



# Joel The Day of the LORD

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Judgment	Salvation
1:15	2:29
2:1	3:1
2:11	3:18
2:31	
3:14	

## The Identity of Joel (1:1)

### An Invasion of Locust as a Symbol of Judgment (1:2-20)

The unprecedented nature of the locust plague (1:2-3)

The total destruction of the locust plague (1:4)

The obvious response to the locust plague (1:5-12)

*Wake Up! (1:5-7) • Lament! (1:8-10) • Be Ashamed! (1:11-12)*

A Call to Repentance (1:13-20)

*Mourn! (1:13-14) • Acknowledge! (1:15-18) • Cry for Help! (1:19-20)*

### An Invasion of an Army as a Tool of Judgment (2:1-11)

The arrival of the Day of the LORD (2:1-2)

The awesome invasion of the army (2:3-10)

The sovereign power of the dreadful Day of the LORD (2:11)

### An Invitation to Return to the LORD (2:12-17)

Return to the LORD with heartfelt repentance (2:12-13a)

Return to the LORD because He is gracious (2:13b-14)

Return to the Lord as complete community (2:15-17)

### Restoration of the Nation (2:18-27)

The compassion of the LORD (2:18-19)

The defense of the LORD (2:19)

The provision of the LORD (2:20-26)

The presence of the LORD (2:27)

### Outpouring of the Spirit (2:28-32)

The Spirit of the LORD poured out on *all* people (2:28-29)

The Spirit of the LORD displayed before *all* people (2:30-31)

The Spirit of the LORD delivers a remnant of faithful people (2:32)

### Judging the Nations (3:1-15)

Judgment in the Valley of Jehoshaphat for scattering Israel (3:1-3)

Turning the tables on the enemies of God's People (3:4-8)

Judgment in the Valley of Jehoshaphat for great evil (3:9-13)

Judgment in the Valley of Decision on the Day of the LORD (3:14-15)

### Rescuing Judah (3:16-20)

The LORD is a refuge for His people (3:16)

The LORD is a protector for His people (3:17)

The LORD is a provider for His people (3:18)

The LORD is an avenger for His people (3:19-21)

Prophetic Fulfillment: Near/Far



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1:1 **JUDGMENT** 1:20  
 Present Symbol  
 Warning

Locust Plague

2:1 **JUDGMENT** 2:17  
 Future Reality  
 Warning

Army Invasion

2:18 **RESTORATION** 2:32  
 Future Prophecy  
 Hope

Gracious Savior

3:1 **JUDGMENT** 3:21  
 Future Prophecy  
 Hope

Covenant Keeper

Joel, using the figure of a recent locust plague, prophesied that there will be a future (*near and far*) invasion of the land by a devastating army as a part to the Day of the LORD, which includes both judgment and blessing in fulfillment of Covenant Promises, in order to call the nation to return to the LORD with repentant hearts which would result in restoration and blessings under the covenant.