

**Allen Temple Baptist Church**  
**Sunday School Live** 

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**Sunday January 28, 2024**

**Title: A Call to Repentance**

**Text: Joel 2:1-2, 12-14, 28-29**

**Devotional Reading - Joel Ch. 1-3**

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# INTRODUCTION

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*Today we examine the scripture of how God used a plague of Locusts & severe drought in Judah as punishment for their unfaithfulness. Joel summons ALL of Judah with the herald of the war trumpet to warn them of pending danger. Joel prophesies God's commands to (**weep, lament & be dismayed**) from the past and to repent in preparation of the future.*

# QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER?

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- 1. What is the main cause for this prophecy to Judah ? 1B) What does that tell us?*
- 2. What is God's tone in the text, based on facts given in Ch. 1 & Ch.2 v.1-2 ?*
- 3. Who did God command this message to?**

# PERSONS, PLACES & EVENTS

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- 1). Who was Joel and what was his assignment?**
- 2). Judah is the Southern Kingdom of Israel.**  
*(Prophesied in 1 Kings 11: 11-13).*
- 3). God Commands Repentance**
- 4). God Promises Unlimited Blessings**

# PERSONS, PLACES & EVENTS

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- 1).** *Joel, a prophet appointed by God to deliver a message of warning and repentance to Judah.*
- 2).** *The only mention of family is Joel's father Pethuel.  
There is no specific detail about the time of the writing.*
- 3).** *Joel in Hebrew is Yo-el ( JEHOVAH is LORD).*

# LESSON CONTEXT

Joel 2 is a prophecy from God with Eschatological Connotation, using history & prophecy of how God will move Judah from her present status into the future. A warning, teaching, and call to action for Judah and believers today.

*The Day of The Lord* in Old Testament context, often conveyed a sense of imminence, and expectation:

*Reference: (Joel 2:1-2, Isaiah 2:12; 13:6, 9; 1 Thessalonians 5:2)*

# LESSON CONTEXT

*The Day of The Lord Spoken in The New Testament*

**Calls a day of “wrath,” a day of “visitation,” the “great day of God Almighty. It refers to a future time when God’s wrath is poured out on unbelieving Israel (*Zephaniah 1*), and the world (*Ezekiel 38–39*;)**

We today await the future 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Jesus Christ.

***Scripture References: [Got Questions.org](http://GotQuestions.org)***

# JOEL 2:1 NIV

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## An Army of Locust

1). Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
sound the alarm on my holy hill.  
Let all who live in the land tremble,  
for the day of the LORD is coming.  
It is close at hand.

# JOEL 2:2 NIV

2) a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and blackness.

Like dawn spreading across the mountains  
a large and mighty army comes,  
such as never was in ancient times  
nor ever will be in ages to come.

# JOEL 12:12 NIV

## *(Rend Your Heart)*

<sup>12</sup> “Even now,” declares the LORD,  
“return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting and weeping and mourning.”

# JOEL 12:13 NIV

13) Rend your heart and not your garments.  
Return to the LORD your God,  
for he is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and abounding in love,  
and he relents from sending calamity.

# JOEL 12:14 NIV

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<sup>14</sup> Who knows? He may turn and relent  
and leave behind a blessing  
grain offerings and drink offerings  
for the LORD your God.

# QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

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- 1). What is the responsibility of Judah as hearers of the prophetic word? (2:12, 14).**
- 2). What response did God desire from Judah?**
- 3). Discuss why God wanted the people of Judah to tear their hearts and not their garments?**

# KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

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- 1). You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.  
(Matthew 22:37)*
- 2). When we sin, we must repent in full sincerity.*
- 3). God is Justice, Holy and His Love is Eternal.*

# JOEL 12:28 NIV

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“And afterward I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your old men will dream dreams,  
your young men will see visions”

# JOEL 12:29 NIV

<sup>29</sup> Even on my servants,  
both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit  
in those days.

# SUMMARY & REVIEW

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- 1). Who did God command this message to and who did God tell them to share it with?
2. What does God want us to render to him?
3. What is the future prophecy of God's Spirit?
4. Where else do we find this *act* in the Bible?
5. What is this day called?

# Liberating Lesson

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**The sin of the world is against the will of God. Sin is our disregard for God and His plan for the love and coexistence of humanity. With a spirit of independence, we have taken what God has given us and left Him behind. Yet, God's love gives second chances. God's grace, mercy & power in times of trouble are ever present and faithful.**

# APPLICATION FOR ACTIVATION

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*Jehovah our God is full of Love, Grace & Mercy  
If you want to receive the Spirit of the Lord.*

*I invite you to block every distraction in your mind.  
Let us be still and silent for a moment.*

*Let us Pray for forgiveness & ask the Lord Jesus to  
fill our Hearts with His Holy Spirit that we may draw  
others to Him.*



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