

The Book of Joel

(Joel)

- Introduction:
1. If you're interested in Jesus, you should be interested in the prophets.
 2. Revelation 19:10 – the spirit of prophecy is the testimony of Jesus (i.e. the purpose and heart of prophecy is Jesus).
 3. The Bible is Christocentric. (Foundation, Preparation, Aspiration, Expectation, Manifestation, Propagation, Application, & Consummation).
 4. We need more men like the prophets. They were great men; fearless; who couldn't be silenced by bribery or threat.
 5. (Matthew 16:13-15) Wo do men say that I am – what a great compliment to the prophets!
 6. Let's see what we can learn from the prophet Joel.

I. The Background to the Book of Joel

- A. Written approximately 200 years before Jesus.
- B. Written to the nation of Judah.
- C. Claims his message is from God (1:1).
- D. The nation of Judah has been decimated by a plague such as had not been seen (1:2), and Joel used that as a picture of the coming judgment of God, (i.e. the day of the Lord – 1:15; 2:1; 2:11; 2:31; 3:14 – five times).

II. Lessons Learned from Joel

- A. We Must Teach Our Children!
 1. (Joel 1:3).
 2. (Judges 2:10).
 3. (Psalm 119:105)
 - a. (Deut. 6:4-9; Eph. 6:4) Mezuzah.
 - b. Burger King & 11 cents.
- B. Pray!
 1. (Joel 1:14-15; 2:14).
 2. (James 5:16).
 3. Are we praying (1 Thess. 5:17).
- C. Rend Your Heart, Not Your Garment
 1. (Joel 2:13).
 2. (Romans 12:9).
 3. Be genuine, not hypocritical.
- D. Prepare for the Day of the Lord
 1. (Joel 2:1).
 2. (Romans 3:18; 1 Kings 16:31; Jeremiah 36:23-24).

- Conclusion:
1. Like the children of God in the days of Joel, we too, stand in the “valley of decision.”
 2. And we must decide if we will rend our hearts, or just our garments.
 3. In view of the day of the Lord, the decision should not be difficult.