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The Book of Joel
Wrath or a Wakeup?

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Joel Is God's Prophet

Joel 1:1
The word of the LORD that came to Joel, the son of Pethuel:

Hosea 1:1
The word of the LORD which came to Hosea the son of Beeri...

Zechariah 1:1
In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah the prophet...

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The Groups Addressed

1:2-4	elders
1:5-7	drunkards
1:11-12	farmers
1:13-14	priests

1:2	"all inhabitants of the land"
1:8-10	"all inhabitants of the land"

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The Locust Judgment

Joel 1:2-4
Hear this, O elders, and listen, all inhabitants of the land. Has anything like this happened in your days or in your fathers' days? **3** Tell your sons about it, and let your sons tell their sons, and their sons the next generation. **4** What the gnawing locust has left, the swarming locust has eaten; and what the swarming locust has left, the creeping locust has eaten; and what the creeping locust has left, the stripping locust has eaten.

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Fourfold Judgment

1. Gnawing locust (gazam)
2. Swarming locust (arbeh)
3. Creeping locust (yeleq)
4. Stripping locust (chasil)

Daniel 2; 7 – Four successive empires
Ezekiel 14:21 – Four judgments
Rev. 6 – Four horsemen

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Disasters and God's Wrath

- Apostles and prophets declare what is God's wrath: (Ezek. 14:19; 1 Cor. 11:30)
- There are no modern apostles or prophets: (1 Cor. 15:8; Eph. 2:20)
- We cannot know if any given disaster is the wrath of God: (Deut. 29:29)

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Disasters and God's Wrath

Luke 13:1-3

Now on the same occasion there were some present who reported to Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. 2 And Jesus said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were greater sinners than all other Galileans because they suffered this fate? 3 I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

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Disasters and God's Wrath

John 9:1-3

As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. 2 And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was so that the works of God might be displayed in him."

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The "Coming Wrath"

Matthew 3:7

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

Romans 2:5

But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God...

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Believers Are Spared God's Wrath

Romans 5:9

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

1 Thessalonians 5:9

For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ...

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Wake Up Call

Luke 12:20-21

But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?' 21 "So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

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Benediction

Jude 24-25

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, 25 to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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