

## JOEL & AMOS: HOPE & JUDGMENT

**A. Authors:** Joel & Amos

**B. Title:** Named after the Prophets; Joel= "Yahweh is God", Amos= "Sustained"

**C. Theme:** God disciplines those who rebel against Him, but that discipline is not without hope.

**D. History:**

**Joel:** During the Reign of King Joash; to Judah (835-796 B.C.)

- No information about the prophet

**Amos:** During the Reign of King Jeroboam II; to Israel (793-753 B.C.)

- Amos was a farmer from Judah, called to preach to Israel.

**E. Outline:**

### 1. Joel

#### a. The Present Locust Plague and Drought (1)

- 1:2-3- A Remarkable Event
- 1:11- Literal Locust Plague
- 1:13-14- Drought

#### b. The Coming Day of the Lord (2:1-11)

- 2:1-2- Sound the Alarm
- 2:11- A Day of Judgment

#### c. A Call to Repentance (2:12-17)

- 2:12-13- Turn to God
- 2:14-16- Call for a Sacred Assembly

#### d. God Promises Relief and Restoration (2:18-3:21)

- Relief (2:19,25,28,32)
- Judgment on the Nations (3:2)
- God Blesses His People (3:18)

### 2. Amos

#### a. Amos' First Sermon: No Partiality (1-2)

- 1:2- The Lord roars from Zion
- 1:3- Judgment of Surrounding Nations (Damascus, Gaza, Tyre, Edom, Ammon, Moab, Judah)
- 2:6- Judgment of Israel (Ignored the prophets: 2:11)

#### b. Amos' Second Sermon: Privileges & Responsibilities (3-4)

- 3:2-7- Listen to God and His Prophets
- 3:12- Prediction of Exile; no mercy (3:14)
- 4:1-2- Judgment of the rich (4:1-2)
- 4:4-5- Worship will not save you (4:4-5)

#### c. The Inability of Worship to Save You (5)

- 5:4-6- Seek the Lord, not Bethel or Gilgal
- 5:8- God alone is worthy of worship
- 5:12- The problem: lack of justice
- 5:21-24- Don't worship until justice burns in you

#### d. Woe to Those at Ease in Zion (6)

- 6:1- At Ease in Zion
- 6:3- Never expecting the Day of the Lord (6:3)

#### e. The Coming Judgment (7-9)

- 7:1-3- Locust Judgment (7:1-3)
- 7:4-6- Fire Judgment (7:4-6)
- 7:7-9- The Plumb Line (7:7-9)
- 7:10,14-17- Jeroboam and Amaziah oppose Amos
- 8:1,11- Vision of the Basket of Summer Fruit
- 9:1,11- The Destruction and Restoration of Israel

#### F. Real Life Lessons from Joel & Amos

1. God does not let sin go unpunished.
2. Jesus offered to take that punishment and to create a new day in the Spirit.
3. Those who have received Christ are privileged people, and with that privilege comes responsibility.
4. Worship is worthless if it has replaced the One that we are worshiping.
5. God's plumb line reveals our inadequacies, but Jesus fills them up!

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