

Old Testament PowerPoint presentation

Joel

Suggested Bible Reading: Joel 2: 21-32

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– The key phrase ‡ - **THE DAY OF THE LORD** ‡ to open →

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– Some background information. ‡ The name “Joel” means “Jehovah is my God”. ‡ The 1st main division of ‘The Day of the LORD’ refers to judgement and a call to repentance. Chapter 1: 1 – 2: 17. ‡ The 2nd main division of ‘The Day of the LORD’ deals with the restoration of those who have repented. Chapter 2: 18 – 3: 21. ‡ All that we know about Joel is that he was the son of Pethuel. Chapter 1: 1. ‡ The date of his prophecy is uncertain, but is generally thought to be between Hosea and Amos. Approx. 800BC. ‡ He speaks to the Southern Kingdom of Judah. No mention of the Northern Kingdom of Israel. ‡ to open →

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– The coming devastation. ‡ Found in chapter 1: 4, 7, 10-12, 17-18. ‡ The locusts attack every green tree/plant. Note: In the AV the locust is also described as the palmer worm, the canker worm and the caterpillar. The result is devastating - ‡ all green plants are stripped bare. A sign of God’s judgement. ‡ to open →

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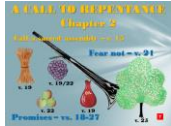
– The Day of the LORD. ‡ Chapter 2. An alarm is to be sounded ‡ (as on the battlefield) on the trumpet - verse 15. ‡ the sky darkens and there is a storm ‡ - lightning. ‡ there is darkness – v.2. there will be a heathen invasion ‡ from the nations – vs.2-3, but God ‡ intervenes – v.11. ‡ to open →

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- Sound an alarm. ‡ The people are to repent and turn to God – v.12. They are to ‡ rend their hearts, v.13, and ‡ not their garments, v.13. This is to be a true inward repentance, not just an outward show. And so ‡ a solemn assembly is to be called – i.e. a time of fasting and weeping for sin. ‡ to open →

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– Following repentance, God will show mercy to His people. He declares ‡ Fear not – v.21. God's promises follows ‡ - vs.18-27. The grain ‡ and ‡ new wine, ‡ the fruit of the tree, ‡ and the oil, what the locusts have eaten ‡ will be restored. ‡ to open →

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– The pouring out of God's Holy Spirit is promised - ‡ chapter 2: 28-32. This was also partly fulfilled ‡ at Pentecost – recorded ‡ in Acts 2: 16-21. ‡ to open →

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– In Chapter 3 ‡ we have the FINAL day of the LORD. (v.14) The nations will gather ‡ together against Judah. vs.1-2, 9-10. There will be war. God's power ‡ will be shown v.16. ‡ to open →

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- The valley of decision. ‡ Valley of Judgement. v.14. ‡ enemies desolated – v.19, ‡ God's people safe – vs.20-21, ‡ The final victory – v.21. ‡ to open →

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– For us - ‡ now is the day of Salvation. ‡ The cross is the place for repentance and restoration. ‡ And so – Seek the LORD while He may be found – Isaiah 55: 6.

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