

Sermon Notes:

Series: Minor Prophet, Major Message, # 8

Joel – The Day of the Lord

Context: the Lord speaks words of prophecy to the people of Judah 5 centuries before Christ. The spokesman is Joel, the message is clear: 1) repent in order to be restored, and 2) the day of the Lord is coming. To get a glimpse into this short book, consider these questions from Chapter 2 >

- 1-11 Describe the Day of the Lord (see also Amos 5:18-20)
- 12 What is the Lord saying to you personally with these words?
“Return to me with all your heart”
- What is the Lord saying to us as a church?
- What is the Lord saying to us as a nation?
- 13 “Rending garments” was a sign of contrition, of heartbreak over sin
What then does it mean to rend your heart?
- 13-14 How does a right view of God affect our repentance and worship?
- 17-19 Why does God not want Israel to be the ‘scorn of the nations’?
- 20-27 Why does the Earth prosper when God’s people live in obedience?
- 28-32 As the people of Judah heard this prophecy around the year 500, how do you think they understood these verses?
- How about on the Day of Pentecost... as the curious crowd listened to Peter preach these same words, what would they have understood?
Acts 2:14-21