

## Biblical Notes — Joel 2:19-20

**19-20 – The LORD will answer and say to His people, "Behold, I am going to send you grain, new wine and oil, And you will be satisfied in full with them; And I will never again make you a reproach among the nations. [20] "But I will remove the northern army far from you, And I will drive it into a parched and desolate land, And its vanguard into the eastern sea, And its rear guard into the western sea. And its stench will arise and its foul smell will come up, For it has done great things."**

יטוֹנֵעַן יְהוָה וַיֹּאמֶר לְעַמּוֹ הַנְּגִי שְׁלֵם לָכֶם אֶת־הַדֶּגֶן וְהַתִּירֹשׁ וְהַיֶּצֶקֶר וְשִׂבְעַתֶּם אֹתוֹ וְלֹא־אֶמְנָם אֶתְכֶם עוֹד חֲרָפָה בְּגוֹיִם: כִּנְאֻת־הַצִּפּוֹרִי אֶרְתִּיק מֵעַל־יָכֶם וְהַדְחַתִּי אֶל־אֶרֶץ צִיָּה וְשִׁמְמָה אֶת־פְּנֵי אֱלֹהֵי־הַיָּם הַקְדָּמָי וְסָפוּ אֱלֹהֵי־הַיָּם הָאֲחֵרִין וְעָלָה בָאֵשׁ וְנִשְׁלַח צִחְנָתוֹ כִּי הִגְדִּיל לַעֲשׂוֹת

"Peter was clearly focusing on the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy, but this does not mean he was teaching that all of Joel's words, including the wonders in heaven and signs on earth (cf. vv. 19–20), were fulfilled at Pentecost. The coming of the Spirit, evidenced especially in the bestowal of the gift of inspired speech, signaled the onset of the fulfillment of the eschatological days. Like the bestowal of the Spirit, these other events belonged to those same days, but need not occur simultaneously. Peter, of course, did not know at that time that Christ's return would be delayed for many centuries, and he may have expected the other phenomena to occur soon."

— Robert L. Saucy, *The Case for Progressive Dispensationalism: The Interface Between Dispensational and Non-Dispensational Theology* - eBook, (Zondervan Academic, 2010), 183.