

End Times Prophecy

This Week:

Lesson: Joel, Amos, Hosea

Handout: Old Testament Prophets

Next Week: Isaiah

Joel – to Judah

1:1-4	Decimation by locusts
2:1, 3, 7-8, 11	The Babylonian army
2:18, 25-26	Restoration after the captivity
2:28-31	The sign of the Spirit
3:1-17, 21	Pictures of Armageddon
3:18-20	Millennial Kingdom

Amos – to Israel

1:1-3a, 6a, 9a...	Judgment on various specific Nations
3:1-2	Judgment on all Israel and Judah
5:18-20	Day of the Lord will not be good!
9:1-2, 5	Inescapable
9:11-12, 13-15	Restoration – Millennial Kingdom

Hosea – to Israel

9:1, 3, 6, 10:13-15	Coming judgment by Assyria
14:1-9	Conditional promise for restoration

Discussion:

- **Joel** first compares the recent decimation by locusts to the coming Day of the Lord judgment of God by Babylon, then advances to the ultimate Day of the Lord
- **Note** that there is a principal in interpreting prophecy which recognizes a kind of “multiple fulfillment” – this principal is illustrated by Joel as noted above.
- **Discuss** natural interpretation involving symbolic language – generally speaking, taking a passage as literally as possible while carefully attempting to discern between the normal use of symbolic/metaphoric language and the description of supernatural or extraordinary elements.
- **Discuss** Multiple fulfillment and symbolic language in terms of Amos chapter 9. Is this the restoration after 70 years in Babylon - remember Amos writes to Israel, who were taken by Assyria and never returned to the land.