

Minor Prophets Classnotes

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Joel Class: Beginning with first principle after general impressions

Seek to determine the central message of the book as a whole.

The overall central emphasis of the book of Joel is the sovereignty of God from now until the end of time. His sovereignty is emphasized:

[1] Over three parts of the Creation:

- a/ The physical creation- 1:7,17
- b/ The animal creation- Locusts, etc.
- c/ Mankind- Invading Armies, etc.

[2] His Unconditional and Conditional Sovereignty

- a/ Unconditional- Absolute, over all things
- b/ Conditional- In the lives of all who submit to His rule

[3] His sovereign justice, and His sovereign mercy

- a/ Who is going to escape His sovereign justice ?
- b/ Who is going to prevent His sovereign mercy ?

Note the Diagram of the book of Joel below:

