

FAST 2026

GOD'S RESPONSE TO OUR HONEST HUMILITY:

(Joel 1-2)

I. GOD'S RESPONSE TO OUR HONEST HUMILITY:

A. THE PROPHET RECOGNIZES GOD'S HAND:

1. A natural disaster, a plague of locusts, has come from God's hand.
(Joel 1)
2. Several groups of people are named specifically: drunkards, the bride & bridegroom, priests, and farmers.
3. Joel 2:1, 3-5: it seems as though either a foreign army from the North (or another way of describing the locusts) is threatening the land.

B. OUR RIGHT RESPONSE:

1. Joel 1:5—weep and wail drunkards; 1:8—bride & bridegroom lament and mourn; 1:11—wail and be ashamed farmers; 1:13—priests lament.
2. The Call for Fasting: see 1:14 and 2:12-17

C. GOD'S RESPONSE: (Joel 2:18-32)

1. Concerning the physical things we see:
 - a) His promise to restore the land
 - b) His promise to restore the time that our sin and judgment upon sin has eaten up.
2. Concerning the spiritual things we don't see:
 - a) Joel 2:28-29—fresh encounter with the Lord
3. Opening the Door to Salvation—Joel 2:32