

JOEL

Book note for Joel

No book note, yet.

Chapter note for Joel 1

1 Joel, declaring sundry judgments of God, exhorteth to observe them, 8 and to mourn. 14 He prescribeth a fast for complaint.

Joel 1:1

Joel = JEHOVAH is God.

Pethuel = persuasion of God.

Joel 1:4

Deu. 28:38. The palmer-worm is a caterpillar which suddenly appears in great numbers, devouring herbage, esp. fruit trees. The canker-worm is any of various insect larvae that injure plants, especially by feeding on buds and foliage.

Chapter note for Joel 2

1 He sheweth unto Zion the terribleness of God's judgment. 1 He exhorteth to repentance, 15 prescribeth a fast, 18 promiseth a blessing thereon. 21 He comforteth Zion with present, 28 and future blessings.

Joel 2:1

The first eleven verses describe the Lord's army (v. 11) of Rev. 19.

Joel 2:2

A description -- N.B., this happens in one day!

Joel 2:3

The picture is that of an army advancing into a fruitful land, with a wall of fire going before them, followed by the Lord's army impervious to the fire, with fire continuing to burn behind them. The verse is reminiscent of the tactics of the army of Genghis Khan (meaning "supreme conqueror"), who conquered northern China, central Asia, Iran (Persia) and southern Russia in the first quarter of the thirteenth century.

Joel 2:4

Zeph. 1:15; Heb. 3:8.

Joel 2:6

The faces are burned: Nah. 2:10; Eze. 20:47.

Joel 2:8

Re. path: just as they did in Joshua's day at the fall of Jericho.

Joel 2:9

Re. thief: Mat. 24:43.

Joel 2:10

Josh. 10:13 v.f.; Hab. 3:11. Although the sun and moon are not here said to be standing still, the context of Hab. 3:11 seems to be the same one as here.

Joel 2:11

Isa. 13:3-5; Jer. 6:22; Eze. 32:7-8; Rev. 6:16-17.

Joel 2:13

Psa. 51:16-17.

Joel 2:23

Deu. 11:14.

Joel 2:24

"Fat" refers to the vessel holding the fat of the grape. Cf. 3:13 and Isa. 63:2.

Joel 2:28

Not fulfilled in Acts 2 (see note to Ac. 2:17). The "latter rain" of v. 23 is a literal rain for Israel.

Joel 2:31

Ac. 2:20.

The blood is figurative (Rev. 6:12).

Joel 2:32

Ac. 2:21; Rom. 10:13.

Chapter note for Joel 3

1 God's judgment against the enemies of his people. 9 God will be known in his judgment. 18 His blessing upon the church.

Joel 3:2

Jehoshaphat = JEHOVAH-judged.

Joel 3:3

Girl: Zec. 8:5.

Joel 3:4

Tyre = rock.

Zidon = fishing.

Palestine = land of wanderers; wallowers. See note to Ex. 15:14.

Joel 3:6

Modern Jews are "sold" on Greek philosophy. Historically, note Philo who founded the Alexandrian school of Bible criticism. This is done for commercial gain and that the authority of the Jews' language and law may be subdued to that of Egypt and the heir of the Grecian culture, Rome.

Joel 3:10

Contrast Isa. 2:4.

Joel 3:13

Cf. note to 2:24. Rev. 14:14 v.f.

This is not the rapture, for there Jesus himself comes, he does not send his angels.

Joel 3:14

In theory space, a decision is a local minimum.

Joel 3:18

Re. Shittim: see note to Num. 25:1.