

Series: The Day of the Lord

Title: Watching for the Day of the Lord

Text: (Joel 3:14)

Purpose:

To warn Judah of God's impending judgment because of their sins and to urge them to turn back to God

Author: Joel, Name Means: *"The Lord is God"*

To Whom Written: The Southern Kingdom.

Date Written: 835 B.C.

Reign of King Joash - 7years old.

Mentored by High Priest Jehoiada

Setting:

The people of Judah had become prosperous and complacent. Taking God for granted, self-centeredness, idolatry, and sin. Joel warns them about God's judgment.

A national calamity: a ferocious Plague of Locust.

Peter will use Joel as his text for his Pentecost Sermon.

Key Verses: (Ch 2:12-13)

Theme: The Day of the Lord! 5 times in Joel

Basic Outline:

I. The Plague: The Immediate Day of the Lord

The Plague of Locust and Drought

A. A Call to Regard: (Vs 1-7)

B. A Call to Regret: (Vs 8-13)

C. A Call to Refrain: (Vs 14-20)

II. The Promise: The Imminent Day of the Lord

The Impending Invasion of Assyria

A. Reckoning: (Vs 1-11)

B. Repentance: (Vs 12-14)

C. Revival: (Vs 15-17)

D. Rescue: (Vs 18-20)

E. Restoration: (Vs 21-27)

F. Redemption: (Vs 28-32)

III. The Prophecy: The Ultimate Day of the Lord

The Final Judgment of the World, When Jesus invades.

A. The Day of Judgment: (Vs 1-8)

B. The Day of Vengeance: (Vs 9-17)

C. The Day of Blessing: (Vs 18-21)

The World Scoffs at the Idea of Judgment: (2 Peter 3:4)

Most references are in OT, a few in NT

(Is 2:12; 13:6, 9) (Zeph 1:14)(1 Thes 5:2-3)(2 Thes 2:2)

Most references speak of judgment.

A Few of the Millennium: (Amos 5:18)(2 Pet 3:10)

Final Judgment (Rev 20:11-15)

ISRAEL

Israel partakes in both phases of the "Day of the Lord," - judgment and blessing.

(Jeremiah 30:10-11)

NATIONS

(Luke 19:14)(Psalm 2:2-3)

A Day of Reckoning is Coming. (Rev 20:12)

CHURCH: (1 Thes 5:1-11)

Notice a number of pertinent points.

1. Comes suddenly, without any warning, vs. 1.
2. A time of destruction, vs. 2.
3. The church are not here: vs. 4-5.
4. God has not appointed the church to wrath: vs. 9.
5. Being spared brings us comfort, vs. 10.

God's Son will open the scroll judgments: (Rev 5:1-9)
(John 5:22, 27)

The seal judgments: (Revelation 6: 1,3,5,7,9,12-17).
These judgments are the wrath of God (Rev 6:16-17)

FINAL THOUGHTS

The wrath of God, for the Unbeliever, is the coming
Your destiny can be that of blessing instead.
How does one change his or her destiny?

Simply by believing the gospel, (1 Cor 15:1-4),
Ask the Lord to save you (Rom 10:9-13).

The Choice is Yours:

(Joel 3:14) *“Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision:
for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.”*

Christian: Are you ready for “The Day of the Lord”?
Can you see the signs of his coming?
(2 Thes 2:1-17)