

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021 (revised)

MORNING MESSAGE

“God’s Word to a Nation”

Joel 1:1

- I. THE CURRENT CONDITION (1:2-20)
 - A. Joel described a national disaster (v.4)
 - B. Joel discussed a national destruction (vv.2,5,11,13)
 - 1. He spoke to the old men, the patriarchs (v.2)
 - 2. He spoke to the drunkards, the pleasure seekers (v.5)
 - 3. He spoke to the husbandmen, the farmers (v.11)
 - 4. He spoke to the priests, the ministers (v.13)
 - C. Vance Havner, “The scriptures teach that the age will end in anarchy, apostasy, and apathy”
 - 1. There is anarchy on the planet
 - 2. There is apostasy in the pulpit
 - 3. There is apathy in the pew
- II. THE COMING CRISIS (2:1-11)
 - A. Joel described a day of darkness (v.2)
 - B. Joel described a day of destruction (vv.2-11)
- III. THE CALL TO CONFESSION (1:14; 2:15)
 - A. Joel called for a solemn assembly
 - B. America’s greatest need is a heaven-sent revival
 - 1. 2 Chronicles 7:14, “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land”
 - 2. Psalm 85:6, “Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?”
 - 3. Habakkuk 3:2, “O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years”