

# MINOR PROPHETS STUDY

Christ the King Lutheran Church, Winter 2024–Spring 2025

Session Three: Joel – The Truth about Judgement

## BACKGROUND

**Who:** Joel (“Yahweh is God”)

**When:** 848–800BC (Prophesying in Judah, ~100 years before North falls, ~250 before South)

## THE LOCUSTS: TRIBULATION

### READ JOEL 1

Who does the Lord address?

- v.2
- v.5
- v.11
- v.13

vv. 2–4: What occasions this address? (*and talk about the four types...*)

What does each group lament?

- vv. 5–10
- vv. 11–12
- v. 13

vv. 14–20: What are they called to do?

Should we attempt to draw spiritual lessons from physical tribulations?

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## THE DAY OF THE LORD: TRIBULATION

### READ JOEL 2:1–17

What is forecast?

- vv. 1–2
- vv. 3
- vv. 4–10

vv. 12–14: What is promised?

vv. 15–17: What are they called to do? (Compare 1:14 with 2:15–16)

# THE LOCUSTS: RESTORATION

## READ JOEL 2:18–27

What does God promise in 2:18–20?

*NOTE: verse 20 indicates a possible allegorical understanding of the locusts*

What is the response?

- vv. 21–22
  - vv. 23–27
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# THE DAY OF THE LORD: RESTORATION

## READ JOEL 2:28–3:21

What does God promise in 2:28–31? (And why should this sound very familiar?)

*NOTE: Jehoshaphat = “the judgement of Yahweh”*

What does God foretell in 3:1–16?

vv. 17–21: And, at last, what is promised?