

CERTAINTY

Book of Joel

Joel 1:1-20

- Introduction (1:1)
- Seriousness of the situation (1:2-4)
- Challenges different groups (1:5-12)
- Call to repentance (1:13-14)
- “day of the Lord” (1:15)
- Destruction (1:16-20)
 - 1:17 Clods – in Hebrew means UNCERTAIN

The certainty of life, in an uncertain world, lies in a certain God!

**BLOW THE TRUMPET IN
SOUND THE ALARM ON MY HOLY HILL.
LET ALL WHO LIVE IN THE LAND
TREMBLE, FOR THE DAY OF THE LORD IS
COMING**

JOEL 2:1

Joel 2:1-11

- Greater crisis (2:1-11)
- Only chance (2:12-17)

**12 “EVEN NOW,” DECLARES THE LORD,
“RETURN TO ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART,
WITH FASTING AND WEEPING AND MOURNING.”**

**13 REND YOUR HEART
AND NOT YOUR GARMENTS.
RETURN TO THE LORD YOUR GOD,
FOR HE IS GRACIOUS AND COMPASSIONATE,
SLOW TO ANGER AND ABOUNDING IN LOVE,
AND HE RELENTS FROM SENDING CALAMITY.**

**14 WHO KNOWS? HE MAY TURN AND RELENT
AND LEAVE BEHIND A BLESSING—
GRAIN OFFERINGS AND DRINK OFFERINGS
FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD.**

**15 BLOW THE TRUMPET IN ZION,
DECLARE A HOLY FAST,
CALL A SACRED ASSEMBLY.**

**16 GATHER THE PEOPLE,
CONSECRATE THE ASSEMBLY;**

JOEL 2:12-16A

Return to Him

¹² “Even now,” declares the LORD,
“return to me with all your heart,
with fasting and weeping and mourning.”
(Joel 2:12)

³ Therefore tell the people: This is what
the LORD Almighty says: ‘Return to me,’ declares
the LORD Almighty, ‘and I will return to you,’ says
the LORD Almighty. (Zechariah 1:3)

Return to Him **with our hearts rent**

¹³ Rend *your heart*

and not your garments.

Return to the LORD your God,
for he is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and abounding in love,
and he relents from sending calamity.

(Joel 2:13)

Return to Him with our hearts rent that may **He may relent**

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for he is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and abounding in love,
and he **relents** from sending calamity.
¹⁴ Who knows? He may turn and **relent**
and leave behind a blessing
(Joel 2:13-14)

**Return to Him with our hearts rent
that may He may relent and **turn us
back to a relentless pursuit for a
heart of worship.****

¹⁴ Who knows? He may turn and relent
and leave behind a blessing—
grain offerings and drink offerings

(Joel 2:14)

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Where is certainty found?

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in a certain God!

He is calling us to:

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