### Interesting Facts About Joel

**MEANING:** “Yahweh is God”

**AUTHOR:** Joel

**TIME WRITTEN:** About 835 B.C.

**POSITION IN THE BIBLE:**
- 29th Book in the Bible
- 29th Book in the Old Testament
- 7th of 17 books of Prophecy (Isaiah - Malachi)
- 2nd of 12 minor prophets (Hosea - Malachi)
- 37 Books to follow it.

**CHAPTERS:** 3

**VERSES:** 73

**WORDS:** 2,034

**OBSERVATIONS ABOUT JOEL:**
- Joel was the son of Pethuel “Persuaded of God”).
- It is believed that he did not live far from Jerusalem.
- Joel was an early prophet of Judah.
- It is possible that Joel may have been a contemporary of Elisha in Israel.
- Joel was God’s spokesman during the reign of King Joash (835-796 B.C.).
- On the day of Pentecost following the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, the apostle Peter quotes from Joel in Acts 2:17-21
- The theme of disasters appears through the Book of Joel.
  - Locusts
  - Plagues
  - Famine
  - Raging fires
  - Invading armies
  - Celestial phenomena

- Joel tells the people that even though some disasters have struck, it is not too late to repent and avoid a greater disaster from God.

**Joel 2:11** - “The LORD gives voice before His army, For His camp is very great; For strong is the One who executes His word. For the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; Who can endure it? “

**Joel 2:28-29** - “Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: I am the LORD your God And there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame. And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. “