

Thematic Structure of Joel

- A. The Coming Invasion of Israel
 - a. The Destruction of Locusts (1:1-4)
 - b. The Destruction of Invading Armies (1:5-10)
 - c. The Coming Famine (1:11-12)
- B. First Call to Repentance
 - a. Call of Repentance to Religious Leaders (1:13)
 - b. Call of Repentance to the Citizens of Israel (1:14)
- C. Day of the Lord's Destruction
 - a. Destruction upon Israel (1:15-20)
 - b. Destruction of Foreign Invasion (2:1-11)
- D. Second Call to Repentance
 - a. Call to Heartfelt Repentance (2:12-17)
- E. Yahweh's Promise of Restoration
 - a. The Physical Restoration of the Nation and the Land (2:18-27)
 - b. The Spiritual Restoration and Salvation of the People (2:28-32)
- F. The Coming Judgment on the Nations
 - a. The Gathering of the Nations for Judgment (3:1-8)
 - b. The Day of the Lord against the Nations (3:9-16)
 - c. The Day of the Lord's Blessing for Israel (3:17-21)

Major Themes

- A. The Timeline of the Day(s) of the Lord
 - a. The Day of Israel's Judgment (1:15, 2:11)
 - b. The Day of the World's Judgment (2:31)
- B. The Restoration and Revival of Israel (2:28-32)

C. The Everlasting Peace of Israel (3:17–21)

Key Text

Joel 2:30–32 ³⁰ *And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke.* ³¹ *The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.* ³² *And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.*