

JOEL

faced by great disasters vs 4,6,10-12

What should we do now?

Repentance is the key to Restoration

In times of crisis,

divine revelation is needed 1.1

**Unprecedented Disasters
call for Unprecedented Prayer**

Joel 1.1-20

History repeats itself Eccles 1.5-10

but not all the time

some disasters are unprecedented

How should we respond to them?

listen to God v2

keep the memory alive v3

to retain spiritual lessons

for future generations

1. Unprecedented Disaster, v1-12,16-20

➤ *its causes*

locusts vs 4,6-7

drought vs 10-12,17-18

bush fires vs 19-20

➤ *its effects*

*agricultural devastation =
economic meltdown*

personal despair v11

no basic foodstuffs v11

no luxury goods to enjoy v12

nothing to offer God v9,16

2. Unprecedented Prayer, vs13-15

➤ *express pain to Lord, v13*

weep, wail v8

➤ *unite in prayerful petition vs 14-15*

fasting - for sincerity

together - for solidarity Zeph 2.1

every current disaster foreshadows

God's final Day of Judgement, v15