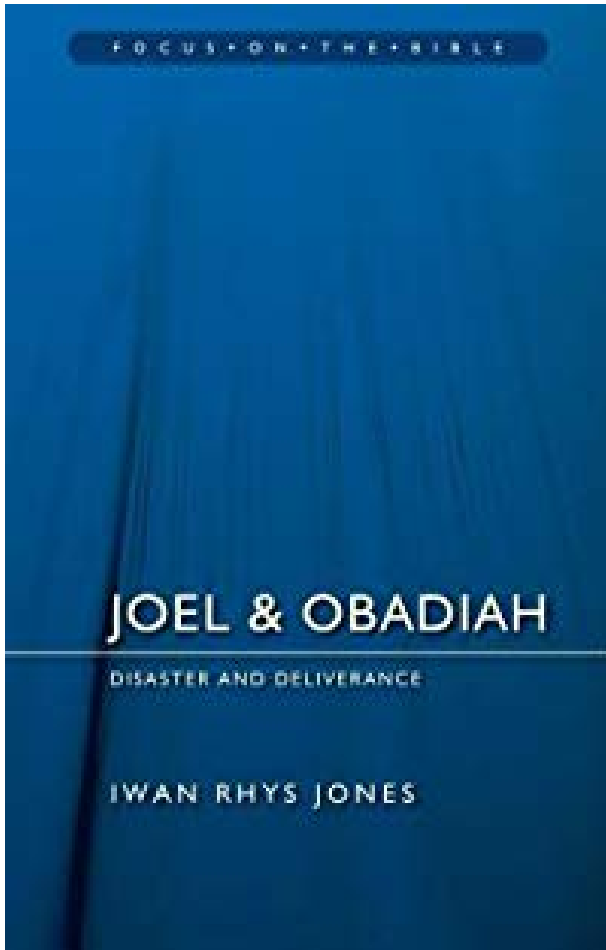


# Joel & Obadiah: Disaster and Deliverance



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Disaster and Deliverance, these two words sum up something of the message of both Joel and Obadiah. In Joel, the prophet begins by announcing a disaster in terms of a locust invasion, which has affected Judah. This, however, is but the pretext for warning of an even greater disaster on the horizon for Judah. Neverthe, the prophet holds out the prospect of deliverance. In the case of Obadiah, the focus is on Edom. Edom's pride and longstanding hostility against the people of God has led her to be party to an attack upon them, and as a result, she is threatened with disaster.

The people of God, meanwhile, are assured of better things at the hand of the LORD.

These two prophets and their message of disaster and deliverance will both challenge and reassure all who have ears to hear.