

THE PROPHECY OF JOEL: PART 2
(Joel 2:1-20)

- I. Call to PREPARE for Coming JUDGMENT (2:1-11)
 - A. An alarm SOUNDS (2:1-2*a*)
 - 1. Warns JERUSALEM of an IMMINENT attack
 - 2. Provokes TERROR throughout the NATION
 - 3. Identifies the event as “the DAY of the LORD”
 - B. An army INVADES (2:2*b*-11)
 - 1. Like a BLACKNESS engulfing the MOUNTAINS (2:2*b*)
 - 2. A GREAT and POWERFUL people (2:2*c*)
 - 3. An event NEVER to be DUPLICATED (2:2*d*)
 - 4. Will DESTROY like WILDFIRE (2:3)
 - 5. Their SWEEP through the land will be SWIFT, NOISY, and MERCILESS (2:4-9)
 - 6. The earth QUAKES, the heavens TREMBLE, and all celestial bodies are DARKENED (2:10; cf. Rev. 9:2-3)
 - 7. This is the LORD’S army (2:11)

- II. An admonition to REPENT (2:12-17)
 - A. SORROW for SIN must be GENUINE (2:12-13 *a*)
 - B. Complete REPENTANCE includes OBEDIENCE and FAITH (2:13 *b*)
 - C. Forgiveness is POSSIBLE because God is GRACIOUS and MERCIFUL (2:14)
 - 1. His LOVE for His people is UNFLAGGING
 - 2. He would rather BLESS the PENITENT than PUNISH the REBEL
 - D. Tells them what to DO (2:15-17 *a*)
 - 1. “Consecrate a FAST”
 - 2. “Call a solemn ASSEMBLY” and “consecrate the PEOPLE”
 - 3. EVERYONE is to participate
 - 4. The PRIESTS and MINISTERS are to WEEP
 - E. Tells them what to PRAY (2:17 *b*)
 - 1. Imploring God to SPARE His PEOPLE
 - 2. Imploring God to PROTECT His REPUTATION