

Redeemer Bible Fellowship Old Testament Overview Series

Joel: The Day of the Lord

Author: Joel, the son of Pethuel

Audience: Judah, the southern kingdom

Date: Unknown

- John Calvin - *"As there is no certainty, it is better to leave the time in which he taught undecided; and as we shall see, this is of no great importance...for the import of his doctrine is evident, though his time may be obscure and uncertain."*

Purpose: Joel calls the people to repent in light of the coming Day of the Lord, who would ultimately judge the rebellious nations and restore His repentant people.

Outline:

I. The Preview of Divine Judgment (1:1-2:17)

- The Past Invasion of Locusts
- The Future Day of the Lord

II. The Promise of Divine Restoration (2:18-3:21)

- Physical renewal (2:18-27)
- Spiritual renewal (2:28-32)
- National renewal (3:1-21)