

## MINOR PROPHETS

### JOEL

#### "Jehovah is God"

**Date:** 830 B.C.

**Author-** Joel, the son of Pethuel. Nothing more is known of him. There is much speculation, but no facts.

**Occasion-** King Joash of Judah started out his reign as a good king.....doing right in the sight of God. **(2 Kings 12:2)**. He was being counseled by Jehoida the priest. But after the death of Jehoida, King Joash listened to the advice of the people and turned from serving the God of Heaven, to serving "wooden images and idols." **(2 Chron. 24:18)** So God sends wave after wave of destruction upon them, trying to get them to repent. God sends prophets to them to turn them back to serving him, (Joel is one of them) but to no avail. They will not listen to these prophets and even have Zechariah, the son of Jehoida the priest, killed, by command from Joash himself, for trying to turn them back to faithful service to Jehovah. God will now send various forms of destruction against this rebellious nation. Thus the book of Joel.

**Message-** Repent or perish is the overriding theme of this book. However even if they choose to be destroyed, this will not altar God's eternal plan for saving mankind. There will still be a "Great day of the Lord" **(Ch. 2)**. It will be a time when God will pour out his spirit upon all men. A time when their sons and daughters will prophesy. A time when the old men will dream dreams. A time when young men will see visions. (see when all of this occurred in **Acts ch. 2**). They may choose destruction over salvation, but this will not thwart the plan of God.

**1:1-2:17-** The prophet speaks.

- 1. What has happened here that has never happened before of this magnitude? V4 ( see if you can find any further info. On these types of invasions)**
- 2. What does he ask of the old men? V2,3**
- 3. How bad was this calamity? ( Vv5-14 ) What all did it affect?**
- 4. To what does Joel compare this time to? V8**
- 5. What was he calling on the priests to do? V14 What good would this do?**

6. What else is about to happen? ( V15) How is the Lord described here? Why use this term?

7. What new calamity has overtaken them? (Vv16-18) How has this affected them?

8. Describe the next wave of destruction that they had suffered? (vv19,20)

## Chapter Two

9. Why blow the trumpet? 2:1 What significance is there in doing this? What was about to happen?

10. Describe what will take place on this day? Vv2-11

11. Is there any hope for these people? Vv12-17 If so what do they need to do?

**12. What is there about the character of God that would give them any hope? Vv13,14**

**13. Why would they blow the trumpet now? V15 Who should come to this assembly?**

**14. What part would the priests play in this assembly? V17**

**Jehovah now speaks- 2:18-3:21**

**15. How would God respond to all of this? Vv18-27**

**16. What should they have learned from all of this? V27**

**17. What will take place after all has been restored? Vv28-32 When did this happen? See Acts 2**

### Chapter Three

18. What “days” is Joel referring to ? v1

19. What is going to happen in the “days” after his spirit is poured out on all men?

20. What New Testament principle is God going to apply to those of Tyre, Sidon and Philistia? Gal. 6:7 What is he going to do to them? Vv4-8

Joel now returns to the thought of v2, when God will bring judgment upon all the nations.

21. Why is God going to war with these nations at this particular time? V13

22. How are the people to prepare for this battle? Vv9-11 Does this language seem strange to you? See Isa. 2:1-4

23. Amidst all this war and turmoil of these days, what about God’s people? What will happen to them? Vv16-21

Be prepared to discuss lessons we have learned from all of this for our lives today.