

P.T. BIBLE SURVEY

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- ⦿ Who wrote it?
 - **Joel (Joel 1:1)**
 - **Little is known about the author other than who his father is.**

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⦿ II. The Day of the Lord in Prospect (2-3)

- ⦿ Prophetic invasion
- ⦿ The Imminent Day of the Lord
- ⦿ The Ultimate Day of the Lord

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- ◎ Summary in 10 words or less:
 - Locust plague pictures God’s judgment on His sinful people.

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◎ Cast of Characters:

- **God:** punishes His people with a plague of locusts
- **Joel:** a prophet preaching a return to the Lord
- **Judah:** a people lost in their sin and disobedience

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- ◎ Where is the work of Christ?
 - Peter and Paul taught that prophecies about the “Day of the Lord” (2:11) applied to the second coming of Jesus (1 Thes. 5:2; 2 Peter 3:10).
 - Joel also prophesied the coming of God’s Spirit on all flesh (2:28). According to Peter, this prediction began to be fulfilled on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit filled the followers of Jesus (Acts 2:16-21).

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Verse to Remember

- ⦿ “And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.” (Joel 2:28)

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◉ Interesting Facts:

- Because of his statements about the priesthood (1:13, 14; and 2:17), some think Joel was a priest as well as a prophet.
- Unlike other prophets who condemned idolatry, injustice, or other specific sins of the Jewish people, Joel simply called for repentance without describing the sin committed.

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- ◎ What is my take away?
 - The fact that Joel didn't mentioned any specific sins could point to the fact that people in rebellion already know the error of their ways.

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◎ Home Study

- Read a couple chapters daily in Amos this week.
- Review your One-Sentence Summaries.
- Recite your memory verses.