

Minor Prophets – Joel & Amos

Locusts and Lions

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Themes: Joel: The day of the locust points to the Day of the LORD
Amos: The LORD roars as the lion from Zion

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Structure of Joel

Introduction (1:1)

- A. Devastating Locust Invasion (1:2-14)
 - B. Physical Suffering from the Locusts (1:15-20)
 - C. The Day of the LORD Comes to God's People (2:1-11)
 - X. CENTER: Call to Repentance (2:12-17)
- A. Reversal of Devastating Locust Invasion (2:18-27)
 - B. Spiritual Blessings from the LORD (2:28-32)
 - C. The Day of the LORD Comes to the Nations (3:1-21)

Outline of Joel

I. The Locusts Are Coming! (1:1-20)

- A. Introduction (1:1)
 - 1. The Prophet (1:1)
 - 2. Date (1:1)
- B. The Day of the Locust (1:2-14)
 - 1. A Call to Hear (1:2-4)
 - 2. A Call to Mourn (1:5-14)
- C. The Day of the LORD (1:15-20)
 - 1. A Call to Mourn (1:15-18)
 - 2. A Call to Pray (1:19-20)

II. The Day of the LORD Is Coming! (2:1-17)

- A. The Army of Destruction (2:1-11)
 - 1. The Alarm Sounds (2:1-2a)
 - 2. The Army Advances (2:2b-9)
 - 3. The LORD Controls (2:10-11)
- B. The Hope of Deliverance (2:12-17)
 - 1. Assurance by the Prophet (2:12-14)
 - 2. Assembly by the People (2:15-16)
 - 3. Action by the Priests (2:17)

III. The Spirit Is Coming! (2:18-32)

- A. The Overturning of the Locust Invasion (2:18-27)
 - 1. Restoration Blessings (2:18-20)
 - 2. Restoration Rejoicing (2:21-24)
 - 3. Restoration Covenant (2:25-27)
- B. The Outpouring of the Spirit (2:28-32)
 - 1. Gifts (2:28-29)
 - 2. Signs (2:30-31)
 - 3. Deliverance (2:32)

IV. The Judge Is Coming! (3:1-21)

- A. The Valley of Jehoshaphat (3:1-8)
 - 1. The Courtroom (3:1-2a)
 - 2. The Crimes (3:2b-3)
 - 3. The Culprits (3:4-6)
 - 4. The Consequences (3:7-8)
- B. The Valley of Decision (3:9-16)
 - 1. The LORD Calls (3:9-13)
 - 2. The LORD Roars (3:14-16a)
 - 3. The LORD Shelters (3:16b)

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- C. The Valley of Acacias (3:17-21)
 - 1. The Presence of God (3:17a, 3:21b)
 - 2. The Perfection of God's People (3:17b, 20-21a)
 - 3. The Purge of God's Enemies (3:17c, 19)
 - 4. The Paradise of God (3:18)

Structure of Amos

Introduction (1:1-2)

- A. Coming Judgment Upon Israel and Its Neighboring Nations (1:3-2:16)
- B. Destruction of Israel and Bethel's Worship Center (3:1-15)
 - C. Condemnation of Wealthy Israelite Women: Empty Religious Activity, Social Injustice, and Coming Judgment (4:1-13)
 - X. CENTER: Call to Repentance and Lament (5:1-17)
 - C'. Condemnation of Wealthy Israelite Men: Empty Religious Activity, Social Injustice, and Coming Judgment (5:18-6:14)
- B'. Destruction of Israel and Bethel's Worship Center (7:1-8:3)
- A'. Coming Judgment Upon Israel (Scattering Among the Nations) and Future Restoration Among the Nations (8:4-9:15)

Outline of Amos

V. The Prophet from Tekoa (1:1-2; 7:10-17)

- A. Introduction (1:1-2)
 - 1. Amos of Tekoa (1:1)
 - 2. Date (1:1)
 - 3. Earthquake (1:1)
 - 4. The LORD Roars from Zion (1:2)
- B. Amos and Amaziah (7:10-17)
 - 1. Amaziah's Opposition (7:10-13)
 - 2. Amos' Origins (7:14-15)
 - 3. The LORD's Oracle (7:16-17)

VI. The Fourth Transgression (1:3-2:16)

- A. Seven Nations (1:3-2:5)
 - 1. Syria and Philistia: Cruelty to Others (1:3-8)
 - 2. Tyre and Edom: Cruelty to Brothers (1:9-12)
 - 3. Ammon and Moab: Cruelty Squared (1:13-2:3)
 - 4. Judah: Covenant Breaking (2:4-5)
- B. One Nation: Israel (2:6-16)
 - 1. The Indictment (2:6-8)
 - 2. The Evidence (2:9-12)
 - 3. The Verdict (2:13-16)

VII. The Roaring Lion (3:1-15))

- A. The Lion Roars (3:1-8)
 - 1. A Chosen People (3:1-2)
 - 2. Seven Questions (3:3-6)
 - 3. The Lion Roars (3:7-8)
- B. The Lion Devours (3:9-15)
 - 1. The Watching World (3:9-10)
 - 2. The Lion Devours (3:11-12)
 - 3. Houses for Destruction (3:13-15)

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VIII. Prepare to Meet Your God! (4:1-13)

- A. Holy Cows and Holy Shrines – Not! (4:1-5)
 - 1. The Cows of Bashan (4:1-3)
 - 2. The Shrines of Bethel and Gilgal (4:4-5)
- B. Missed Opportunities (4:6-13)
 - 1. Five Calamities (4:6-11)
 - 2. Prepare to Meet Your God! (4:12)
 - 3. Sovereignty Hymn – First Stanza (4:13)

IX. Seek the LORD and Live (5:1-17)

- A. Lamentation (5:1-3)
- B. Seek the LORD and Live (5:4-6)
 - C. The Alchemy of Sin (5:7)
 - D. Sovereignty Hymn – Second Stanza (5:8-9)
 - E. The Anatomy of Sin (5:10-13)
- F. Seed Good and Not Evil That You May Live (5:14-15)
- G. Wailing (5:16-17)

X. At Ease in Zion (5:18-6:14)

- A. The Day of the LORD (5:18-20)
- B. Unaccepted Religion (5:21-24)
 - C. Exile for Idolatry (5:25-27)
 - D. Woe (6:1-6)
 - E. Exile for Indulgence (6:7)
- F. Unaccepted Society (6:8-10)
- G. The Command of the LORD (6:11-14)

XI. Four Visions of Judgment (7:1-9; 8:1-3)

- A. Vision of the Locusts (7:1-3)
- B. Vision of the Fire (7:4-6)
- C. Vision of the Plumb Line (7:7-9)
- D. Vision of the Summer Fruit (8:1-3)

XII. The LORD Is His Name (8:4-9:6)

- A. The Trembling Land (8:4-8)
 - 1. Ethics (8:4-6)
 - 2. Earthquake (8:7-8)
- B. Famine of the Word (8:9-14)
 - 1. Solar Eclipse (8:9-10)
 - 2. Spiritual Famine (8:11-12)
 - 3. Spiritual Thirst (8:13-14)
- C. Vision of the LORD of the Altar (9:1-4)
 - 1. From Altar to Earthquake (9:1)
 - 2. From A to Z (9:2-4)
- D. Sovereignty Hymn – Third Stanza (9:5-6)

XIII. The Booth of David (9:7-15)

- A. The Sifting of Israel (9:7-10)
 - 1. Same as the Nations (9:7-8a)
 - 2. Different from the Nations (9:8b-10)
- B. Raising the Fallen Tabernacle (9:11-12)
 - 1. The King (9:11)
 - 2. The Nations (9:12)
- C. Restoring Captive Israel (9:13-15)
 - 1. The Earth (9:13)
 - 2. The People (9:14)
 - 3. The Land (9:15)

Joel & Amos Quotes/Allusions in the New Testament

- Joel 1:6; 2:4-5** ⁶For a nation [i.e. the *locust* swarm] has come up against My land, Strong, and without number; *His teeth are the teeth of a lion*, And he has the fangs of a fierce lion ... ⁴*Their appearance is like the appearance of horses*; And like swift steeds, so they run. ⁵*With a noise like chariots* Over mountaintops they leap, Like the noise of a flaming fire that devours the stubble, Like a strong people set in battle array.
- Rev. 9:3, 7-9 ³Then out of the smoke *locusts* came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power ... ⁷*The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle*. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men. ⁸They had hair like women's hair, and *their teeth were like lions' teeth*. ⁹And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and *the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots* with many horses running into battle.
- Joel 1:15; 2:1** ¹⁵Alas for the day! *For the day of the LORD is at hand*; It shall come as destruction from the Almighty ... ¹ *Blow the trumpet* in Zion, And sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; *For the day of the LORD is coming, For it is at hand*.
- James 5:8 ⁸You also be patient. Establish your hearts, *for the coming of the Lord is at hand*.
- 1 Cor. 15:52 ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, *at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound*, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
- 1 Th. 4:16 ¹⁶For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with *the trumpet of God*. And the dead in Christ will rise first.
- Joel 2:10; 3:15-16a** ¹⁰*The earth quakes* before them, *The heavens tremble*; The sun and moon grow dark, And the stars diminish their brightness ... ¹⁵*The sun and moon will grow dark, And the stars will diminish their brightness*. ¹⁶The LORD also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem; *The heavens and earth will shake*.
- Luke 21:25-26 ²⁵And there will be *signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars*; and *on the earth* distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; ²⁶men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, *for the powers of the heavens will be shaken*.
- Rev. 8:12 ¹² Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of *the sun was struck*, a third of the *moon*, and a third of the *stars*, so that a third of them *were darkened*. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.
- Joel 2:28-32** ²⁸*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*. ²⁹*And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days*. ³⁰*And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke*. ³¹*The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD*. ³²*And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the LORD has said, Among the remnant whom the LORD calls*.
- Acts 2:16-21 ¹⁶But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷*And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams*. ¹⁸*And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy*. ¹⁹*I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke*. ²⁰*The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD*. ²¹*And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved*.

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- Romans 10:13 ¹³For “*whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.*”
- Joel 3:11-12** ¹¹Assemble and come, *all you nations*, And gather together all around. Cause Your *mighty ones* to go down there, O LORD. ¹²Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; For there *I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations.*
- Matt. 25:31-32 ³¹ When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and *all the holy angels* with Him, then *He will sit* on the throne of His glory. ³²*All the nations* will be gathered before Him, and *He will separate them* one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.
- Joel 3:13a** ¹³*Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe.*
- Mark 4:29 ²⁹But when the grain ripens, immediately he *puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.*
- Rev. 14:14-16 ¹⁴ Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a *sharp sickle*. ¹⁵And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, “*Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.*” ¹⁶So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.
- Joel 3:13b** ¹³Come, go down; For *the winepress* is full, The vats overflow—For their wickedness is great.
- Rev. 14:19 ¹⁹So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into *the great winepress of the wrath of God.*
- Rev. 19:15 ¹⁵Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads *the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*
- Amos 3:7** ⁷Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, Unless *He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.*
- Rev. 10:7 ⁷but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as *He declared to His servants the prophets.*
- Amos 5:25-27** ²⁵“*Did you offer Me sacrifices and offerings In the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel?* ²⁶*You also carried Sikkuth your king And Chiun, your idols, The star of your gods, Which you made for yourselves.* ²⁷*Therefore I will send you into captivity beyond Damascus,*” Says the LORD, whose name is the God of hosts.
- Acts 7:42-43 ⁴²Then God turned and gave them up to worship the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the Prophets: “*Did you offer Me slaughtered animals and sacrifices during forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel?* ⁴³*You also took up the tabernacle of Moloch, And the star of your god Remphan, Images which you made to worship; And I will carry you away beyond Babylon.*”
- Amos 9:11-12** ¹¹“*On that day I will raise up The tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, And repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, And rebuild it as in the days of old;* ¹²*That they may possess the remnant of Edom, And all the Gentiles who are called by My name,*” Says the LORD who does this thing.
- Acts 15:12-17 ¹²Then all the multitude kept silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring how many miracles and wonders God had worked through them among the Gentiles. ¹³And after they had become silent, James answered, saying, “Men and brethren, listen to me: ¹⁴Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name. ¹⁵And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written: ¹⁶“*After this I will return And will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, And I will set it up;* ¹⁷*So that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD. Even all the Gentiles who are called by My name,*” Says the LORD who does all these things.”

Day of the LORD

Old Testament References (25 verses)

- Isaiah 2:12 For **the day of the LORD** of hosts Shall come upon everything proud and lofty, Upon everything lifted up—And it shall be brought low—
- Isaiah 13:6 Wail, for **the day of the LORD** is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.
- Isaiah 13:9 Behold, **the day of the LORD** comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it.
- Isaiah 34:8 For it is **the day of the LORD's** vengeance, The year of recompense for the cause of Zion.
- Isaiah 58:13-14 If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, From doing your pleasure on My holy day, And call the Sabbath a delight, The holy **day of the LORD** honorable, And shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, Nor finding your own pleasure, Nor speaking your own words, ¹⁴Then you shall delight yourself in the LORD; And I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, And feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the LORD has spoken.
- Jeremiah 46:10 For this is **the day of the Lord** GOD of hosts, A day of vengeance, That He may avenge Himself on His adversaries. The sword shall devour; It shall be satiated and made drunk with their blood; For the Lord GOD of hosts has a sacrifice In the north country by the River Euphrates.
- Lamentations 2:22 You have invited as to a feast day The terrors that surround me. In **the day of the LORD's** anger There was no refugee or survivor. Those whom I have borne and brought up My enemies have destroyed.
- Ezekiel 13:5 You have not gone up into the gaps to build a wall for the house of Israel to stand in battle on the **day of the LORD**.
- Ezekiel 30:3 For the day is near, Even the **day of the LORD** is near; It will be a day of clouds, the time of the Gentiles.
- Joel 1:15* *Alas for the day! For **the day of the LORD** is at hand; It shall come as destruction from the Almighty.*
- Joel 2:1* *Blow the trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; For **the day of the LORD** is coming, For it is at hand:*
- Joel 2:11* *The LORD gives voice before His army, For His camp is very great; For strong is the One who executes His word. For **the day of the LORD** is great and very terrible; Who can endure it?*
- Joel 2:31* *The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome **day of the LORD**.*
- Joel 3:14* *Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the **day of the LORD** is near in the valley of decision.*
- Amos 5:18* *Woe to you who desire the **day of the LORD!** For what good is the **day of the LORD** to you? It will be darkness, and not light.*
- Amos 5:20* *Is not the **day of the LORD** darkness, and not light? Is it not very dark, with no brightness in it?*
- Obadiah 1:15 For the **day of the LORD** upon all the nations is near; As you have done, it shall be done to you; Your reprisal shall return upon your own head.
- Zephaniah 1:7 Be silent in the presence of the Lord GOD; For the **day of the LORD** is at hand, For the LORD has prepared a sacrifice; He has invited His guests.

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- Zephaniah 1:8 And it shall be, In the **day of the LORD's** sacrifice, That I will punish the princes and the king's children, And all such as are clothed with foreign apparel.
- Zephaniah 1:14 The great **day of the LORD** is near; It is near and hastens quickly. The noise of the day of the LORD is bitter; There the mighty men shall cry out.
- Zephaniah 1:18 Neither their silver nor their gold Shall be able to deliver them In the **day of the LORD's** wrath; But the whole land shall be devoured By the fire of His jealousy, For He will make speedy riddance Of all those who dwell in the land.
- Zephaniah 2:2 Before the decree is issued, Or the day passes like chaff, Before the LORD's fierce anger comes upon you, Before the **day of the LORD's** anger comes upon you!
- Zephaniah 2:3 Seek the LORD, all you meek of the earth, Who have upheld His justice. Seek righteousness, seek humility. It may be that you will be hidden In the **day of the LORD's** anger.
- Zechariah 14:1 Behold, the **day of the LORD** is coming, And your spoil will be divided in your midst.
- Malachi 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful **day of the LORD**.

New Testament References (5 verses)

- Acts 2:20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome **day of the LORD**.
- 1 Corinthians 5:4-5 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in **the day of the Lord** Jesus.
- 2 Corinthians 1:13-14 For we are not writing any other things to you than what you read or understand. Now I trust you will understand, even to the end (as also you have understood us in part), that we are your boast as you also are ours, in **the day of the Lord** Jesus.
- 1 Th. 5:1-2 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that **the day of the Lord** so comes as a thief in the night.
- 2 Peter 3:10 But **the day of the Lord** will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

Kings and Prophets – 9th-8th Century BC

Assyria	Judah	Israel	Prophets (rough dates)
Shalmaneser III 859-824	Athaliah 841-835	Jehu 841-814	
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	Ahaz 743-715	Pekahiah 742-740	
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