

# JOEL

A 5 Day Bible Study

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**Read Joel 1:1-20, written to the people of Judah**

1. What is the responsibility of those to whom the word of the Lord comes according to verses 2-3? Who was mentioned specifically?
2. Joel lamented a natural disaster that occurred in the land. Record the physical, emotional, and spiritual results.

<u>Physical/Natural</u>	<u>Emotional</u>	<u>Spiritual</u>

3. Prophecies often have multiple layers of meanings. What in this text about locusts could also refer to an invading army?

Read verse 3 again. What stories of God’s activity do you need to share with the next generation? Who will you tell?

Think of how God has used a particular trial to get your attention. What did he teach you?

**Joel 1:13-14 & 2:12-17**

1. List actions the people were to take in response to calamity and what those actions mean.
2. Who was invited to participate in repentance? What does this passage teach about the role of corporate repentance?
3. Jot down what you notice about sorrow and lament from these passages.

Psalm 130

Lamentations 2:17-19, 3:21-29

Matthew 5:4

2 Corinthians 7:8-10

4. What did Joel affirm about God in 2:13-14?

What is the proper role of lament in the life of a believer?  
What part does it play in your life?

**Read Joel 2:18-32**

1. How would the Lord respond to the people's repentance?
2. What directives do you find, and how do they encourage you?
3. Illustrate ways God brought about restoration and the encouragement this would have brought disheartened people.
4. Explain how the prophecy of Joel 2:28-32 was partially fulfilled in Acts 2:1-21 & 41.
5. When will the prophecy of the day of the Lord be finally fulfilled? (see 2 Pet 3:10-13)

What has God restored in your own life for which you can give him praise?  
Or... for what restoration are you still trusting him?

**Read Joel 3:1-21**

1. At the final day of the Lord, of what are the nations guilty?
2. What do you learn from the Lord's activity in verses 1-16?
3. Detail the future of Judah and her enemies. (v. 17-21)
4. From the book of Joel, how would you describe the Day of the Lord?
5. Summarize the message of the book of Joel in a few sentences.

What is your takeaway from this book? How will it impact your life?

