

The Book of Joel

A study using 18 questions per chapter
The purpose of this study is to find out
What the Bible says.



THE WORD FOR THE WORLD
STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT
by
Bill DeLaughter

© Bill DeLaughter
P.O. Box 193
Crown Point, In. 46308-0193
U.S.A.
Phone - (219) 661-0998
web site www.word4world.com E-mail wjdzim@word4world.com

Bill desires that this study be made available to everyone to be used for their further understanding of What The Bible Says. This study may be photo copied for single church use and/or translated into any language where it can be used with permission from the author.

INSTRUCTIONS

or suggestions as to how to conduct this study.

I can only suggest how this study was originally conducted and it was very successful. First of all, we tried to arrange a very informal atmosphere with the folks sitting in a loose circle. We would begin the session by having tea, or cokes and an informal time of fellowship. Then we would have a prayer time with everyone suggesting names of those for whom we should pray. It was also mentioned each session that we expected that each individual have at least one person for whom they would agree to pray for in regards to that person's salvation.

To actually begin the study the entire chapter would be read aloud with each one willing to read, taking the number of verses and dividing it by the number of people present and each one reading a portion.

Then the first one on the left (a habit of mine) would begin by reading the first question and giving their answer. The verse where their answer was found must also be given. Then the leader asks if everybody agrees. Let discussion carry on as necessary but not too long. Then go to the next question and the next person until all of the fifteen questions are answered.

For the discussion questions (numbers 16-17-18) each person present should give their answer once again going from the first one on the left and so on. Answer one question at a time, with each person present giving their reasons for their answer to each question. Discussion can be long or short depending on how the group feels. Do not carry the class session on too long.

Encourage each one to prepare his answers BEFORE the session begins if at all possible only because they will get more out of the discussion if they have thought about it.

INTRODUCTION

The following is from Commentary on The Whole Bible by Jamieson Fausset and Brown Page 663

Joel (meaning "one to whom Jehovah is God," i.e., worshiper of Jehovah) seems to have belonged to Judah, as no reference occurs to Israel; whereas he speaks of Jerusalem, the temple, the priests, and the ceremonies, as if he were intimately familiar with them. His predictions were probably delivered in the early days of Joash B.C. 870-865. For no mention is made in them to the Babylonian, Assyrian, or even the Syrian invasion; and the only enemies mentioned are the Philistines, Phoenicians, Edomites, and Egyptians. Had he lived after Joash, he would doubtless have mentioned the Syrians among the enemies whom he enumerated, since they took Jerusalem, and carried off immense spoils to Damascus (2 Chronicles 24:23-24) No idolatry is mentioned: and the temple services, the priesthood, and other institutions of the theocracy, are represented as flourishing. This all answers to the state of things in the early years of Joash.

THE BOOK OF JOEL - Chapter 01
SHORT ANSWERS

1. To whom is this letter addressed? _____ . Verse _____
2. What types of locusts are mentioned? _____ . Verse _____
3. Name the foods that are devastated. _____

_____. Verses _____
4. Who is asked to put on sackcloth and mourn? _____ . Verse _____
5. Besides the locusts what else destroys the land? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ These words are to be told to their great-grandchildren.
7. _____ Since the word for locusts is uncertain, it is possible that this refers to an invading nation.
8. _____ Whatever it means the land and all the crops were to be destroyed.
9. _____ The only things left untouched were the granaries.
10. _____ Even the wild animals had nothing to eat.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Was a warning issued to drunkards?
12. _____ Was this chapter a warning to both priests and farmers?
13. _____ Was this a call to repentance?
14. _____ Were the seeds in the ground also affected?
15. _____ Were the only things left untouched the pasture land for the sheep?

THINK FOR YOURSELF

16. What is the main theme of this chapter and why do you think so? (Can you do one word?)
17. What is the key verse and why do you think so?
18. What did you learn?

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY: (The following questions could be used in place of or in addition to the ones in the lessons for those who are more advanced in Bible knowledge.)

1. What does this chapter teach about Jesus?
2. What does this chapter teach about God?
3. What does this chapter teach about the Holy Spirit?
4. Does this chapter contain promises to be received, commands to be obeyed or warnings to be heeded?

THE BOOK OF JOEL - Chapter 2
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What did the land look like before the locusts came? _____. Verse _____
2. What are the nations like at the sight of the locusts? _____. Verse _____
3. How does the Lord say to return to him? _____. Verse _____
4. What was to be declared when the trumpet was to blow in Zion? _____. Verse _____
5. Why should the wild animals not be afraid? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ The destruction will be so great the land will be turned into a desert.
7. _____ They were told to rend their garments and return to God.
8. _____ The Lord will take pity on his people.
9. _____ God said that he will repay them for the years the locusts have eaten.
10. _____ The part of the prophesy beginning in verse 28 was fulfilled in Acts 2.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Had there ever been an event like this before and will there ever be one like it later?
12. _____ Will anything be able to stop the locust advance?
13. _____ Are the locusts called God's army?
14. _____ Will other nations ask where is their God?
15. _____ Will the result of all this be that the people will praise the name of God?

THINK FOR YOURSELF

16. What is the main theme of this chapter and why do you think so? (Can you do one word?)
17. What is the key verse and why do you think so?
18. What did you learn?

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY: (The following questions could be used in place of or in addition to the ones in the lessons for those who are more advanced in Bible knowledge.)

1. What does this chapter teach about Jesus?
2. What does this chapter teach about God?
3. What does this chapter teach about the Holy Spirit?
4. Does this chapter contain promises to be received, commands to be obeyed or warnings to be heeded?

THE BOOK OF JOEL - Chapter 3
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Who will be brought for judgment in the Valley of Jehoshaphat? _____ . Verse _____
2. What nation will have what they did to God's people turned back on their own heads? _____ . Verse _____
3. What was to be done with plowshares and pruning hooks? _____ . Verse _____
4. What will the Lord do from Jerusalem? _____ . Verse _____
5. Where does the Lord dwell? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ The Israeli boys were traded for prostitutes and the girls sold for wine.
7. _____ Tyre, Sidon and Philistia took silver and gold from Israel.
8. _____ What they did to the people of Judah and Jerusalem God is going to do to them.
9. _____ God's judgment will be carried out in the valley of decision.
10. _____ Egypt will become a desert.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Does God call Israel his inheritance?
12. _____ Were the temple treasures put into the Philistine's temples?
13. _____ Were weaklings to become strong?
14. _____ Is Zion called God's holy hill?
15. _____ Will the people of Judah always exist?

THINK FOR YOURSELF

16. What is the main theme of this chapter and why do you think so? (Can you do one word?)
17. What is the key verse and why do you think so?
18. What did you learn?

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY: (The following questions could be used in place of or in addition to the ones in the lessons for those who are more advanced in Bible knowledge.)

1. What does this chapter teach about Jesus?
2. What does this chapter teach about God?
3. What does this chapter teach about the Holy Spirit?
4. Does this chapter contain promises to be received, commands to be obeyed or warnings to be heeded?