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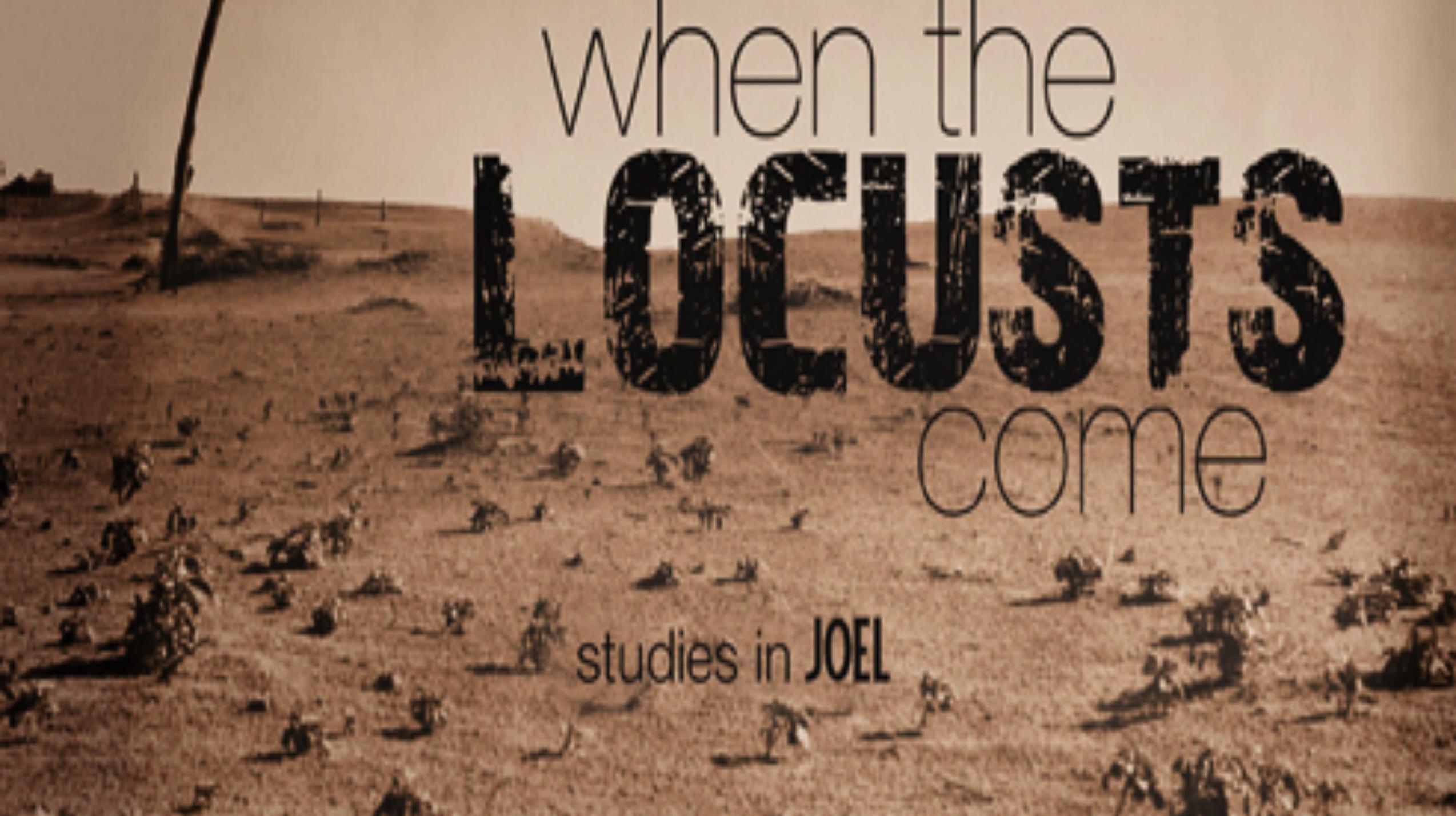
- ✦ Joel was a prophet to the Southern Kingdom of Judah between 835BC. The theme of the book of Joel is “The Day of the Lord” (1:15; 2:1, 11,31; 3:14)
- ✦ The meaning of the phrase means the day of **God’s Judgment** and sometimes refers to temporal events such as the invasion of a foreign army and capture of a city but it also relates to predicted events in a later age of earth's history including the final judgment and the return of Christ.
- ✦ The scriptural definition of the **Day of the Lord** is all events that transpire when the Lord is present.

Theme Verse

Joel 2:11-15 *The LORD thunders at the head of his army; his forces are beyond number, and mighty are those who obey his command. The day of the LORD is great; it is dreadful. Who can endure it? 'Even now,' declares the LORD, 'return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.' 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. Who knows? He may turn and have pity and leave behind a blessing— grain offerings and drink offerings for the LORD your God. Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly.*

Joel Outline

- ✦ The First Day of the Lord- The Locust Plague: Chapter 1
- ✦ The Second Day of the Lord- The Coming Mighty Army: Chapter 2
- ✦ The Third Day of the Lord- The Final Judgment: Chapter 3



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The First Day of the Lord- The Locust Plague: Chapter 1

1. Day of the Lord Described (Vs. 1:1-12)
The name Joel literally means,
"Jehovah is GOD."
 2. Call to Repentance (Vs. 1:13-18) Stop
Ignoring God
- Deliverance for God's People (Vs. 1:19-20) Depend on God

The First Day of the Lord- The Locust Plague: Chapter 1

Joel 1:2-3 Learn the Lesson- "Hear this, you elders; listen, all who live in the land. Has anything like this ever happened in your days or in the days of your forefathers? Tell it to your children, let your children tell it to their children, their children, **next generation.**"

Joel 1:4 "The locust swarm has left the great locusts have eaten; what the great locusts have left the young locusts have eaten; the young locusts have left other locusts have eaten." **Pandemics and Plagues should get our attention to turn to God.**

The Second Day of the Lord- The Coming Mighty Army: Chapter 2

1. Day of the Lord Described
(Vs. 2:1-11) **Mighty Army Coming**
2. Call to Repentance
(Vs. 2:12-17) **Rend Your Heart**
3. Deliverance for God's People
(Vs. 2:18-30) **You Need God's Help**

The Third Day of the Lord- The Final Judgment: Chapter 3

1. Day of the Lord Described
(Vs. 3:1-13)
2. Call to Repentance
(Vs. 3:14)
3. Deliverance for God's People
(Vs. 3:15-21)



Joel

FROM THE BIBLE'S PROPHETIC BOOKS

The First Day of the Lord- The Locust Plague: Chapter 1

Joel 2:12-13 *"Even now, declares the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. 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."* World events are allowed by God due to our freewill and the laws of nature. We must plead with God to intervene if we want his help in our lives. **God allows us to choose our destiny with his help or not.**

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND



Locust Plague

(Vs. 1-12) “The locust swarm has left the great locusts have eaten; what the great locusts have left the young locusts have eaten; the young locusts have left other locusts have eaten.” (Vs. 4)

*(Vs. 2-4) **Learn the Lesson-** “Hear this, you elders; listen, all who live in the land. Has anything like this ever happened in your days or in the days of your forefathers? Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children, **next generation.**”*



LOCUST PLAGUE

Day of the Lord #1

(Vs. 1:5-7) Judgment Changes Everything- *“Wake up, you drunkards, and weep! Wail, all you drinkers of wine; wail because of the new wine, for it has been snatched from your lips.”*

(Vs. 1:8-10) No Sacrifice for Sin- *“Grain offerings and drink offerings are cut off from the house of the LORD. The priests are mourning, those who minister before the LORD.”*

Day of the Lord #1 Look to God

(Vs. 1:11-12) Judgment on Nature- *“Despair, you farmers, wail, you vine growers; grieve for the wheat and the barley, because the harvest of the field is destroyed... Surely the joy of mankind is withered away.”*

(Vs. 1:13-18) Call to Repentance- *“Declare a holy fast; call a sacred assembly. Summon the elders and all who live in the land to the house of the LORD your God, and cry out to the LORD.” (Vs. 14)*



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Day of the Lord #1

Day of the Lord (Vs. 1:15) *“Alas for that day! For the day of the LORD is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty.”*

Judgment Cut-Off (Vs. 1:16-18) *“Has not the food been cut off before our very eyes—joy and gladness from the house of our God?”*

- **Food-** Drought
- **Fun-** Famine
- **Fellowship-** Fire

Deliverance (Vs. 1:19) *“To you, O Lord, I call...”*

Mighty Army

Day of the Lord (Vs. 2:1-11) *“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— 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 of old nor ever will be in ages to come.”* (Vs. 2:1-2) *“The LORD thunders at the head of his army; his forces are beyond number, and mighty are those who obey his command. The day of the LORD is great; it is dreadful. Who can endure it”* (Vs. 2:11)



THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT

Day of the Lord #2

Total Devastation- (Vs. 2:3) *“Before them fire devours, behind them a flame blazes. Before them the land is like the garden of Eden, behind them, a desert waste– nothing escapes them.”*

Call to Repentance (Vs. 2:12-17) *“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.”* (Vs. 2:13)

Day of the Lord #2

✦ **Communal Repentance** (Vs. 2:15-17) *“Gather the people, consecrate the assembly; bring together the elders, gather the children, those nursing at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her chamber.”* (Vs. 2:16)

✦ **Repentance** (Vs. 2:12-14) :

1. **Return-** *Punishment*
2. **Rend-** *Penitence*
3. **Remember-** *Promise*



The Day of the Lord

Day of the Lord #2

✦ **Deliverance** (Vs. 2:18-32) “Then the LORD will be jealous for his land and take pity on his people. The LORD will reply to them: ‘I am sending you grain, new wine and oil, enough to satisfy you fully; never again will I make you an object of scorn to the nations.’” (Vs. 2:18-19)

✦ **Repentance** (Vs. 2:12-14) :

1. **Pity-** Mercy
2. **Provision-** Food
3. **Protection-** Victory

Day of the Lord #2

- ✦ **Repaid (Vs.2:25)** *“The threshing floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil, I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten...”*
- ✦ **Promise of the Holy Spirit (Vs. 2:28-32)** *“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.” (Vs. 28) Fulfilled – Acts 2:17-21*
- ✦ **Salvation (Vs. 2:32)** *“And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.”*

Day of the Lord #2 God My God

- Repentance (Vs. 2:12-14) :
 - **Return-** Punishment
 - **Rend-** Penitence
 - **Remember-** Promise
- Deliverance (Vs. 2:18-32) :
 - **Pity-** Mercy
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*Joel 2:28-32 "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**. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. I will **show wonders** in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the **great and dreadful day of the LORD**. Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD **will be saved**; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be **deliverance**, as the LORD has said, even among the survivors whom the LORD calls."*

Day of the Lord #3 God Be God

- Day of the Lord Described (Vs. 3:1-13)
Final Judgment
- Call to Repentance (Vs. 3:14) Stop
Ignoring God
- Deliverance for God's People (Vs. 3:15-
21) Judgment can be Good or Bad

Final Judgment

Joel 3:12-15 *“Let the nations be roused; let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will sit to **judge all the nations** on every side. Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, trample the grapes, for the winepress is full and the vats overflow—so great is their wickedness! **Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision!** For the **day of the LORD** is near in the valley of decision. The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars no longer shine.”* **Never fight God, surrender to God! Violence wrong!**

Final Judgment

Description of the Day of the Lord

(Vs. 3:1-13) *“Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come trample the grapes, for the winepress is full and the vats overflow — so great is their wickedness”* **(Vs. 3:11)** *“Proclaim this among the nations: Prepare for war! Rouse the warriors! Let all the fighting men draw near and attack.”* **(Vs. 3:9)**

Day of the Lord #3

✦ **Nations Judged (Vs. 3:3)** – *“I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will enter into judgment against them concerning my inheritance, my people Israel.”*

✦ **God's Justice (Vs. 3:4-7)** – Repayment for their sins against Judah

Day of the Lord #3

✦ **Call to Repentance** (Vs. 3:14) *“Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the Day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.”* Decide who is God!

✦ **Deliverance** (Vs. 3:15-21) *“Then you will know that I, the Lord your God, dwell in Zion, my holy hill. Jerusalem will be holy; never again will foreigners invade her.”* (Vs. 3:17)

✦ **Pardon** (Vs. 3:21) *“Their bloodguilt, which I have not pardoned, I will pardon. The Lord dwells in Zion.”*

Deliverance

Joel 3:17-18, 20-21 *"Then you will know that I, the Lord your God, dwell in Zion, my holy hill. Jerusalem will be holy; never again will foreigners invade her. In that day the mountains will drip new wine, and the hills will flow with milk; all the ravines of Judah will run with water. A fountain will flow out of the LORD's house and will water the valley of acacias... Judah will be inhabited forever and Jerusalem through all generations. Shall I leave their innocent blood unavenged? No, I will not."*

The LORD dwells in Zion!

Day of the Lord

- 1. The Day of the Lord is a time of judgment by God.***
- 2. The Day of the Lord is coming in many forms.***
- 3. The Day of the Lord is dreadful for the wicked.***
- 4. The Day of the Lord is expected by the faithful.***
- 5. The Day of the Lord is not the time to fight.***
- 6. The Day of the Lord is the time to surrender.***
- 7. The Day of the Lord is a time of reward for believer.***

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