

Outline of Joel

Theme: The Day of the Lord

Key verse: 2:1

- I. A Locust Plague Forewarns the Day of the Lord (ch. 1)
 - A. The plague was a unique event (1:1-3)
 1. There was nothing like it in the past (2)
 2. It is something to tell to future generations (3)
 - B. The plague's devastation calls for mourning (1:4-12)
 1. Joel described four kinds of locust (4)
 - a. The palmer worm--gnawer: migratory locust of Autumn
 - b. Locust--multiplier: young brood
 - c. Cankerworm--licker: young (last stage of transformation)
 - d. Caterpillar--devourer: perfect locust (last stage of development)
 2. Joel called for national mourning (5-14)
 - a. The nation is called to mourn (5-10)
-note 1:8 married virgin
 - b. The farmers are called to mourn (11-12)
 - c. The priests are called to mourn (13)
 - d. The rulers are called to mourn (14)
 - C. Joel laments over the Day of the Lord (1:15-20)
- II. The Day of the Lord is Foretold (ch. 2-3)
 - A. The Day of the Lord includes an invasion from the North (2:1-11)
cf. Rev. 9:1-12

2:11 some say this refers to God's righteous army,
but it probably refers to the army of vss. 1-10
 - B. The Day of the Lord involves repentance of the Jews (2:12-17)
 1. Joel called for Israel's heart repentance (12-14; cf. Ezek. 36:26-27; Zech 7:12)
 2. Joel called for fasting (15-16; cf. Isa 58:3, 5; Amos 5:21)
 3. Joel called for prayer (17)

- C. The Day of the Lord involves deliverance of the Jews (2:18-27)
 - 1. The reproach of the people will be removed (18-19)
 - 2. The enemy will be removed from the land (20)
 - 3. Fruitfulness of the land will be restored (21-27)
note 2:23

- D. The Day of the Lord involves the Spirit, Signs, and Salvation (2:28-32)
 - 1. The Holy Spirit will be poured out (28-29)
cf. Acts 2:15-21
 - 2. Heavenly signs will be portrayed (30-31)
 - 3. Salvation will be provided (32)

- E. The Day of the Lord involves Israel's Restoration (3:1)

- F. The Day of the Lord involves the Judgment of the Nations (3:2-16)
 - cf. Matt. 25:31-46
 - cf. 3:10 with Isa. 2:4
 - 3:14--the Valley of Decision -- Valley of strict decision
--sharp, as of a sword or a threshing instrument