

## **Joel chapter 1**

Who is Joel talking to? [1:2; 2:21; 2:32]

If the plague of locusts is a judgment from God, what sin is being punished?

## **Joel chapter 2**

What command or instruction does Joel give to his target audience? [1:5, 8, 11, 14, 18; 2:1, 12-17, 23]

“I will pour out my Spirit” [2:28] When did (or will) this happen? What about the other events (up to verse 31)?

## **Joel chapter 3**

What blessing is promised? [2:32; 3:16]

What is the “day of the Lord”? *The Sabbath; a day of mourning and prayer; the end of days.*

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Is this all about a local (temporally and spatially) event that happened about 2,800 years ago in Palestine? What lesson(s) do we need to learn from it?

How literally or figuratively (or “spiritually”) should we interpret the book as a whole, and/or its various subdivisions? Who should decide? on what basis? using what criteria?

**Next week:** Amos chapters 4, 5, and 9.

## **The Day Of The Lord**

- Isa 13:6 Wail, for the Lord's day of judgment is near; it comes with all the destructive power of the sovereign judge.
- Isa 13:9 Look, the Lord's day of judgment is coming; it is a day of cruelty and savage, raging anger, destroying the earth and annihilating its sinners.
- Isa 24:21 At that time the Lord will punish the heavenly forces in the heavens and the earthly kings on the earth.
- Eze 13:5 You have not gone up in the breaks in the wall, nor repaired a wall for the house of Israel that it would stand strong in the battle on the day of the Lord.
- Eze 30:3 For the day is near, the day of the Lord is near; it will be a day of storm clouds, it will be a time of judgment for the nations.
- Joe 1:15 How awful that day will be! For the day of the Lord is near; it will come as destruction from the Divine Destroyer.
- Joe 2:1 Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm signal on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land shake with fear, for the day of the Lord is about to come. Indeed, it is near!
- Joe 2:31 The sunlight will be turned to darkness and the moon to the color of blood, before the day of the Lord comes - that great and terrible day!
- Joe 3:14 Crowds, great crowds are in the valley of decision, for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision!
- Amo 5:18 Woe to those who wish for the day of the Lord! Why do you want the Lord's day of judgment to come? It will bring darkness, not light.
- Amo 5:20 Don't you realize the Lord's day of judgment will bring darkness, not light - gloomy blackness, not bright light?
- Oba 1:15 "For the day of the Lord is approaching for all the nations! Just as you have done, so it will be done to you. You will get exactly what your deeds deserve.
- Zep 1:7 Be silent before the Lord God, for the Lord's day of judgment is almost here. The Lord has prepared a sacrificial meal; he has ritually purified his guests.
- Zep 1:8 "On the day of the Lord's sacrificial meal, I will punish the princes and the king's sons, and all who wear foreign styles of clothing.
- Zep 1:14 The Lord's great day of judgment is almost here; it is approaching very rapidly! There will be a bitter sound on the Lord's day of judgment; at that time warriors will cry out in battle.
- Zec 14:1 A day of the Lord is about to come when your possessions will be divided as plunder in your midst.
- Mal 4:5 Look, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of the Lord arrives.
- Act 2:20 The sun will be changed to darkness and the moon to blood before the great and glorious day of the Lord comes.
- 1Co 5:5 turn this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.
- 1Th 5:2 For you know quite well that the day of the Lord will come in the same way as a thief in the night.
- 2Th 2:2 not to be easily shaken from your composure or disturbed by any kind of spirit or message or letter allegedly from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here.
- 2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief; when it comes, the heavens will disappear with a horrific noise, and the celestial bodies will melt away in a blaze, and the earth and every deed done on it will be laid bare.