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Daily Bible Notes/Highlights Genesis through Revelation 2014

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Joel

C1-4

C1 Joel's prophecy in this chapter is a story of retribution. Locusts always represent a stripping of basic mezzotints as well as displacement and anguish. Being overrun by flying or hopping bugs is different than bugs that can be readily crushed. The prophet calls in them to cry out to The Lord (14-15).

C2 The theme of the day of The Lord continues in this chapter. It's a period of extraordinary darkness, chaos and fear. This chapter is about an overwhelming army, then again a call to repentance. It's a call in Jerusalem which provides textual insight about the target of the prophecy. According to Joel it's not too late (14-17).

The response shows the disgraceful condition because The Lord will change their circumstances if they would turn to him (19-27). There will be a time when He will pour out His Spirit (28-29). It is a parallel prophecy of at least two periods. Everyone who calls in the name of the Lord will be saved is the Church Age in our view. Then some will escape in Jerusalem will escape appears to be more present tense. Not all were taken captive to Babylon.

C3 Clearly, Joel seems to address what appears to be an apocalyptic climax. It's a period when Judah and Israel are prospering and armies are gathered for judgement for persecuting God's people.

The chapter describes a massive gathering of the war prepared (14). It is the valley of decision i.e., for The Lord or against Him. Notwithstanding, the size of the gathered armies, The Lord promises refuge to His people.

This is done as the principal demonstration He/God is Israel's God. And what great words of restoration for His people who have been thrown asunder throughout history. I will pardon my people, and make my home in Jerusalem (21).

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