

## Joel - The Day of the Lord

Experienced - Historical (1:1-20)	Illustrated - Transitional (2:1-17)	Described - Eschatological (2:18-3:21)
<p>Source of the Message (1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Joel son of Pethuel</li> <li>- “The Lord is God” = Joel</li> <li>- “Openheartedness” = Pethuel</li> </ul> <p>Contemplate Destruction (2-4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 different locusts described</li> <li>- Gnawing, swarming, creeping, stripping</li> <li>- Nothing left - no green thing left</li> <li>- Tell it to the next generations</li> </ul> <p>Completeness of Destruction (5-12)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- vines, trees, crops - animals?</li> <li>- The offerings for worship were gone</li> <li>- No way to worship God now</li> </ul> <p>Repent in Light of Destruction (13-20)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sackcloth</li> <li>- Grain and drink offerings are gone and are withheld from the house of God</li> <li>- Fasting</li> <li>- Solemn assembly</li> <li>- Destruction from the Almighty</li> <li>- Gladness and joy are gone from the house of the Lord</li> <li>- Crying out to the Lord</li> <li>- Desire for the Lord</li> </ul>	<p>Alarm Sounds (1) - people are to tremble because the day of the Lord is near</p> <p>Army Invades (2-11)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- who can endure the day of the Lord?</li> <li>- Army of locusts or army of men - God raises them up and brings devastation in their wake</li> <li>- Nothing can stop them</li> </ul> <p>Admonition to Repent (12-17)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- return to the Lord with all your heart</li> <li>- Fasting</li> <li>- Weeping, mourning</li> <li>- Rend your heart, not your garments</li> <li>- Return to the Lord - gracious, compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness</li> <li>- Who knows if He will relent</li> <li>- Fast</li> <li>- Solemn assembly</li> <li>- Sanctify the people</li> <li>- Weep and cry out - spare Your people</li> </ul>	<p>Introduction (18-20)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- restoration of Judah (Israel)</li> <li>- They will never be a reproach among the nations</li> </ul> <p>Material Restoration (21-27)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- promise of all that the locusts have destroyed</li> <li>- The rains will come (no drought)</li> <li>- They will have no more famine</li> <li>- They will know that He is God, He is in their midst, there is no other God</li> </ul> <p>Spiritual Restoration (28-32)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- promise of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit</li> <li>- God’s power will be displayed in nature</li> <li>- Those who call on the name of the Lord will be delivered</li> </ul> <p>National Restoration (3:1-21)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the nations will be judged for their acts against Israel (1-3)</li> <li>- God brings recompense on the nations (4-8)</li> <li>- Gather together for war - the nations will be aroused - the wine press will be pressed in full (9-17) - Rev 19:11-16</li> <li>- Judah will be blessed - the nations will be under God’s hand (18-21)</li> </ul>

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Return To Me	Why the Plagues	Drink Offerings - Poured Out
<p>2:12-14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- with all their heart</li> <li>- Fasting, weeping, mourning</li> <li>- Rend your heart, not your garments</li> <li>- Return to the Lord - gracious, compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in loving kindness, relenting of evil</li> <li>- God may turn from His judgment and bring a blessing instead</li> <li>- He may leave you with something to offer Him (I Sam 15:20-23) (Ro 12:1-2) - God wants our obedience</li> </ul>	<p>Dt 28:1-25, 58-61</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- blessings for obedience (1-2)</li> <li>- Curses for disobedience (15, 58-61)</li> <li>- Careful to observe the ways of the Lord (58)</li> <li>- Fear the honored and awesome name of the Lord (58)</li> </ul> <p>Ex 10:1-20 - that the world would know that He is God</p> <p>Is 26:8-9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- with judgments the world learns righteousness</li> <li>- Desire is for the Lord to seek Him</li> </ul> <p>Is 45:5-7 - they would know that He is God and there is no other</p> <p>Ez 14:12-20 - only righteousness will deliver from God's judgments</p> <p>Amos 3:6 - calamity is brought on by the Lord - causes people to tremble</p> <p>Amos 4:6-12 - Calamity turns people to God (6, 8, 9, 10, 11) - they didn't return to Him - prepare to meet your God</p>	<p>Joel 1:8-9, 13, 16 - joy and gladness are cut off from the house of the Lord because there was nothing to offer Him</p> <p>Gen 35:14 - Jacob built a pillar of stone and poured a drink offering and oil on it to praise the Lord</p> <p>Ex 25:23-30 - utensils were made out of gold to pour the drink offering before God</p> <p>Ex 29:38-42 - they offered this sacrifice twice a day - daily</p> <p>Phil 2:17 - we are the drink offering being poured out for God</p> <p>II Tim 4:6 - Paul gave everything he had to God - poured out - his departure has come</p> <p>Ro 12:1-2 - we are to be a living and holy sacrifice to God - being what He wants us to be (worship) - we allow our minds to be transformed (His Word) - we prove the will of God - good, acceptable and perfect</p> <p>This is true worship</p>

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Girded in Sackcloth - Repentance	Fasting - Seeking God's Mercy	Lessons To Learn
<p>Gen 37:34 - mourning time - for the dead of his son</p> <p>Rev 6:12 - time of despair and darkness</p> <p>Esther 4:1-3 - anguish of impending doom and death for the Jews</p> <p>Mt 11:21 - repentance of sin - brokenheartedness (Joel 2:12-13 - rend your heart not your clothes)</p> <p>II Cor 7:5-12 - true repentance that leads to salvation</p> <p>Solemn Assembly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Holy convocation - calling together for a specific purpose</li> <li>- Presenting an offering to the Lord by fire</li> <li>- Do not work - time set aside for the Lord</li> <li>- Sanctified - be set apart from the world</li> </ul> <p>Lev 23:36; Dt 16:8; Num 29:35; II Chron 7:9; II Kings 10:18-28; Amos 5:21-23</p>	<p>Joel 2:16-27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- if the people weep and cry out to the Lord - spare us (16-17)</li> <li>- Then the Lord will be zealous for His people, He will answer them, They will know that He is God and there is no other</li> <li>- I Sam 7:6 - we have sinned</li> <li>- II Sam 1:12 - mourn the death</li> <li>- II Sam 12:16, 21 - inquiring if the Lord and His will</li> <li>- Ezra 8:21-23 - humbling themselves and seeking God's protection</li> <li>- Esther 4:3, 16 - God's direction</li> <li>- Dan 9:3 - give attention to the Lord</li> <li>- Mt 6:17-18 - for God - not to be noticed by men</li> <li>- Acts 13:3; 14:23 - fasted and prayed over those who were participating in God's ministry</li> </ul> <p>Is 58:1-12 - handbook for fasting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seek Him (2), know His ways, to do righteousness, just decisions, draw near to God</li> <li>- Humble yourself (3)</li> <li>- To loosen the bonds of wickedness (6), break every yoke</li> <li>- Giving of yourself (10)</li> <li>- Guidance and strength (11)</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Day of the Lord             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- judgment brought on unrepentance</li> <li>- Fast, return to the Lord, rend our hearts and not our garments</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. God uses physical suffering to get our attention             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nature!!!</li> <li>- Physical suffering</li> <li>- God is good, just, sovereign</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. The promise of God's presence is our ultimate hope             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spirit now resides in us</li> <li>- Taste of being in His presence for eternity - this should be our joy</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. God's judgement is great             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- good for the believer - God will judge those who persecute us</li> <li>- Terrifying thing for those who have turned their backs on Him - rejected Him</li> <li>- Hard to see God's providence in the moment - but looking back we see God for who He is - God is on His throne (2:21, 23)</li> </ul> </li> </ol>