

Bible study 1 - Judgement and Repentance

Read Joel 1:1-20, noting: locust plague (v.1-4); impact of the locust plague (v.5-18); & Joel's prayer (v.19-20). Locusts are like grasshoppers.

PART 1 The locust plague

1. Describe a locust plague

Joel 1:1-4

Exodus 10:13-15

2. How would this affect the Jewish nation?

3. What was a major sin of those days?

Joel 1:5

4. Can this be a major sin today?

PART 2 The impact of the locust plague

5. What three types of people are mentioned in Joel 1?

Joel 1:5

Joel 1:9

Joel 1:11

6. How was each type of person affected by the locust plague?

Joel 1:5-7

Joel 1:8-10, 16

Joel 1:11-12, 17-18

PART 3 Their response to the locust plague

7. How were they to respond to the locust plague?

Joel 1:5, 9, 11

Joel 1:14a

Joel 1:14b

8. How did Joel respond to the locust plague?

Joel 1:19-20

PART 4 God's future judgement

The locust plague was a foretaste of God's future judgement of those who do not repent of their sin. It was used to get their attention.

9. What did the locust plague remind Joel of?

Joel 1:15

10. How does Joel feel about the "day of the Lord"?

Joel 1:15

11. What words indicate that this chapter was about more than a locust plague?

Joel 1: 6, 19, 20

12. What did Jesus say about the future judgement?

Matthew 25:31-33, 41, 46

