

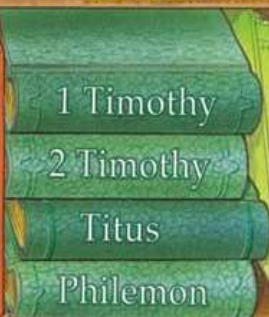
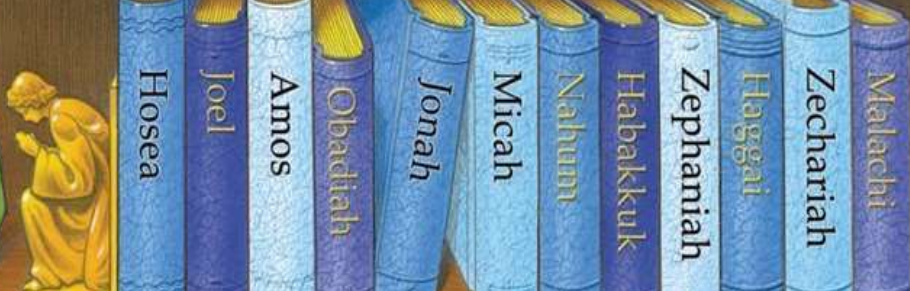
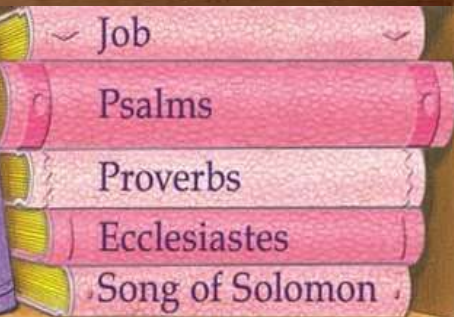
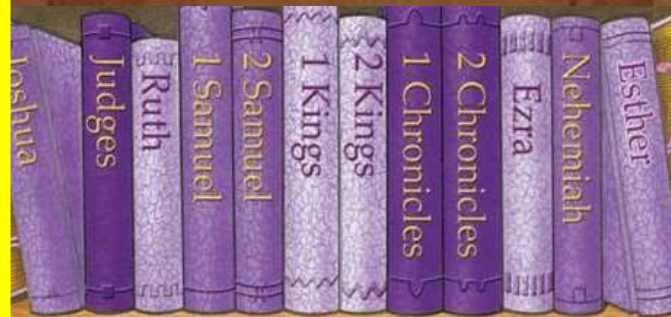
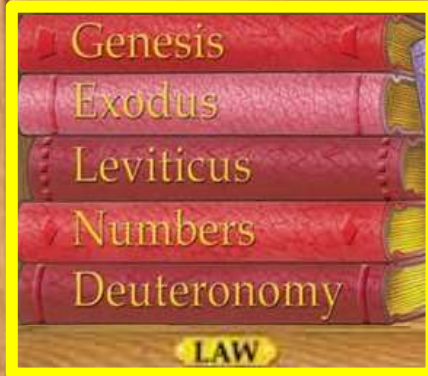


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...a verse by verse study

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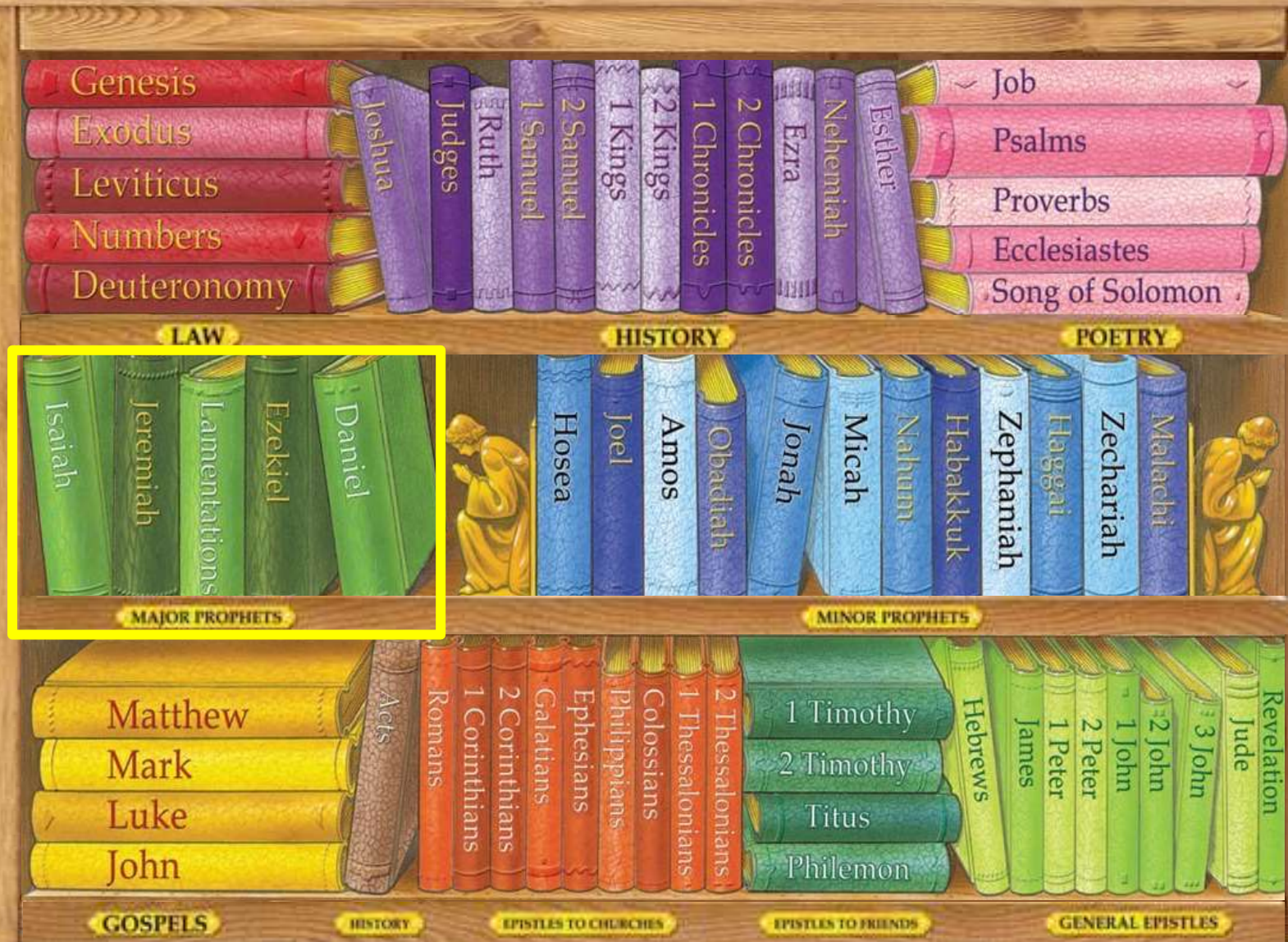
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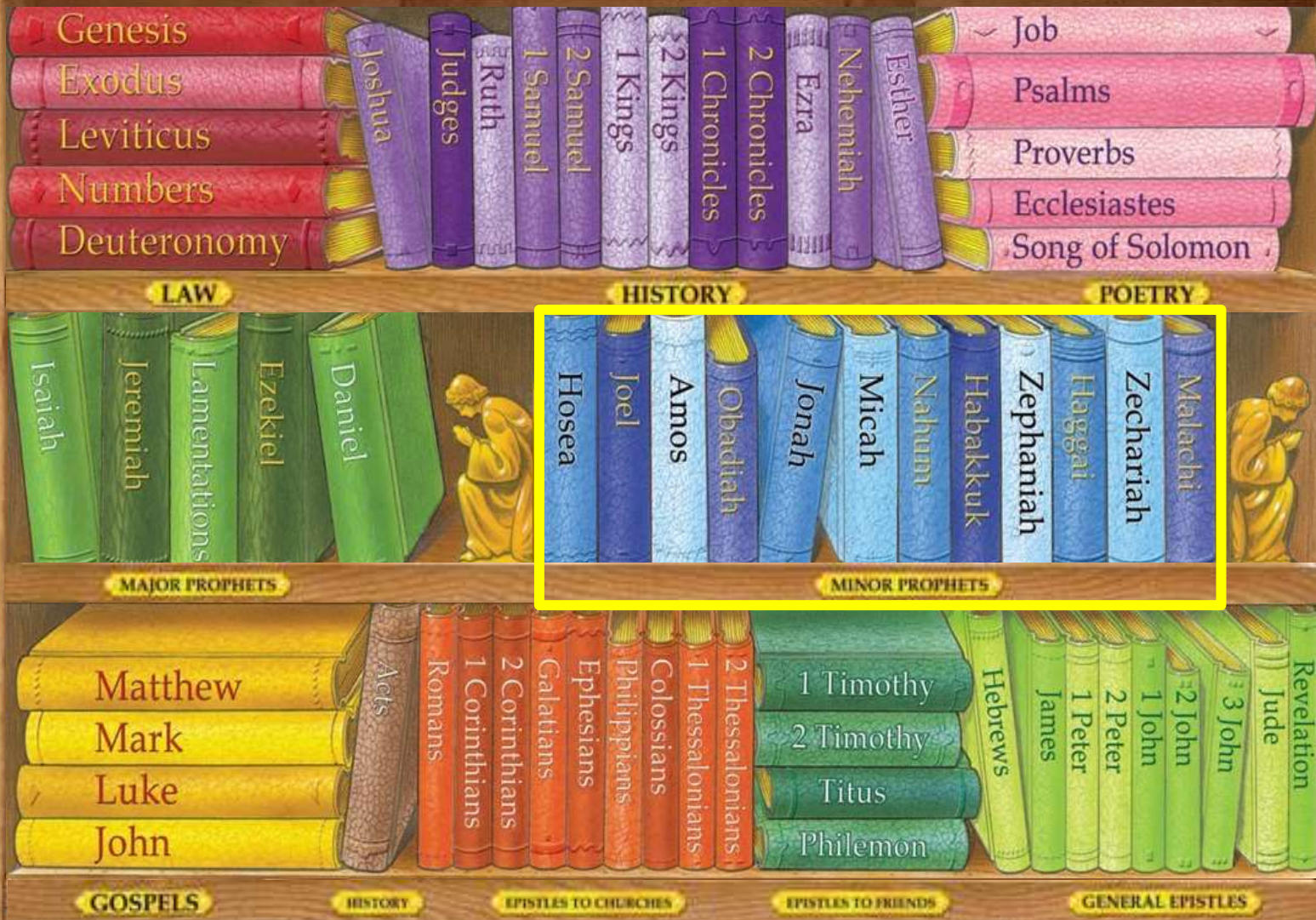
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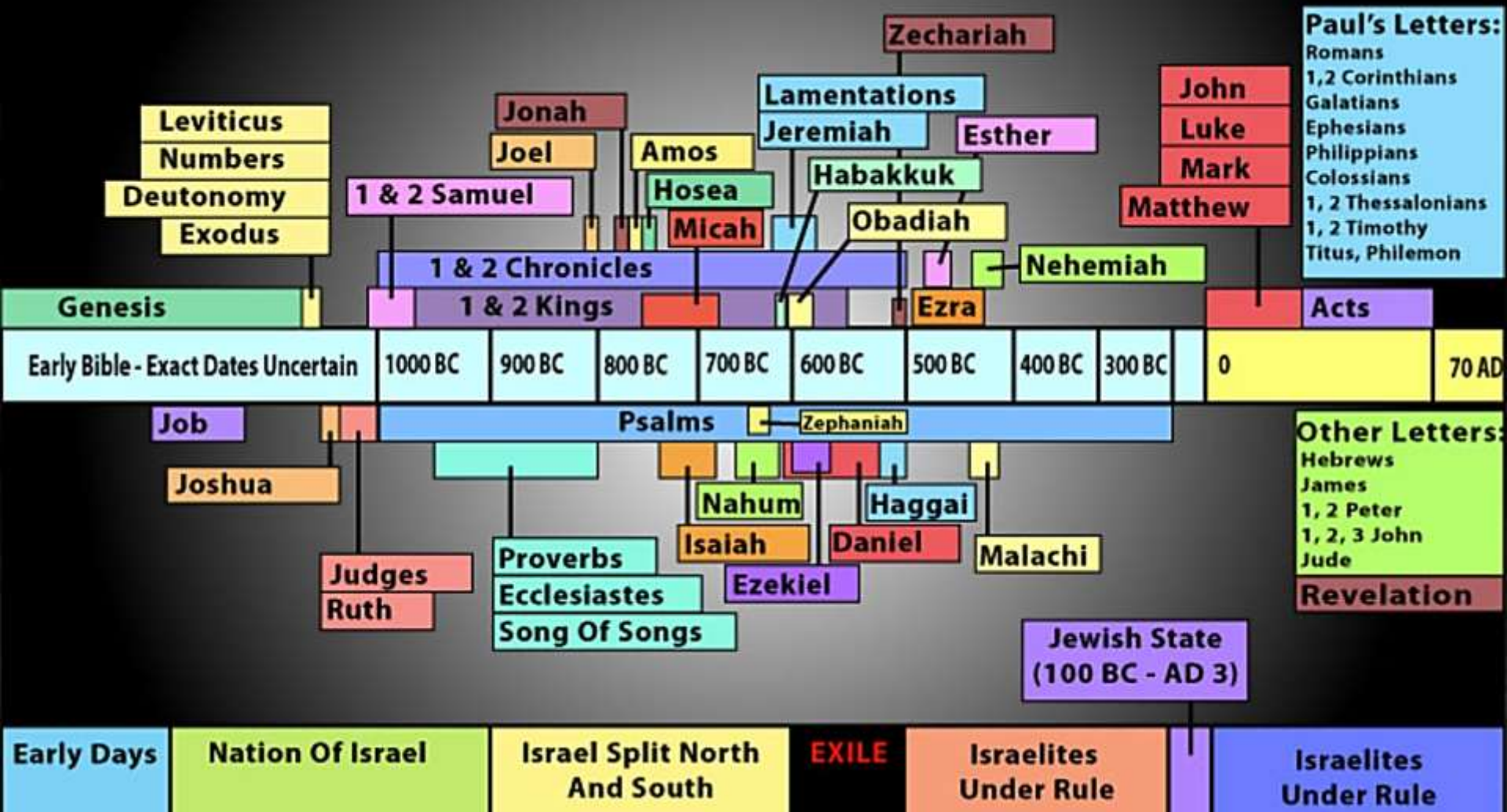
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 - Judgment precedes Israel's future revival
- Amos
 - God is just and must judge sin
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- Jonah
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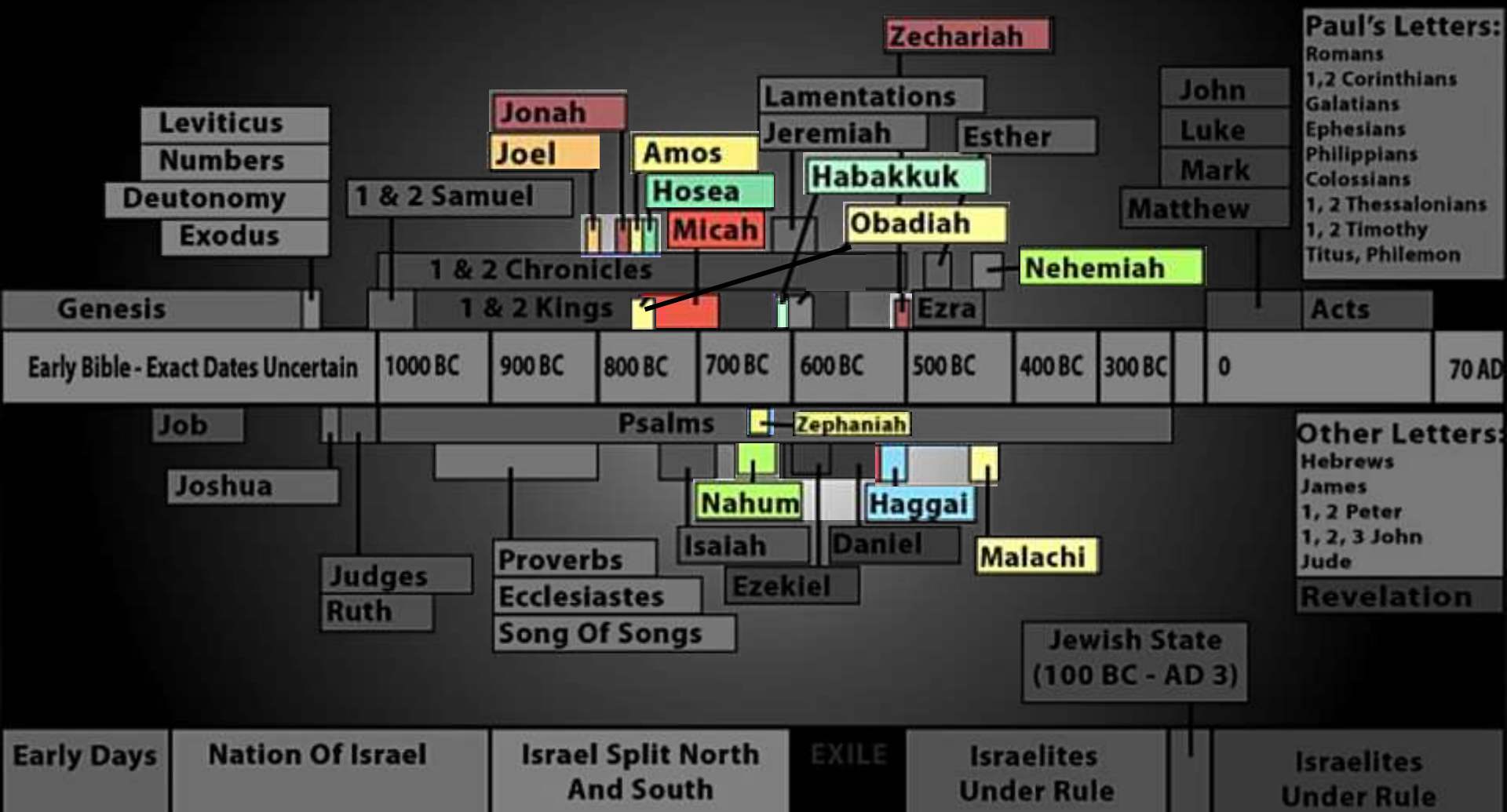


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 - Doom is to come on wicked Nineveh
- Habakkuk
 - Justification by faith is God's way
- Zephaniah
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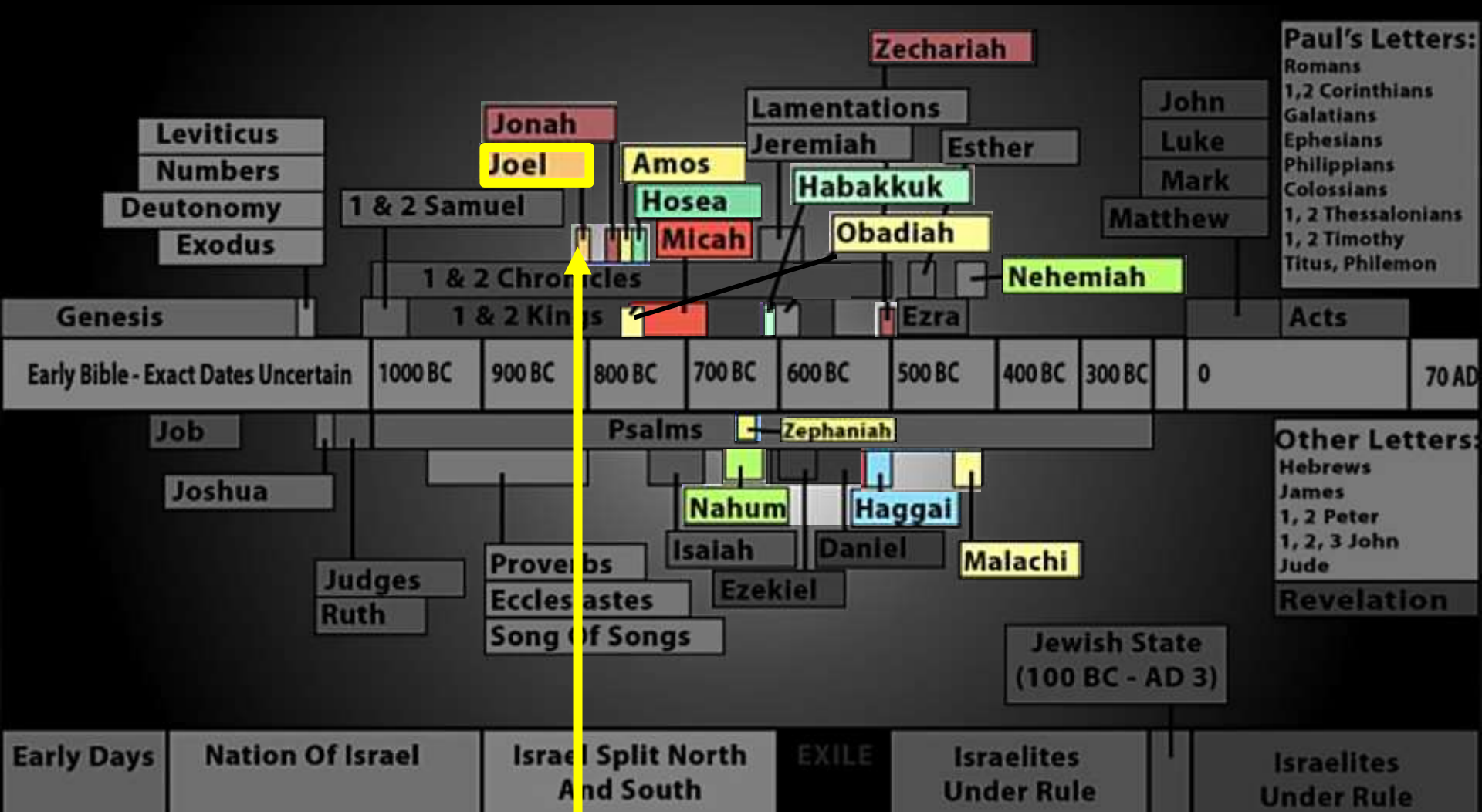


Ministry of the Minor Prophets



835-400 B.C.

Ministry of the Minor Prophets



JOEL 835-796 B.C. (The earliest prophet?)



THE BOOK OF

JOEL

The Day of The LORD

...a verse by verse study

Joel

- Joel is introduced as the son of Pethuel.
 - Apart from that, little is known of him.
- His name means *Jehovah is God*.
 - He has been called the John the Baptist of the OT
- Key phrase of the book is “the Day of the Lord”
 - found five times (1:15; 2:1, 11, 31; 3:14).
- Earliest of the writing prophets?

Joel

- *“Joel, ... was probably the first of the so called writing prophets; so this book provides a valuable insight into the history of prophecy, particularly as it furnishes a framework for the end times which is faithfully followed by all subsequent Scripture. God started a new work with the writing of Joel, that of preparing the human race for the end of this temporal era, and thus gave an outline of His total plan. Later prophets, including even our Lord, would only flesh out this outline, but in keeping with the divine nature of true Scripture, never found it necessary to deviate from this, the initial revelation.”*

Montague S. Mills

Outline

- Description of the locust plague
 - Chapter 1 (Historical & Prophetic)
- Description of the enemy invasion
 - Chapter 2: 1-11
- Divine appeal to Judah to repent
 - Chapter 2:12–14
- Declaration of a fast
 - Chapter 2:15–17
- Divine deliverance promised
 - Chapter 2:18 – 3:21

Types & Shadows

¹⁰ I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.

Hosea 12:10

Types & Shadows

¹⁶ Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

¹⁷ Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

Colossians 2:16-17

Sabbath Days

Israel had 70 Sabbaths according to the Law of Moses

- 52 weekly Sabbaths
- 7 days for Passover
- 1 day for the Feast of Pentecost
- 1 day for the Feast of Trumpets
- 1 day for the Feast of Atonement
- 7 days for the Feast of Tabernacles
- 1 day for the 'Eighth day of Assembly'




70

Israel's Sabbaths were based on the Lunar calendar

The Feasts of Israel

(Leviticus 23)

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| 1 | Feast of Passover | Prophetically
Fulfilled during
Passion Week |
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Saturday 9th	Sunday 10th	Monday 11th	Tuesday 12th	Wednesday 13th	Thursday 14th	Friday 15th	Saturday 16th	Sunday 17th
Sabbath Jesus arrives at Bethany after Sabbath has ended	Triumphal Entry 173,880 days complete Daniel 9:24-27	Fig tree cursed / Jesus turns the tables in the temple for the 2nd day running cf Matt 21:10-17 & Mark 11:15-19	Jesus gives 'Olivet discourse' stressing that deception will abound in the last days	Jesus & disciples prepare to eat the Passover meal this evening at sundown as it becomes the 14th	Feast of Passover Also: 'Day of Preparation'	Feast of Unleavened Bread High Sabbath	Sabbath	Feast of Firstfruits 1st day of Week
					Mark 15:33-37 "hour was come (12:00pm), there was a darkness over all the land until the ninth hour (3:00pm). Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, 'Eli, Eli, lama shabani?' which is, being interpreted, My God, My God, hast thou forsaken me?.....And Jesus gave up the ghost."	John 19:31 The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation (14th), that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day (15th), for that sabbath day was an high day. (See below) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Lev 23:5-7 "In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD's Passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD"	Exodus 12:18 "In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even" - thus for the whole 7 day period they were to eat unleavened bread	Resurrection!  Mark 16:1-2 And when the sabbaths (Plural) were past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulcher at the rising of the sun. Mark 10:34 And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again.
					Jesus Crucified  "Paid in full..." 3:00pm Luke 23:53-54 And he took [the body of Jesus] down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulcher.....And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on. Mark 15:42-43 And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, and honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus.	Deut 16:16 "Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles" (See also Exodus 23:14-15). 1st Day	Matthew 27:62 Now the next day (15th), that followed the day of the preparation (that being the 14th), the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulcher be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first. 2nd Day	3rd Day
					15th Begins 1st Night	16th Begins 2nd Night	17th begins 3rd Night	18th Begins Matt 12:40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.  Location of the most important week in human history

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel ...that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

The Gospel - as defined by the Apostle Paul
"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you.... For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (1 Cor 15:1-4)

According to the scriptures
...Christ died for our sins = Feast of Passover
...was buried = Feast of Unleavened bread
...He rose again = Feast of Firstfruits

commencing the 15th, not the supper on the 14th. It is also used this way in John 13:1. So after 6 days is the 15th & the feast.

Mount of Olives - Tuesday
Where Jesus taught the disciples about the events that would precede His 2nd coming

And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; twelve. And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me.

The Feasts of Israel

(Leviticus 23)

1 Feast of Passover

2 Feast of Unleavened Bread

3 Feast of Firstfruits

4 Feast of Weeks

Pentecost

5 Feast of Trumpets

6 Feast of Atonement

7 Feast of Tabernacles

The Feast of Harvest

- The first instruction was that a new מִנְחָה *minchah* [min-khaw] offering was to be brought
 - translated ‘meat’ in the KJV
 - It was a sacrificial offering, usually bloodless and voluntary
- This Feast therefore speaks of something new that was to be voluntarily presented to the LORD.

The Feast of Harvest

- This is the only Feast where leaven is to be used
- Leaven speaks of sin
 - Because it corrupts by puffing up (1 Cor 5:8)
- Whereas Israel were to be separate from the world - 'uncontaminated'
- The Church is to grow to maturity...

...in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation,
among whom ye shine as lights in the world

Phil 2:15

The Feast of Harvest

- Finis Jennings Dake comments:
- *“No bread made with leaven could be burned upon the altar (Lev 2:11), so the object was not a burnt offering; this was a present to Jehovah from the best produce of the earth”.*
- The Church is not destined to be consumed on the altar of God’s wrath, but instead is a gift from the Father to His Son of those He (the Father) draws out of the world (cf. John 6:44).

The Feast of Harvest

¹⁷ Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baken with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto the LORD.

Leviticus 23:15-22

Firstfruits

18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

James 1:18

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Outlined in
Joel? |
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| 7 | Feast of Tabernacles | |

The Fall Feasts

Prophetic Fulfilment ?

- Trumpets – Joel 1:1-2:11 / Rev 8 & 9
 - A blowing of trumpets
 - Fire symbolizing judgment
- Atonement – Joel 2:12-2:32 / Rev 12
 - Repentance & reconciliation
 - Scapegoat flees to the wilderness
- Tabernacles – Joel 3:1-21 / Rev 16 & 19
 - The feast of ingathering
 - The dwelling together in unity



THE BOOK OF

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Chapter 1

...a verse by verse study

I The word of the Lord that came to Joel the son of Pethuel.

Joel 1:1

- God spoke, Joel listened!
- Not all do!
- Amos will tell us there is a famine of hearing the words of the LORD
- People cannot blame God when judgment comes if they refuse to listen to what He has said through His servants like Joel.

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?

Joel 1:2

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

Joel 1:3

- What legacy are you leaving for the next generation?
- What kind of world will YOUR children grow up in?
- How will they interpret events like Covid?
- Will they see God's hand in these things?
- Will the next generation be one that knows the fear of the LORD? Or one where 'everyone does what seems right in their own eyes'?

Locusts!

- Joel is going to mention locusts
- Locusts are Orthopterans
 - along with cockroaches, mantises, grass-hoppers, and crickets
- There are 24,000 different species
- Some can grow up to 10" in length!
- They multiply by partheno-genesis
 - if a male isn't around the female can still reproduce
- Larvae go through 4-13 stages;
 - sometimes taking 6-7 years to fully mature
- Scientists have found a single hormone that, when activated, causes locusts to swarm. They become aggressive and gregarious

Locusts!

- When they swarm, they eat not only the plants but the roots below ground
 - You can hear their munching sounds at night!.
- They travel in a compact, military-like march
- They make a wind-like noise in flight
- They fly so densely packed together they can even darken the sun!
 - Density in a swarm can be 120 million locusts/square mile
- They can fly 17 hours at a time;
- Swarms have been spotted 1,200 miles out at sea!
- In 1889, a swarm in the Red Sea was spotted that covered 2,000 square miles.

Locusts!



Locusts!



Locusts!



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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.

Joel 1:4

- Rather than 4 distinct creatures, this could be four stages locusts go through...
 - 1) Gnawing locust: gazam. Emerges from egg (in spring); has no wings.
 - 2) Swarming locust: arbeh. Most common winged locust.
 - 3) Licking locust: yalah (“caterpillar”) Jer 51:27. Third phase; old skin; small wings.
 - 4) Consuming locust: chasil (“cankerworm”). 3" long; 1" antennae.

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Joel 1:4

- 1. The palmerworm:
 - the Assyrians and Chaldeans.
- 2. The locust:
 - the Persians and Medes.
- 3. The cankerworm:
 - the Greeks, and particularly Antiochus Epiphanes.
- 4. The caterpillar:
 - the Romans.

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.

Joel 1:5

- The language here is just like Isaiah 13!
- People have become intoxicated in their comfort

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.

Joel 1:6

- The language now changes to being prophetic of what is to come, which will eclipse what has just been!

¹ And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

Revelation 9:1

2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

Revelation 9:2-3

4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

Revelation 9:4

- 5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.
- 6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them..

Revelation 9:5-6

7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.

8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.

Revelation 9:7-8

- 9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.
- 10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

Revelation 9:9-10

Demonic Locusts



II And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.

Revelation 9:11

- *“These locusts are further differentiated from ordinary locusts in that they have a king over them. Proverbs 30:27 says of natural locusts that they have no king. The king or leader of these locusts is probably one of the fallen angels, the chief henchman of Satan, and he is permitted to lead an invasion of earth for the first time. This is something that is going to be rather frightening. His name in Hebrew means “destruction,” and in Greek it means “the destroyer.””*

J.Vernon McGee

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.

Joel 1:7

- My vine?
 - Israel?
- My fig tree?
 - Israel?
- Prophetic view of the Tribulation?

8 Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth.

Joel 1:8

- The idea is of a young women betrothed whose groom has died
- Just as Ruth was joined to Boaz, so Israel should have been joined to her Messiah...
- Yet the Messiah was killed!
- Thus Israel became like a virgin clothed in sackcloth

Joel 1:8

- *“He bids her lament, with the bitterest of sorrows, as one who, in her virgin years, was just knit into one with the husband of her youth, and then at once was, by God’s judgment, on the very day of her espousal, ere yet she ceased to be a virgin, parted by death. The mourning which God commands is not one of conventional or becoming mourning, but that of one who has put away all joy from her, and takes the rough garment of penitence, girding the haircloth upon her, enveloping and embracing, and therewith, wearing the whole frame.”* — Albert Barnes

9 The meat offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of the Lord;
the priests, the Lord's ministers, mourn.

Joel 1:9

- This has been fulfilled!
- There is no sacrificial system in place for Israel...
- Yet!
- A leader will soon step onto the world stage and allow Israel to once again offer sacrifices from a newly rebuilt Temple!

10 The field is wasted, the land mourneth;
for the corn is wasted: the new wine is dried up, the oil
languisheth.

Joel 1:10

- In A.D. 132 Emperor Hadrian had Jerusalem plowed and all Jews cast out of the land

¹¹ 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.

Joel 1:11

- Moses spoke of how Israel would be an
astonishment to the nations!

12 The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple [fruit] tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men.

Joel 1:12

- Israel did indeed become unfruitful!
- This was one of the key messages of Hosea

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.

Joel 1:13

- Gird yourselves? – Get you coats on!
- The priests and those ministering at the altar are to howl...why?
- Because the offering (in the house of God) is withholden!
- ‘Mawnah’ – מָנַע ‘denied’ ‘kept back’ ‘restrained’

14 Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the Lord your God, and cry unto the Lord,

Joel 1:14

- Who is it that are being called to gather?
 - The Elders
- Where are they to gather?
 - In the house of God
- What are they to do
 - Pray!
- When does this take place?
 - When the sacrifices are stopped!

15 Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord is at hand,
and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

Joel 1:15

- This is it!
- This is now the Great Tribulation!

16 Is not the meat cut off before our eyes,
yea, joy and gladness from the house of our God?

Joel 1:16

17 The seed is rotten under their clods, the garnerers are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered.

Joel 1:17

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.

Joel 1:18

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.

Joel 1:19

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.

Joel 1:20



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