

Wednesday Night Bible Study - Rainbow Park Baptist Church - Rev. Steven N. Dial, Sr., Pastor

**Subject:** A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF THE BOOK OF JOEL:  
“*Implications for Spiritual Growth and Maturity*”

**Focus:** The Book of Joel – Chapters 1, 2 & 3

**Key Verse:** “*And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved...*” **Joel 2:32 (NKJV)**

**Definition:** A detail study/discussion of the events and prophesy of Joel and how its events and lessons relate to 2011 [contemporary] interpretations of *personal spiritual growth* in the Christian church and in “*saved*” individual.

**Goal/Objective:**

To assist those who desire to embark upon, or continue a journey towards Christian spiritual maturity through the study and understanding of Old Testament prophesy [*in this case, Joel*], and how those prophetic messages are relevant, essential and contemporarily sound for spiritual growth.

**Goal/Objective:**

To help Bible students appreciate the intertwining relationship of Old Testament prophesy and New Testament philosophy, and the need to understand both as foundational ingredients for spiritual growth.

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To help students acquire confidence in their ability to live a spiritually directed life through joyful obedience and humble submission to God’s plan of salvation.

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To encourage Bible students to access and evaluate their personal spiritual growth in terms of their responses to pass direct and vicarious experiences and, to equip them with learned Godly Christian principles that will undergird projected responses that exemplify spiritual growth and maturity in future “*good*” or “*bad*” situations and circumstances.

**Study Period:** A Five (5) Week course of study: Wednesdays, August 10 – September 7, 2011

**Reference Source:** The Bible

**Other Material:** Discussion handouts provided at each session

**Teacher / Discussion Leader:** Deacon Albert L. Walker, D. Min.

# The Book of Joel

## GENERAL / TOPICAL OUTLINE

### I BACKGROUND

- A. AUTHOR
- B. PLACE
- C. TIME
- D. PURPOSE

### II. JOEL – CHAPTER 1

- A. The Word of the Lord from Joel
- B. The Plague of Locust (God's Response to Sin)
- C. The Response of the People

### III. JOEL – CHAPTER 2

- A. The Day of The Lord
- B. The Lord's Army
- C. A Call for Repentance
- D. The Outpouring of God's Spirit

### IV. JOEL – CHAPTER 3

- A. God Judges the Nations
- B. The Standard of Judgment
- C. Establishment of the Millennial Kingdom

### V. SUMMARY