

JOEL

Background Information

The Man

Joel – Name means “The Lord is God”

Probably a Ruebenite with Judean roots

Father was Pethuel

Very little other information is known about him

The Book

Date – Scholars are divided into three camps

- Early Pre-exilic
- Late Pre-exilic
- Post-exilic

It has 73 verses

Favorite phrase – “The day of the Lord” [Used 5 times]

Ministered to the southern kingdom

Has many prophetic statements

JOEL 1:1-2:11

Joel 2:13

And rend your heart, and not your garments,
and turn unto the LORD your God: for he *is* gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

ate: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Joel 2:13

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Joel 1:1-7

Examine –

1. Whose word is this?
2. To whom did it come?
NOTE: “The opening chapter describes the effects of a severe locust plague which had swept over the land, destroying the agricultural produce on which both man and beast so heavily depended for survival.” Bible Knowledge Commentary
3. Who is his father?
4. Who does he want to hear? (2 groups)
5. Joel is asking here, “Has anyone seen this great of an event before?” Had they?
6. How long will people talk of this event?
7. Give the order that the insects arrived.
8. Who does he encourage to awake?
9. What should they do?
10. What has happened to their wine?
11. Give at least 4 descriptions of the locust from verse 6?

12. What did they do to the vine?
13. What did they do to the fig tree?

Apply-

God sent the plague to get their attention. What has God used in your life to get your attention? (List several)

Have you thanked Him for that lately?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Joel 2:13

Read – Joel 1:8-11

Time: _____

Time spent in prayer _____

Examine –

1. Define Lament –
2. How should they lament?
3. What is cut off?
4. From where is it cut off?
5. What are the priests doing?
NOTE: They are only mourning because they received a portion of these offerings for themselves!
6. What happened to the field?
7. List out beside each item what has happened to it:
 - Corn –
 - Wine –
 - Oil –
 - Wheat –
 - Barley –
8. Who should be ashamed?
9. Who should howl?
10. Why are they doing this?

Apply-

You probably don't have crops to destroy, but what would be very devastating to you?

How are you staying close to God so He does not have to do this?

How close are you now to Him?

Prayer:

Praise:

Main thought to meditate on today:

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Joel 2:13

Read – Joel 1:12-15

Time: _____

Time spent in prayer _____

Examine –

1. What is dried up?
2. Define Languisheth –

3. What three specific trees does he mention here?
4. What has happened to all the trees of the field?
5. What has withered away from men?
6. What should the priests do?
7. What should the ministers do?
8. What should they do all night?
9. Why, again, should they do this?
10. Describe in your own words what the people should do in verse 14?

11. Why should they do this?
12. Is this a good thing?
13. What does the author call God here?

Apply-

Have you ever been so burdened over something that you fasted over it?

When is the last time you went without something so you could pray?

Are you willing to?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Joel 2:13

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Joel 1:16-20

Examine –

NOTE: This passage shows that not only are things bad now, but they will be bad for a long time to come!

1. What is cut off from before them?
2. What is not in the house of God?
3. What is rotten?
4. Where is it and what is this saying?
5. What is broken down?
6. What are the beasts doing?
7. Who is perplexed?
8. Why are they?
9. What is the condition of the flocks of sheep?
10. What does the author liken the locust to in verse 19?
11. To whom does he cry?
12. Who else cries to Him?
13. What is dried up?

Apply-

Did you know that even the animals had to pay for man's sin?

Can you list some ways they did?

List some people (or things) who are affected by your sin?

Romans 14:7 “For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.”

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Joel 2:13

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Joel 2:1-6

Examine –

1. What should they blow in Zion?
2. Where should they sound an alarm?
3. What should the inhabitants be doing?
4. Why?
5. How close is it?

NOTE: Over the next few verses, he is going to describe the day of the LORD. If you study what a locust swarm will do to a land, does it sound familiar?

6. What kind of day will it be?
7. What kind of people will there be?
8. What is the land like before them?
9. What is it like after they leave?
10. Who shall escape?
11. What do they look and act like?
12. What does it sound like?
13. How do the people respond to this?
14. What will their faces gather?

Apply-

Name some ways you could sound an alarm for the coming of the Lord?

When is the last time that you did one of these things?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Joel 2:13

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Joel 2:7-11

Examine –

1. He now begins to describe the actual fighting force!
2. How will they run and climb?
3. The last part of this tells us that they are well _____
4. Verse 8 tells us that they are what?
5. How will they enter houses?
6. List below how each item will respond to this army
 - Earth –
 - Heavens –
 - Sun and moon –
 - Stars -
7. Whose army is this?
8. Whose voice do they hear?
9. How does this verse describe the day of the LORD?
10. What is the last question he asks them?

11. God has been Israel's defender, and He now becomes her destroyer!

Apply-

If you are a Christian today, then God is your defender. If you do things wrong, He may have to destroy you. Are you living like you want Him to do that? Explain:

God does not want to do that. In verse 12 and following, He gives them a chance. We will learn about this next week!

Prayer:

Praise:

Main thought to meditate on today:

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Joel 2:13

Read – Joel - Review

Time: _____

Time spent in prayer _____

Examine –

1. Who writes this book?
2. What has just happened to the country?
3. How long would they tell this story?
4. How many different types of locust are mentioned in verse 4?
5. What has happened to all the crops?
6. Why are the priests sad?
7. What should they do in verse 14?
8. What favorite phrase is used in verse 15?
9. What is gone from the house of the Lord?
10. How are the animals reacting to this?
11. Why are they sounding alarms in Jerusalem?
12. Can you, in your own words, describe this day?

13. Can you describe the army God will bring with Him?

Apply-

2 Corinthians 5:10 “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.” Are you ready for God’s judgment?

What would you change if you knew you would face Him tomorrow?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

JOEL 2:12-3:21

Joel 2:27

And ye shall know that I *am* in the midst of Israel, and *that I am* the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

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Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Joel 2:27

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Joel 2:12-14

Examine –

1. Why is the therefore there?
2. What should they do?
3. To whom should they turn?
4. There are four “withs” mentioned here, list them!

5. What should they rend?
6. What should they not rend?
7. What is the difference between these two?
8. List the five character qualities of God that are listed here!

9. Is there hope that all the author has described may not come?
10. What could He leave in stead of destruction?
11. What would be restored?

Apply-

Go back to the five characteristics of God and list the way those things have affected you?

Thank God for them now!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Joel 2:27

Read – Joel 2:15-20

Time: _____

Time spent in prayer _____

Examine –

1. Verse 15 sounds a lot like verse 1 of this chapter. What are the differences?
2. How many people should be affected by this calling out?
3. What is unusual about who is called and why?

4. How should the priests be responding?
5. For what should they be asking?
6. Who would rule over them?
7. What question would the heathen ask?
8. When is the then?
9. If all this happens, what will God be for the land?
10. What will He feel towards His people?
11. What would God send them?
12. What will they no longer be?
13. What will He remove from them?
14. Describe in your own words what God will do to the northern army?

Apply-

If we humble ourselves before God, He will pardon us.

Describe what you do to prove that you would rather have God's mercy than His judgment.

Are you living like you want God's judgment?

Prayer:

Praise:

Main thought to meditate on today:

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Joel 2:27

Read – Joel 2:21-27

Time: _____

Time spent in prayer _____

Examine –

1. What should not fear?
2. What should it do?
3. Why should it be this way?
4. Who else should not be afraid?
5. What will the pastures do?
6. What will the tree do?
7. What two trees would yield their strength?
8. Who should be glad?
9. They not only should be glad but what else?
10. What had God given them that is a sign of blessing?
11. What would be full of wheat?
12. With what would the vats overflow?
13. What would God restore to them?

14. God calls all these “my _____”
15. How would they eat?
16. As a result whom would they praise?
17. What would the people never be?
18. What would they know?

Apply-

God restores His blessings to the people. What, like this, do you want Him to do for you?

Are you willing to go through what He wants for you?

Have you told Him that?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Joel 2:27

Read – Joel 2:28-32

Time: _____

Time spent in prayer _____

Examine –

1. What will God pour out on all flesh?
2. What would the sons and daughters do?
3. What would the old men do?
4. What about the young men?
5. What two other groups of people would He pour out His spirit?
6. Give Scripture to support when these two verses are fulfilled?
7. Where will He show wonders?
8. What will some of these be?

9. When will all this happen?
10. How shall people be delivered?
11. Where would this take place?

NOTE: This prophecy covers several different times. Many times, prophets only saw the “mountain tops” of prophecy, making it seem like the events happen back-to-back, but really they happen over hundreds of years.

Apply-

Are you ready for Christ’s return?

Are you filled with the spirit? (Controlled by Him everyday)

How does your life demonstrate this?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Joel 2:27

Time spent in prayer _____

Read – Joel 3:1-8

Examine –

1. How do we know that it is time according to verse 1?
2. Who will He gather?
3. Where will He gather them?
4. What will He plead with them about?
5. What did they do to Israel?
6. What two things did they do to the children of the Israelites?
NOTE: It was common for invading countries to sell slaves! (V. 3 & 6)
7. What three countries does He mention here?
8. Can they deal with God?
9. What have they taken?
10. Where did they put them?
NOTE: Israel has been scattered all over the world, but God will one day gather them back. This is already happening!
11. What will God do with the children of Israel?
12. What will God do with those nation's children, as recompense?

Apply-

God always brings judgment on those who do wrong. It may take a while, but He will do it. You will reap what you sow as well. What did you sow yesterday?

What are you sowing today?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Joel 2:27

Read – Joel 3: 9-15

Time: _____

Time spent in prayer _____

Examine –

1. What should they do among the Gentiles?
2. What should their message say?
3. What should they do with their farming instruments?
4. What should the weak say?
5. What in your own words is God “issuing” to the heathen in verse 11?
6. Where should they come?
7. What will God do here?
8. What does God put into the valley? (See Rev. 14:15)
9. What is full?
10. Of what is it full? (Call Pastor Ogle with this answer)
11. How many are come to the valley of “decision”?
NOTE: “Decision” has the idea of cutting, highlighting that there will be no turning back from this valley. Something that has been cut cannot be put back.
12. What is near?
13. What will happen to the sun and moon?
14. What will the stars do?

Thought: What would it do to the balance in the universe for this to happen?

Apply-

Are you willing to wage a war against God?

How might you be doing so now?

Do you think you will win?

God is the only person you can surrender to and still win!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Weekly memory verse – Joel 2:27

Read – Joel 3: 16-21

Time: _____

Time spent in prayer _____

Examine –

1. From where will God be coming?
2. What two names does he call this place?
3. What will the heavens and earth do?
4. What will God be to Israel? (2 things)
5. What does He call Jerusalem?
6. What will Jerusalem be then?
7. What will not pass through her any more?
8. What will the mountains and hills produce?
9. What will all the rivers do?
10. What will water the valley of Shittim?

NOTE: This is probably part of the Kidron valley.

11. What two nations does he mention as being desolate?
12. Why will this happen to them?
13. What will happen to Judah and Jerusalem?
14. What will He cleanse?
15. Where will God dwell?

NOTE: This last part of the book refers to the battle of Armageddon and the future millennium kingdom afterwards. Remember that this is written to encourage the Jews for the future.

Apply-

Has God already cleansed your life?

When did that happen?

Will you purpose to tell someone today about it and write his or her name here!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____
