



**MAJORING ON THE MINOR**

**JOEL**



## JOEL 1:1 NLT


1 The Lord gave this message to Joel son of Pethuel.



**LOOKING AT THE OVER ARCHING  
THEME OF JOEL.**



**THE DAY OF THE LORD -  
DON'T DELAY; REPENT AND  
RETURN.**

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a dirt road with visible tire tracks leads from the bottom center towards the middle ground. The terrain is arid and rocky, with sparse, low-lying vegetation. In the background, a range of mountains stretches across the horizon under a sky with a warm, golden glow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall color palette is dominated by earthy tones like browns, oranges, and greys.

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4 After the cutting locusts finished eating the crops, the swarming locusts took what was left!

After them came the hopping locusts,  
and then the stripping locusts, too!

6 A vast army of locusts has invaded my land,  
a terrible army too numerous to count.

Its teeth are like lions' teeth,  
its fangs like those of a lioness.

## JOEL 1:4, 6:7, 10

7 It has destroyed my grapevines  
and ruined my fig trees,  
stripping their bark and destroying it,  
leaving the branches white and bare.

10 The fields are ruined,  
the land is stripped bare.  
The grain is destroyed,  
the grapes have shriveled,  
and the olive oil is gone.



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## JOEL 2:1-2 NLT

1 Sound the trumpet in Jerusalem!

Raise the alarm on my holy mountain!

Let everyone tremble in fear

because the day of the Lord is upon us.

2 It is a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of thick clouds and deep blackness.

Suddenly, like dawn spreading across the mountains, a great and mighty army appears.

Nothing like it has been seen before  
or will ever be seen again.

## JOEL 2:12-13

12 That is why the Lord says,

“Turn to me now, while there is time.

Give me your hearts.

Come with fasting, weeping, and mourning.

13 Don't tear your clothing in your grief,

but tear your hearts instead.”

Return to the Lord your God,

for he is merciful and compassionate,

slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

He is eager to relent and not punish.

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3. THE ULTIMATE DAY OF THE LORD  
JOEL 2:28-3:21

A landscape of rolling hills and mountains under a dark sky, with a bright light source on the left. The foreground is a dry, rocky plain with sparse vegetation. The text is overlaid in the center, with the word 'ULTIMATE' underlined.

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1. HE WILL BRING HIS PRESENCE BACK TO THE TEMPLE  
AND EXTEND IT TO ALL HIS PEOPLE.

## JOEL 2:27-29 NLT

27 Then you will know that I am among my people Israel, that I am the Lord your God, and there is no other.

Never again will my people be disgraced.

28 “Then, after doing all those things,  
I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.

Your old men will dream dreams,  
and your young men will see visions.

29 In those days I will pour out my Spirit  
even on servants—men and women alike”.

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## JOEL 2:20 NLT

20 “I will drive away these armies from the north.  
I will send them into the parched wastelands.  
Those in the front will be driven into the Dead Sea,  
and those at the rear into the Mediterranean.  
The stench of their rotting bodies will rise over the  
land.”

## JOEL 3:12 NLT

12 “Let the nations be called to arms.

Let them march to the valley of Jehoshaphat.

There I, the Lord, will sit to pronounce judgment on them all”.

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3. HE WILL RESTORE THE DEVASTATED LAND AND RENEW ALL CREATION.

## JOEL 2:25-26 NLT

25 The Lord says, “I will give you back what you lost to the swarming locusts, the hopping locusts, the stripping locusts, and the cutting locusts. It was I who sent this great destroying army against you.

26 Once again you will have all the food you want, and you will praise the Lord your God, who does these miracles for you.

Never again will my people be disgraced.

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a paved road curves through a dry, rocky terrain. The middle ground shows a vast, flat desert plain with sparse, low-lying vegetation. In the background, a range of dark, rugged mountains stretches across the horizon under a clear sky. The overall color palette is dominated by earthy tones like browns, tans, and greys, with a slight orange glow on the left side, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

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## MARK 8:31 NLT

31 Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things and be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead.

## ROMANS 8:28 NLT

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.



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**PSALM 146:5-6 NLT**

5 But joyful are those who have the God of Israel  
as their helper, whose hope is in the Lord their  
God.

6 He made heaven and earth, the sea, and  
everything in them.

He keeps every promise forever.

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3. THE ULTIMATE DAY OF THE LORD SHOULD ENCOURAGE US TO PRESS ON.

## 1 THESSALONIANS 4:16-18 NLT

16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. 17 Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. 18 So encourage each other with these words.

## REVELATION 21:3-5A NLT

3 I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, “Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.”

5 And the one sitting on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new!”



**OUR FUTURE, REGARDLESS OF  
OUR PRESENT, IS SOMETHING  
TO BE EXCITED ABOUT.**