

# THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

## events

**Welcome!** We are glad you are here. If you have a prayer request, comment, or question, please fill out a connection card on the back table.

### **Nursery and Kids' Church:**

Sunday mornings - sign-in each child at the back table.

A **Celebration of Life** Service for Fred Bolton will be on **Sunday, June 27 at 3 pm.**

**Sports Camp** is here **June 28 to July 2.**

Are you interested in joining a **Grace Group**? Please contact Paul and Paula Kreitzer for more information.

**Fourth of July Barbecue** after the service.

### **Ways to Give:**

- Online on our website or app
- Giving box on Sundays
- Mail a check to the church

January through May:

- Budgeted giving - \$139,583
- Actual giving - \$172,964



## SERMON NOTES

Andrew Severinsen - Joel

Despair and deliverance in the Day of the Lord

**Big Idea of Joel:** God's judgment for those who do not follow him on the Day of the Lord.

- The Situation:
- The Point:
- Analogy of the locust plague to describe the coming Day of the Lord.
- The pouring out of the Spirit on all people as a prelude to judgment.

***So Joel, do we dare to hope?***

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1:1-2:17 — The judgment to Judah

Hinge: the call to return to Yahweh (2:12-17)

2:18-32 — The immediate deliverance to Judah

3:1-21 — The ultimate deliverance to Judah (an expansion of what is going on in 2:28-32)

The Lord judging the nations

The Lord blessing Judah

### ***The Theme of the Day of the Lord***

- **In the Old Testament** — The problem is that it is often difficult to tell when the text moves from the historical to the futuristic (from our perspective) in the prophets. One must remember that both events (i.e., both the historical and the future from our perspective) were future to them. Therefore, sometimes the elements of this historical and the future are seen as one — a telescopic effect.

[Note: this is intended to be suggestive, not exhaustive]

- The Day of the Lord (DOL) does not always refer to that ultimate judgment which would bring restoration to the people of Israel. Actually, there are a number of uses of the term (or similar terminology) that could be taken to suggest that there were a number of DOLs in Old Testament times.
  - Amos 5:18-27 — fall of Samaria (Northern Kingdom) in 722 BC
  - Isaiah 2:12-17; 22:1-14 — fall of Judah (Southern Kingdom) in 587 BC
  - Zephaniah 1:1-2:3 — fall of Judah in 587 BC
  - Ezekiel 7:1-27; 13:1-9 — fall of Judah in 587 BC
  - Lamentations 1:12 — lamenting over the fall of Jerusalem
  - Jeremiah 46:2-12 — fall of Egyptian army to the Babylonians at Charchemish in 605 BC
  - Ezekiel 30:1-12 — the destruction of Egypt by Babylonia
- However, there are many uses in the Old Testament that fall into the same category as Joel 2:28-3:21. The chronology is not given, but it is clear that there is a great DOL coming which will consummate history and bring the promises of blessing to Israel unto ultimate fruition at the expense of the rebellious and oppressive nations:
  - Obadiah 15 (?)
  - Isaiah 34:1-17 (?)
  - Isaiah 61:1-3
  - Zechariah 14:1-12
  - Malachi 3:13-4:6

- **In the New Testament** — The application of this concept in the New Testament is found in passages like 1 Corinthians 1:8, 2 Thessalonians 2:2, and the entire book of Revelation.