



**PROPHETS: SUFFERING  
THE WRATH OF GOD**

**JOEL 1:1-12**

# Outline

- What is a Prophet?
- Who are “The Prophets”?
- Joel
- 1-12 “Suffering the Wrath of God”

# What is a Prophet?

- A Prophet speaks the divine into the everyday.
- A Prophet brings their word out of The Word.
- A Prophet goes to a specific people in a specific time in a specific place with a specific message.
- A Prophet shows God's nature through their sermons.
- A Prophet proclaims with divine authority.



# Who were “The Prophets”

- Operated between 750BC - 450BC
- Spoke against the evils of Israel and Judah.
- First, they called them to remember the covenant they made with God.
- Secondly, they warned them of coming destruction due to unrepentant sin.
- Finally, they promised of coming salvation due to Gods Faithfulness.



# Joel

- Only Major Detail Revealed: A Famine has ravaged the land and an invasion is impending.
- This famine and invasion were interpreted as being caused by the Israelites over-indulgence and idolatry, but this is not clearly stated.
- Joel, unlike many of the other prophets, didn't know why the people were suffering.
- Joel is addressed firstly to all people and secondly to the leaders.



The word of the Lord that came to Joel, the son of Pethuel: Hear this, you elders; give ear, all inhabitants of the land! Has such a thing happened in your days, or in the days of your fathers? Tell your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children to another generation. What the cutting locust left, the swarming locust has eaten. What the swarming locust left, the hopping locust has eaten, and what the hopping locust left, the destroying locust has eaten.

*Joel 1:1-12*

Awake, you drunkards, and weep, and wail, all you drinkers of wine, because of the sweet wine, for it is cut off from your mouth. For a nation has come up against my land, powerful and beyond number; its teeth are lions' teeth, and it has the fangs of a lioness. It has laid waste my vine and splintered my fig tree; it has stripped off their bark and thrown it down; their branches are made white. Lament like a virgin wearing sackcloth for the bridegroom of her youth.

*Joel 1:1-12*

The grain offering and the drink offering are cut off from the house of the Lord. The priests mourn, the ministers of the Lord. The fields are destroyed, the ground mourns, because the grain is destroyed, the wine dries up, the oil languishes. Be ashamed, O tillers of the soil; wail, O vinedressers, for the wheat and the barley, because the harvest of the field has perished. The vine dries up; the fig tree languishes. Pomegranate, palm, and apple, all the trees of the field are dried up, and gladness dries up from the children of man.

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# Suffering the Wrath of God

- 2-4: When you suffer, teach others that their suffering may be less.
- 5-7: When you suffer, re-evaluate all the “necessities” of your life.
- 8-10: When you suffer, strip away all the needless additions of “religion”.
- 11-12: When you suffer, consider and repent of your sins.

***Everyone Suffers.***

***Christians are given an opportunity to suffer well.***



***Christ proves that God knows  
your suffering intimately.***