



# The book of Joel:

Repentance, The Spirit & The day of the Lord.

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- Written by the Prophet Joel, the book of Joel is a collection of prophetic messages that point to disaster and hope through the frames of repentance, outpouring of the Spirit and the day of the Lord.
- Written around 800 – 700 BC to the people of Judah, the old testament prophetic book quotes from other prophetic books like Ezekiel, Isaiah, Amos and also quotes from Exodus in the Torah from the old testament to establish the need for God's people to repent.
- Consisting of three chapters the book of Joel is a prophetic book that highlights the Sovereignty of God, the life available in Him and the Mercies of God for the right living of God's children.

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	<p><b>Plague of Locusts</b></p> <p>The past and future plague The historic and imminent day of the Lord.</p> <p><b>Chapter 1:1-2:11</b></p>	<p><b>Call to repentance</b></p> <p>Return to me An appeal to all God's Character</p> <p><b>Chapter 2:12-17</b></p>	<p><b>Hope for the future</b></p> <p>The greatest promise of hope in the Old testament to God's people</p> <p><b>Chapter 2:18-27</b></p>	<p><b>Vision of the future</b></p> <p>Outpouring of the Spirit Judgement of God Day of the Lord</p> <p><b>Chapter 2:28-3:31</b></p>
Emphasis	Desolation	Exhortation	Restoration	
Theme	Repent the day of the Lord is at hand			
Key verse	2:12-13 "Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.			
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Jesus	We see the redemption in Christ as the Spirit is poured out. 2:28-32			

# Repentance...

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# Repentance...

Repentance in Greek is Metanoia and it means to Change our mind and to be transformed from the heart. This sorrowful act is necessary for forgiveness unto salvation and unto good works in Christ Jesus. It involves conviction by the Holy Spirit, Sorrow over our sin, confession of our sin, faith in our forgiveness by God and bearing fruit in line with our repentance.

- **Jesus said...** “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel”... **Mark 1:15**
- If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness... **1John 1:9**
- Bear fruit in keeping with repentance... **Matthew 3:8**

# The out pouring of the Spirit of God...

- “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit... **Joel 2:28-29**
- And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules... **Ezekiel 36:26-27**

The Holy Spirit is the seal of our salvation and transcends age, gender and social status. Beyond any manifestation of the Spirit in a believers life is His prime ministry for our salvation and transformation to live in obedience and walk in Holiness unto our Lord and God.

# The day of the Lord...

“And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls... **Joel 2:30-32**

The day of the Lord refers to the intervention and Judgement of God against sin and rebellion towards Him. It speaks of the historic and imminent destruction of the Lords enemies to bring salvation to His chosen. It is a day of joy and victory for the Children of God and a day of destruction for the enemies of God.

# Conclusion...

Joel's message transcends its written context and speaks to us all today about the importance of genuine repentance and the hope of restoration we have in God through Christ. His prophecy of the Spirit's outpouring is foundational for understanding the work of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament and the life of the Church. Joel's call to prepare for the Day of the LORD remains a pertinent reminder of God's ultimate sovereignty and justice.

## Let us pray....