



The Book of Joel
Introduction Continued

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Theology of Joel

Jerusalem will be established:

1. Promise to David will never be forsaken
2. God judges Jerusalem in short-term
3. God will establish Jerusalem in the long-term (3:16-17)

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God will pour out His Spirit on all people:

1. *Promise foretold* (Numbers 11:29)
2. *Promise foreshadowed* pouring of rain (2:23)
3. *Promise fulfilled* pouring out of Spirit (2:28)

Joel as prophet speaks for God: 1:1



The Locust Invasion

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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 Beer...

Zechariah 1:1

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

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"

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.

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