



OLD TESTAMENT • MINOR PROPHETS

Joel

Returning to God and hope through his Spirit

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The big picture

A devastating locust plague becomes a summons to communal lament and repentance. Joel's vision of the day of the Lord joins warning with a promise of restoration. God's Spirit will be poured out widely, a passage later cited at Pentecost. The book calls for an inward return to God rather than a display of grief that leaves the heart unchanged.

Words to carry

"And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God."

Joel 2:13 · KJV · excerpt

Live it

01 Let a disruption prompt honest prayer rather than only frustration.

02 Examine one inward attitude behind your outward actions.

03 Pray for renewal across generations and social boundaries.

Pause & reflect

What would wholehearted repentance look like in my present circumstances?

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