***Isaiah 62 Solemn Assembly: 21 Days of Fasting and Praying for Israel***

Joel 2 called for a Solemn Assembly.

We will briefly look at Joel 2 to give us an even more emphasis on why fast and pray for 21 days for Israel.

We are looking at Joel 2 because this prophet provides a template for God’s people to agree with the heart of God as His purposes unfolds.

This chapter in Joel is also called a “crisis manual.”

Also, an outpouring manual because of Joel 2:12-17. When the people of God yield to the prophetic exhortation of these verses history attest to change as engagement in the Spirit is done. This kind of engagement can be disruptive for both the better and the worse.

Let us look at verses 12-17

In the MSG translation it is very graphic and practical in its expression:

“But there’s also this,   
it’s not too late— God’s personal Message! —   
“Come back to me and really mean it!   
Come fasting and weeping, sorry for your sins!”   
Change your life, not just your clothes.   
Come back to God, your God.   
And here’s why: God is kind and merciful.   
He takes a deep breath, puts up with a lot,   
This most patient God, extravagant in love,   
always ready to cancel catastrophe.

(To be continued.)