



Date of the book: 900 BC ~ 400 BC

Joel's position in the CANON!

The existence of the TEMPLE!

The absence of the KING!

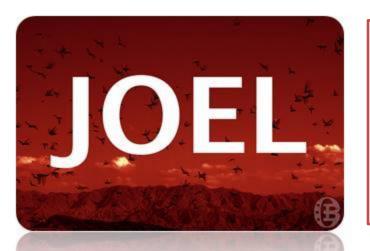
References to ISRAEL and JUDAH!

- References to other NATIONS~
- The wall of JERUSALEM!
- LITERARY relation between Joel and other prophets!
- INTERPRETATION of Joel 3:2ff!





"As there is no certainty it is better to leave the time in which he taught undecided; and as we shall see, this is of no great importance. Not to know the time of Hosea would be to readers a great loss, for there are many parts which could not be explained without a knowledge of history; but as to Joel there is less need of this, for the import of his doctrine is evident, though his time be obscure and uncertain" (Calvin xv).



Trusting in the Lord as the Sovereign Lord!

1:2 Elders

1:5 Drunkards

1:8 Virgin daughter of Zion

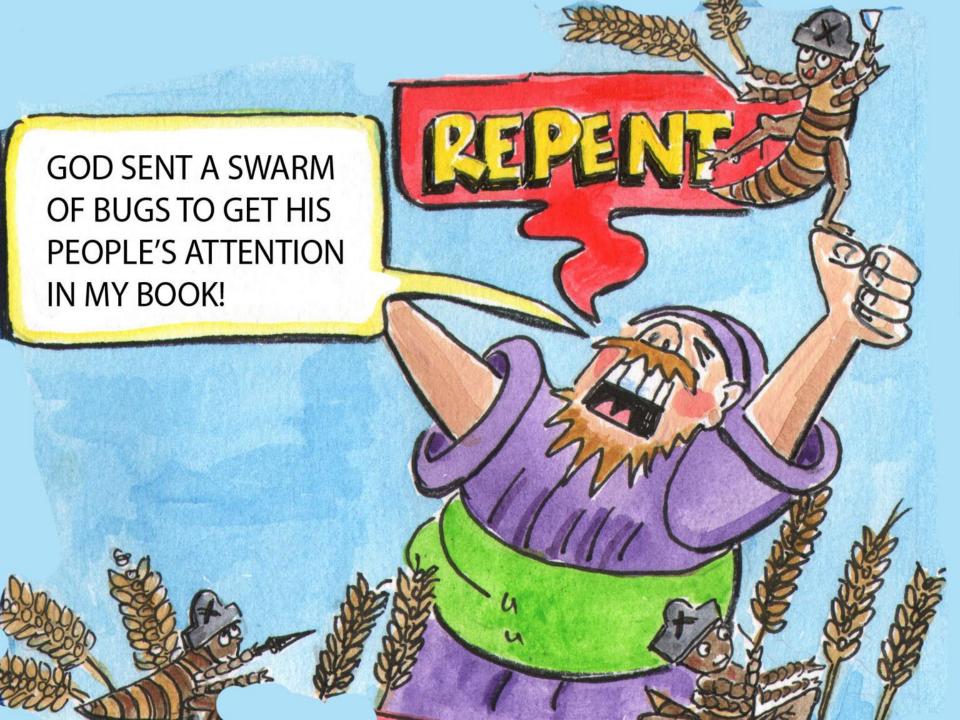
1:11 Soil workers or farmers

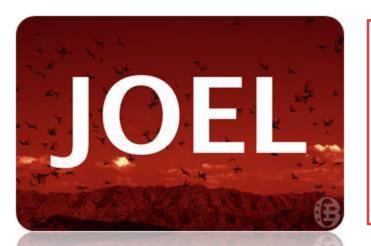
1:13 Priests

THE DAY OF THE LORD 1:15-20





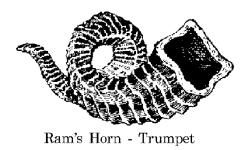




THE NATURE OF TRUE REPENTANCE

Divine Justice 2:1-11

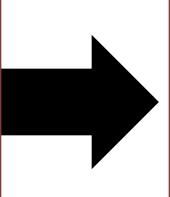
Divine Compassion 2:12-17



"Now, therefore," says the Lord, "Turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning." So rend your heart, and not your garments; return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm. Who knows if He will turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him — a grain offering and a drink offering For the LORD your God?"



ISRAEL'S
SIN LED TO
DISASTER
1:2-2:17



GOD'S
MERCY
CREATES
HOPE
2:18-3:21



THE DAY OF THE LORD OF PROMISE

THEN YOU SHALL KNOW THAT I AM IN THE MIDST OF ISRAEL:
I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD AND THERE IS NO OTHER. MY
PEOPLE SHALL NEVER BE PUT TO SHAME.

(JOEL 2:27)



THE DAY OF THE LORD OF PROMISE

And it shall come to pass afterward ... (2:28)

PSALM 2

ISAIAH 2

DANIEL 2

JOEL 2

ACTS 2

EPHESIANS 2

The spiritual fullness that would follow the material

- ✓ Gospel to the Gentiles
- ✓ Cornelius Acts 10 (p 1265)
- ✓ Philip's daughters Acts 21 (p 1282)
- ✓ Women prophesying 1 Cor. 11 (p 1319)



THE DAY OF THE LORD OF PROMISE

THERE WOULD BE FORERUNNERS OF <u>JUDGMENT</u> BEFORE THE <u>GREAT</u> AND <u>TERRIBLE</u> DAY OF THE <u>LORD</u>

Wonders in the heavens and earth Blood and fire and pillars of smoke; Sun turned into darkness Moon into blood





THE DAY OF THE LORD OF PROMISE

In the midst of <u>JUDGMENTS</u> God always provides a means of <u>ESCAPE</u>

And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, as the Lord has said, among the remnant whom the Lord calls. (Joel 2:32)



THE PRESENCE OF GOD AMONG THE NATIONS

The nations defeated (3:1-21)

Prelude to war with God (vv1-12)

Prosecution of the war by God (vv13-16)

Outcome of the war: Prosperity for Israel (vv17-21)

THE LORD GOD RULES AMONG ALL THE NATIONS!

