

# The Book of Joel

## *God's Mercy Brings Hope!*

Joel 1-3

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### Introduction

- Major Prophets – Larger books – **Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel** and so on.
  - Minor Prophets – Smaller books – **Jonah, Joel, Hosea** and so on.
  - Joel – “Yahweh is God”
  - **Exodus 3:13-14**
  - Yahweh – “The Self-Existing One”
  - The name Yahweh is connected with the Covenant of God and His intimate desire to be in a personal relationship with His creation.
  - Joel is a studied man of the Word of God – He assumes you are, as well.
  - Are you just going through the motions, thinking it is okay ... **OR** ... Are you working to OBEY God in living out how He has called you to live? Listen, *there is a big difference between the two things.*
  - **1<sup>st</sup> John 1:8-10**
  - **Jeremiah 29:11-13**
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### 1. Judah's Response:

- a. Hebrew – **Shub** (Shoe-b) ... “A radical change of mind toward sin and implies a conscious moral separation from sin and a decision to forsake it and agree with God.”
- b. Greek – **Metanoia** – “To change one's way of life as the result of a complete change of thought and attitude with regard to sin and righteousness.”
- c. **Joel 1:16-20**
- d. **Joel 2:13**
- e. **RETURN** as in “Return to the Lord” is also **Shub** ... A radical change of mind toward sin and implies a conscious moral separation from sin and a decision to forsake it and agree with God.
- f. **Psalms 139:23-24**
- g. I cannot be okay or good and conflict with God.

### 2. God's Response:

- a. **Joel 2:18-27**
- b. **Genesis 3:15**
- c. **Genesis 6:5-8**
- d. **Genesis 6:22**
- e. **Genesis 12:15**
- f. **Genesis 12:1-3**
- g. **Exodus 5-10**



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- h. **2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel – (General Context)**
- i. **2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 7:14**
- j. **Joel 2:13**
- k. **Matthew 27:37-39**

**3. Our Response:**

- a. **Ecclesiastes 1:9**
- b. So, what was the response of Judah?