

JOEL

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INTRODUCTION

- A. DATE: 830 B.C. - Some contend for a date of about 500 B.C.
 - 1. Since we know nothing of Joel, the son of Pethuel, we must look else where for a date.
 - 2. No identifying kings are mentioned.
 - B. JOEL = “Jehovah Is God”
 - C. THE OCCASION:
 - 1. The calamity that befell the land from locusts and drought and from fire that followed.
 - 2. Some think the locusts were an invading army.
 - 3. The stronger possibility is that these were literal locusts from which the prophet draws his lesson and his strong call to repentance.
 - 4. Unless there is repentance and righteousness of life on the part of the nation, the locusts will be followed by a stronger and more severe judgment, an invasion by the nations.
 - D. THE MESSAGE: (Joel 2;12-14).
 - 1. Warning to the people and nations.
 - 2. Call to repentance
 - 3. ‘Day of Jehovah’.
 - E. THE PROPHET OF PENTECOST”.
 - 1. Because of Joel 2 and Acts 2.
 - 2. It may be said that though the book begins in gloom, with a dark and terrifying picture, it closes with the anticipation of a bright and glorious day to come.
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LOCUSTS

- A. NUMBER:
 - 1. As many as 75,000 eggs may be concentrated in less than a sq. yard.
 - 2. All begin to hatch at once. It is said that the ground appears to quiver and tremble.
 - 3. Ten miles wide and eighty or ninety miles in length....the whole surface might literally be said to be covered with the.
 - 4. Numbers are estimated at millions and million, perhaps even a billion.
 - B. STAGES: Four term used - probably refers to the four stages.
 - 1. Eggs...75,000 per square yard.
 - 2. Larvae
 - 3. Hoppers..
 - 4. Wings...fly...adult.
 - C. TOTAL DEVASTATION... Read from article on “Locusts” and a “A Locust Plague” at the end of this lesson.
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“DAY OF THE LORD”

- A. The “Day of the Lord” appears five times in the book. (1:15; 2:1; 2:11; 2:31; and 3:14).
 - B. CAN BE VIEWED IN THE FOLLOWING FIVE CATEGORIES.
 - 1. A day of temporal judgment.
 - 2. A day which leads men to repent and return to God.
 - 3. A day which contains great promises for the faithful.
 - 4. Day of Pentecost as described by Joel in 2:28-32 - Divinely interpreted by Peter in Acts 2;16-21.
 - 5. The Final Day of Judgment upon all humanity at the end of time.
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DAY OF PENTECOST

- A. “Pentecost Pointer”
 - B. “Day of Pentecost” often mentioned in the prophecies of O.T.
 - C. It is the “day which the Lord has made” (Psalms 118:24) NOTICE:
 - 1. The gates of righteousness are opened to man (v. 19)
 - 2. Man may enter the gate of the Lord (v. 20).
 - 3. The Lord become man’s salvation (v. 21)
 - 4. The Lord became the head of the corner (Mat. 21:42; I Pet. 2:7) (v. 22).
 - 5. Men would bless the Lord out of the house of God (v. 26)
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Book Preserved Because

- A. Why God has preserved this book for us.
 - 1. It is a call to repentance.
 - 2. We are to repent toward God.
- B. THE ABSOLUTE DESTRUCTION FOR THOSE WHO CONTINUE in sin.
 - 1. As terrible as the locusts plague was, it was but a warning of the more terrible judgment which was to come upon those who do not repent.
 - 2. “The burners of the land”...so called by the Romans...which is the meaning of the name.
- C. Luke 13:3... Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish....
 - 1. Acts 3:19
 - 2. Acts 2:38
- D. “THE DAY OF THE LORD” ...that is yet to come..

FINAL JUDGMENT....

WHAT THEN?

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When the great plants of our cities,
Have turned out their last finished work;
When the merchants have sold their last yard of silk
And dismissed the last tired clerk. ‘
When our banks have raked in their last dollar,
And paid their last dividend;
When the judge of the earth shall say,
“Closed for the night.”
And asks for a balance....**WHAT THEN?**

When the singers have sung their last anthem,
The minister offered his last prayer;
When the people have heard their last sermon
And the sound has died out in the air.
When the Bible lies closed on the pulpit,
And the pews are all empty of men;
When each one stands facing his record - **WHAT THEN?**

When the actors have played their last drama, ‘
And the mimic has made his last fun;
When the film has flashed its last picture,
And the bill board displayed its last run.
When the crowds seeking pleasure have vanished,
And gone out in the darkness again;
When the trumpet of ages has been sounded,
And we stand in His presence....**WHAT THEN?**

When the bugle’s call sinks into silence,
And the long marching columns stand still;
When the captain repeats his last order,
And they have captured the last fort and hill. ‘
When the flag has been hauled from its masthead,
And the wounded and dying check in;
When a world that rejected its Savior,
Is asked for a reason ----**WHAT THEN?**