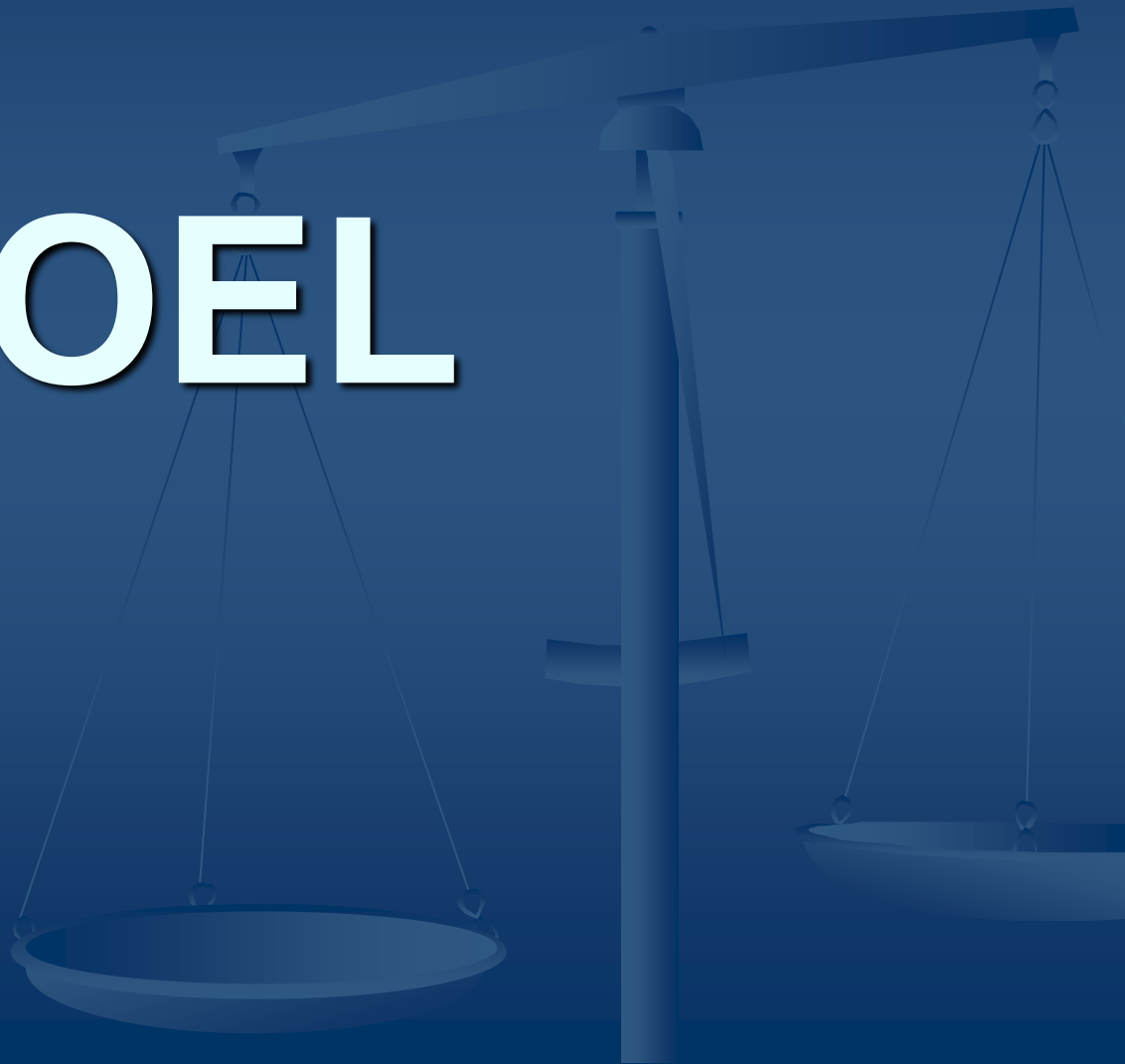
# JOEL



# Purpose of this Course Section

**To glorify God in the equipping of our people at FBC to better understand and learn from the Joel narrative – the key theme of which centers about the Day of the LORD which is immediately experienced through a massive locust invasion, yet points not only to the swift destruction of a future invading army but much more in the eschatological sense when the End Times are ushered in and the LORD passes judgment upon the world.**

# AUTHOR

"Joel, the son of Pethuel." Joel 1:1b

(Note: Though several men named Joel are mentioned in Scripture, only two refer to the prophet who wrote Joel: Joel 1:1 and Acts 2:16.

Pethuel is the father of Joel (1:1b). Nothing further is known about either he or Joel other than the likely date of the prophecy in the 9th century and its composition in Hebrew).

# Old Testament Timeline

## (Prophets)

Pre-Exilic:
Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Hosea, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah

Exilic:
Daniel

Post-Exilic:
Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi




***JOEL**
**c. 830's BC**

Assyrian Exile

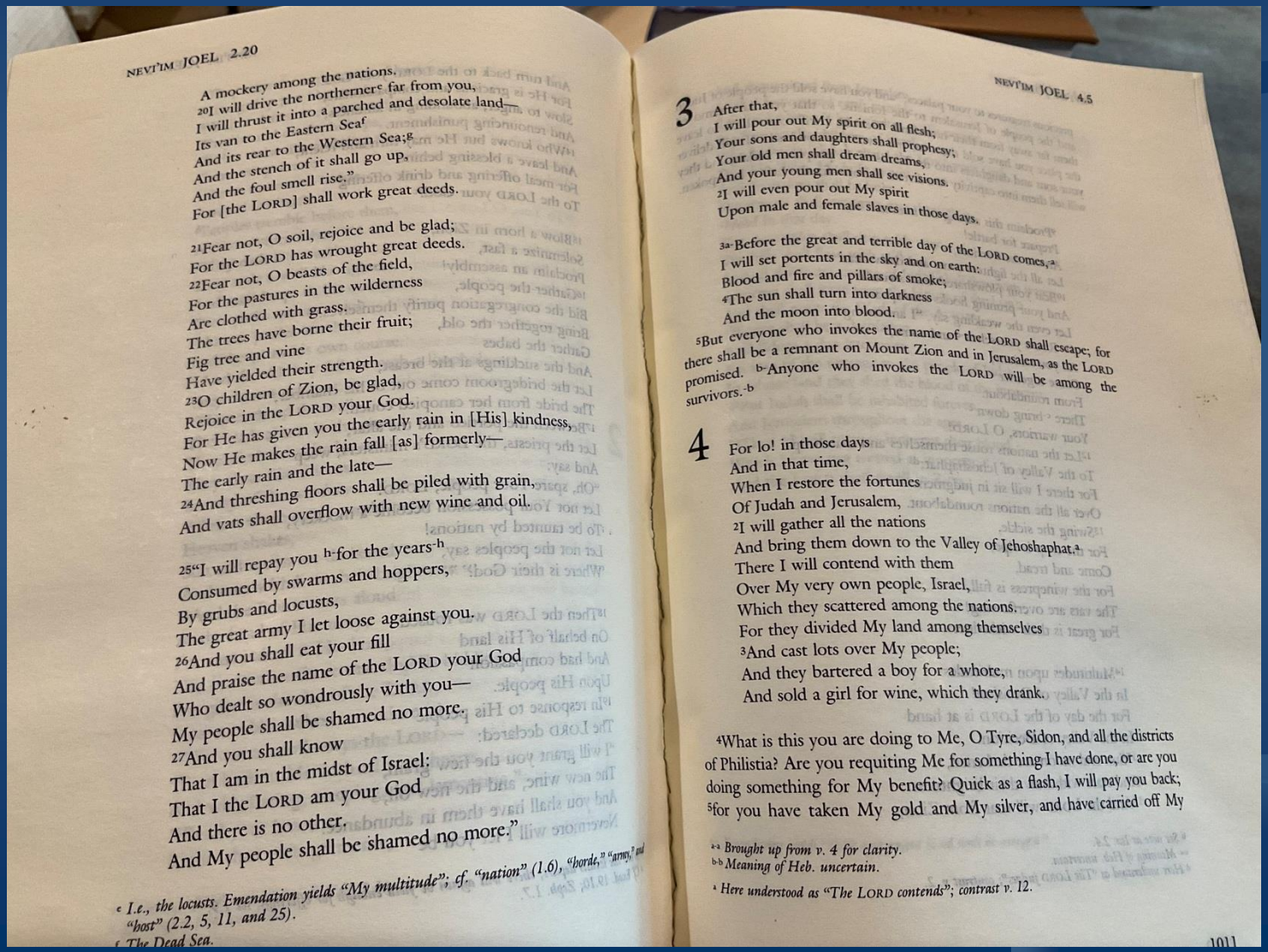
Babylonian Captivity

# LIST OF KINGS OF JUDAH

| | |
|---|---|
| - Rehoboam | 931-813 |
| - Abijah | 913-811 |
| + Asa | 911-870 |
| + Jehoshaphat | 873-848 |
| **- Jehoram** | **848-841** |
| **- Ahaziah** | **841** |
| **- Athaliah** | **841-835** |
| **+ Joash** | **835-796** |
| + Amaziah | 796-767 |
| + Uzziah/Azariah | 792-740 |
| + Jotham | 750-731 |
| - Ahaz | 735-715 |
| + Hezekiah | 729-686 |
| - Manasseh | 696-642 |
| - Amon | 642-640 |
| + Josiah | 640-609 |
| - Jehoahaz | 609 |
| - Jehoiakim | 608-598 |
| - Jehoiachin | 598-597 |
| - Zedekiah | 597-586 |

# Joel in the Tanak: Hebrew Text

## (4 chapters, not 3)





A mockery among the nations.
20I will drive the northerner[c] far from you,
I will thrust it into a parched and desolate land—
Its van to the Eastern Sea[d]
And its rear to the Western Sea;[e]
And the stench of it shall go up,
And the foul smell rise."
For [the LORD] shall work great deeds.

21Fear not, O soil, rejoice and be glad;
For the LORD has wrought great deeds.
22Fear not, O beasts of the field,
For the pastures in the wilderness
Are clothed with grass.
The trees have borne their fruit;
Fig tree and vine
Have yielded their strength.
23O children of Zion, be glad,
Rejoice in the LORD your God.
For He has given you the early rain in [His] kindness,
Now He makes the rain fall [as] formerly—
The early rain and the late—
24And threshing floors shall be piled with grain,
And vats shall overflow with new wine and oil.

25"I will repay you [h]for the years[h]
Consumed by swarms and hoppers,
By grubs and locusts,
The great army I let loose against you.
26And you shall eat your fill
And praise the name of the LORD your God
Who dealt so wondrously with you—
My people shall be shamed no more.
27And you shall know
That I am in the midst of Israel:
That I the LORD am your God
And there is no other.
And My people shall be shamed no more."

[c] *I.e., the locusts. Emendation yields "My multitude"; cf. "nation" (1.6), "horde," "army," and "host" (2.2, 5, 11, and 25).*
[d] *The Dead Sea.*



3 After that,
I will pour out My spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and daughters shall prophesy;
Your old men shall dream dreams,
And your young men shall see visions.
2I will even pour out My spirit
Upon male and female slaves in those days.

3a-Before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes,-a
I will set portents in the sky and on earth:
Blood and fire and pillars of smoke;
4The sun shall turn into darkness
And the moon into blood.

5But everyone who invokes the name of the LORD shall escape; for there shall be a remnant on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, as the LORD promised. b-Anyone who invokes the LORD will be among the survivors.-b

4 For lo! in those days
And in that time,
When I restore the fortunes
Of Judah and Jerusalem,
2I will gather all the nations
And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat.[a]
There I will contend with them
Over My very own people, Israel,
Which they scattered among the nations.
For they divided My land among themselves
3And cast lots over My people;
And they bartered a boy for a whore,
And sold a girl for wine, which they drank.

4What is this you are doing to Me, O Tyre, Sidon, and all the districts of Philistia? Are you requiting Me for something I have done, or are you doing something for My benefit? Quick as a flash, I will pay you back;
5for you have taken My gold and My silver, and have carried off My

[a-a] *Brought up from v. 4 for clarity.*
[b-b] *Meaning of Heb. uncertain.*
[a] *Here understood as "The LORD contends"; contrast v. 12.*

# NOTE: Regarding Hebrew vs. Modern Texts

Both the Hebrew text (TANAK) and the modern English Bible Old Testament contain the same "wording" & verses. Both descend from the same basic sources (e.g., Codex Leningradensis).

** Important – same words; same Joel **

No chapters in the 1008 AD text (Codex Leningradensis)

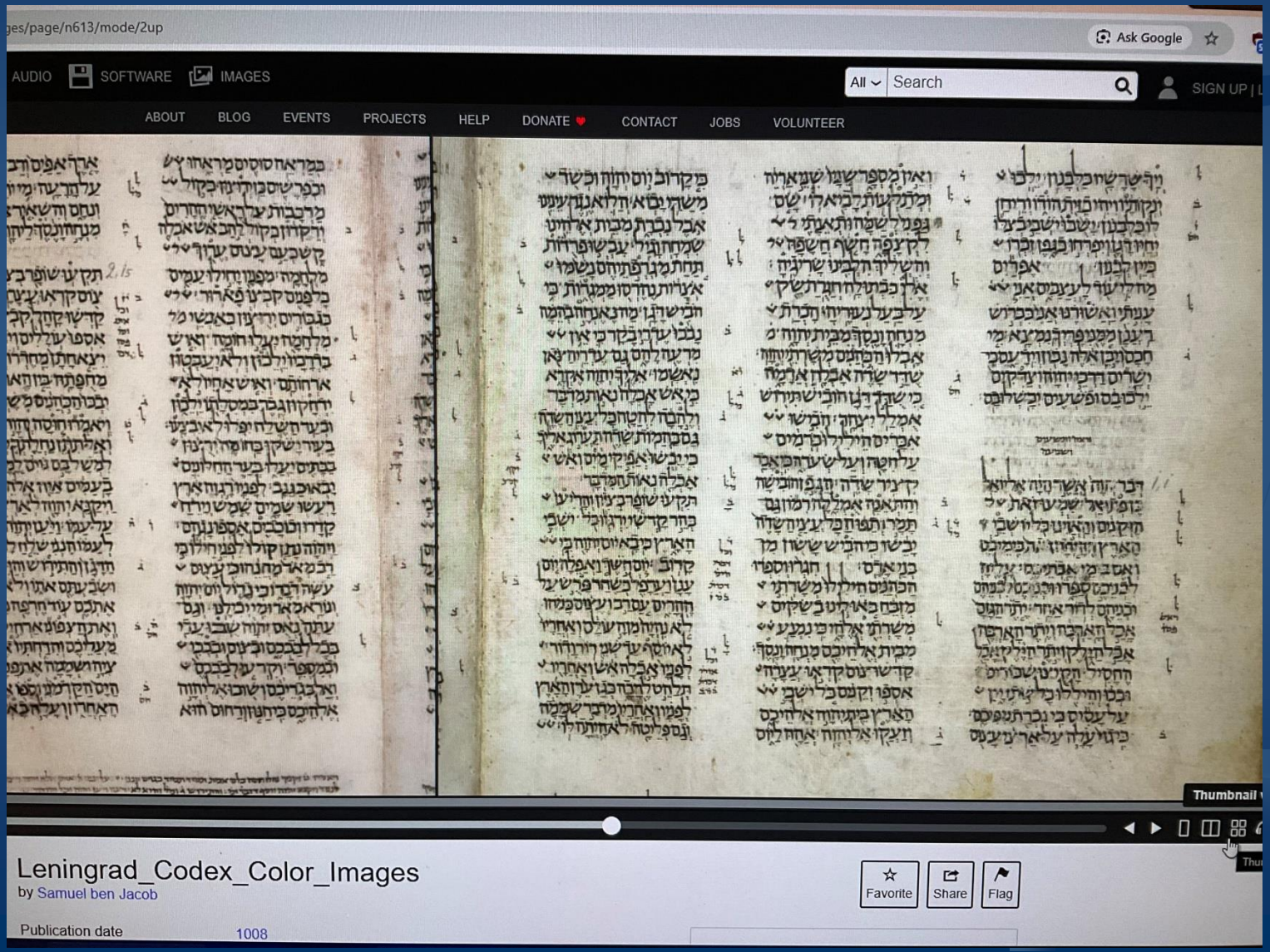
Verse divisions (not verse numbers): very early (2nd – 5th century AD)

Chapters were added by Stephen Langton in the 12th century.

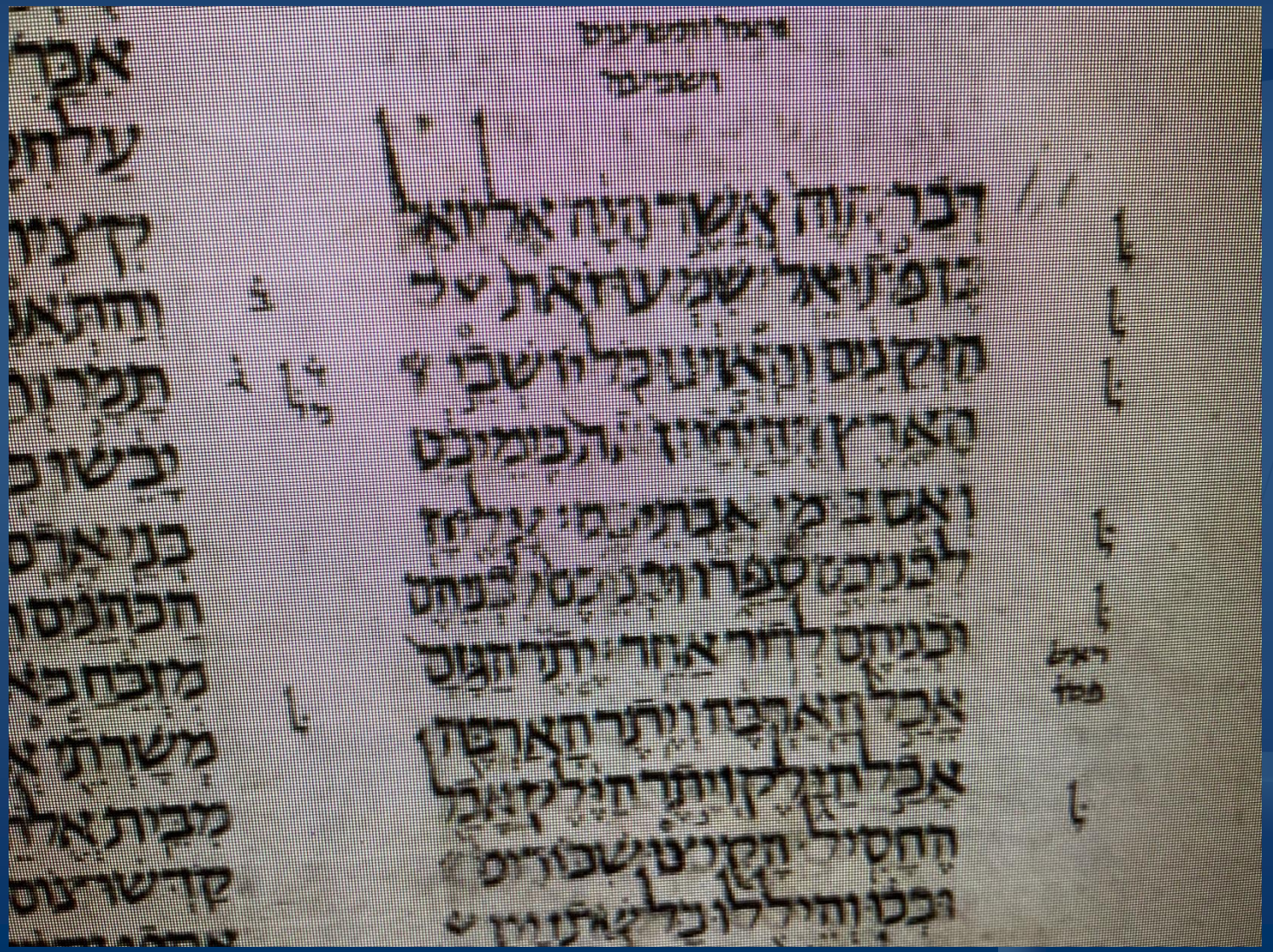
Chapters introduced to the Hebrew Old Testament: 14th century.

Verse numbering: 15th century & later.

# LENINGRAD CODEX (1008 AD)



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A SWARM OF LOCUSTS


OCUSTS COVERING A TREE

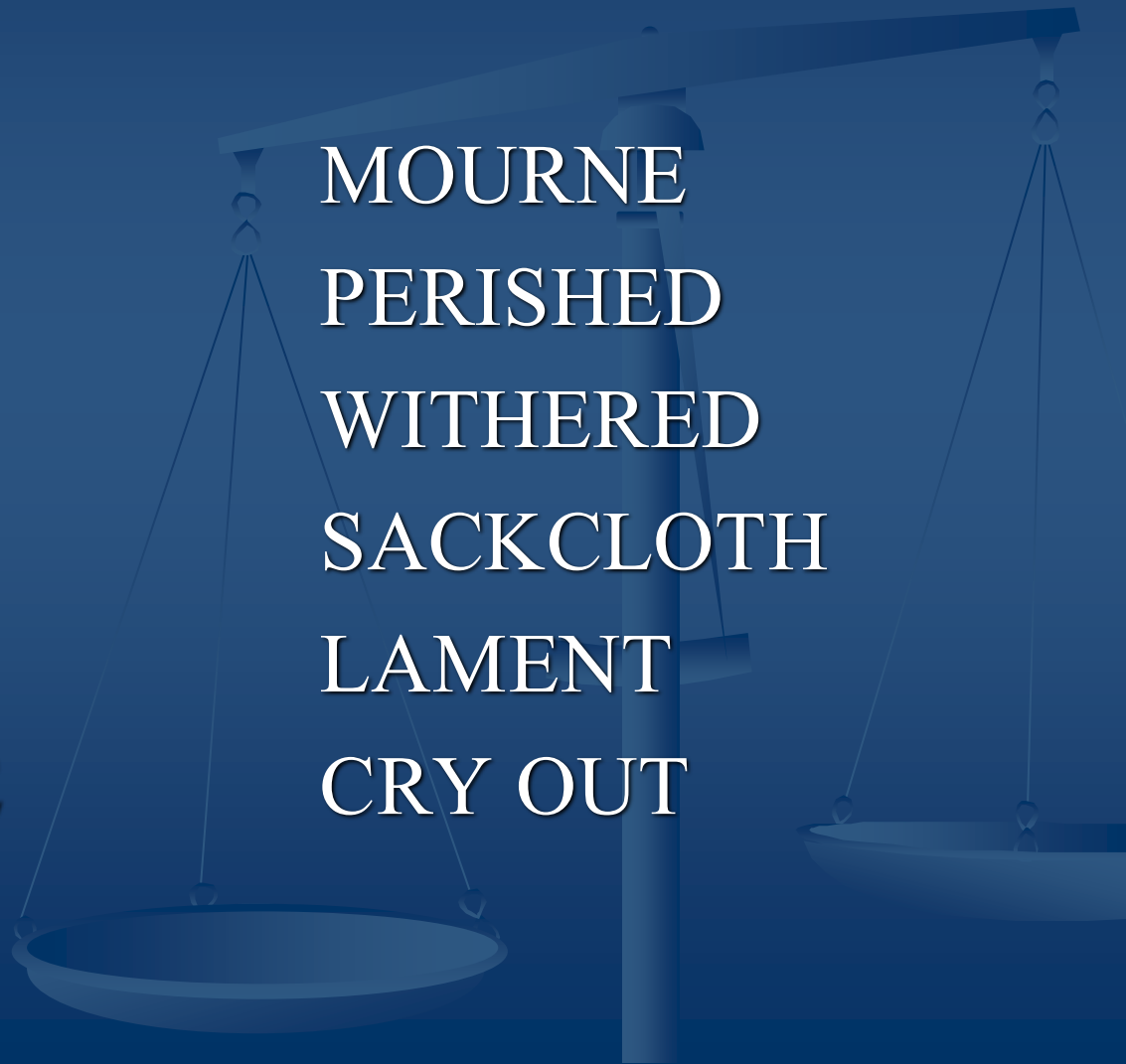
# HEBREW WORDS FOR LOCUST

## (Four terms used in Joel)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| גזם | gazam’ | devour |
| ארבה | arbeh’ | increase/many |
| ילק | yel’ek | lick up/devour |
| חסיל | khawseel’ | ravage |

Note: A few additional Hebrew words used in the OT for locust: גב סלעם חרגל חגב

# WORDS OF LAMENTATION



WAIL
CUT OFF
LAID WASTE
RUINED
WASTED
STRIPPED BARE

MOURNE
PERISHED
WITHERED
SACKCLOTH
LAMENT
CRY OUT

# DAY OF THE LORD

Refers to a day or time period in which the LORD – either directly or indirectly and through His great power – intervenes into the course of history with either judgment and/or punishment upon the wicked and either salvation and/or deliverance among the faithful and righteous.

# DAY OF THE LORD

This expression is used 26 times in the Bible.

It is used 19 times in the OT including Isaiah 2:12, 13:6, 9; Ezekiel 13:5, 30:3; **[Joel 1:15, 2:1, 11, 31, 3:14]** ; Amos 5:18 (2x), 20; Obadiah 15; Zephaniah 1:7, 14 (2x); Zechariah 14:1; and Malachi 4:5.

It is used 7 times in the NT including Acts 2:20; 1 Corinthians 5:5; 2 Corinthians 1:14; 1 Thessalonians 5:2; 2 Thessalonians 2:2; 2 Peter 3:10; and Revelation 1:10.

Several additional indirect references to the Day of the LORD also occurs in Scripture, including “in that great Day” or “In that Day …” (commonly used in Isaiah) etc.

# CALL TO REPENTANCE



Faithfulness of God

Mercy and Grace

Problem of the Heart

Repentance not Ritual

# COMPLETE RESTORATION

"I will remove far from you the northern army" (2:20a)

"Fear not …. Do not be afraid" (2:21-22)

"Be glad … and rejoice … for He has given you the autumn rain … and the spring rain" (2: 23)

"So I will restore to you the years" (2:25)

"Whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved … among the remnant whom the LORD calls" (2:32)

# FERTILE CRESCENT



# SPIRIT OF GOD POURED OUT

"And it shall come to pass that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions; and also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days."

Joel 2:28-32

# “PENTECOST”

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# Salvation in the LORD

"Whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." Joel 2:32a

"For the Scripture says, 'Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For 'whoever calls' upon the name of the LORD shall be saved." Romans 10:11-13

# JUDGMENT

Proclaim this among the nations: 'Prepare for **war**! ... Beat your plowshares into swords." (3:9-10a)

"**Assemble** and come, all you **nations** and gather together all around" (3:11a)

"For there I will sit to **judge** all the surrounding nations" (3:12b)

"**Multitudes**, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the Day of the **LORD** is near in the valley of **decision**." (3:14)

# JOEL

