

JOEL

# Restoration Renewal

MAJOR

LESSONS

FROM

THE MINOR

PROPHETS



## JOEL 1:1

<sup>1</sup>The word of the Lord that came to Joel son of Pethuel.



# LOCUSTS AND LOSSES . . .

- After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.
- Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;  
his going out is as the dawn;  
he will come and we shall see him,  
as the snow melts before the sun,  
as the dew disappears before the heat,  
as the grass withers before the wind,  
as the smoke disappears before the wind.
- What shall we do? What shall we do?  
Your love is like the dew that goes early away.
- Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;  
I have slain them by the words of my  
mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
- For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt  
offerings.
- But like Adam they transgressed the covenant,  
there they dealt faithlessly with me.
- Gilcad is a city of evildoers,  
tracked with blood.
- As robbers lie in wait for a man,  
so the priests band together;  
they murder on the way to Shechem,  
they commit villainy.

- but they will not find him;  
he has withdrawn from them.
- They have dealt faithlessly with the LORD,  
for they have borne alien children.  
Now the new moon shall devour them with  
their fields.
- Blow the horn in Gibeon,  
the trumpet in Ramah;  
sound the alarm at Beth-aven,  
we follow you, O Benjamin!
- Ephraim shall become a desolation  
because he has forsaken the LORD his God,  
he has despised his word,  
he has despised his voice,  
therefore shall he be despised and  
desolate, because he has despised his word,  
he has despised his voice,  
therefore shall he be despised and  
desolate.
- The princes of Judah have become  
like a flock without a shepherd,  
who move the landmark,  
they will pour out  
my wrath like water.
- Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment,  
because he was determined to go after filth.
- But I am like a moth to Ephraim,  
and like dry rot to the house of Judah.
- When Ephraim saw his sickness,  
and Judah his wound,  
then Ephraim went to Assyria,  
and sent to the great king,  
But he is not able to cure you  
or heal your wound.
- For I will be like a lion to Ephraim,  
and like a young lion to the house of Judah;  
I, even I, will tear and go away;  
I will carry off, and no one shall rescue.

- Ephraim mixes himself with the peoples;  
Ephraim is a cake not turned.
- Strangers devour his strength,  
and he knows it not;  
gray hairs are sprinkled upon him,  
and he knows it not.
- The pride of Israel testifies to his face,  
yet they do not return to the LORD their God,  
nor seek him, for all this.
- Ephraim is like a dove,  
silly and without sense;  
calling to Egypt, going to Assyria.
- As they go, I will spread over them my net;  
I will bring them down like birds of the  
heavens;  
I will discipline them according to the reproach  
made to their congregation.
- Woe to them; for they have strayed from me!  
Destruction to them; for they have rebelled  
against me!  
I would redeem them,  
but they speak lies against me.
- They do not cry to me from the heart,  
but they wall upon their beds;  
for grain and wine they gash themselves,  
they rebel against me.
- Although I trained and strengthened their  
arms,  
yet they devise evil against me.
- They return, but not upward;  
they are like a treacherous bow;  
their princes shall fall by the sword.



## JOEL 1:4

<sup>4</sup> What the locust swarm has left the great locusts have eaten; what the great locusts have left the young locusts have eaten; what the young locusts have left other locusts have eaten.











## JOEL 2:1

<sup>1</sup> Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming.



**B U T . . .**

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on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.
- Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;  
his going down is like the dawn;  
he will come as the sun,  
as the sun rises in the morning.
- What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes early away.
- Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;  
I have slain them by the words of my  
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and my judgment goes forth as the light.
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the trumpet in Ramah;  
sound the alarm at Beth-aven,  
we follow you, O Benjamin!
- Ephraim shall become a desolation  
in the day of punishment,  
among the tribes of Israel.  
I make known what is sure.
- The princes of Judah have become  
like those who move the landmark;  
upon them I will pour out  
my wrath like water.
- Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment,  
because he was determined to go after filth.
- But I am like a moth to Ephraim,  
and like dry rot to the house of Judah.
- When Ephraim saw his sickness,  
and Judah his wound,  
then Ephraim went to Assyria,  
and sent to the great king  
But he is not able to cure you  
or heal your wound.
- For I will be like a lion to Ephraim,  
and like a young lion to the house of Judah.  
I, even I, will tear and go away;  
I will carry off, and no one shall rescue.

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against me!  
I would redeem them,  
but they speak lies against me.
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but they wall upon their beds;  
for grain and wine they gash themselves,  
they rebel against me.
- Although I trained and strengthened their  
arms,  
yet they devise evil against me.
- They return, but not upward;  
they are like a treacherous bow;  
their princes shall fall by the sword.



## JOEL 2:25-26

<sup>25</sup> “I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten—the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm—my great army that I sent among you.

<sup>26</sup> You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the Lord your



God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed.



**“Whatever you have  
done, whatever you have  
become, it doesn't matter.  
Please come home.”**

**MAX LUCADO**



## THE WAY BACK . . .

# Repent

After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.

Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD,  
his going down to Sheol;  
he will cover us with his goodness,  
as the snow covers the white thorn.

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes early away.

Therefore I have hewn them by the word of the LORD;  
I have slain them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the lightning.  
For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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sound the alarm at Beth-aven,  
we follow you, O Benjamin!  
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The princes of Judah have become  
like those who move the landmark;  
upon them I will pour out  
my wrath like water.

Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment,  
because he was determined to go after filth.  
I will punish him as he has chosen,  
because he has despised my word,  
his despising me to the house of Judah.

When Ephraim saw his ark,  
and Judah his wound,  
then Ephraim went to Assyria,  
and sent to the great king.  
But he is not able to cure you  
or heal your wound.

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## JOEL 2:12,13

<sup>12</sup> “Even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” <sup>13</sup> Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.



## JOEL 2:17

<sup>17</sup> Let the priests, who minister before the Lord, weep between the portico and the altar. Let them say, “Spare your people, Lord.



REPENTANCE

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Let us know his grace

his goodness

he will comfort us

as the spring comforts the parched

land.

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- Self-righteous sorrow



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REPENTANCE

REPLACEMENTS

- No sorrow
- Self-righteous sorrow
- Misplaced sorrow
- Shame-filled sorrow



**“There is a compassionate adaptability about God's will for us. Because we have not been in God's special will for us from the beginning, there is no reason why we should not get into it now. He can take up from where we get right.”**

**S I D L O W   B A X T E R**



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## JOEL 2:28,29

<sup>28</sup> “And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. <sup>29</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.



## JOEL 3:18

<sup>18</sup> “In that day the mountains will drip new wine, and the hills will flow with milk; all the ravines of Judah will run with water. A fountain will flow out of the Lord’s house and will water the valley of acacias.