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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

TELL YE YOUR CHILDREN OF IT, AND LET YOUR CHILDREN TELL THEIR CHILDREN,...

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SCRIPTURE READING: **JOEL 1:1-13**

Joel 1:3, Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.

1. BACKGROUND

Refer to the Evening message September 27, 2020

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. Joel is a short and brief book containing only three chapters.
- b. Do not allow the brevity of Joel to hint to you that it is unimportant.
- c. It is a tremendous passage of Scripture and is of the utmost importance.
- d. As a matter of fact, Joel is one of the first prophets to introduce the phrase we call "The Day of the Lord."
- e. God had promised David a kingdom and this kingdom is still yet future. **2 Samuel 7:16, And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever. Jeremiah 33:17, For thus saith the Lord; David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel;**
- f. We are not to confuse "The Day of the Lord" with "The Lord's Day" that is mentioned in **Revelation 1:10, I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,**
- g. The Lord's Day is the first day of the week. The New Testament makes it clear. **1 Corinthians 16:2, Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.**
- h. That was the day Jesus rose from the grave.
- i. When we look at The Day of the Lord, it is entirely different.
- j. It speaks of the Tribulation Period and the Millennium Kingdom in which Jesus Christ is coming to Earth to set up.
- k. Many prophets after David, reminded us of this particular day.
- l. The Day of the Lord will not only include the Millennium Kingdom, but the Great Tribulation Period as well.
- m. Before the Millennium Kingdom is ushered in, there will be a time where the Lord defines as Jacob's troubles. **Jeremiah 30:7, Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.**
- n. The Bible is very emphatic about this period and the church will not go through the Great Tribulation Period. **Revelation 3:10, Because thou hast kept the word of my**

patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

- o. We are not to spiritualize the Preserve Word of God; we must always take it literally unless we are directed to do otherwise.
- p. The Bible says in **Revelation 14:20**, *And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.*
- q. We must allow God's Word to say what it says.
- r. We also must be careful to not look at a term in Scripture and place an umbrella over it and say it means the same thing. "The Day of the Lord" and "The Lord's Day" are as far as the East is from the West.
- s. Do not be guilty of trying to make the Word of God say something that it is not saying.
- t. Those of you who have sat under my preaching and teaching know that I take the Word of God literally and then try to lay all of the Scriptures side by side that deals with a particular issue in order to come forth with the truth. **John 16:13**, *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*
- u. The Bible says we will know the truth and the truth will make us free. **John 8:32**, *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*
- v. With that brief introduction let us see what we can glean from God's Precious Preserve Word today.

3. SEVEN POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

a. The word of the LORD that came unto Joel...

- 1. **Joel 1:1**, *The word of the LORD that came to Joel the son of Pethuel. 2: Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers?*
- 2. As we will discover in the background this evening, we must be careful not to confuse this Joel with Samuel's son that is recorded in **1 Samuel 8:1-2**, *And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel. 2: Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: they were judges in Beersheba.*
- 3. Samuel's sons were very wicked.
- 4. This Joel's father was called Pethuel.
- 5. At that time, Joel was a common name and means Jehovah is God.
- 6. Now that we have identified which Joel we are talking about, let us look at the setting of this chapter.
- 7. Joel is asking the old men if this has happened in their day.
- 8. What is he talking about?
- 9. Apparently at that time Israel was during a great locust plague.
- 10. Locust plagues were commonplace in the land.
- 11. When I was growing up, we used to raise cotton.
- 12. At that time there was an insect called the boll weevil that devoured many cotton crops.
- 13. Here, with the plague of locusts, Joel is asking the old men if such a plague has ever happened before?
- 14. This was a local situation where there were literal plagues; but I also believe

that it is speaking of prophesy of future of the coming day of the Lord.

15. We will see this clearly as we continue our travel through this great book.

b. Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children,...

1. **Joel 1:3, Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.**
2. Joel is telling them to make sure to pass on these things.
3. It reminds me the Preserved Word of God is to be passed from generation to generation. **Deuteronomy 6:7, And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.**
4. This also reminds me of prophesy in the Olivet Discourse in **Matthew Chapter 24**, where Jesus Christ identifies the Great Tribulation Period.
5. He says there has never been anything like this before however, the great tribulation will certainly happen in the future.
6. Do not allow some Bible teacher or Bible scholar to tell you we are already in the Tribulation Period.
7. This simply is not true. **Matthew 24:21**, makes it truly clear. **“For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.”**
8. Some of you have read about the Great Depression that came upon our country; however, that was not the Great Tribulation Period.
9. Joel is very emphatic that the locust plague was unique and intended the information to be passed on to the children and their children's children which includes us.
10. Joel calls that period the Day of the Lord.
11. It will be frightful and horrible time so Christ will come to shorten those days. **Matthew 24:22, And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.**
12. Before we get dogmatic about a particular doctrine or a passage of Scripture, we need to have at least a working knowledge of the entire Preserved Word of God. **John 7:17: If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.**
13. This plague stands alone as being different. It was not the same as the locust plague during Moses' time when the children of Israel were in bondage in Egypt.
14. The Word of God tells us a little bit about locust in **Proverbs 30:27, The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands;**
15. If you have reviewed the ruin or have any knowledge about locust, you know that after they have been in a field or locale, the Earth is scorched.
16. It looks like there has been a fire that has burned and destroyed.
17. God's Word bears this out in the last part of this chapter. **Joel 1:17, The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered. 18: How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate. 19: O LORD, to thee will I cry: for the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field. 20: The beasts of the field cry also unto thee: for the rivers of waters are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness.**

18. When these insects finish their mission there is nothing left.
19. Keeping that picture in our minds, let us go to the next point of the message.

c. That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten;...

1. **Joel 1:4,** *That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpillar eaten. 5: Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth.*
2. I understand there are four different words used here: palmerworm, locust, cankerworm, and caterpillar.
3. To get the correct meaning of what God is saying here, let us do a quick definition of these four words.
 - a. We know about the locust; they go in bands and are migratory.
 - b. The palmerworm means to gnaw off.
 - c. The cankerworm means to lick off.
 - d. The caterpillar means to devour or consume.
4. These four words encompass the entire meaning of the bands of locust as they move through like an army or military troop.
5. They take and devastate the area they go through.
6. In God's Word, locust has been sent by Him for judgment.
7. This is a plague of locust that will happen during the Great Tribulation Period.
8. We cannot lose sight of the fact that there was a literal locust plague, but this is speaking of the Day of the Lord, which begins with the Tribulation Period.
9. We know of that period, there will be a false peace initially, where the anti-Christ deceives the Nation Israel and signs a covenant with them.
10. Halfway through that period, we know that covenant is broken.
11. Then God speaks to the fact that the drunkards are to weep and howl and all ye drinkers of wine, because what is happening is a great sin and at that time God's people will be making professions of worshipping God.
12. The locust represents God's judgment upon the Nation Israel.

d. For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number,...

1. **Joel 1:6,** *For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion. 7: He hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away; the branches thereof are made white. 8: Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth.*
2. Here the locust is compared to an invading army of devastation.
3. The insects tear the trees down, they can move through a field of grain leaving absolutely nothing.
4. They go in bands and have no king.
5. It appears that Joel is moving ahead into the future and showing us the Day of the Lord, that this is a type of what will be happening.
6. I believe it relates directly to the four horsemen of the Apocalypse as you see them ride out in the **Book of Revelation.**
7. The fig tree is symbolic of the Nation Israel.
8. Joel, through the locust plague, is sending a message to the people and tells them there are **seven** things that will be happening.
9. *"Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth."* – Here God introduces the **first of the seven** things that will happen.

10. Lament simply means this nation should be weeping.
- e. The meat offering and the drink offering are cut off from the house of the LORD;...**
1. **Joel 1:9**, *The meat offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of the LORD; the priests, the LORD'S ministers, mourn. 10: The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted: the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth.*
 2. God is telling them that in this day there will be destruction and devastation of the land.
 3. Remember God not only deals with the Nation, but He deals with the land as well.
 4. The meat offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of the Lord.
 5. They will have nothing there to offer as a meat or drink offering.
 6. It is amazing there was no olive oil, grapes, and no grain.
 7. These are the three staple crops people depend on; they are now destroyed, even the land will mourn.
 8. The Mosaic Law was not only given to the people but also to the land.
 9. The land and the people go together.
 10. In addition to lament is the weeping. The priests are now mourning.
- f. ...O ye husbandmen; howl,...**
1. **Joel 1:11-12**, *Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished. 12: The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men.*
 2. God is speaking through Joel and is addressing the agricultural products and those who major in that area.
 3. *"Be ye ashamed, howl, O ye vinedressers,"* - The vinedressers are the owners.
 4. *"The apple tree"* - represent the fruit of the land.
- g. Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests:...**
1. **Joel 1:13**, *Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests: howl, ye ministers of the altar: come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God: for the meat offering and the drink offering is withholden from the house of your God.*
 2. God tells them two other things they are to do.
 3. *"Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests:"* - The priests could not perform their functions because there were not sufficient commodities to allow them to do so.
 4. They were to lie all night with sackcloth and ashes because there was no offering.
 5. In other words, the economics of the land have been devastated.
 6. God had given Israel seven feast days.
 7. He wanted the people to keep the feasts and now they are not able to meet that requirement.
 8. The joy has departed.
 9. When the joy departs from the life of a Christian, it is amazing what condition they find themselves in. **Nehemiah 8:10**, *Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength.* When David sinned, he lost his joy but not his salvation. **Psalms 51:12**, *Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and*

uphold me with thy free spirit.

10. They seek many things; some music, emotion and entertainment, celebration but these things will not satisfy the soul for an extended period.
11. **The only thing that will restore our joy is an extra dose of the Preserved Word of God. 2 Timothy 2:15, Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**

4. CONCLUSION

- a. Do you know the Saviour today?
- b. If you do not know Jesus as your personal Saviour you are lost.
- c. When we give the invitation walk the aisle and we will take the Bible and show you what it means to be saved.
- d. **Matthew 11:28, Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29: Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.**
- e. **Romans 3:23, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**
- f. **Romans 6:23, For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
- g. **Romans 10:9, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**
- h. **There is room at the cross for you.**
- i. Please stand.

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