

# An Old Testament Glance

## The Minor Prophets Books – Joel

Name Meaning	Dates of Service	Home Town	# of Chapters	Kings Reigning	Audience Targeted	Theme or Subject
"God is God"	830 BC	Jerusalem	3	Uzziah	Jews in South	Kingdom of Judah
<b>Prophets Ministering at the same time:</b>			<b>Possibly None</b>			
<b>Scripture References:</b>			<b>2 Kings 11-15; Joel 1-3; Acts 2:16</b>			

### BRIEF OUTLINE

- Joel 1:1 – 2:32    The Sin & Punishment of Israel in Their Land  
 Joel 3:1-17        The Sin & Punishment of Enemies of Israel in Their Land  
 Joel 3:18-21      The Promise of Blessing & Restoration for Israel in Their Land

*These prophets use interesting **methods to communicate** the message from God.*

***Hosea** used something the Jews would have understood – **Marriage**.*

***Joel** uses an event the Jews would understand - **A Plague of Locusts** (2:25).*

1. If we are trying to prove where Joel was when he was preaching:
  - a. What word was used? (Joel 2:1,15,23,32; 3:17,21) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. What other word was used? (Joel 3:1,6,8,18,20) \_\_\_\_\_

*These words would indicate that Joel was near Jerusalem in the Southern Kingdom. His background is not given to us, but he did know a lot about the temple worship, and he did know quite a bit about agriculture (1:4,7,9,10,11,12,13,16-20; 2:3-11).*

2. We know a bad event happened. What was it? (Joel 1:4)  
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3. How did this event affect the Land of Israel?
  - a. (1:4) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. (1:7) \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. (1:9) \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. (1:10) \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. (1:11) \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. (1:12) \_\_\_\_\_
  - g. (1:13) \_\_\_\_\_
  - h. (1:16-20) \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. (2:3-11) \_\_\_\_\_

**The plague of locusts destroyed their agriculture & land.**

**The plague of sin, rebellion, & disobedience destroys a people, and was slowly destroying them. Consequences were coming.**

4. What phrase is repeated in these verses?

- a. (1:15) \_\_\_\_\_
- b. (2:1) \_\_\_\_\_
- c. (2:11) \_\_\_\_\_
- d. (2:31) \_\_\_\_\_
- e. (3:14) \_\_\_\_\_

*This a phrase telling us that God is going to step in; consequences are coming.*

*Those consequences or punishments refer to 2 things:*

- a. *Punishment right then in the lives of Israel (conquered & in exile).*
- b. *Punishment later in history, in the future (at the end of man's history).*

***"The Day of the Lord" means many occasions (not just one time) when God will defeat man's pride & exalt Himself (could mean "the Lord's Day").***

***The final "Day of the Lord": God will punish evil & fulfill all His promises.***

*God steps into our lives to stop us, protect us, save us, guide us, etc. Each of these would be "The Lord's Day".*

5. God wants to bless His people. What must they do?

- a. (2:12) \_\_\_\_\_
- b. (2:13) \_\_\_\_\_

*We must do this too.*

6. What will God promise to do? (Keep in mind that Israel is their home).

- a. (2:19) \_\_\_\_\_
- b. (2:19) \_\_\_\_\_
- c. (2:19) \_\_\_\_\_
- d. (2:20) \_\_\_\_\_
- e. (2:22) \_\_\_\_\_
- f. (2:22) \_\_\_\_\_
- g. (2:23) \_\_\_\_\_

*These promises were given to them from God through Joel **BEFORE** they are conquered and hauled off to Assyria in exile.*

7. Would you be able to remember these promises while you are under arrest in Assyria? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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