Prayer/The Road Ahead

‘O.T. Minor Prophets #5: Joel – July 17, 2024 - *‘The Day of the Lord’*

Author: Prophet Joel
Date: Around the reign of King Hezekiah (715–686 BC)
Writing Style: A collection of sermons
Characteristics: Joel is very poetic. The next part of the book refers back to the past and so on. Written much like a story
One-liner: *'Because of our sin, it's going to get worse before it gets better. But it will get better one day.'*
Key verses: 2:12–13 - The “imminent” day of the Lord refers to the future invasion of Judah by the Assyrians, when the land is devastated and Jerusalem surrounded by armies.
Background: Joel was written because a plague of locusts was consuming the nation of Judah. But the plague is meant to show attention on something that endures forever - an eternal God and His future Kingdom.

1:1-4 - ***Q. What groups of people is Joel writing to?***

The **i**_____day of the Lord (1:1-20)

- L_____…you elders and people. (v. 2-4)

- W_____…you drunkards. (v. 5–7)

- M_____…you priests and farmers (v. 8–12)

  1:8-10 - ***Q. What is the tone of these verses? Is Joel happy?***

  Q. Do you think they have an abundance of food? Have the locusts arrived yet?

- Call for a f_____ (v. 13–20)

  1:13-15 - ***Q. To whom is Joel speaking?***

  Q. Why does he write of sackcloth?

  Q. What does to lament mean?

THE **i**_____ DAY OF THE LORD (2:1-27)

- Blow the t_____ (v. 1-11)

  2:10-11 - ***Q. What is Joel announcing?***

- R_____ (v. 12-17)
  - Psalm 51:17

- A_____ together and turn to God (v. 15–17)

- B_____ God's promises (v 18–27)

The **u**_____ Day of the Lord (2:28—3:21)

1. B_____ that Day: The Spirit is p_____ out (2:28–32)

2. D_____ that day…j_____is poured out. (3:1–16)

   - N_____…prepare for j_____! (v. 1–8)

   - Nations…prepare for w_____! (v. 9–15)

   - Nations…prepare for d_____! (v. 16)

3. A_____ that day…where b_____ pour out! (v. 17–21)