

Joel – 3 Chapters

Title:

Joel- after its author.

Author:

Written by Joel. Almost nothing is known about Joel except his name. Joel means “Yahweh is God”.

Occasion and Purpose:

Occasioned by a devastating locust plague. God uses this invasion as an object lesson pointing to the coming judgment. God warns His people to repent. He promises a new age of blessing in the day of the Lord.

Theme:

1. Day of the Lord

Summary:

Joel uses the occasion of a plague of Locust to call people to repentance. He also promises God's deliverance and repayment for the destruction out of His goodness.

Organization:

Locust Plague	Description of plague – 1:1-12	1:1-20
	Call to lament – 1:13-14	
	Day of the Lord is Near- plague as judgment – 1:15-20	
Day of the Lord	Sound the alarm- war is coming – 2:1-11	2:1-17
	Call to repent – 2:12-17	
God's Answer	Restoration – 2:18-27	2:18-3:20
	Awakening – 2:28-32	
	Punishment – 3:1-17	
	Blessing – 3:18-20	

Key Verses:

1:14-15; 2:1-2; 2:28-32