

God in the Ruins

The Message of the Minor Prophets

Joel
Joel 1-3

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ON REPEAT

Important topics in the Old Testament are treated _____: the main ideas are *progressively repeated*.

“THE PROBLEM” IN 2 WORDS

When we fail to love God, it's _____.

When we fail to love other people it's _____.

THE DAY OF THE LORD

Not just one day, but an important and special time in history where God is acting to either _____ his people or to _____ evil.

1. The _____ Day of the Lord.

2. The _____ Day of the Lord.

- There's an announcement of _____.
- There's a call to _____.
- There are _____ of repentance.

GOD'S JUDGMENT – WHY?

- He is good and _____.
- He is a good _____.
- He's a good God and _____ the nations of the world.

3. The _____ Day of the Lord.

Do not be burdened by the task of being good **enough** to get God off your back. Be _____ by the fact that you can't be. And know that when you _____, he will give you his **Holy Spirit**.

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Joel 1

The word of the Lord that came to Joel son of Pethuel. ² Hear this, you elders; listen, all who live in the land. Has anything like this ever happened in your days or in the days of your ancestors?

³ Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation. ⁴ What the locust swarm has left the great locusts have eaten; what the great locusts have left the young locusts have eaten; what the young locusts have left other locusts have eaten...

¹⁵ Alas for that day! For the day of the Lord is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty.

Joel 2

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand— ² a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness. Like dawn spreading across the mountains a large and mighty army comes, such as never was in ancient times nor ever will be in ages to come...

¹¹ The Lord thunders at the head of his army; his forces are beyond number, and mighty is the army that obeys his command..

¹³ Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing..."

¹⁹ Then the Lord was jealous for his land and took pity on his people.

²⁷ Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the Lord your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.

²⁸ "And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

²⁹ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days...

³² And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Joel 3

"In those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, ² I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will put them on trial for what they did to my inheritance, my people Israel, because they scattered my people among the nations and divided up my land..."

¹⁸ In that day the mountains will drip new wine, and the hills will flow with milk; all the ravines of Judah will run with water. A fountain will flow out of the Lord's house.

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