

# The Book of Joel

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- Chapter Three continues the prophetic narrative from Chapter Two
  - To review, we are looking at the events at the end of the Tribulation period.
  - The last section of Chapter Two deals with the restoration of Israel spiritually just before the return of Christ.
- vs. 1 – sets the time of this prophecy to the ending of Israel’s “captivity”. As we will see this is the end of the Tribulation going into the Millennial Kingdom.
- vs. 2 – Foresees the Battle of Armageddon as the militaries of the world are gathered for destruction - Joel 3:12-13, Zechariah 14:12-15, Revelation 14:19-20
- vs. 2-6 – Here we have a list of crimes against the Jews that will be judged by God.
  - Drove them from their homes – vs. 2
  - Took their land – vs. 2
  - Sold them as slaves – vs. 3
  - Stole their wealth – vs. 5
  - Removed them from their land – vs. 6
- A.C. Gaebelin writes: “The great sin of the nations, the Gentile world powers, is the sin against Israel. This is repeatedly mentioned by God’s prophets. The foundation of the judgment of the nations of which our Lord speaks in Matthew 25 is likewise the treatment of the Jew. Read also Psalms 79:1-3, 83:1-6; Isaiah 29:1-8, 34:1-3, Jeremiah 25:13-17; Zechariah 1:14-15, 12:2,3.”
- vs. 7-8 – the tables are going to turn...
- vs. 8 – John Gill on the Sabeans - “the inhabitants of Sheba, a country by the Jews reckoned the uttermost parts of the earth”
- vs. 9-16 – Preparation for Armageddon.
  - Gaebelin highlights different speakers in this passage:
    - vs. 9-11a – the Lord speaking
    - vs. 11b (beginning at “thither” – the prayer of the Prophet
    - vs. 12 – the Lord speaking
    - vs. 13 – the Lord to His judgment hosts:
    - vs. 14-16 – the prophet beholding the gathering.
  - vs. 10 – plowshares into swords – the opposite of the Millennial Kingdom – Isaiah 2:4, Micah 4:3
- vs. 17-21 – the Glory of the Millennial Kingdom
  - vs. 19 – Egypt will be judged but then healed and blessed – Isaiah 19:22