

Outline of
Joel



Introduction

Writer

Joel. Nothing is known of this prophet except what is given in the opening verse. His name means Jehovah is God.

Time

Considered by many to be the earliest of the writing prophets, he was a prophet to Judah probably about the time of the reign of Joash, king of Judah. He probably knew Elijah and Elisha. The critical school, adopting their usual custom, have placed this book at the other extreme, even after the captivity.

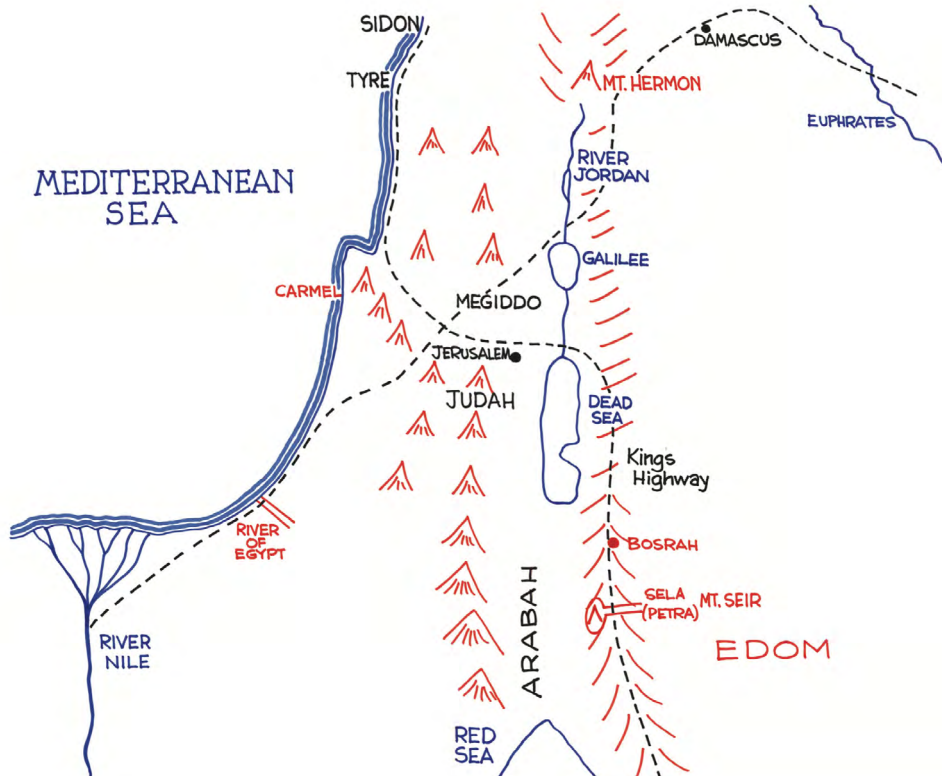
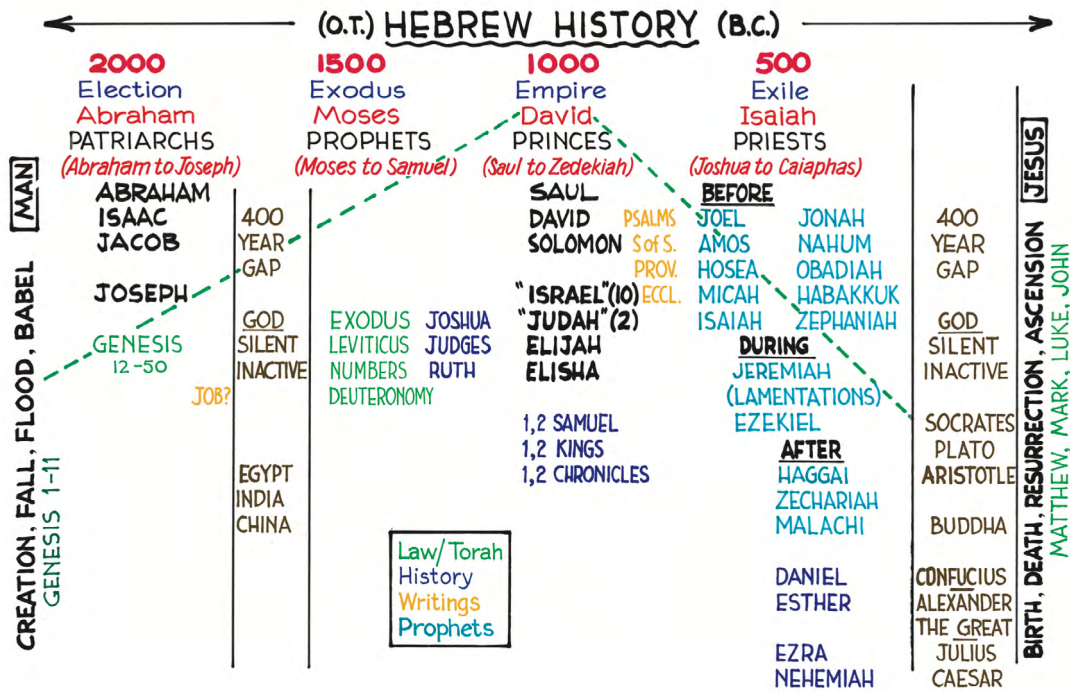
Theme

“The day of the LORD” (Joel 1:15; 2:1, 2, 10, 11, 30, 31; 3:14-16)

Features

1. “The day of the LORD” or “the day of Jehovah” is an expression introduced by Joel (if he is the first of the writing prophets — there are about fifty prophets in all). From the mountaintop of the beginning of written prophecy, he saw the farthest into the future. “The day of the LORD” is an expression that is fraught with meaning. It seems to include not only the coming Millennial Kingdom, but also to include all the judgments which precede the setting up of the Kingdom and the return of Christ.
2. His description of a literal plague of locusts and its comparison with future judgments is a dramatic and literary gem.
3. He is the prophet who mentioned the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which was referred to by Peter on the Day of Pentecost.

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A. PLAGUE OF LOCUSTS (ch.1.)

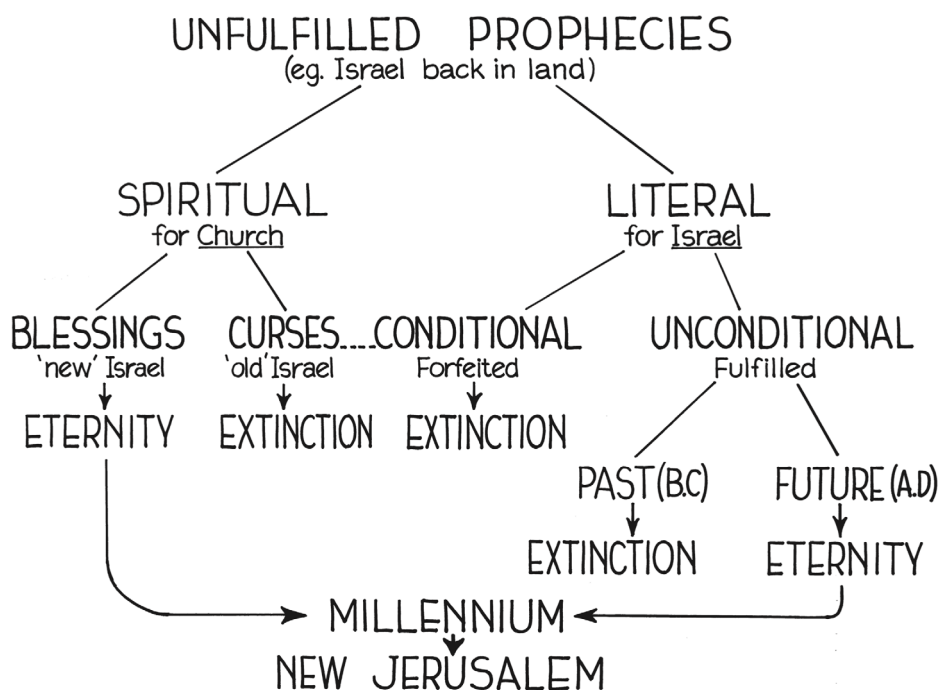
1. RUIN OF THE LAND (1-12)
2. REPENTANCE OF THE PEOPLE (13-20)

B. DAY OF LORD (ch.2.)

1. TERRIBLE REPETITION (1-11)
2. TRUE REPENTANCE (12-17)
3. TIMELESS RECOVERY (18-27)
4. TOTAL RESTORATION (28-32)
 - a. Spirit ~ men and women (28-29)
 - b. Signs ~ sun and moon (30-31)
 - c. Salvation ~ calling and called (32)

C. VALLEY OF DECISION (ch.3)

1. VENGEANCE ON NATIONS (1-16a)
2. VINDICATION OF ISRAEL (16b-21)



I. Literal and local plague of locusts

Chapter 1:1-14



II. Looking to the day of the LORD (prelude)

Chapters 1:15 – 2:32



Blow a trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm on
My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the
land tremble, For the day of the LORD is coming;
Surely it is near.

JOEL 2:1

III. Looking at the day of the LORD (postlude)

Chapter 3

A. The Great Tribulation, vv. 1-15

B. The Millennial Kingdom, vv. 16-21

For behold, in those days and at that time,
When I bring back the captives of Judah
and Jerusalem.

Joel 3:1



Quiz on Joel

1. To whom does Joel say he will cry?

2. Where does the Lord, speaking through Joel, say to blow the trumpet?

3. In the book of Joel, the Lord says He will bring again the captivity of what two cities?

4. Who was the father of Joel?

5. As a result of the famine, Joel says that the people should mourn like a young woman who has lost her what?

6. In Joel Chapter 2, what will the Lord restore?

7. Joel encourages the people to return to God. What does he tell them they should rend rather than their garments?

8. Joel is quoted in the New Testament by the Apostle Peter. Peter quotes Joel's prophecy about what being poured out on all flesh?

9. What will the Lord say he will be to His people, in Joel Chapter 3?

10. In Joel Chapter 3, what will the weak say?

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