

Joel structure

The locust plague

Judgement (1:1-12)

Call to repent (1:13-20)

The day of the LORD

Judgement (2:1-11)

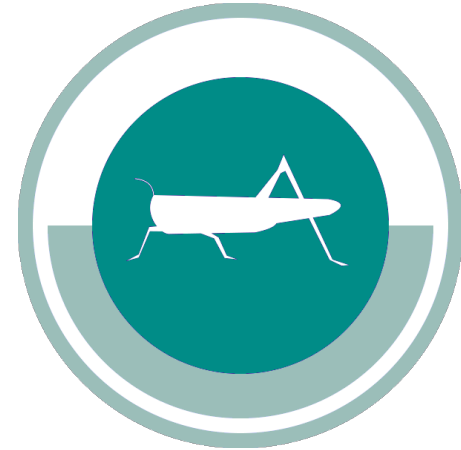
Call to repent (2:12-17)

Blessing (2:18-32)

The ultimate day of the LORD

Judgement (3:1-16)

Blessing (3:17-21)



Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sound the alarm on my holy hill.

Let all who live in the land tremble,
for the day of the Lord is coming.
It is close at hand –

a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and blackness.
Like dawn spreading across the mountains
a large and mighty army comes,
such as never was in ancient times
nor ever will be in ages to come.

Before them fire devours,
behind them a flame blazes.
Before them the land is like the garden of Eden,
behind them, a desert waste –
nothing escapes them.

They have the appearance of horses;
they gallop along like cavalry.

With a noise like that of chariots
they leap over the mountaintops,
like a crackling fire consuming stubble,
like a mighty army drawn up for battle.

At the sight of them, nations are in anguish;
every face turns pale.

They charge like warriors;
they scale walls like soldiers.

They all march in line,
not swerving from their course.

They do not jostle each other;
each marches straight ahead.

They plunge through defences
without breaking ranks.

They rush upon the city;
they run along the wall.

They climb into the houses;
like thieves they enter through the windows.

Before them the earth shakes,
the heavens tremble,
the sun and moon are darkened,
and the stars no longer shine.

The Lord thunders
at the head of his army;
his forces are beyond number,
and mighty is the army that obeys his command.

The day of the Lord is great;
it is dreadful.

Who can endure it?

Remember...

God's judgement is an expression of his deep love for us and is designed to draw us back to him to enjoy his blessing.



Movement of the Spirit

**Order
from
chaos**

**Empowering
leaders**

**Gathered
Jews**

Samaritans

**Gentiles
(all believers)**

Creation

Kings and
prophets

Pentecost

Peter and
John in
Samaria

Cornelius

Gen 1: 2

Jud 6:34
1 Sam 10:10

Acts 2

Acts 8

Acts 10: 45



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The big picture

Rebellion and judgement

Joel 1: 1-12
Joel 2: 1-11

The Fall
in Eden
(Gen 3)

Repentance

Joel 1: 13-20
Joel 2: 12-17

John the
Baptist
(Matt 3)

Restoration

Joel 2: 18-32

Jesus
(Gospels)

Spirit

Joel 2: 28-9

Pentecost
(Acts 2)

Judgement and blessing

Joel 3

New creation
(Rev 21)

Application

- ① *We are called to repent*
- ② *We are called to be filled with the Spirit to speak God's word*
- ③ *We are called to hope by the Bible's bigger picture*

