

# Joel: Prophet of Pain, Promises, & Punishment

*“For the Day of the LORD is near.” Joel 1:15*

See also 2:1, 11, 31 & 3:14

## Pain

**Warning Pain:** *“What the cutting locust left, the swarming locust has eaten. What the swarming locust left, the hopping locust has eaten, and what the hopping locust left, the destroying locust has eaten.” Joel 1:4*

**So-Repent!:** *“Put on sackcloth and lament...Consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly.” Joel 1:13-14*

**Worse Pain:** *“Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming; it is near.” Joel 2:1*

**So-Repent!:** *“Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly.” Joel 2:15 (See verses 12-16)*

## Promises

**Current (Then):** *“I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you.” Joel 2:25*

**Current (Now):** *“I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.” Joel 2:28*

## Punishment

*“Let the nations stir themselves up and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations.” Joel 3:12*

### **Conclusion: Two More Promises!**

*“And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.” Joel 2:32*

## Memorable Verses in Joel

1:4 *“What the cutting locust left, the swarming locust has eaten. What the swarming locust left, the hopping locust has eaten, and what the hopping locust left, the destroying locust has eaten.”*

1:14 *“Consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly. Gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land to the house of the LORD your God, and cry out to the LORD.”*

1:15 *“For the day of the LORD is near.”*

2:1-2 *“Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming; it is near, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness!”*

2:11 *“For the day of the LORD is great and very awesome; who can endure it?”*

2:12-13 *“‘Yet even now,’ declares the LORD, ‘return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.’ Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.”*

2:15-16 *“Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people.”*

2:25 *“I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten.”*

2:28-32 *“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit. And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”*

3:14 *“Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.”*