

JOEL - The years of the Locust.

- Prayer — Truth, deception. Smoke & mirrors.
- HYMN GS(176). 397(219).
- ITEM.
- Reading

Memory Aid.

Re Cap.

WHO COMES NEXT? Meaning - 'Jehovah is my God'

- Talk. JOEL - A prophet to JUDAH. (south)
- Not sure when - prob 835 BC
- The land would experience a devastating plague of locusts ^(and pests) and a drought - God's failure.
- This pre-figured the calamity of the invasion and captivity by the Chaldeans army. (Babylonians).
- sincere and deep repentance was only way to avoid the calamity.
- This would open the 'floodgates' of God's blessing.
- All this actual history - (as always) - is a picture for us of reconciliation spiritually with God.
- If with Hosea ~~we~~ we think of Adultery. with Joel we think of locusts. V Pic

But what can they mean?
what do they represent?

Lets look —

Joel 1

The Message

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

A Calamity as never before experienced. without hard things will get worse than now.

2Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers?

Generations of Sunday school work fathers teach children. Warn.

3Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.

Creeping things (abominable)

4That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpillar eaten.

Corruption

Demons Tempt to sin

Nothing left.

Easy to kill one

5Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth.

Deception

The land is a picture of a life.

Those who live for the gratification of their senses shall be robbed of their years by the locust of sin and its consequences.

Body is a good servant But a bad master!

6For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion.

The Chaldeans (Babylonians)

7He hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away; the branches thereof are made white.

Waste

Wrecks

Strips the Land. Life stripped of good things.

8Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth.

9The meat offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of the LORD; the priests, the LORD's ministers, mourn.

DROUGHT

10The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted: the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth.

Sin will rob you of blessing & joy.

11Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished.

People as trees

12The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men.

short term pleasure long term pain.

13Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests: howl, ye ministers of the altar: come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God: for the meat offering and the drink offering is withholden from the house of your God.

Get serious!

Nothing in my hands I found simply to strip! Cling!

14Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the LORD your God, and cry unto the LORD.

in prayer.

15Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

church

The LORD's Judgement

16Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, yea, joy and gladness from the house of our God?

much mentioned.

No deep joy of the LORD.

Pleasure sense re-set.

George Best knew the locust!

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Russian locusts

Homes from hell. Economic hardship. Poverty.

¹⁷The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered.

¹⁸How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate.

Wrath of God.

¹⁹O LORD, to thee will I cry: for the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field.

²⁰The beasts of the field cry also unto thee: for the rivers of waters are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

Spiritual Thirst
The soul needs more than physical nourishment. Man, not live on bread alone.

Joel 2

Judgement

¹Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand;

when the Lord allows Satan a longer leash! Think of JOB. EVIL in hand.

Lack of knowledge spiritual ignorance.

²A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.

³A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them.

Paradise Lost.

Horses - Battle.

They strip the land.

⁴The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run.

Noise World is loud in ears.

⁵Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.

Pain - of sin

mourning

⁶Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness.

⁷They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:

All work together for Satan's strategy. To ruin men.

⁸Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded.

A spiritual battle.

⁹They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.

In every life - Behind closed doors.

No matter what status.

¹⁰The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:

Social ills in society are festered.

Darkness of Ignorance

Lack of spiritual understanding

¹¹And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

The Lord allows Satan to do this as a judgement for rebellion and sin. Think JOB.

With him a TRIAL - Heave it is CHASTISEMENT

V The reaping

God Try to fight a locust swarm with a sword!

V swarm PIC

Repentance

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12 Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:

Not outward show True repentance

13 And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

14 Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God?

15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:

serious concern

16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

Internal Warning

17 Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?

Symbol of Christ's Death & Sacrifice

18 Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people.

19 Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen:

The Blessing The Lord's Promise

20 But I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things.

No more power of sin power

The Lord will hear Answer Bless with salvation Sin which was once close infer from your life.

21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things.

Raise

22 Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.

Fruits of service, good works - proving your salvation.

23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

No more spiritual thirst. It will be quenched Bring life to soul.

Deception temptation

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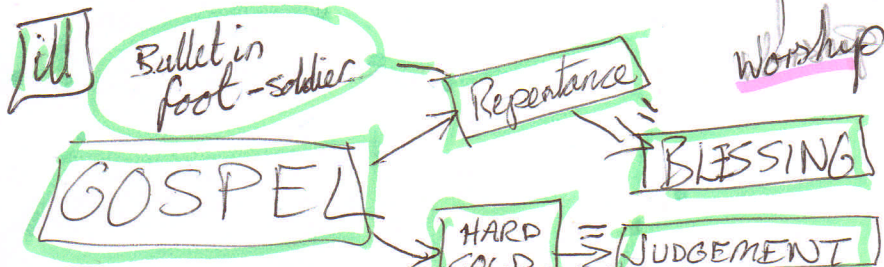
26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

Taken your Peace, Dignity, reputation, Character ruined.

Blessings

Have the locusts ravaged you?

Think Satan in Eden.



4 Deceive ~~Deceive~~ Tempt ~~Corrupt~~ Sin. Corruption

St. Peter

A sign of Christ's exaltation due to the completion of his redeeming work.

27 And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

Jews and Gentiles

28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

Men & Women

old & young

Quoted by Peter Acts 2:17-21 Day of Pentecost.

29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Not ~~just~~ the great but the lowly humble.

The Gospel Age.

30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

Who? Destruction of Jerusalem.

31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD come.

Spiritual burning National upheaval seasons of No understanding light

32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

Is God calling you?

like now!

Joel 3

1 For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,

Judgement

2 I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

The grapes of WRATH

3 And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink.

4 Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the coasts of Palestine? will ye render me a recompence? and if ye recompense me, swiftly and speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head;

5 Because ye have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly pleasant things:

6 The children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem have ye sold unto the Grecians, that ye might remove them far from their border.

7 Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompence upon your own head:

The enemies of God.

8 And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a people far off: for the LORD hath spoken it.

Deception of World False ideologies Silly Dove. ill

Call on God for salvation.

Slaughter God ambushed and fought for his people in vengeance.

9Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up:

10Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong.

11Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD.

Judgement Day

12Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.

The angels shall gather and separate the people

13Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great.

V Grapes of Wrath

14Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision



Saved or Unsaved?

The sins of men are written. it not crossed through by blood of Christ Woe unto you!

15The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

Satan's short season.

16The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

Christians

little light of Bible.

17So shall ye know that I am the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

No mixed multitude but a Church of Believers. New Testament Church of CHRIST.

18And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth out of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim.

A well of life from God.

All blessings from God. why look elsewhere?

19Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence against the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land.

Nothing will come of the world and the Enemies of God. Don't give your life to them.

There's No future in it!

20But Judah shall dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.

21For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed: for the LORD dwelleth in Zion.

The Mount in Jerusalem CITY of GOD.

Washed clean of sin. Cured of Cancer of the blood.

eternal life

REV

1And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

HELL

Trumpets of warning throughout gospel age on earth. (in first half of Rev)

The Lord shall speak in the Gospel and in Conscience of men.

A place of no sure ground, darkness and flame.

extinguishing light and knowledge and promoting ignorance & error.

2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

Demons/ Demonic forces to deceive of Deceivers.

3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

Temp.

a poison of the soul - original sin works through our system until Dead!

4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

Christians

spiritual life Growth. Remember LORD'S parables. Sower Tree that brings forth fruit.

5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.

6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

equipped for their work. Strong fearless.

Satan wants to steal & kill & destroy.

7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.

A show of wisdom Intelligence cunning.

counterfeit authority. Ruling men.

8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.

9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.

They make a noise in the world - All men talk and clamor.

Strong by earthly protection

cruel. Vicious. Inflicting wounds.

10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

Not like Christ the solid rock.

11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.

Destroyer

enticing beauty. Beguiling. Desirable

Learn the lesson of the locusts!