

A Study of the Prophets

OT Survey Lesson 104--Joel 2:28-3:21

Introduction: Joel not only addressed the problems of his own day but looked far into the future as he spoke of the coming of the Holy Spirit, the destruction of Jerusalem, and the judgment of all Israel's enemies. These events began to be fulfilled at Pentecost in Acts 2. What Joel saw was the kingdom of Christ which would bring to an end all other kingdoms resulting in a state of peace and blessing.

Lesson aim: To understand the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy of the future.

Salvation and judgment on Israel--Joel 2:28-32

1. Who did God say would be "poured out" on all flesh? What would this cause people to be able to do?
2. What three wonders would God display in the sky and on the earth? The darkening of the sun and moon would indicate that what was near?
3. Who did God say would be delivered or saved from these judgments? (v. 32) Would these include those on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem?

The judgment of Israel's enemies and the results--Joel 3:1-21

1. What did Joel say the Lord would do with all the nations around Israel? (v. 1-2) Why would He punish them? (v. 2-3)
2. What is God challenging the nations to do in v. 9-11? What does God say would happen to those nations? (v. 12)
3. To what does Joel compare the judgment of the nations? (v. 13)
4. Describe the state of Israel after the judgment of the nations (v. 18).

5. Describe the state of Egypt and Edom, Israel's enemies, after the God's judgment upon them. Why does God say these things will come upon them? (v. 19)
6. What promise did God make about Judah and Jerusalem? (v. 20)
7. What did God say he would avenge? (v. 21)