

# Joel

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**1. Titles:**

- A. Joel = Jehovah is God; that wills, commands, or swears
- B. The Book of the Day of the Lord

**2. Author:**

Written by Joel, the prophet of Pentecost, who ministered to the House of Judah.

**3. Date:**

- A. Joel's ministry probably covered period of about 30 years (810-780 B.C.), during the reigns of Joash, Amaziah, and Uzziah of Judah.
- B. Written between 810 and 780 B.C.

**4. Key Words:**

- A. Great - 10
- B. Zion - 7
- C. Wine - 7
- D. Gather - 6
- E. Judah - 6
- F. Offering - 6

**Key Phrase:**

- A. "the day of the Lord" – 5

**5. Key Verses: 2:28-32**

**6. Purpose:**

(A three-fold application of "the day of the Lord")

- A. Local: To call the House of Judah, which was under Divine judgments, to repentance.
- B. Prophetical: To point to the last days judgments, repentance, revival, and outpouring of the Spirit upon all flesh.
- C. Final: To point to The Day of the Second Coming of the Lord.

NOTE: The day of the Lord runs throughout the history of the Kingdom of God, occurring in each particular judgment as a type of that Great and Final Day of the Lord.

**7. Message:**

- A. True repentance is a Godly sorrow, a rending of the heart, and a turning from evil.
- B. True repentance lays at the foundation of all real revival and every outpouring of the Spirit.

**8. Outline:**

- I. Ruin and Repentance ----- Judgment ..... Ch. 1:1-2:17 (Historical)
  - A. Ruin ..... Ch. 1:1-2:11
  - B. Repentance ..... Ch. 2:12-17
- II. Revival and Restoration ----- Blessing ..... Ch. 2:18-3:21
  - A. Revival ..... Ch. 2:18-32 (Prophetical)
  - B. Restoration ..... Ch. 3:1-21

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## 9. Summary:

Joel gives us a picture of Judah living in the land promised to Abraham and his seed. They were receiving the curse of the Palestinian Covenant (Deuteronomy 29:1) by breaking it's conditions of blessing (Deuteronomy 11:10-17; 1 Kings 8:35-40). The Word of the Lord through Joel calls them to genuine repentance; an inward rending of the heart and not an outward rending of the garments. The Lord promises the nation of Judah refreshing, revival, and restoration through a natural out-poured rain, which shadowed and prophesied of the outpouring of spiritual rain upon the church. This promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit is Joel's distinctive link with the New Testament (Acts 2:14-21). Thus he is called "The Prophet of Pentecost".

## 10. Christ Seen:

Christ is seen as our "Jehovah-God", the Promiser of (Luke 24:49), the Receiver of (Acts 2:33), and the Baptizer in (John 1:31-33) the out-poured Spirit.