

The book is named after the author (v1). There is no crystal-clear evidence in the book to help us Joel quotes from several other inspired books of scripture like; Amos, Isaiah, Nahum, Zephaniah, Ezekiel, Obadiah, Malachi. It is very possible that he had first-hand knowledge of the books' contents because those books already existed. The main audience for the prophet's message seems to be the southern kingdom of In my opinion Joel is like the Old Testament version of the book of Revelation in that there is symbolism involved using natural elements. He uses an actual event, evidently an invasion of on their land to prophesy of a future invasion of an enemy.
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Outline
<u>Chapter 1</u>
(v2-12) Are evidently a recounting of an historical event. Judah suffered a great plague of that devoured the land. We know that God would at times allow pestilence as a form of chastisement to his people for their sinfulness. Joel recounts this historical event and uses it to warn of a invasion of a foreign enemy who will ravage the land much like the locusts.
(v13-20) Are a detailed call to

Chapter 2

(v1-11) The	_of a future invasion.
(v12-17) An appeal to	
(v18-27) The Lord will exercise	
(v28-32) The Lord will pour out his	

Chapter 3

(3:1-16a) Judgment of		
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(3:16b-21)	and Future	of the Jews