



JOEL

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The judgment on Judah and the Day of the LORD

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Monday—prayerfully read and ask for enlightenment in Joel 1:1-2:17 (and other portions in your daily reading plan)!

1-5. Please practice the “4-m” method of “how to study the Bible” on this passage (“mark, meditate, memorize, and master”—you master it and let it master you).

6. Take a “4-m” thought with you for the day!

Tuesday—prayerfully read Joel 1:1-7.

1. What came to Joel (“Jehovah is God”), and what was Joel’s dad’s name (which means “enlarged of God”) (1:1)?

2. Who was to hear Joel’s message, and whom were they to tell (1:2-3)? _____
3. List the four stages of the insect identified in 1:4. What is significant regarding the second listing of the same insect in 2:25? _____

4. What group is told to awake and howl in 1:5 (give both titles)?

5. What feature of the “strong, and without number” nation is focused on in 1:6, and what two plants did this nation strip in 1:7? _____
6. Memorize a portion of **scripture** (1:3?), and take it with you for the day!

Wednesday—prayerfully read Joel 1:8-14.

1. Paraphrase 1:8. _____

2. Who were “the LORD’s ministers” identified in 1:9, and why were they to mourn? _____

3. List the terms of destruction given in 1:10-12. _____

4. What “is withered away from the sons of men” (1:2; “**because**” can be rendered “**therefore**”)? _____

5. How many commands are given the priests in 1:13-14, and what personal application can you make (cf. I Pet.2:9 where we are called “a royal priesthood”)?! _____

6. Memorize a portion of **scripture**, and take it with you for the day!

Thursday—prayerfully read Joel 1:15-20.

1. What is at hand, and where does it come from (1:15)?

2. What is cut off from “our eyes,” and what is cut off from “the house of our God” (1:16)? _____

3. Where is the seed rotten (1:17); what do verses 17 and 18 have in common as opposed to verses 19 and 20? _____

4. What specific animals are identified (which are suffering) (1:18, 20)? _____

5. What is your understanding of “the day of the LORD” identified in 1:15? _____

6. Memorize a portion of scripture that helps you admire Him, and take “it” with you for the day!

Friday—prayerfully consider Joel 2:1-10.

1. What are the inhabitants of the land to do, and why (upon hearing the trumpet in Zion) (2:1)? _____

2. What is pictured spreading upon the mountains (as the rays of the rising sun spread over the mountains during a sunrise) (2:2)? _____

3. To what is the land before the invading army compared, and to what after (2:3)? _____
4. How also is the “before” the invading army described in 2:6 and 10? _____

5. Do you think the description of the invaders in 2:2-10 is of man or beast? _____
6. In your “pursuit of God” (meaning developing a better relationship with Him), what characteristic of Him could you consider and meditate on today taken from this passage?!

Saturday—prayerfully read Joel 2:11-17.

1. What do you suppose is “his army” in 2:11? _____

2. What do you suppose (given the context) we are (“they were”) to say to the Lord when we turn to Him with all our heart in 2:12? _____

3. Are we guaranteed God will leave us a blessing when we pray (considering 2:14)? Defend your answer (a little anyway).

4. How many commands are given the groups of people in 2:15-17, and how many different groups of people are addressed?

5. Give something you can apply in your life today. _____

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Tuesday—prayerfully read Joel 2:18-27.

1. Look at the preceding verse(s) and explain when “Then” of 2:18 will be. _____

2. What three things does God say He will do for his people (when they cry out to Him, which is the answer of the preceding “question!”) (2:19-20)? _____

3. What three “groups” does Joel tell to “fear not, be happy” (2:21-23)? _____
4. What does the LORD tell His people twice that they will never again be (after He pities and answers His people) (2:26-27)?

5. What can you apply to your life in this section? _____

6. Memorize a portion of **scripture** (2:27?), and take it with you for the day!

Wednesday—prayerfully read Joel 2:28-32.

1. When does the LORD say that He will “pour out my spirit upon all flesh” (2:28)? _____
2. On what five groups will the LORD pour out His Spirit (2:28-29)? _____
3. How is the day of the LORD described in 2:31? _____

4. Who shall be delivered (2:32)? _____

5. How can you encourage yourself in this passage in your pursuit of God?! _____

6. Memorize a portion of **scripture**, and take it with you for the day!

Thursday—prayerfully read Joel 3:1-8.

1. Where will God gather all nations to “plead with them” (“judge them”) for scattering His heritage (3:2)? _____

2. What cities were singled out for special attention in 2:4, and what had they carried into their temples (3:5)? _____

3. Why did “all the coasts of Palestine” (v.4) sell the Israelites to the Grecians (3:6)? _____

4. How do we know that these things will come to pass (3:8)?

5. Give a practical application of this passage. _____

6. Memorize a portion of scripture that helps you admire Him (v.8c? “for the LORD hath spoken it”), and take “it” with you for the day!

Friday—prayerfully consider Hosea 3:9-16.

1. Who was called to prepare war, and what were they told to do (3:9-10)? _____

2. What was the LORD's posture in the valley of Jehoshaphat where He would be to judge the heathen (3:12)? _____

3. Who was assembled in the valley of decision, according to 3:14? _____
4. What similarity do you see between 2:31 and 3:15, and do you think these verses refer to the same time? _____

5. What would the LORD be to his people during this time (3:16)? _____
6. In your "pursuit of God" (meaning developing a better relationship with Him), what characteristic of Him could you consider and meditate on today taken from this passage?!

Saturday—prayerfully read Hosea 3:17-21.

1. What four references ("names") are made to the LORD's dwelling in 3:17? _____
2. What shall flow in the mountains and hills in 3:18? _____
3. What two countries apparently are chosen to represent all of the countries who committed violence against Israel and are now being judged for it (2:19)? _____
4. What will the LORD who is now dwelling in Zion do for Judah and Jerusalem that He has not yet done (3:21)? _____

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