

# THE MESSAGE OF THE PROPHET JOEL

THE DAY OF THE LORD IS COMING

JOEL CHAPTER 1:1-3

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**THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:**

**"NOW HEAR THIS"**

*THE COMING OF THE DAY OF THE LORD DRAWS NEAR*

**Introduction to the Text; Joel 1:1-3**

**Statement of Textual Summation and Theme**

Located Between Hosea and Amos,  
Just to the Right of Daniel, is the Book of Joel

A Book of the Bible that has been tucked away and often over looked, yet it is a book that is historically accurate and will be prophetically significant in the years ahead of us...

**Background to the Prophet Joel's Message and Ministry**

**It's a Little Book of Just 73 Verses**

3 Chapters in The English Version, 4 in the Hebrew Version  
But The Content is Exactly the Same

In The Hebrew Version there is Chapter break @ 2:27; that is amazing and here's why...

**YOU KNOW THIS VERY WELL CHRISTIAN**

**Acts 2:14-21**

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words... :15 For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is *only* the third hour of the day. 16 But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 *"And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. 18 And on My menservants and on My*

*maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy **19** I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. **20** The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. **21** And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.'*

## **Joel The Man:**

*We know little about Joel. His Name means Yahovah is God. He's the son of Pethuel, Dad's name means :The Lord Opens or The Opening of the Lord.*

## **Joel, His Ministry:**

*He was a Prophet to the Southern Kingdom of Judah in or around (609-586 B.C.) His ministry is both contemporary and futuristic and his ministry is in his message... a message people love to hate!*

## **Joel, His Message (er):**

*Joel is given a prophetic ministry that is both telling of a localized judgment upon Judah (the near fulfillment) that broadens outward to a Cataclysmic, Coming World Judgment that will bring about the end of the Age as man's knows it, (the far fulfillment)*

## **The Theme of the Book:**

### **"The Day of the LORD"**

*This is the world's greatest fear; it's the end times stuff that everyone talks about and nobody what's to believe.*

### **"The Day of the LORD"**

*It is Not the Day of God, nor Is it the Day of Christ,  
Nor the Day of the day of Jesus Christ:*

### **A Note About His Name...**

*It Is a Statement; a Declaration meaning that all other god's are mere idols, the creations of men and their imagination whether those imageries are of human ingenuity or by satanic, demonic revelation.*

**It Shouldn't Startle us that Satan is Himself a very religious creature.**

**IN THE STUDY OF ESCHATOLOGY  
or the eschatological passages of scripture, you have what is 27%  
of scripture, Future Events!**

*The Near and Far Fulfillment of the Prophetic Scriptures will Be the Conclusion of what is known as "Prophecy"*

### **Daniel 9:24**

“Seventy ‘sevens’ (**490 years**) are decreed for your people (**the Jews**) and your holy city (**Jerusalem**) to finish **transgression**, to put an end to **sin**, to **atone** for wickedness, to bring in everlasting **righteousness**,  
**to seal up vision and prophecy** and to anoint the most holy.  
(the eternal state)

## **In Our Day, We are Living in What The Bible Says are "The Last Days"**

But What Makes It The Last Days?

## **Is That God is Done Speaking Through Prophets**

### **Hebrews 1:1-3a**

In the past God spoke to our forefathers **through the prophets** at many times and in various ways, **:2 but in these last days** he has spoken to us **by His own Son**, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the worlds. **:3** The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by the power of His word....

### **Joel 1:1-3**

*The word of the LORD that came to Joel the son of Pethuel. 2 Hear this, you elders, And give ear, all you inhabitants of the land! Has anything like this happened in your days, Or even in the days of your fathers? 3 Tell your children about it, Let your children tell their children, And their children another generation.*

**Joel’s Ministry is Against The Sin of Judah, in the South.  
Because Judah Had Left God for the Worship of Foreign Gods**

## **Mankind is Prone to Falsehood**

### **Genesis 3:1-6**

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?” **:2** And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; **3** but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, “You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ” **:4** Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. **5** For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God (gods), knowing good and evil.” **:6** So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was

pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

**"Hey Slick, I Think You're Right, Look at That Tree..."**

**2 Corinthians 11:13**

For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. **14** And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

**15** Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

**Galatians 1:6**

I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, **7** which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. **8** But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. **9** As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

In The Ancient World, Idolatry Was Much More Clear.

*The idols and deities of the ancients could all be traced by to one original source.*

**They All Together, Competed Against Jehovah (Jehovah) God**

**Psalms 68:3-4**

But let the righteous be glad; Let them rejoice before God; Yes, let them rejoice exceedingly. **4** Sing to God, sing praises to His name; Extol Him who rides on the clouds, By His name **YAH**, And rejoice before Him.

**Moloch** of the Ammonites / **Remphan** the Egyptians /  
**Ashtaroath**, of the Sidonians

This Next Verse, They Had It in Their Care to Read...

**Proverbs 30:4**

Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What *is* His name, and what *is* His Son's name, If you know?

The Judgment is Against an Unfaithful People,  
and in the end - an unbelieving world

**5 Times Joel  
Speaks of the Day of the Lord**

***Joel 1: 15***

Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD *is* at hand; It shall come as destruction from the Almighty.

***Joel 2:1***

Blow the trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; For the day of the LORD is coming, For it is at hand:

***Joel 2:11***

The LORD gives voice before His army, For His camp is very great; For strong *is the One* who executes His word. For the day of the LORD *is* great and very terrible; Who can endure it?

***Joel 2:31***

The sun shall be turned into darkness,  
And the moon into blood,  
Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.

***Joel 3:14***

Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision!  
For the day of the LORD *is* near in the valley of decision.

**NOW HEAR THIS...**

**1.) The Lord speaks *mercy* in the coming discipline v.1**

***Joel 1:1***

*The word of the LORD that came to Joel  
the son of Pethuel...*

**NOW HEAR THIS...**

**2.) The Lord speaks *justice* in the face of evil v.2**

***Hear this, you elders, And give ear, all you inhabitants of the land!  
Has anything like this happened in your days, Or  
even in the days of your fathers?***

***God uses Physical Situations and Catastrophes  
to bring people to consider God and the Bible***

***People Really Hate to Hear This***

***Did God send this summer long heat wave?***

***- I don't know, its not specific in scripture***

***But couldn't God have sent a heat wave?***

***- Yes, that is specific to scripture***

***Did God send the Events of 9/11?***

***- I don't know, its not specific in scripture***

***But couldn't God have allowed 9/11 to come?***

***- Yes, that is specific to scripture***

***Do situations draw you closer to God or  
farther away from God?***

***If that situation draws you closer to God,  
then God has used it.***

***What if that situation has drawn me further away from God,  
than God has used it also***

**NOW HEAR THIS...**

**3.) The Lord speaks *hope* in the time ahead**

**v.3**

***Tell your children about it, Let your children tell their children,  
And their children another generation.***

***Tell your children  
what you have heard and seen, what you believe!***

***You cannot go to Israel without being keenly aware  
of the Israelis love of family.***

***The Telling of the Children***

***The Creation, The Exodus, The Giving of The Law, The Wilderness Wanderings, The  
Crossing of the Jordan, The Coming into the Land,  
Joshua, King David, Solomon and The Ministry of the Prophets...***

***The Family, and The Structure of the Family***

***Are you convinced that  
The Day of the Lord is Coming?***

***Do You Tell Children That There Will be a day When Jesus Christ Returns and it May, It Could Be in Our Life Time...***

***Is Our Home Devoted to God  
and His Words and Do We Talk About It?***

**THIS IS HOW WE DO - FIELD TRIPS  
ARE OF GOD**

***The two bibles that God has given***

**Romans 1:17**

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "*The just shall live by faith.*" :18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, **19** because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. **20** For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, **21** because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. **22** Professing to be wise, they became fools, **23** and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. :24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, **25** who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. :26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for a man against nature. **27** Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for other men, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving within themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; **29** being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; *they are* whisperers, **30** backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, **31** undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; **32** who, knowing **the righteous judgment of God**, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

**Do our children know that there is in the end coming  
*that there will be (1) judgment on earth and***

(2) *there is a judgment before the very throne of God?*

**Have you told your children, to revere God?**

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Do Your Children Know "**Why**" they Should go to Heaven?

Not The "**How**" That's Not Important - Yet

Not the "**When**" That's Not Important - Yet

It's The **Why**? Question

***God Invented the Family, It's His Idea.***

***Planned Parenthood Didn't, The ACLU didn't,***

***The Republican Party didn't, The Democrats Didn't.***

And there is a day coming when He is going to deal with those who have attacked and twisted what He has defined a family...

***He will also judge those who didn't defend the family***

The Family Setting  
was to be the first and original pulpit and holy sanctuary

**Deuteronomy 6:6**

"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. **7** You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

**Memory Pictures**

***The Mind is Designed to Process A lot***

***I remember it like it was yesterday.***

**On Friday, November 22, 1963**

**My mother came with other moms to our classrooms, crying and taking us by the hand.**

**It was a Wednesday, April 15, 1970**

**Our fire alarm went off and we were all called to the multipurpose room to pray for our astronauts about Apollo 13**

## ***I Love to Listen to our Seniors***

***This Week When I Visited Irene Cooperman, Born in 1913  
survived WW-I, WW-II, Kid's and Grand Kids***

## ***from Horse and Buggy to the Internet***

We Need to Have a "You Are There" Party  
share it, preserve it

## ***Children Have Never Been More Direction-less Than Now.***

***Most Kids Haven't Heard from Their Grandpas or Dad's  
about their youth, their struggles, their losses, their victory's***

***Daddy, Tell Me That Story Again...***

***I've visited spots that my mom and or dad once lived or played.***

***I THINK OF MY MOTHER,  
GROWING UP IN HAWAII,  
AND THE NORTH SHORE OF OAHU,***

***My Kids Know That I Love That Location,  
My Mother Loved that Location, Walked Barefoot.***

## ***Conversation is Gone***

***from the America Family.***

***Radio, then T.V., Then Walkman's, Then I-Pods...***

***Driving Across Country with Your Eyes Looking Out of the Car  
(but we'll miss the DVD Movie)***

***When We're On Vacation or Driving Across Town,  
My Favorite Word is "Look"***

***The Day of The Lord  
is a terribly awesome and fearful day, a day of great fear and judgment***

***It's a Day When Men will See God's Anger***

***Haggai 2:7***

***I will shake all the nations of the earth...***

***It's a Day When God Destroys***

**Isaiah 13:6**

Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand;  
it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

***It's a Day When Men will See God's Anger***

**Isaiah 13:9**

Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

***It's a Day of God's Revenge***

**Jeremiah 46:10**

For this is the day of the Lord, the LORD Almighty,  
a day of vengeance on his enemies.

***It's a Day of Pay Back***

**Obadiah 1:15**

For the day of the LORD is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be  
done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.

***It's a Day of Shock***

**Zephaniah 1:7**

Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord GOD: for the day of the LORD is at hand:

***It's a Day of Reckoning***

**Isaiah 26:21**

For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for  
their iniquity:

**Micah 1:3**

For, behold, the LORD cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread  
upon the high places of the earth.

**It's Always Poor Theology to Connect The Day of the Lord,  
The Second Coming of Christ to Earth with the Rapture of the Church**

The Day of the Lord  
and The Rapture of the Church Could Not Be Any Different

**Come Forward for Prayer  
or to Receive Jesus Christ**

*End of Study*