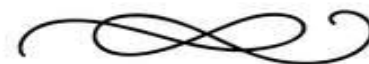


# *Quiet Time Guide*

*The Minor Prophets*

*Joel, Amos*



*August 24 - October 16, 2020*

**Joel**

The prophecy of Joel may seem unimportant as it contains only three brief chapters. However, this little book has been described as an atom bomb, it is not very big, but it sure is potent and powerful. We know very little about the prophet Joel. The name Joel means ‘‘Jehovah is God,’’ and it was a very common name. Joel is best known for predicting the ‘‘pouring out’’ of the Holy Spirit which would occur hundreds of years later at Pentecost, as described in Acts 2.

We can be sure that Joel prophesied in Jerusalem and the Jerusalem area as a prophet to the southern kingdom of Judah. Throughout his prophecy he refers again and again to ‘‘the house of the Lord.’’ Joel prophesied as one of the early prophets. It is generally accepted by conservative scholars that Joel prophesied about the time of the reign of Joash, king of Judah. That would mean that he was a contemporary with and probably knew Elijah and Elisha. Joel’s theme is ‘‘the day of the LORD.’’ In his book he makes specific reference to it five times.

Joel is the one who introduces the ‘‘Day of the Lord’’ or the ‘‘Day of Jehovah’’ in prophecy. The Day of the Lord is a technical expression in Scripture which has several meanings. It includes the millennial kingdom which will come at the second coming of Christ, but Joel is going to make it very clear to us that it begins with the Great Tribulation Period, the time of great trouble. (Joel 1:15, 2:1-2)

The Day of the Lord is an expression that is peculiar to the prophets of the Old Testament. It does not include the period when the church is in the world, because none of the prophets spoke about a group of people who would be called out from among the Gentiles, the nation Israel, and all the tribes of the earth, to be brought into one great body called the church which would be raptured out of this world. The Old Testament prophets neither spoke nor wrote about the church.

After God calls out the church from this world, God will again turn to His program/plan with Israel, and it is to this time that the Day of the Lord refers.

‘‘Why is God following this program?’’ James said, ‘‘Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world’’ (Acts 15:18 KJV). God is following HIS program/plan because it is His program and it is His universe.

**Quiet Time Text**

<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Scripture Reading</u>	<u>Week 3</u>	<u>Scripture Reading</u>
Aug 24	□ Joel 1:1-5	Sept 7	□ Joel 3:1-3
Aug 25	□ Joel 1:6-12	Sept 8	□ Joel 3:4-8
Aug 26	□ Joel 1:13-15	Sept 9	□ Joel 3:9-12
Aug 27	□ Joel 1:16-20	Sept 10	□ Joel 3:13-16
Aug 28	□ Joel 2:1-5	Sept 11	□ Joel 3:17-21
<u>Week 2</u>	<u>Scripture Reading</u>		
Aug 31	□ Joel 2:6-11		
Sept 1	□ Joel 2:12-17		
Sept 2	□ Joel 2:18-20		
Sept 3	□ Joel 2:21-27		
Sept 4	□ Joel 2:28-32		

**Amos**

Amos was a simple shepherd called to deliver a message nobody wanted to hear. Israel had grown complacent, spiritually lazy, and hypocritical. Injustice, in the form of slavery, greed, and mistreatment of the poor, was commonplace.

Amos’ prophetic ministry took place during the reigns of Jeroboam II, king of Israel, and Uzziah, king of Judah. He was contemporary with Jonah and Hosea who were prophets in the northern kingdom of Israel and with Isaiah and Micah who were prophets in the southern kingdom of Judah.

Amos presents God as the ruler of this world and declares that all nations are responsible to Him. The measure of a nation’s responsibility to God is based on the revelation of God and the Godly light or knowledge which a nation has.

In a day of prosperity, Amos pronounced punishment. The judgment of God awaited nations which were living in luxury and indulging in immorality. Amos is, in my words, ‘‘The Country Preacher Who Came to Town.’’ To become acquainted with Amos is to love him and to understand his prophecy better. He was born in Judah, the southern kingdom, but he was a prophet to the northern kingdom. His message was delivered in Beth-el at the king’s chapel. It was most unusual for a man to have come from such a country, out-of-the-way place with a message of judgment against all of the surrounding nations. Amos had a global view of life and of God’s program for the entire world - not only for the present but also for the future. All this makes this man a most remarkable prophet.

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<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Scripture Reading</u>	<u>Week 4</u>	<u>Scripture Reading</u>
Sept 14	□ Amos 1:1-5	Oct 26	□ Amos 5:23-27
Sept 15	□ Amos 1:6-10	Oct 27	□ Amos 6:1-7
Sept 16	□ Amos 1:11-15	Oct 28	□ Amos 6:8-14
Sept 17	□ Amos 2:1-5	Oct 29	□ Amos 7:1-6
Sept 18	□ Amos 2:6-11	Oct 30	□ Amos 7:7-11
<u>Week 2</u>	<u>Scripture Reading</u>	<u>Week 5</u>	<u>Scripture Reading</u>
Sept 21	□ Amos 2:12-16	Nov 2	□ Amos 7:12-17
Sept 22	□ Amos 3:1-8	Nov 3	□ Amos 8:1-7
Sept 23	□ Amos 3:9-15	Nov 4	□ Amos 8:8-14
Sept 24	□ Amos 4:1-5	Nov 5	□ Amos 9:1-8
Sept 25	□ Amos 4:6-10	Nov 6	□ Amos 9:9-15
<i>Break Sept 27 - Oct 17 for 21 Days of Prayer</i>			
<u>Week 3</u>	<u>Scripture Reading</u>		
Oct 19	□ Amos 4:11-13		
Oct 20	□ Amos 5:1-6		
Oct 21	□ Amos 5:7-12		
Oct 22	□ Amos 5:13-17		
Oct 23	□ Amos 5:18-22		