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INTRO. TO JOEL

1. Heb. give him hi rank - just below Isa. & Habakkuk
2. 1st in sublimity & elevation of style.
3. Vivid description - unequalled.
4. Accomplished poet.
5. Master of language.
6. Pure & Clar.
7. Brief & distinct - no riddles.

V. 10 - great destruction..

8. Says little about past sins - just calls for repentance
9. Believes in great fortune.
10. Thinks better days ahead.

Joel 1:1-14.

1. Old prophecy - know nothing of Joel except his dad.
2. For generations pass on news of destruction.
3. Variety of locust (V. 4). Voracious, multitude, licking up (like cattle) destructive.
4. Words come in that order.
5. Awake - from insensibilities of wine (V. 5).
6. Lament like widowed bride (V. 8).
7. 3 main products - oil, corn, wine (V. 10).
8. Corn: wheat, barley, vetch.
9. New wine - all delights of life are gone.
10. Unworthy conduct forfeits rights.
11. Priest prepare for national humiliation--begin c self (V. 13).

Joel 1:15-20

1. Almighty - Shuddai.
2. Sin affects natural world.

Joel 2:1-11

1. Locust invasion followed by a more severe one.
2. Trumpet signal of danger.
3. From paradise to desert.
4. Army comes c irresistible advance.
5. Army compact - none can stop them.

Joel 2:12-27

1. Call to return to God - then daily sacrifices.
2. V. 13 familiar.
3. Forget locust - swallowed up in greater hurt.
4. Universal response - V. 16 nuptial tent.

Joel 2:28-32

1. Assyrian invasion.
2. East sea = Dead; utmost - Med.
3. God destroys enemies.
4. Reverses curse - not blesses.
5. Troubles overcome by: turning to God, weep, moun, fast.
6. Praise God c whole heart.
7. God in midst (V. 27).
8. Renewed prosperity.
9. Peter quotes Acts 2:16-21.
10. Pour = abundantly.
11. Youth will have knowledge of age & age enthusiasts of youth.
12. Must call on name - whosoever.
13. Paul quotes V. 32 Rom. 10:13

Joel 3:1-8

1. Success now discussed.
2. Jehosophat = Jehovah judges.
3. Jews treated as chattle.
4. Purchase a nite of revelry.
5. Farther a slave from home, greater his value - less likely to escape.

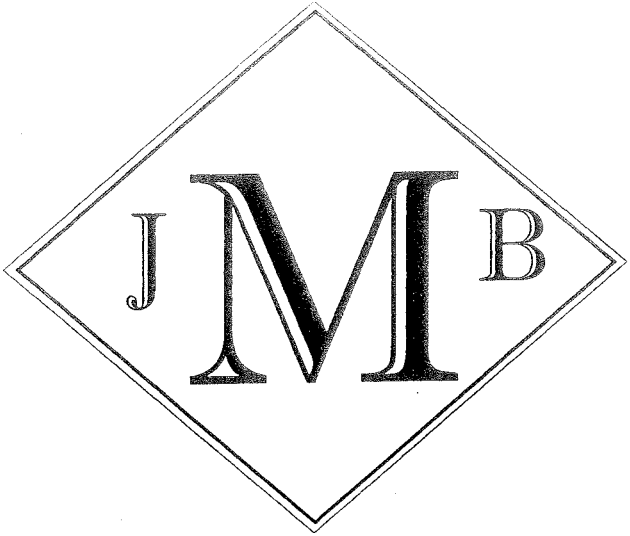
Joel 3:9-16

1. Plowshares to swords.
2. Valley of decision - all familiar.
3. Sanctify war - take it up.
4. Weapons peaceful.
5. Crowded metaphors- seat, harvest vintage.
6. Vast no. of folk in valley.
7. What ripens men for harvest? (V. 13)
 Insensibility to sin
 Continuous willfulness against conscience.

Joel 3:17-21

1. Material prosperity to come.
2. Shittim = Moab - barren, sterile.
3. No kindly feeling about Egypt.
4. God reigns.
5. Judah to be wonderfully productive.
6. From city of destruction to City Celestial.

West End 9-20-78



THE PROMISED POURING

Joel 2:28-32

- I. I turn to the writings of Joel.
- A. Other than his message he is just a name--know nothing more.
 - B. So important is his message the Jews make this paragraph chapter 3.
 - C. He is moving forward with great optimism.
 - 1. Had just declared the wisdom and mercy of divine dispensation.
 - 2. Also pity for the penitent. ✓-12-13
 - 3. Happiness for seekers & servers ✓-19
 - 4. A Teacher of Righteousness is about to come.
 - 5. Fulfills Moses' *Put his spirit upon them* dream & Isaiah's.
- Nu. 11:29 "Would that all the Lord's people were p.
- Isa. 44:3 "I would pour my spirit upon thy seed"
- II. Then Comes His Dated Blessing *of my blessings of springs*
- A. Come to Pass--last days--4 things.
 - 1. Extraordinary effusion of the Spirit, universal, not limited to sex, and illuminating--"they saw."
 - 2. Prodigious revolution.
 - 3. Terrible day--Jerusalem destroyed & final judgement to come.
 - 4. Salvation possible for all. (PC)
 - B. Afterward--Fixed Time. *The Order of Events*
 - 1. God created.
 - 2. Jesus came to save.
 - 3. Then comes the Holy Spirit as the last blessing in the time sequence.
 - 4. Remember even with Jesus' time the "spirit was not yet given" (Jn.7:39)--thus all he is predicting was to come later.

5. True sequence of successive activities of the Life of God.
(Speakers)

6. Peter identifies it.

Acts 2:16-17 "This is that which was spoken"

7. Peter makes indefinite statement a specific one.

a) Pentecost.

b) Quotes not with literal accuracy as divine inspiration secures not uniformity of phraseology but uniformity in fact & principle. (PC)

c) No evidence this was ever fulfilled til Pentecost.

C. I Will Pour Out Spirit On All Flesh.

1. It is the work of God.

2. Pour

a) From word to show bestowal of the gift in great abundance.

b) Calvin, not in drop, but pour.

c) God will be available in great abundance.

d) No measure to his giving--only the capacity to receive.

Prov. 1:23 "Pour out my spirit...make known words"

3. Spirit in OT restricted in quantity and number of recipients.

4. All Flesh.

a) Jew & Gentile alike to be blessed.

b) Scarcely a tongue in the universe that was not present (Acts 2).
(Clark)

c) Cornelius completes in Acts 10;44.

d) Universalism of Gospel.

e) All to be one in Christ therefore pour Spirit on all.

f) It was a sign of the favor of God.

Rom. 5:5 "The love of God is shed abroad in our"

D. Sons & Daughters Prophecy. *By Holy Ghost*

1. Wide diffusion without regard to age, sex, status.

2. Prophecy--not just telling future events but speaking under the enlightenment of the Spirit.

3. All true Christians are priests.

4. Women will teach.

E. Old Men, Young Men, Servants. *Hand Made*

1. Old men dream dreams.

a) Everyone would be his own prophet.

b) We will stimulate others to serve God.

c) Tectonic activity.

d) R. L. Stevenson, "It is better to travel hopefully than to arrive."

2. Young men visions.

a) Visions involves belief in the supernatural.

b) Thus they have a fearless enunciation of Divine truths. (PC)

c) Their prayers are real.

d) Visions suit the picture of alert young minds.

Acts 18:9 "Then spake the Lord"

e) People with "no vision cast off restraint."

g) Measure of a man is the measure of his vision.

3. Servants & Handmaids.

- a) Shows blessings come without regard to social positions.
- b) No OT slave received gift of prophesy.
- c) Teaching was not restricted to one class of people--fishermen, tentmakers, tax collectors, yet he did not bypass a man brought up at the ft. of Gamaliel. (Clark)
- d) Pusey says it does not say slaves prophesied.

F. Wonders Shown

A. Heavens & Earth.

1. Is he speaking of Jerusalem's destruction? *Blood, Fire, Pillars of Smoke*
2. We never know our real strength and points of weakness til trials come.
3. Are these precursors of oncoming calamities?
4. Political revolutions?

B. Sun Dark; Moon Blood.

1. Do these represent God in their consistency?
2. After dispensation of mercy comes one of wrath.
3. Mercy & Judgement succeed in the providence of God.
4. Great revolutionary changes.
5. Words show that Jewish polity civil & ecclesiastical destroyed.

6. Great & Terrible Day of the Lord.
 - a) Great via scope.
 - b) Great in being last day.
 - c) Judged--we give an account.
 - d) Days of our lives we do as we please, so will God in the day of the Lord.
 - e) Day of the Lord common with the prophets and always expressive of some severe visitation or special judgement.

III. But Whole Purpose is Salvation.

A. Whosoever

1. Salvation free to all and to everyone who will accept the offer.
2. Without race restrictions.

B. Call *(Sinner)*

1. It is conditional.
2. One who desires the Lord will come; another will despair.
3. Calling is essential.
4. Called from sin to God

Self to Christ.

Things below to things above.

5. It is an act of obedience and is an acknowledgement of dependency on God.
6. Baptism and repentance essential to gift of Spirit.
7. Calling:
 - a) Supposes knowledge of God.
 - b) Faith in God.
 - c) Desire of man.

d) Dependence on God.

e) Consecration & obedience to Him.

8. Call--metaphor for invitation to a feast--God calling prodical.

9. Call to Holiness, thus a zeal to follow after, persevere.

C. Call on the Name.

1. There is no other--"What do we have to believe to be a member?--John Carruthers even said could not say Jesus, Son of God."

2. Speak under spirit's influence and instruction.

→ 3. Extraordinary gifts over but influence of Spirit remains.

→ 4. Conversion is not by human power but by the Spirit of the Lord.

D. Deliverance!

1. Sweetest sound of all.

2. In Christ and his church deliverance is found.

3. Deliverance not restricted to any age or geography--1st to 21st century.

4. From proper place--Zion
From proper person--Christ.

5. Those who obey the call are saved.

6. Eternal salvation, not economic revolution, is our message.

7. Keep our idealism.

8. Wrath does not come on those who call.

9. Lord spoke it.
 - a) Carefully balances moral responsibility and the free offer of grace (all who call) with electing purpose of God (when the Lord calls).
 - b) Things happen just as God said.
 - c) Not man's word--but God's!
10. Remnant whom God calls--before any visitation of final judgement there would be an outpouring of the Spirit.

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Vision is reality

Walt Disney had passed away when Disneyworld first opened, so his widow was asked to speak. She was introduced by a man who said, "Mrs. Disney, I just wish Walt could have seen this." She stood up, then simply said, "He did," and sat down. X

Visions are powerful. What's yours?

John C. Maxwell

Developing the Leader Within You; quoted in The Pryor Report

Pete Seewan on Joel 2 Promised Rev.

VOICES



IS THE HOLY SPIRIT WEIRD?

John Gibson

Peter Jennings, the television news anchor for ABC, recently did a one hour special on religion which showed some of the strange things happening under the supposed influence of the Holy Spirit. People laugh and giggle, others swoon and fall to the floor as if they had been hit by an invisible hammer. While many seem impressed by these actions attributed to the Holy Spirit, I have to confess that it seems weird to me.

Sometime around 1950, Reuel Lemmons made the point that our God is a consistent God, "operating in religion according to the same patters and same laws he uses in the corn field."

Then he added, "I see the tree across the street with its roots down in the ground and its branches up in the air, and I say, 'That is right; that is the way a tree ought to grow.' I pass by it without noticing it, but if I were to pass by and see that tree with its branches down in the ground and its roots up in the air I would stop and look twice. I would say that is an unnatural thing. That is not the way trees act under the laws of God. Now, the same God that would make a tree stand with its roots in the ground and its branches in the air, will not, when a man becomes religious, make him stand on his head. My God is one God. you will find him operating in the field of religion exactly as he operates in the field of nature."

I have tremendous confidence in the power of the Holy Spirit when I see individuals who do not gratify the desires of the flesh. They are obviously walking by the Spirit. I see the Spirit's power made evident when I behold lives filled with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). Yes! That is my God at work, and I am impressed.

People falling out, rolling around, twitching, laughing uncontrollably never make me think of God's Spirit. It take one look and say, "that's unnatural; that's weird." I can't begin to attribute that to the God I worship.

