

INTRODUCTION

1. Author. Joel son of Pethuel. Means Jeh is God.
Lived in Judea, prob Jer. Belonged to Judah (S).
2. Date. Canonical order argues for early. Prob early in reign of Joash of Judah, shortly after 836 B.C.
i.e. about 830. ^{2Kg 11,12} Some take later date, i.e. about 400 after exile, cf. 3:1,2,17. (may refer to same events described in Obad. Enemies are Phoenicia, Philistia)
Early date preferred. No arg for later that can't be ans.
3. Occasion. Land devastated by double plague of locusts and drought. Call to repentance.

I. DESOLATION, 1:1-2:17.

A. The Character of the Desolation, 1:2-2:1.

1. Unique, 2-3. No one could remember anything like it.
2. Complete, 4-12.
 - a. Vegetation, 4. 4 of the 80-90 species of locusts Shearer, swarmer, lapper, ^{cutler} devourer. ^{hopper} ^{stripper}
 - b. Vineyards, 5. Drunkards or upper classes mourn bec source of their wine cut off.
 - c. Trees, 6-7. Swarms of locusts like an army. Barked or splintered fig tree. Everything white bec. stripped.
 - d. Offerings, 8-9. Meal off depended upon ground and drink on vine. No raw material so no offerg.
 - e. Everything, 10-12.

B. The Reaction to the Desolation, 1:13-14

1. By the priests, 13. They mourned, 9, but didn't repent. ^{of Jer 4:9 Rev 3:6} Priests seemed only sorry for interruption of ordinances and not concerned with real repentance. ^{your God} ^{my God}
2. By the people, 14. Priests should call these.

C. The Picture in the Desolation, 1:15-20.

Plague points ahead to Day of Lord. (tho literal then) 1:15; 2:1; 2:11; 2:31; 3:14.

1. Picture of destruction, 15 in day of Lord when judgment comes.
2. Picture of dejection, 16. No joy.
3. Picture of desolation, 17-20. ^{or depopulation}
 - a. Plant life, 17.
 - b. Animal life, 18.
 - c. Human life, 19-20.

Discipline is sometimes for fruit & sometimes bec. of sin.

*Plague - Ezek 14:19, 21
Hmk. 3:5
Lec 26:24
Dns 24:21*

D. The Prophecy of the Desolation, 2:1-11.

1. Its Designation, 1.

- a. Name, Day of the Lord.
- b. Nearness. At hand. 1:15. Blwo trumpete to announce danger and tremble.

2. Its Description, 2-10.

- a. Day of darkness, 2. As dawn spread upon mts means dawn color produced by sun on locusts' wings.
- b. Day unique, 2. Mt 24:21. Makes you think this may depict something about the trib.
- c. Day of conquest and destruction, 3-9.

(1) Nature of destruction, 3. Complete. Eden before and barren after.

(2) Means of destruction, 4-9. Locusts.

Appearance, 4, horses bec heads sibilar.

Swiftiness, 4.

Noise, 5. Rev 9:9.

Wounding, 6. Gather blackness=wax pale.

Attack, 7-9.

Like well-ordered army, 7, 8a

Impervious to weapons used against them 8b.

Overrun a city, 9.

d. Day of fear, 10. In earth and heavens.

3. Its Depiction, 11. This judgmt is sure and no one can stand. This locust plague depicts armies of north in trib times tho it is prophesying a literal locust plague of trib days, Rev 9:1-12, 5th trumpet and 1st woe. ~~Rev~~ Dan 11.

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E. The Exhortation, 2:12-17

1. To personal repentance, 12-14.

a. Its character, 12-13.

(1) Intelligent, 12, with all heart. Heb. heart not only seat of emotions but intellect, Hos 7:11.

(2) Penitent, 12. External signs of it.

(3) Genuine, 13. Not outward but inward. Deep bec garments rent only on occasions of special misfortune.

b. Its Consequence, 14. Possibility of (1) judgmt stayed and (2) land prospered so can have offerings.

2. To corporate repentance, 15-17.

a. How? Solemn assembly.

b. Who? Everybody. Kids and bridegroom who had 1 yr's exemption, Deut 24:5. Priests should lead, 17.

II. DELIVERANCE, 2:18-3:21.

A. The Promise of Present Del. 2:18-27.

1. The Condition for Del. What was req in v 15-17. Tenses in 18 indicate they did call assembly.
2. The Characteristics of Del. 19-20. I am sending corn. a. Fruitfulness. b. No reproach. c. Repelling the locusts from the north.
3. The Consequences of Del. 21-27.
 - a. Fearlessness, 21-22.
 - b. Fruitfulness, 23-26a. Former rain, Sept-Oct. Latter rain, Mar-Apr.
 - c. Praise, 26b-27. Took locusts to bring them to /their senses.

B. The Promise of Future Del. 2:28-3:21.

Afterward, 28 when Day of Lord comes.

1. Its Initiation, 2:28-32.

- A. Sign of the HS, 28-29. Upon all.
- b. Sign of physical disturbances, 30-32. Mt 24:29 proves this at 2nd coming. Prob of Peter's use in Acts 2.

2. Its Judgments, 3:1-16

- a. Upon nations, 1-3. Place, 2; Basis, 2-3. Scattered Jews, 2, and carved up land, 3. Made slaves of captives
- b. Upon Phoenicia, 4-8. Basis. Silver and gold, 5, slave traffic, 6. Judgmt, 7-8. Shebans--a trading place in Arabia.
- c. Upon the world, 9-17.

When? when at war with each other leading to Armagedon 9-11. Where? Valley of Jeh bet Mt Olives and Jerus, 12. How? Illus of vs 13. Who? Multitudes, 14. Signs, 16. Judge, 16. Result, 17. Mt 25:31-46

3. Its Consummation, 3:18-21.

- a. Time of it, 18. That day.
- b. Character of it, 18. Shittim is Acacias, Num 25:1; Jos 3:1. Dry place.
- c. Judgment, 19. Old enemies judged.
- d. Blessing, 20-21. Endurance, 20, cleansing, 21.