



Old Testament Outlines: Joel by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

Joel = Jehovah Is God 2 Kings 11-14

[God Is Precise] Blueprint For Redemption

I. God speaks Through Joel 1:1-2:17

A. The Day Of The LORD With Locusts Against The Land 1:1-2:2a

1. The LORD'S Word to the LORD'S Prophet 1:1
2. A "once-in-a-lifetime" experience 1:2-3
3. Blessings of the land consumed by locusts 1:4-14
 - a. All 4 stages of locust consume 1:4
 - b. A nation destroys God's land with locust-like completeness creates an out-cry to God 1:5-14 **Revelation 8:13-9:12**
(1 Drinkers have no fermented OR unfermented wine 1:5-7
(2 Priests have no drink offerings to give 1:8-10
(3 Farmers and vinedressers have no produce 1:11-12
(4 Priests have no grain offerings to give 1:13
(5 SOMEBODY NEEDS TO "GO TO CHURCH!" 1:14
4. God is behind this destruction 1:15-20
5. Blow the trumpet for the LORD's day of gloom and doom 2:1-2a
God commanded trumpet use in **Numbers 10:1-10**.

B. The destroyers described 2:2b-11

1. Unlike any in history-past or near-future 2:2b-11
 - a. Great, strong 2:2b
 - b. "Scorched earth" policy 2:3
 - c. Fast and furious 2:4-5
 - d. Preceded by fear 2:6
 - e. Formidable, unstoppable phalanx 2:7-9
2. God's Word shakes the world 2:10-11

Imagery used to describe Jerusalem's destruction in the
1st Century A D. Cf **Matthew 24:29; Mark 13:25;**
Luke 22:25-28; Revelation 6:12-14

C. The Desired Response 2:12-17

1. Turn toward God with torn hearts 2:12-13a
2. Trust God to turn toward torn-hearted men 2:13b-14
As He is described in **Exodus 34:6-7**
3. Throng in "a sacred assembly" 2:15-17

- a. Trumpet, fast, sacred assembly **2:15**
- b. Congregation includes: elders, children, nursing babes, bridegroom and bride **2:16**
- c. Priestly weeping to plead for God to spare them **2:17**

II. **God Speaks Himself 2:18-3:21**

- A. Of His Geographic Restoration to the Land **2:18-27**
 - 1. Reprieving the people from the "north" **2:18-20**
 - 2. Resumption of production **2:21-27**
- B. Of His Gospel Revelation in the Land **2:28-32** **quoted in**
"Acts 2:16-21"
Acts 2:1-21
 - 1. Fulfilled on Pentecost in Jerusalem
 - 2. Ripple effects by:
 - a. Only one recorded direct "outpouring" in Scripture since Pentecost **Acts 10:43-48; 11:15-18**
 - b. laying on of Apostles' hands after baptism:
 - 1) Not done to all the baptized **Acts 2:37-43**
 - 1) Miracles bestowed only through Apostles' laying on of hands **Acts 8:12-19**
 - 2) Paul's reception of Apostleship not recorded, but evidenced **Acts 19:1-7**
 - 3. No miraculous bestowal since! **I Corinthians 14:37**
- C. Of His Gracious Redemption From the Land **3:1-21**
 - 1. This is a spiritual return through the Gospel **3:1**
 - a. **Joel** predicts outpouring of the Holy Spirit **2:28-32**
Acts 2:16-21
 - b. **Amos** predicts restoration of David's tabernacle **9:11-12//** **Acts 15:13-19**
 - c. **Isaiah** predicts a second recovery of Israel's remnant **11:10-11//** **Romans 15:8-13**
 - 2. This states the wrongs of sinners **3:2-17**
 - a. "All nations" = everyone else will be punished in kind for what they would do to Israel/Judah **3:2-8**
 - b. "The nations" = non-Christians will be punished for opposing and punishing God's spiritual people, Israel **3:9-17**
Revelation 17:1-19:21;
Revelation 21:1-27
 - 3. This shows the blessedness of Christians **3:18-21**
 - a. New blessed "land" **3:18**
 - b. Egypt & Edom will need Gospel salvation **3:19**
 - c. New Judah & Jerusalem **Galatians 4:21-5:4;**
Galatians 6:14-16

Judgments Of Joel:

- Joel was the name of some 14 different men in the Old Testament.
- The prophet, **Joel**, was probably the first of the writing prophets in the divided kingdom, who probably prophesied to Judah and not Israel. His contemporaries were: **Hosea, Jonah, Amos**.
- "The Day of the LORD" is for whatever use God designates a day:
of destruction (Joel 1:15; 2:1-2,11,31; 3:14,18;
Cf Isaiah 2:12; 13:6,9; Jeremiah 46:10; Ezekiel 13:5;
30:2-9; Amos 4:18, 20; Obadiah 15; Zephaniah 1:7-2:7;
Malachi 4:4-6); of Jesus' resurrection (Revelation 1:10);
of Jesus' world-wide Judgment (I Corinthians 1:5; 5:5;
Philippians 1:6,10; 1 Thessalonians 5:2; 2 Peter 3:10-12).
- Locusts were God's predicted punishment for His people **Deuteronomy 28:38-39; I Kings 8:37**. However, the earthquake, sun, moon and stars do not accompany "regular" locust plagues, and can well-describe the "shake-up" of government.