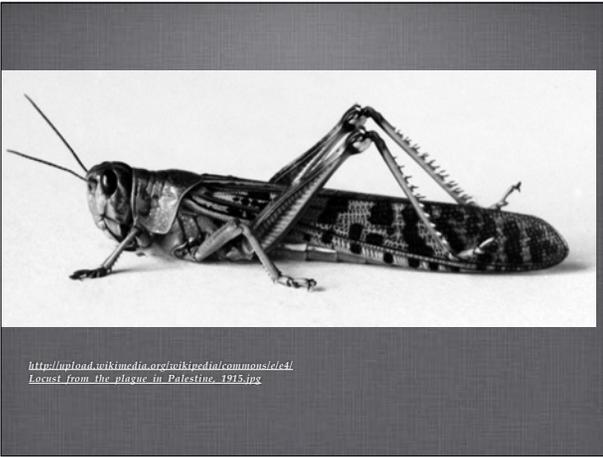
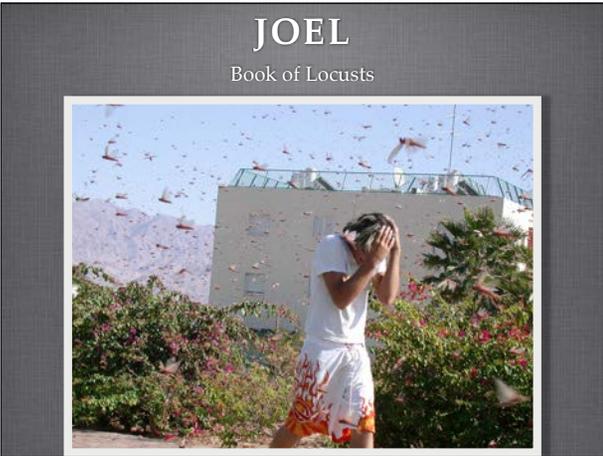


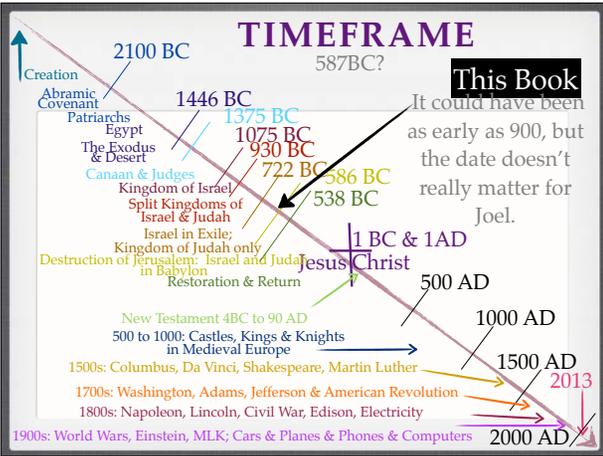
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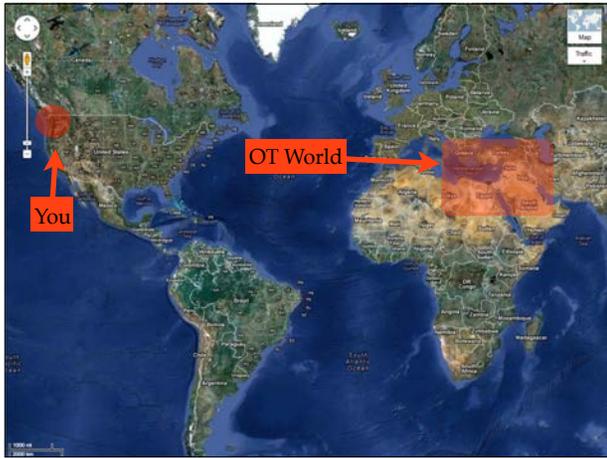


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TYPE OF BOOK

- Moses' Torah / Pentateuch
- History
- Poetry & Wisdom
- Major (Long-book) Prophets
- Minor (Short-book) Prophets ✓

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AUTHOR

- 1:1; 1:7, 1:10-12
- Joel
- a farmer?
- 2:32, 3:1, 3:6, 3:8, 3:16-20
- textual analysis: clues tell you where he probably lived:
- Judah? Jerusalem?

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READERS & RECIPIENTS

- Israel (Judah) at the time--he writes that the current crisis of drought and locusts is a sign of the coming judgment of God, even on his chosen nation, Israel

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STORYLINE

- 1:1 to 1:13--the locusts of the past
- 1:14 to 1:20 (The rest of chapter 1)--the drought of the past
- Chapter Two: the coming day of the Lord like locusts and droughts
- Chapter Three: the judgment of the nations, even Israel (Judah)

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Major OT Themes found in this Book: 10

1. God is Love
2. God Creates
3. Israel (we) are supposed to be God's Obedient Servants
4. Israel (we) are Sinful
5. God is Angry with His People for Rejecting Him
6. God Forgives and Blesses those who Follow Him
7. Israel (we) are God's Chosen Examples
8. God Speaks through His Prophets
9. God is Always with His People
10. God is Just and Merciful
11. God Keeps His Promises
12. Israel (we) are Redeemed and Restored by the Blood of Christ
13. Israel (we) are JoGoFd
14. Israel (we) will Inherit the Kingdom of God

THEOLOGICAL CONTRIBUTION

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- "The Book of Joel is remarkable because it shows that a message from God can often come packaged in the form of a natural disaster. This prophet teaches us that the Lord may use a natural disaster to stir in His people a renewed awareness of His will."
- CBH 159

SECULAR CONTRIBUTION

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KEY VERSE

- Peter takes a verse from Joel and applies it to the Pentecost: Acts 2:39ff.
- (That's how Old Testament prophecy works, by the way: God takes the Old Testament and applies it in an unexpected way. At the time, it may not even look like a prophecy. Prophecy isn't: "On so-and-so day, so-and-so will happen.")
- "...I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions...The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. ...everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Joel 2: 28-32)ESV

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REQUIRED READING

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- "The prophet calls for Judah's repentance and promises God's repentance (2:13, 14) from His planned judgment upon Judah if they do indeed turn to Him."
- CBH 158

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WHEN TO TURN HERE

- Natural disasters are "Acts of God".

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LUTHER SAYS:

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- "Joel was a kindly and gentle man. He does not denounce and rebuke as do the other prophets, but pleads and laments; he tried with kind and friendly words to make the people righteous and to protect them from harm and misfortune. But it happened to him as to the other prophets: the people did not believe his words and held him to be a fool."
- CSSB 1342



MR. MARTIN SAYS:

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- Exodus 10: The plague of locusts
- 10:14-16
- "They covered the face of the whole land, so that the land was darkened, and they ate all the plants in the land and all the fruit of the trees that the hail had left. Not a green thing remained, neither tree nor plant of the field, through all the land of Egypt."
- Exodus 10:15 ESV

LIFE LESSONS FROM JOEL

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- This book of locusts reminds us that we need to repent of our sins, and dedicate our lives to the Lord. Write a prayer of repentance and ask God for forgiveness. If you make it really personal, you can ask me not to read it.

ACTIVITIES

Name: _____

Date: _____

The Short-Book Prophets:

The last twelve books of the Old Testament are often referred to as the "Minor Prophets". However, "minor" is a bit of misnomer, since "minor" refers to the fact that the books are short, and not that the books are, as is the contemporary meaning, "lesser".

These books as a whole mainly discuss the theme, which will become clear as you read them. They clearly exemplify God's Plan for humanity, as laid out in Genesis 12:1-3. We see God dealing very directly with his people—there are clear consequences for their actions. Each, several of these books plot through the coming Messiah through the building of the Temple in Jerusalem. One will be the same Temple that Jesus visits in John 2:14, and the curtain of which is torn at Jesus' death in Matthew 27:51. These bold prophets speak directly with God and often have to tell the people of His terrible judgments against them. Sometimes, they have the honor of telling of God's blessings.

The following are some key verses for each of the twelve short-booked prophets. Read the verses and try to determine the major theme of the book. Feel free to read more verses from the book if you need more help. Please use at least two complete sentences for each. Since there is not enough space below, please answer these using your own lined paper.

Hosea: 4:1-14

Joel: 2:1-2; 3:1-8

Amos: 3:2; 9:8-10

Obadiah: 1:1, 15-17

Jonah: 1:1-2; 3:1-10

Micah: 2:1, 12

Nahum: 1:3-6

Habakkuk: 1: 2-6

Hephaniah: 1: 2-4; 2: 15-17

Haggai: 1:1, 13-15

Zechariah: 8: 9-12; 1: 14-9

Malachi: 1:4; 4:1-6
