celebrate in honor of the LORD your God! He is generous and has sent the autumn and spring rains in the proper seasons. 24 Grain will cover your threshing places; jars will overflow with wine and olive oil.*

#### GOD PROMISED JUDAH ECONOMIC RECOVERY

##### (1) WELCOME PROSPERITY

*Deuteronomy 8:18 (NKJV)*

*18 And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.*

##### (2) WITHDRAW FEAR

*Joel 2:22b (CEV)*

*"...stop being afraid."*

Capitalism: is the right to individual ownership of yourself, your time, your talent and your treasure that you can lawfully and ethically trade with others for personal gain and profit.

Communism: is the Devil's economy because it denies the Imago Dei of mankind. Man is not an image bearer of his Creator and therefore has no personal or religious rights outside the state.

Communism is the forerunner of Antichrist:

*Daniel 11:36 (NLT)*

*"...exalting himself and claiming to be greater than every god, even blaspheming the God of gods. He will succeed, but only until the time of wrath is completed. For what has been determined will surely take place."*

## 2. \_\_\_\_\_ RECOVERY

*Joel 2:25-26 (NKJV)*

*25 "So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you. 26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, And praise the name of the LORD your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; And My people shall never be put to shame.*

*Psalms 126:4 (NIV)*

*4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negev.*

ANSWERS:

1. ECONOMIC
2. FAITH