

## 20220612 THE PROPHET WHO SAW THE FUTURE

### Joel 1:1-3

- <sup>1</sup> The word of the Lord that came to Joel son of Pethuel.
- <sup>2</sup> Hear this, you elders; listen, all who live in the land. Has anything like this ever happened in your days or in the days of your forefathers?
- <sup>3</sup> Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation.

## THE BOOK OF JOEL: TIME TRAVEL

### Who Joel is: Jehovah is God.

#### Joel 1:1

- <sup>1</sup> The word of the Lord that came to Joel son of Pethuel.

#### 1 Samuel 8:1-2

- <sup>1</sup> When Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons as judges for Israel.
- <sup>2</sup> The name of his firstborn was Joel and the name of his second was Abijah, and they served at Beersheba.

#### 1 Samuel 8:3

- <sup>3</sup> But his sons did not walk in his ways. They turned aside after dishonest gain and accepted bribes and perverted justice.

## THE STRUCTURE OF THE BOOK OF JOEL

### 1. The first section: Joel 1:1-14

#### Joel 1:2

- <sup>2</sup> ...like this ever happened in your days or in the days of your forefathers?

#### Matthew 24:21

- <sup>21</sup> For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again.

#### Ezekiel 5:5-9

- <sup>5</sup> "This is what the Sovereign Lord says: This is Jerusalem, which I have set in the center of the nations, with countries all around her.
- <sup>6</sup> Yet in her wickedness she has rebelled against my laws and decrees more than the nations and countries around her. She has rejected my laws and has not followed my decrees.
- <sup>7</sup> "Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says: You have been more unruly than the nations around you and have not followed my decrees or kept my laws. **You have not even conformed to the standards of the nations around you.**
- <sup>8</sup> "Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself am against you, Jerusalem, and I will inflict punishment on you in the sight of the nations.
- <sup>9</sup> Because of all your detestable idols, I will do to you what I have never done before and will never do again.

#### Romans 11:11-24

- <sup>11</sup> Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious.
- <sup>12</sup> But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their fullness bring!

<sup>13</sup> I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry

<sup>14</sup> in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them.

<sup>15</sup> For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

<sup>16</sup> If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches.

<sup>17</sup> If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root,

<sup>18</sup> do not boast over those branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you.

<sup>19</sup> You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in."

<sup>20</sup> Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but be afraid.

<sup>21</sup> For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either.

<sup>22</sup> Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off.

<sup>23</sup> And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.

<sup>24</sup> After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree!

## **2. The second section: Joel 1:15 - 2:32**

### **Matthew 24:15**

<sup>15</sup> "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand—

### **2 Thessalonians 2:3-5**

<sup>3</sup> Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for **that day** will not come until the rebellion occurs and **the man of lawlessness is revealed**, the man doomed to destruction.

<sup>4</sup> He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that **he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.**

<sup>5</sup> Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things?

### **Joel 2:2**

<sup>2</sup> A day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness. Like dawn spreading across the mountains, a large and mighty army comes, such as never was of old nor ever will be in ages to come.

### **Joel 2:12-13**

<sup>12</sup> "Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning."

<sup>13</sup> Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

### **Joel 2:17-23**

<sup>17</sup> Let the priests, who minister before the Lord, weep between the temple porch and the altar. Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord. Do not make your inheritance an object of

scorn, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

**18** Then the Lord will be jealous for his land and take pity on his people.

**19** The Lord will reply to them: "I am sending you grain, new wine and oil, enough to satisfy you fully; never again will I make you an object of scorn to the nations.

**20** "I will drive the northern army far from you, pushing it into a parched and barren land, with its front columns going into the eastern sea and those in the rear into the western sea. And its stench will go up; its smell will rise." Surely he has done great things.

**21** Be not afraid, O land; be glad and rejoice. Surely the Lord has done great things.

**22** Be not afraid, O wild animals, for the open pastures are becoming green. The trees are bearing their fruit; the fig tree and the vine yield their riches.

**23** Be glad, O people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you the autumn rains in righteousness. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before.

### **Joel 2:27**

**27** Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the Lord your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.

### **Romans 8:22-23**

**22** We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

**23** Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

### **3. The third section: Joel 3:1-21**

#### **Joel 3:9-12**

**9** Proclaim this among the nations: Prepare for war! Rouse the warriors! Let all the fighting men draw near and attack.

**10** Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears. Let the weakling say, "I am strong!"

**11** Come quickly, all you nations from every side, and assemble there. Bring down your warriors, O Lord!

**12** "Let the nations be roused; let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will sit to judge all the nations on every side.