

A Tour Through the Divine Library  
(Joel)

I. General Introduction to Joel

- Title: named after Joel (1:1)
- Author/Date: Joel, the son of Pethuel (1:1); 835? – 796? BC
- Theme/Purpose: call to repentance (2:12, 13) → judgment for impenitence (2:1) → promise of salvation (2:32)
- Structure:

- I. A Plea for Repentance (1:1-2:17)
- II. A Promise of Blessing (2:18-3:21)

II. General Overview of Joel

- A Plea for Repentance (1:1-2:17)
- A Promise of Blessing (2:18-3:21)

III. Prominent Themes in Joel

- The Day of the Lord (1:15; 2:1, 11, 31; 3:14)
- The Nature of True Repentance (2:12, 13)
- The Blessing of the New Covenant (Joel 2:28-32 with Acts 2:17-21; Joel 2:32 with Rom. 10:13)

IV. Christ in Joel

- Indirectly, in connection with Joel's prophecy of the outpouring of the HS in the last days (2:28-32). The events of Pentecost were the infallible sign that Christ had completed His redeeming work.

V. Practical Lessons in Joel

- 1) The Tragedy of a Nation that Doesn't Recognize Itself to be Under God's Judgment
- 2) The Absolute Necessity of True Repentance
- 3) The Promise of Salvation to All who Seek It