

12 Prophets

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Hosea

Joel

Amos

Obadiah

Nahum

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Habakkuk

Micah

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Haggai

Zechariah

Malachi

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History

Joel prophecies during the reign of Joash king of Judah

II Kings 11 – Jehoiada is priest and makes a covenant between the Lord, the king, and the people, that they should be the Lord's people. The temple of Baal was torn down. Joash was made king.

II Kings 12 – We see many mistakes that Joash, king of Judah, made during his reign.

'yoel' (h) – Jehovah is (his) God

'yhovah' (h) – (the) self Existent or eternal, Jehovah

'el' (h) – strength; especially the Almighty

His name represents the gravity of his book.

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Chapter 1

‘el’ – strength

Tell everyone from generation to generation to generation

The desolation that is about to happen

It begins with

The chewing locus -> swarming locust ->
crawling locust -> consuming locust

‘gazam’ – to devour; a kind locust: - palmer-worm

‘arbeh’ – a locust (from its rapid increase)

‘yeleq’ – to lick up; a young locust: - cankerworm

‘chasiyl’ – the ravager, a locust: - caterpillar

Has anything like this happened in your days or your fathers?

No – But what about Exodus 10 : 1 – 15

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Chapter 1

Scorched Earth

A scorched earth policy is a military strategy which involves destroying anything that might be useful to the enemy while advancing through or withdrawing from an area. It is a military strategy where all of the assets that are used or can be used by the enemy are targeted, such as food sources, transportation, communications, industrial resources, and even the people in the area.

The Scythians used scorched earth methods against King Darius the Great of Persia. Nomadic herders, the Scythians retreated into the depths of the Steppes, destroying food supplies and poisoning wells. As a result, Darius the Great was forced to concede defeat. A large number of his troops died from starvation and dehydration.

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And when it is over?

There will be no food

No joy no gladness from the house of our God

The seed shrivels under the clods

Storehouse are in shambles

Barns are broken down

Grain withers

Animals groan, herds are restless

Why – there are no pastures

Flocks suffer

Fire has devoured, and water brooks are dried up

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Chapter 2 (3 act play)

“...The day of the Lord is coming, For it is at hand:”

A day of darkness and gloominess

A day of clouds and thick darkness

People, great and strong

Which has never been seen; nor will ever be after them

Imagery of destruction

Fire devours before them; a flame behind them

The land is like the Garden of Eden before them; a desolate wilderness behind them

Nothing shall escape them

“For the day of the Lord is great and very terrible; Who can endure it?”

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Chapter 2

Repent, “Who knows if He will turn and relent...”

The Lord says

“Turn to Me with all your heart...”

Joel instructs the people

Rend your heart, return to the Lord

Consecrate a fast

Gather, Sanctify, Assemble the people

Let the priest say, “Spare Your people, O Lord...”

“Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’”

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Chapter 2

God Relents, “I will no longer make you a reproach among the nations.”

He will be zealous for His land; pity His people

He will send them grain, new wine, and oil

He will remove the oppressor from them

The land will once again bear fruit

The former and latter rains will come

The threshing floor will be full again

He will restore

“...whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved...”

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Chapter 3

There is a great day coming! Woe to the oppressors of God people.

All will gather in the Valley of Jehoshaphat

I will judge them all

I will take vengeance for what you have done to my people

You scattered them

You divided up My land

Cast lots for My people

I will return your retaliation

“Prepare for war!...So you shall know that I am the Lord your God”

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The Prophet Joel

“For the day of the Lord is coming, For it is at hand...Who can endure it?”

This is a 3 fold saying

For the child of God who turned his back on Him

He will find no refuge from a God of wrath

For the opposition to God's people

He will retaliate on them, there will be no place to hide. He will require restitution.

For the child of God who turns back to Him

God will restore, replenish, and receive