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- Joel is considered a minor prophet.

Joel 1

Verse 1

- What does this verse tell us about Joel's lineage?

Verse 2

- What is the time reference here?

Verse 3

- What is the purpose of telling our sons and daughters about history and our experiences?

Verse 4

- If you experience swarming locusts, what will happen to your crops?

Verse 5

- How were the people handling their distress?

Verses 6-9

- What has happened with the offerings?

Verses 10-13

- In context, why should they gird themselves with sackcloth?

Verses 14-15

- What is near?
- Based on what we've read, is this a good day or a bad day?

Verses 16-18

- Based on the context, why do the beasts groan?

Verses 19-20

- What are we experiencing when water is dried up?

Joel 2

Verse 1

- Trumpets were blown in ancient times to gain the attention of the people in order to make a proclamation. Trumpets were blown to announce celebration and entry of a dignitary. In this context, why are the trumpets blown?
- Does the “Day of the LORD” seem like a pleasant thing? Read on.
- Notice the poetic language as you read.

Verses 2-12

- How should we return to the LORD? What will our return look like?

Verses 13-18

- “Then” when? When will He have pity on His people?

Verses 19-21

- What has the LORD done?

Verse 22

- Many teachers claim fear is a sin. Do these last two verses sound like God is screaming at them or wagging His finger because they are scared of their situation? Or does it sound like the loving voice of a father comforting His children? Fear isn't sin, fear is the test. Where you run when you are afraid can be sinful, but experiencing fear is not sin. Psalm 56:3 says, “When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You.” The poet says “when”, not “if”.

Verses 23-24

- Why would they rejoice in these verses?

Verse 25

- What will the LORD make up to them?

Verses 26

- If you were experiencing famine and drought, would this verse give you hope?

Verse 27

- What will they know? Do you remember seeing this key phrase in Ezekiel?

Verses 28-29

- This is the promise of God's Spirit. What will happen when He sends His spirit?

Verses 30-32

- What kinds of things will happen in the Day of the LORD?

Joel 3

Verse 1

- In what days?
- What will He do?
- Has this happened?

Verses 2-3

- What will the LORD do with the nations around Israel?

Verses 4-8

- What had these cities done with God's belongings?
- What happens to the sons and daughters of those who go against God?

Verses 9-10

- What will they do with their plowshares and why?

Verses 11-12

- Again, what will He do to the nations? Not just His people, but all the nations?

Verses 13-14

- Why is this called the valley of decision based on context?

Verses 15-16

- When will all this happen? Use words we have read.

Verses 17

- What will they know?

Verses 18

- In what day?

Verse 19

- What will happen to Egypt and Edom?

Verse 20

- What about Judah and Jerusalem?

Verse 21

- What will the LORD do?
- Where does He dwell? Zion is Jerusalem.

See you tomorrow.