

Bible Study – Outline

Joel

The Day of the Lord

Time Period Events between 835-796BC

Audience The people of Judah

Major Theme(s)

- To urge the people to turn back to God
- The Day of The Lord
- Sin brings judgment
- With God's justice there is mercy

Key People

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PAST JUDGMENT	1
Disaster by Locust	1:1-12
Disaster by drought	1:13-20
FUTURE JUDGMENT	2-3
Judgment of Judah in the near future	2
The Great and Terrible Day of the Lord	3:1-16
The Restoration of Judah	3:17-21

Key Scriptures

Joel 1:15 * "For the day of the Lord is near;"
Joel 2:1-3 "...for the day of the Lord is coming"
"a day of darkness and gloom"
Joel 2:10 compare to Isa. 13:10 and Matt. 24:29
Joel 2:11 "The day of the Lord is great, it is dreadful, Who can endure it?"
Joel 2:12-13 "return to me with all your heart..."
Joel 2:25 "I will repay you...."
Joel 2:27 "Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the Lord your God, and there is no other; never again will my people be ashamed."

Joel 2:28 "I will pour out my Spirit on all people, ..."
Joel 2:32 "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."
Joel 3:9-10 (Compare to Micah 4:3)
Joel 3:16 "But the Lord will be a refuge for His people,..."

* refer to note in Life Application Bible

Compare Joel 1:15 to

Isa. 13:6
Ezek. 13:5
Amos 5:18
Zeph 1:7
Mal. 4:5

What is God's promise to us regarding future judgment?

I Thess. 1:10
I Thess. 4:16-17
I Thess. 5:9-10

Discussion Questions

1. How would you compare the plague of locusts to a similar calamity that could happen today?
2. How would you describe the meaning of Joel 2:13?
3. How is Israel asked to return to the Lord? Joel 2:12-13
4. Compare Joel 2:28-32 to Acts 2:1-21. Is this prophecy completely, or partially, fulfilled?
5. What does it mean to call on the name of the Lord? Joel 2:32
6. Joel 3:18 and Amos 9:13-14. After judging Judah's enemies (Sidon, Tyre, etc..) God says the mountains will drip new wine, the ravines will run with water. What do these metaphors mean? What is God promising to the people of Israel?

Resources Used

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