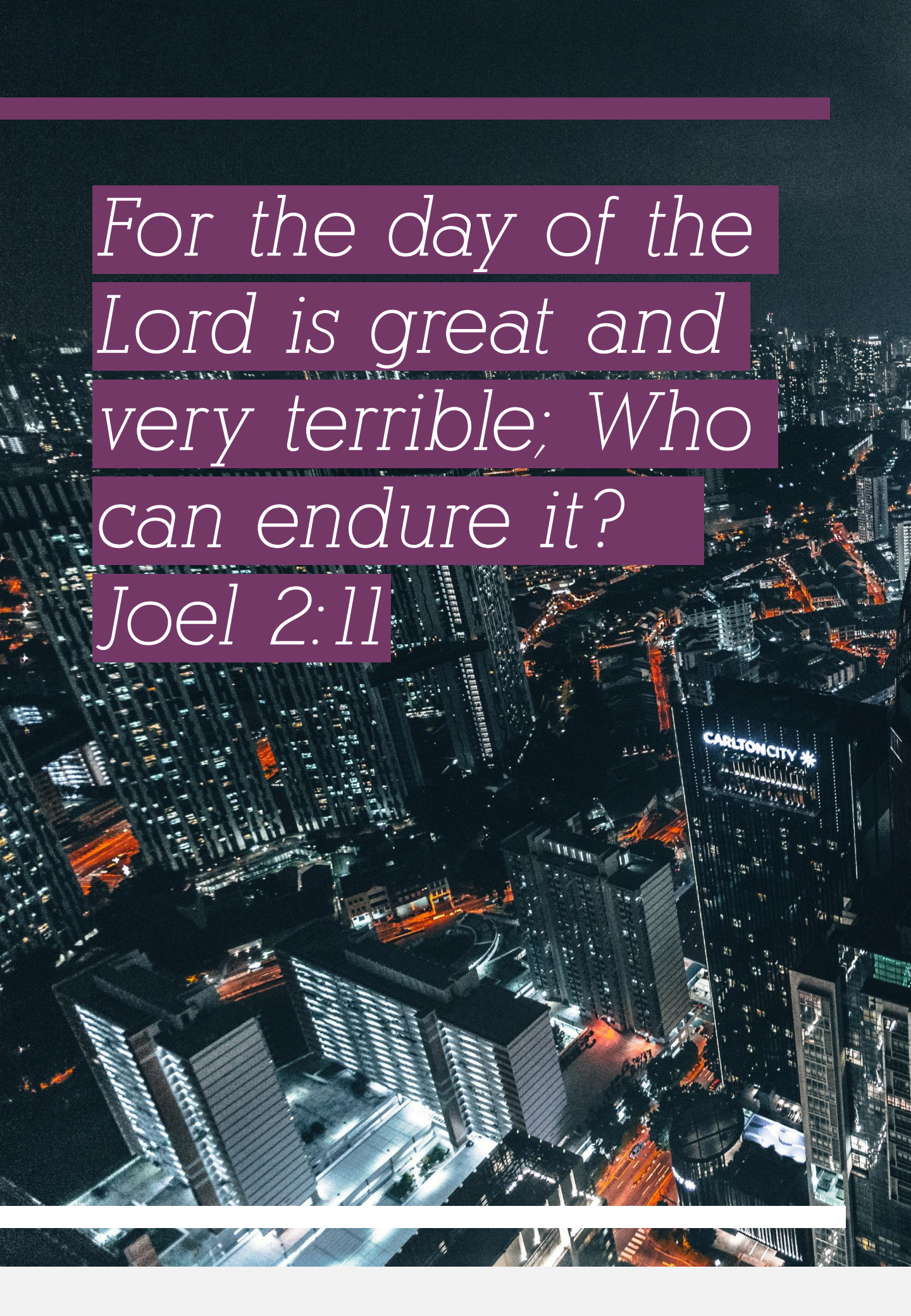




*The Great Day
of the Lord*

An aerial night photograph of a city skyline, likely New York City, showing numerous illuminated skyscrapers and streets. The image is used as a background for the text overlay.

*For the day of the
Lord is great and
very terrible; Who
can endure it?
Joel 2:11*

The great Day of the LORD as prophesied by Joel and many of the Old Testament prophets happens in the time before the Second Coming of Jesus. This time is characterized by a worldwide move of God. The whole earth will be caught and swept up by an unusual manifestation of God's zeal for righteousness.

It is a great Day because there will be the greatest demonstration of revival power in world history. There will be heightened activity of the Holy Spirit's blessing for the responsive Church. There will be an increase in the wind of the Spirit at a level that the Body of Christ has never witnessed.

This will far surpass the miracles and wonders that the early Church had encountered in the Book of Acts, and the mighty acts of God that Moses saw in the Book of Exodus.

It will be like Acts and Exodus combined, and multiplied on a global dimension! The greatness of that Day will be characterized by supernatural provision, protection and guidance.



Supernatural provision (Micah 7:15)

The greatest example in Scripture of God's extravagant provision in crisis is found in the book of Exodus when God brought Israel out of captivity in Egypt.

In the book of Exodus, God's story of deliverance unfolds before us. He powerfully delivered His people when all the odds were against them, and miraculously provided for all their needs as they journeyed through the wilderness. He caused food to fall from the sky and He provided water from a rock in the desert.

Dynamic, supernatural provision was the norm for the Israelites. Jehovah-Jireh, the great Provider, was on magnificent display as He exhibited His kindness time and time again through His miraculous provision.

*The Exodus story will be our story
because our God is the God of Exodus!*

This will be a great Day for God's people in terms of receiving supernatural provision. God will manifest His provision like He did in the time of Exodus. In that day, we will be filled with awe at the creative and supernatural ways through which the Lord continually provides food and water. We will be utterly astounded in that Day by just how easy it is for us to receive and experience God's provisions.



Supernatural protection

Another characteristic of the greatness of the Day of the LORD is God's supernatural protection. This is commonly known as the "Goshen Principle" in the Bible. When all of Egypt was hit by the plagues, God did not allow His judgments to touch the place where His people lived – a place called Goshen (Ex. 8:22). Goshen was miraculously spared while all the surrounding places suffered.

God protected His people from the plagues He released on Egypt. Though the plagues were poured out on Egypt, among the Israelites who were in Goshen, no one was sick or affected, and none of their livestock was harmed. In Goshen, no hail or fire fell. Nor was it hit by the swarm of flies. The Israelites found themselves in a pocket of mercy, in a city of refuge (Ex. 9:4–26).

The same idea as the Goshen Principle is seen in Scripture when the mark or seal of God is put on the saints to protect them from the wrath of God (Rev. 7:2–3; 9:4; Ezek. 9:4–6).





Pockets of mercy refer to geographic areas where God's people will be hidden or protected from God's wrath in the End Times (Zeph. 2:3).

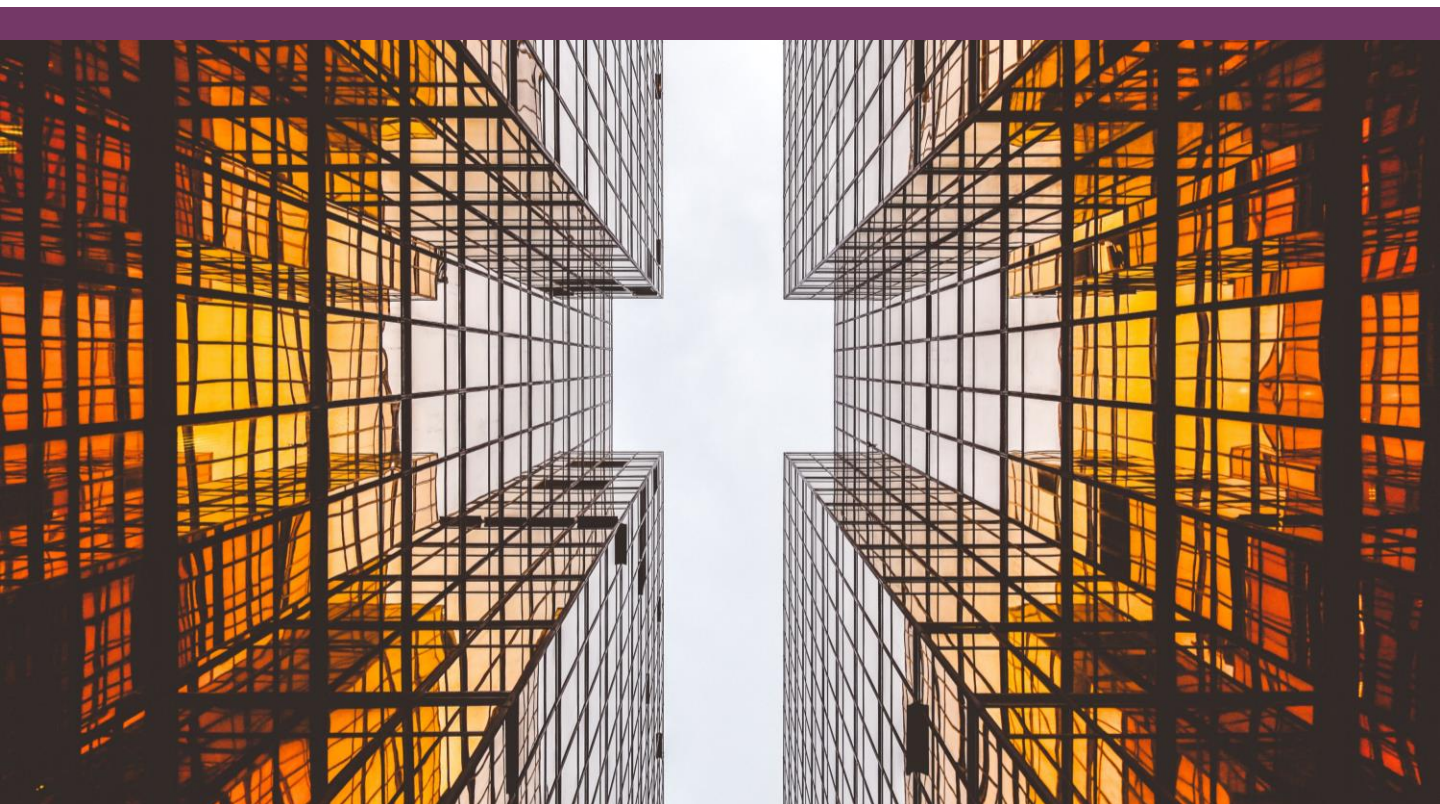
We will see this Goshen Principle at work again in the great Day of the Lord. He will have multiple Goshen-type areas all over the earth. These cities of refuge will be strategically located. In these places, there will be divine protection, provision and guidance with an open heaven over them.

Supernatural guidance

Another mark of the greatness of the events before the Second Coming will be the supernatural guidance of the LORD.

Jeremiah prophesied of a time when Israel would be escaping and that God would lead them through their supplications in that day. Their prayer life will be active and anointed as they experience two-way communication with God. He will direct them to the places of food, water and refuge (Jer. 31:9).

Isa. 30:21 also teaches us that we will hear the voice of God very clearly. In that Day, the Lord will direct His people exactly where to go according to His perfect knowledge of where we will find safety and protection. Through these promises, we see how He will lead His people supernaturally through all of the global conflicts at the End of the Age.



There will be powerful supernatural guidance to find food, reconnect relationships, be at the right place at the right time, and to escape earthquakes, bombs and ambushes of the enemy.



*God will lead us
every step of the
way through constant
communication.*

This will be the Church's most glorious hour in all of history! Multiplication of food, angelic visitations and supernatural guidance will be our common way of life. Signs and wonders will explode and the greatest harvest will come in.

*We will see the combination
and multiplication of the
miracles of Acts and Exodus at
a global level!*

*Let's prepare ourselves now so
that we can shine forth in His
glory and partner Him in the
greatest hour of human history!*





Readings and Prayers for the week

Readings for Week 33

Take time to read the book of Exodus to see how God supernaturally provides. Read Jer. 31 and Isa. 30 on how He will lead His people. Seek God for His guidance and for His provision. Begin your history with Him today.

Prayers for Week 33

John 10:10 tells us that His sheep hear His voice. Pray that the Church will cultivate a lifestyle of hearing the Shepherd's voice at the place of prayer. Pray that we will grow in our ability to hear His voice clearly so that we will have confidence in hearing Him when the storms come.