

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

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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"> - with all their heart - Fasting, weeping, mourning - Rend your heart, not your garments - Return to the Lord - gracious, compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in loving kindness, relenting of evil - God may turn from His judgment and bring a blessing instead - He may leave you with something to offer Him (I Sam 15:20-23) (Ro 12:1-2) - God wants our obedience 	<p>Dt 28:1-25, 58-61</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - blessings for obedience (1-2) - Curses for disobedience (15, 58-61) - Careful to observe the ways of the Lord (58) - Fear the honored and awesome name of the Lord (58) <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"> - with judgments the world learns righteousness - Desire is for the Lord to seek Him <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"> - Holy convocation - calling together for a specific purpose - Presenting an offering to the Lord by fire - Do not work - time set aside for the Lord - Sanctified - be set apart from the world <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"> - if the people weep and cry out to the Lord - spare us (16-17) - 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 - I Sam 7:6 - we have sinned - II Sam 1:12 - mourn the death - II Sam 12:16, 21 - inquiring if the Lord and His will - Ezra 8:21-23 - humbling themselves and seeking God's protection - Esther 4:3, 16 - God's direction - Dan 9:3 - give attention to the Lord - Mt 6:17-18 - for God - not to be noticed by men - Acts 13:3; 14:23 - fasted and prayed over those who were participating in God's ministry <p>Is 58:1-12 - handbook for fasting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seek Him (2), know His ways, to do righteousness, just decisions, draw near to God - Humble yourself (3) - To loosen the bonds of wickedness (6), break every yoke - Giving of yourself (10) - Guidance and strength (11) 	