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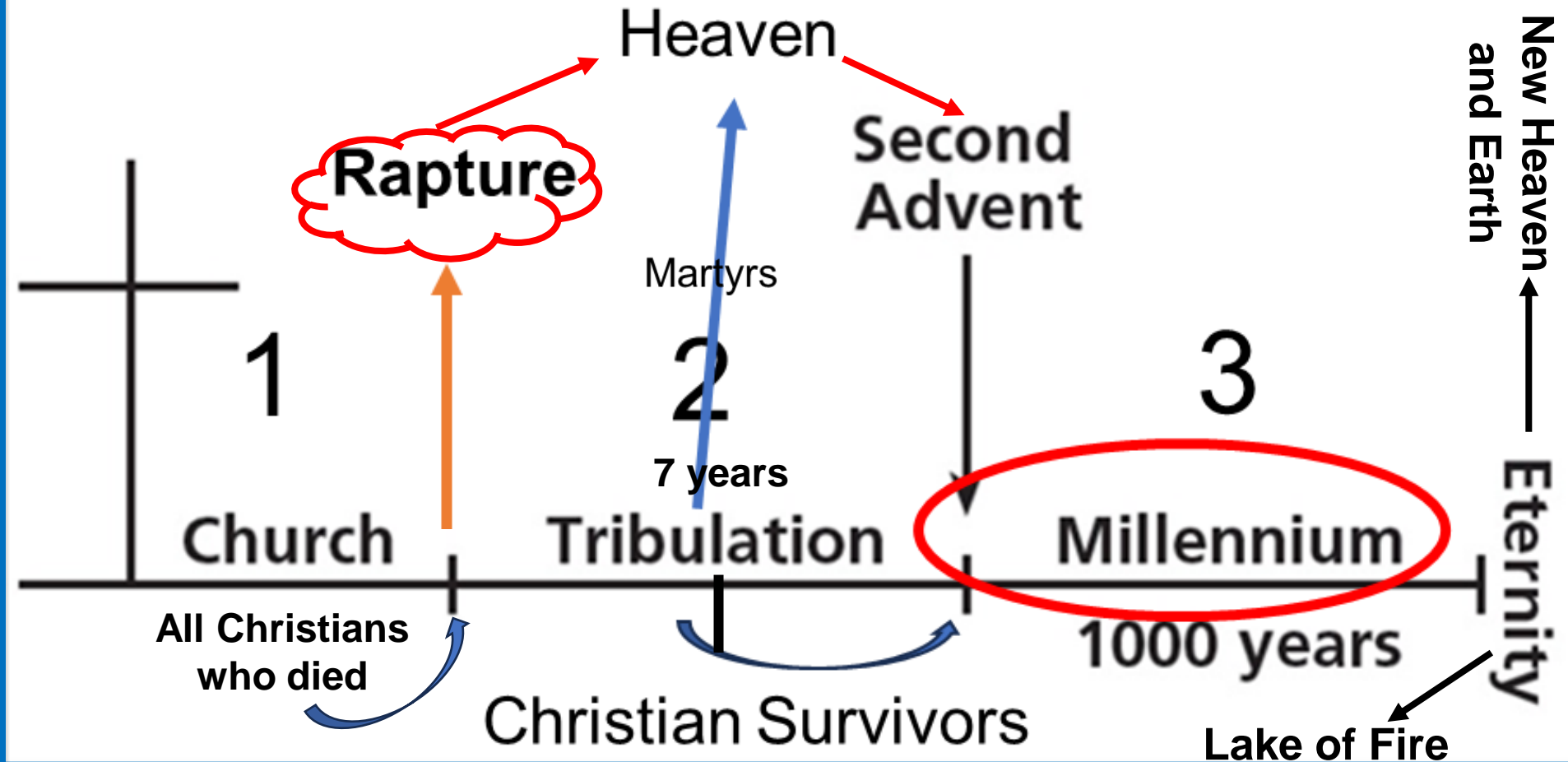
Listening to the Prophets- Part 2

Chapter 3
Joel
835-796 B.C.

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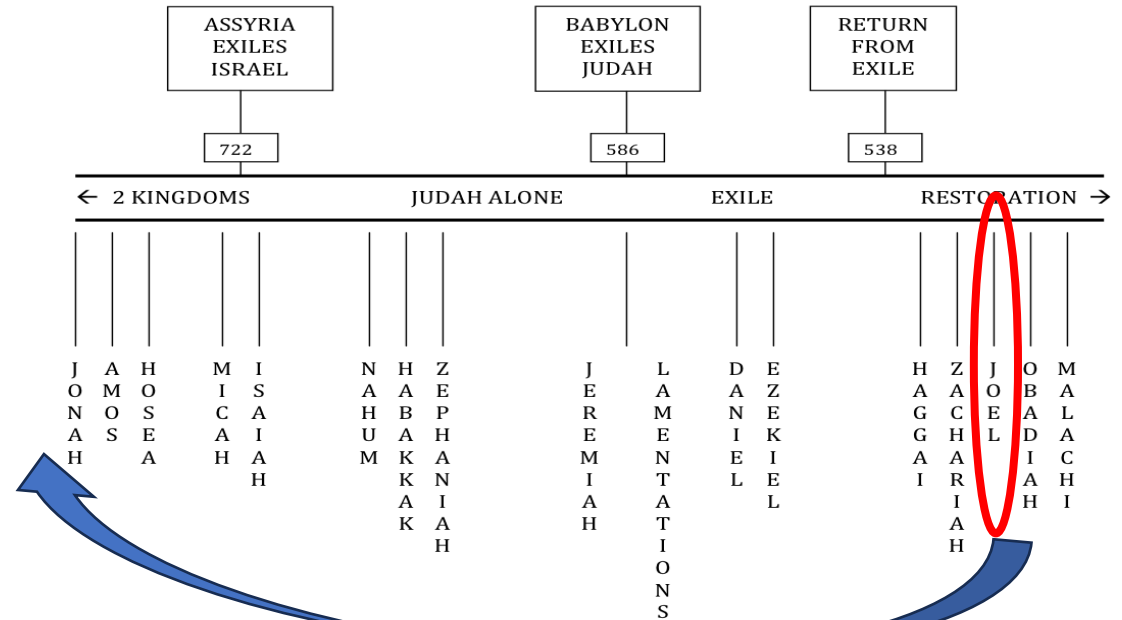
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Introduction

- Joel means “Yahweh is God.”
- The book of Joel dates from 835 B.C.

PROPHETS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT



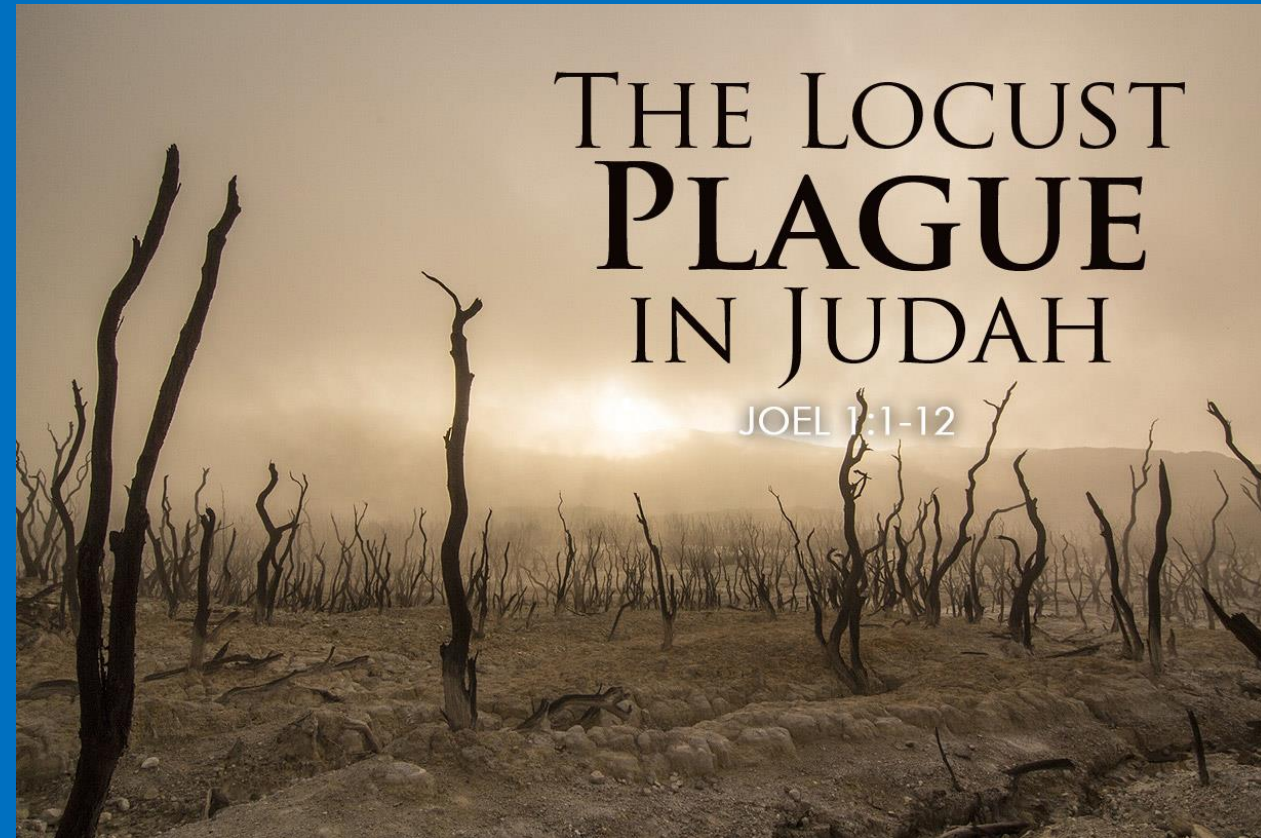
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ASSYRIAN AGE	Amos (760) Hosea (760-730)	Isaiah (740-700) Micah (737-690)	Jonah (770)
BABYLONIAN AGE		Habakkuk (630) Zephaniah (627) Jeremiah (627-580) Lamentations (585) Daniel (605-530) Ezekiel (593-570)	Nahum (650)
PERSIAN AGE		Haggai (520) Zachariah (520-518) Joel (500) Malachi (433)	Obadiah (500)

- “Joel” was written many years before Israel’s captivity in 722 B.C. and before Judah’s captivities in 605 B.C.; 597 B.C. and 586 B.C.
- Judah had experienced a severe **drought** and an infestation of **locusts**.
- Joel saw this invasion as a punishment for the sins of Judah (Deuteronomy 28:15-18) []



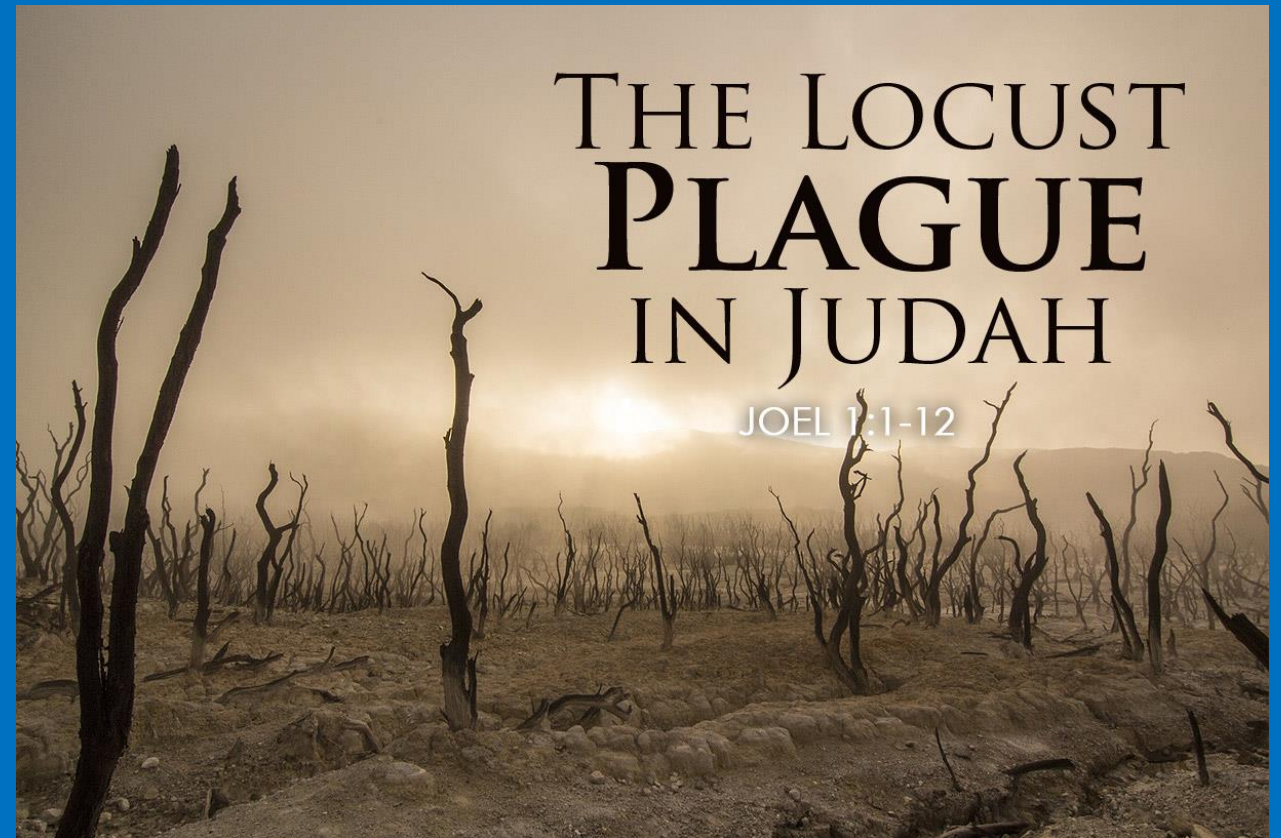
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- This locust invasion depicted judgments yet to come.
- The **Day of the Lord** constitutes a major theme of Joel's book.
- Three time periods characterize the Day of the Lord:
 - Judgments that occurred during author's writing []



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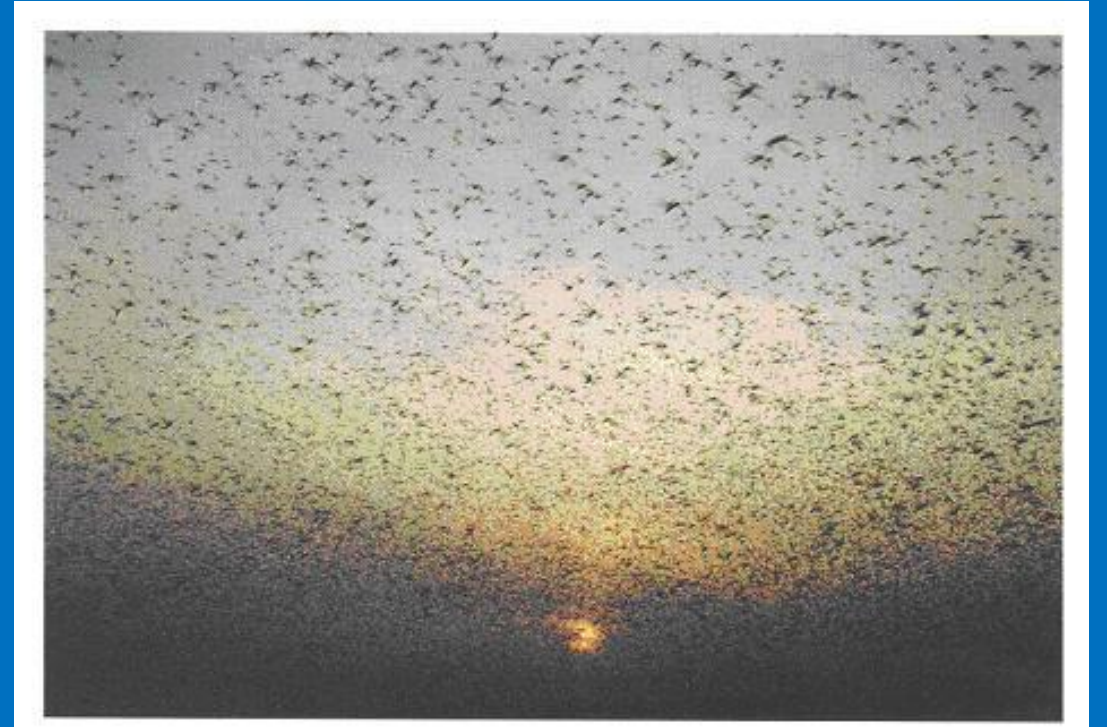
- Events that had **somewhat** near or far future implications
Matthew 24:1-2 []
- Events with primarily **eschatological** implications (end times) Daniel 7:23-25 []



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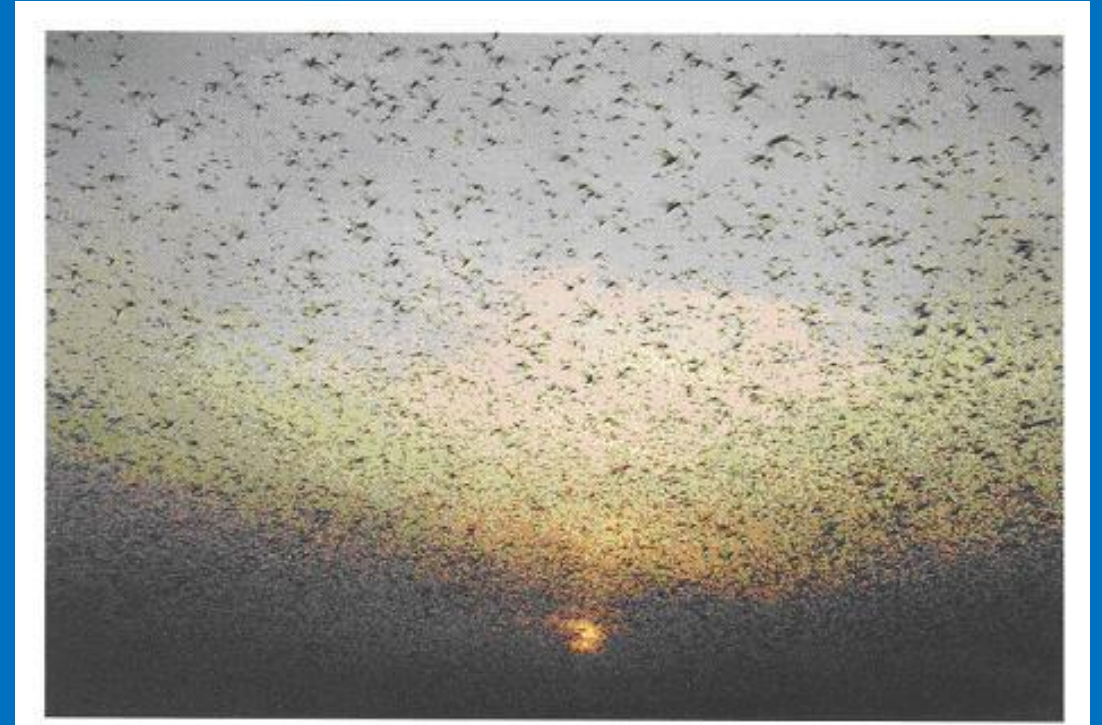
Chapter 1

- Joel 1:1-4 describes the locust infestation. []
- Joel called for Israel to wail like one girded with sackcloth.
 - This act demonstrated the extreme need for **repentance** (vs. 8). []
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- Joel called the nation to repent (vs. 13-14). []



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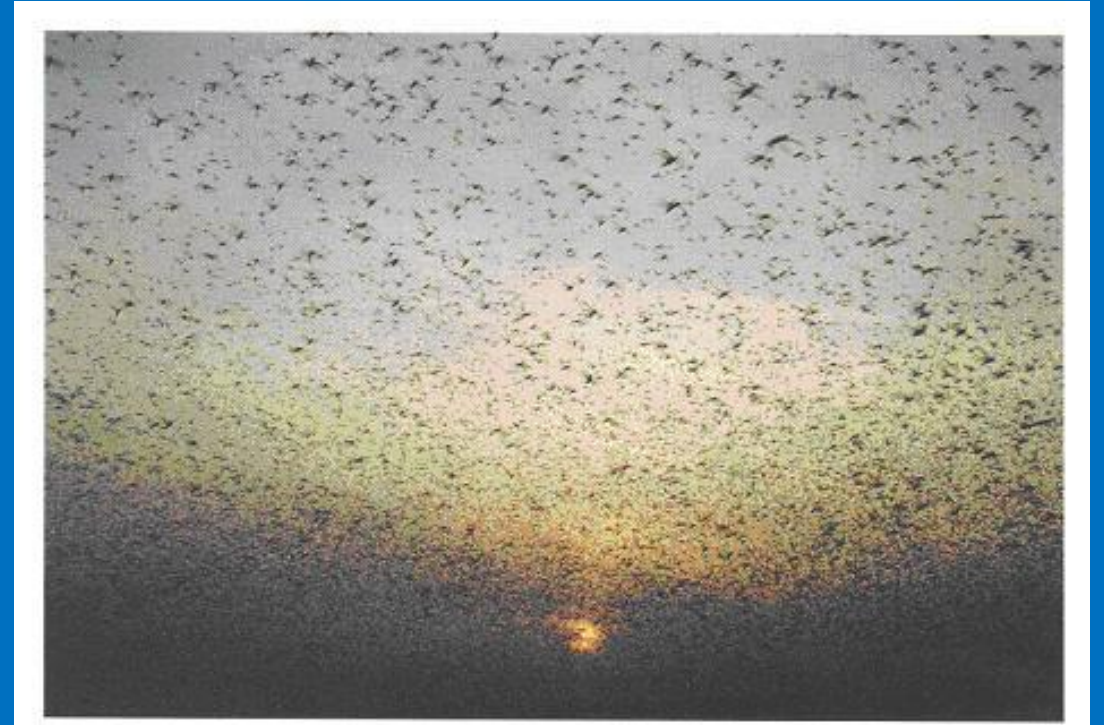
- 1:15 declares the soon coming for the Day of the Lord. []
 - This reference concerning the Day of the Lord exemplifies an account taking place during the prophet's lifetime.
- 1:18-20 states how even the animals experienced hardship. []
- Note the difference between these verses and Isaiah 65:25. []



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Chapter 2

- The locusts in chapter 2:1-2 represented the Day of the Lord as a contemporary event as well as an eschatological event. []



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- The armies against the Lord will quake and run in fear during the eschatological Day of the Lord (Joel 2:10; Revelation 6:12-17). []
- When the Lord comes for the second time, He will come with great glory and majesty. Revelation 19:11-16). []



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- During the Tribulation, Jesus will save those who **repent** and turn to Him. (Zechariah 12:10) []
- Israel rejected Joel's warning (2:13). []
- God will bring peace to Israel during the Millennium (Joel 2:18-20; Isaiah 65:19). []



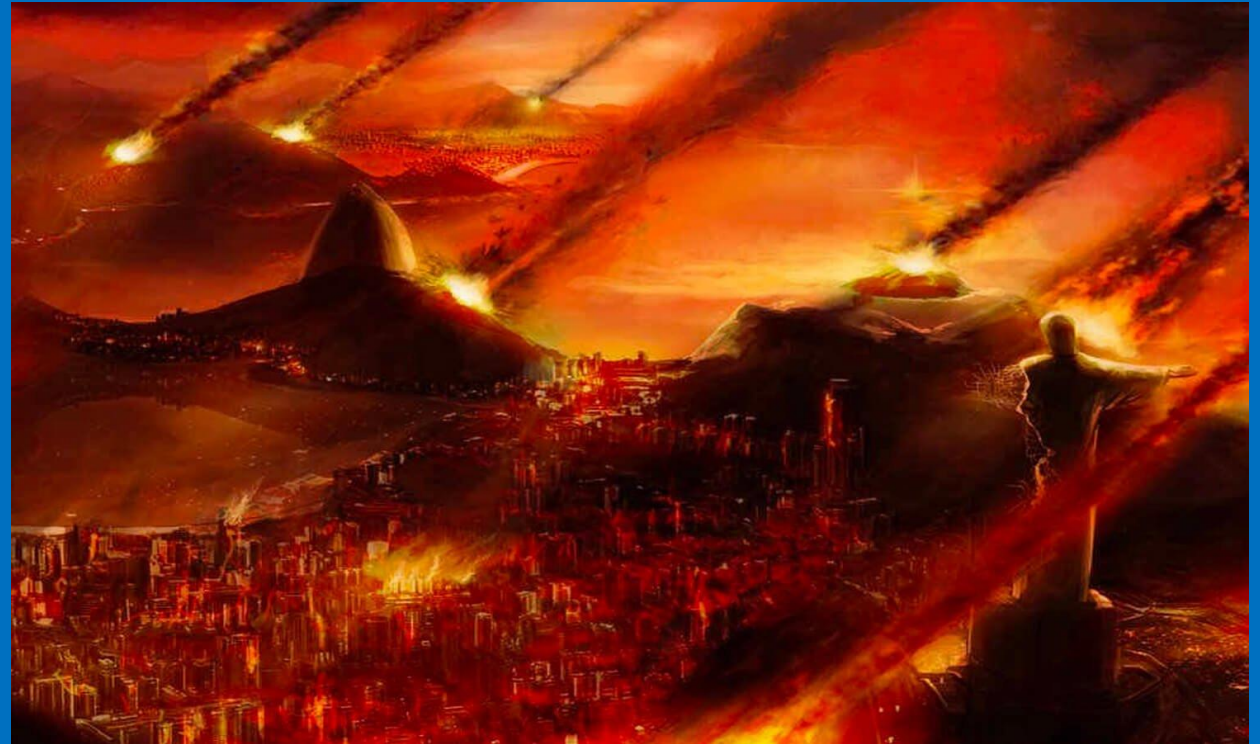
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- Joel 2:25-27 speaks of the Millennial period. []
- Joel 2:28 refers to the time after Christ's second coming. []
 - Peter used this verse in Acts 2:16-17 on the **Day of Pentecost.**
This was a foreshadowing of the Millennial Period []



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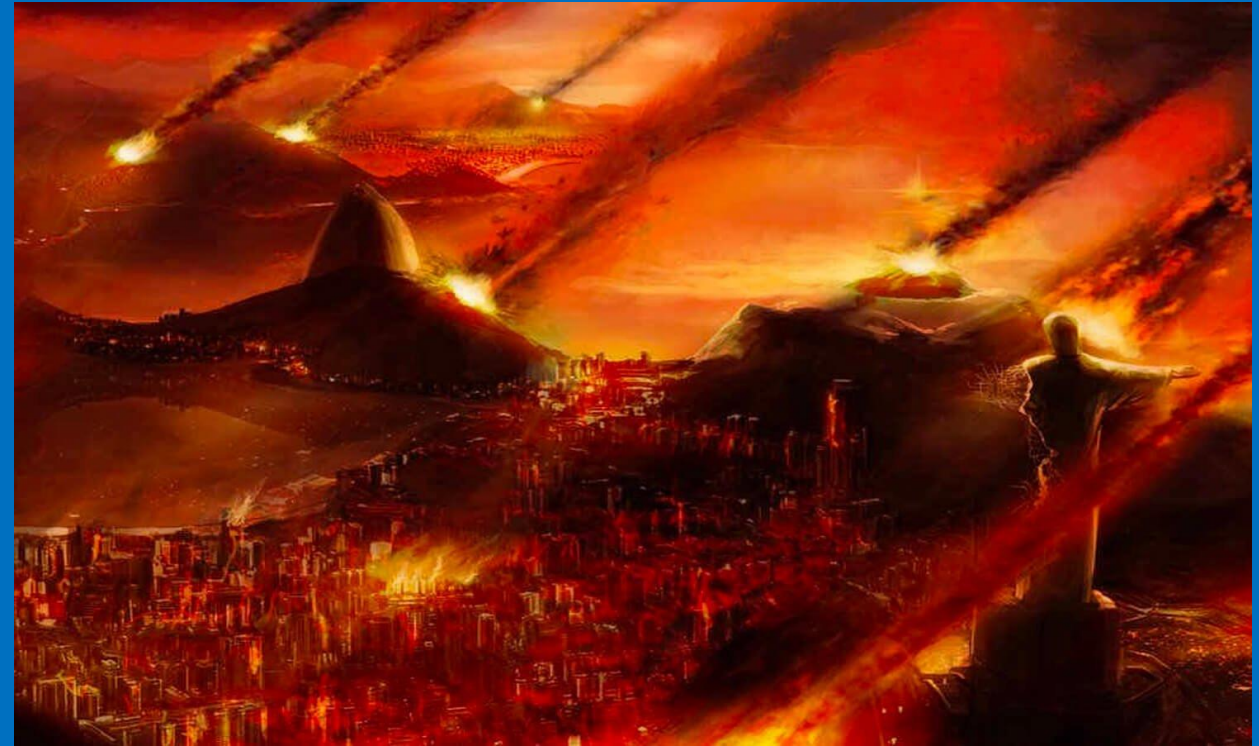
- Joel 2:30-31 references Revelation 6:12. []
 - Some will survive during the tribulation (Joel 2:32). []
 - Christ references this event in Mark 13:13. []



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Chapter 3

- Christ will bring judgment upon those who mistreat Israel (3:1-3). []
 - Christ referenced this in Matthew 25:31-46. []



- Joel gives a description of **Armageddon** in 3:9-11(a). []
 - Compare verse 10 to Micah 4:3. []
 - Joel 3:11(b)-12 tells of God's army [**perhaps two separate armies**] accompanying Christ at His second coming (Revelation 19:14). []



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- Joel 3:18-21 reiterates the millennial kingdom.
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Summary

- Christ's word always remains true.
- Even though the people of Israel did not understand or believe the meaning of Joel's words, it did not invalidate God's promise of destruction and restoration.
- When confusion surrounds our circumstances, we must trust that God has everything in His hands.

End---

Joel 1:1-4

1 The word of the Lord that came to Joel, the son of Pethuel:

2 Hear this, you elders,

And listen, all inhabitants of the land.

Has anything like this happened in your days,

Or in your fathers' days?

3 Tell your sons about it,

And have your sons tell their sons,

And their sons the next generation.

Over---

4 What the gnawing locust has left, the swarming locust has eaten;

And what the swarming locust has left, the creeping locust has eaten;

And what the creeping locust has left, the stripping locust has eaten. []

Joel 1:8

8 Wail like a virgin clothed with sackcloth

For the groom of her youth. []

Joel 1:13-14

13 Put on sackcloth

And mourn, you priests;

Wail, you ministers of the altar!

Come, spend the night in sackcloth,

You ministers of my God,

For the grain offering and the drink offering

Have been withheld from the house of your God.

Starvation and Drought

Over---

14 Consecrate a fast,
Proclaim a solemn assembly;
Gather the elders
And all the inhabitants of the land
To the house of the Lord your God,
And cry out to the Lord. []

Joel 1:15

15 Woe for the day!

For the day of the Lord is near,

And it will come as destruction from the Almighty. []

Joel 1:18-20

18 How the animals have groaned!

The herds of cattle have wandered aimlessly

Because there is no pasture for them;

Even the flocks of sheep have suffered.

19 To You, Lord, I cry out;

For fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness,

And the flame has burned up all the trees of the field.

20 Even the animals of the field pant for You;

For the stream beds of water are dried up,

And fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness. []

Isaiah 65:25

25 The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; and dust will be the serpent's food. They will do no evil or harm on all My holy mountain," says the Lord. []

Joel 2:1-2

1 Blow a trumpet in Zion,
And sound an alarm on My holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
For the day of the Lord is coming;
Indeed, it is near,
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CONTEMPORARY
DAY OF THE LORD

2 A day of darkness and gloom,
A day of clouds and thick darkness.
As dawn is spread over the mountains,
So there is a great and mighty people;
There has never been anything like it,
Nor will there be again after it
To the years of many generations...

4 Their appearance is like the appearance
of horses;

And like war horses, so they run.

(Notice the similarity to Revelation 9:1-12)

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ESCHATOLOGICAL
DAY OF THE LORD

Revelation 9:1-12

1 Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key to the shaft of the abyss was given to him. 2 He opened the shaft of the abyss, and smoke ascended out of the shaft like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened from the smoke of the shaft. 3 Then out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth, and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power...

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7 The appearance of the locusts was like horses
prepared for battle []

Joel 2:4-5

4 Their appearance is like the appearance of horses;

And like war horses, so they run.

5 With a noise as of chariots

They leap about on the tops of the mountains,

Like the crackling of a flame of fire consuming the stubble,

Like a mighty people drawn up for battle.

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Revelation 9:7-9

7 The appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle; and on their heads appeared to be crowns like gold, and their faces were like human faces. 8 They had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like the teeth of lions. 9 They had breastplates like breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to battle. []

Joel 2:10

10 Before them the earth quakes, The heavens tremble,
The sun and the moon become dark, And the stars lose
their brightness. 11 The Lord utters His voice before His
army; Surely His camp is very great, For strong is he who
carries out His word. The day of the Lord is indeed great
and very awesome, And who can endure it?

Over---

Revelation 6:12-17

12 And I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became as black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; 13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind.

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14 The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. 15 Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; 16 and they *said to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; 17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?” []

Joel 2:13

13 And tear your heart and not merely your garments.”

Now return to the Lord your God,

For He is gracious and compassionate,

Slow to anger, abounding in mercy

And relenting of catastrophe. []

Joel 2:18-20

18 Then the Lord will be zealous for His land,
And will have compassion for His people.

19 The Lord will answer and say to His people,
“Behold, I am going to send you grain, new wine, and oil,
And you will be satisfied in full with them;
And I will never again make you a disgrace among the
nations.

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20 “But I will remove the northern army far from you,
And I will drive it into a dry and desolate land,
Its advance guard into the eastern sea,
And its rear guard into the western sea.
And its stench will ascend and its odor of decay will come
up, Because it has done great things.”

(Over---)

Isaiah 65:19

19 “I will also rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people; And there will no longer be heard in her
The voice of weeping and the sound of crying. []

Joel 2:25-27

25 “Then I will compensate you for the years

That the swarming locust has eaten,

The creeping locust, the stripping locust, and the gnawing locust—

My great army which I sent among you.

26“You will have plenty to eat and be satisfied,

And you will praise the name of the Lord your God,

Who has dealt wondrously with you;

Then My people will never be put to shame.

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27 “So you will know that I am in the midst of Israel,
And that I am the Lord your God
And there is no other;
And My people will never be put to shame. []

Joel 2:28

28 “It will come about after this

That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind;

And your sons and your daughters will prophesy,

Your old men will have dreams,

Your young men will see visions. []

Acts 2:16-17

16 but this is what has been spoken through the prophet Joel:

17 'And it shall be in the last days,' God says,

'That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind;

And your sons and your daughters will prophesy,

And your young men will see visions,

And your old men will have dreams... []

Joel 2:30-31

30 “I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth,
Blood, fire, and columns of smoke.

31 “The sun will be turned into darkness,
And the moon into blood,

Before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes.

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Revelation 6:12

12 And I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became as black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood... []

Joel 2:32

32 “And it will come about that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord Will be saved; For on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem There will be those who escape, Just as the Lord has said, Even among the survivors whom the Lord calls. []

Mark 13:13

13 And you will be hated by everyone because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved. []

Joel 3:1-3

1“For behold, in those days and at that time,
When I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem,
2I will gather all the nations
And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat.
Then I will enter into judgment with them there
On behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel,
Whom they have scattered among the nations;
And they have divided up My land.

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they have divided up My land. 3 “They have also cast lots
for My people, Traded a boy for a prostitute, And sold a
girl for wine so that they may drink. []

Matthew 25:31-46

31 “But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.
32 And all the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, just as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; 33 and He will put the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left. []

Joel 3:9-11 (a)

9 Proclaim this among the nations:

Prepare for holy war; stir up the warriors!

Have all the soldiers come forward, have them come up!

10 Beat your plowshares into swords,

And your pruning hooks into spears;

Let the weak man say, "I am a warrior."

11 Hurry and come, all you surrounding nations,

And gather yourselves there. []

Micah 4:3

3 And He will judge between many peoples

And render decisions for mighty, distant nations.

Then they will beat their swords into plowshares,

And their spears into pruning hooks;

Nation will not lift a sword against nation,

And never again will they train for war. []

Joel 3:11(b)-12

Let the weak man say, "I am a warrior."

11 Hurry and come, all you surrounding nations,
And gather yourselves there.

Bring down, Lord, Your warriors.

12 Let the nations be awakened

And come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat,

For there I will sit to judge

All the surrounding nations.

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Revelation 19:14

14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. []

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Joel 3:18-21

8 And on that day

The mountains will drip with sweet wine,

And the hills will flow with milk,

And all the brooks of Judah will flow with water;

And a spring will go out from the house of the Lord

And water the Valley of Shittim.

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19 Egypt will become a wasteland,
And Edom will become a desolate wilderness,
Because of the violence done to the sons of Judah,
In whose land they have shed innocent blood
(Prophecies of Obadiah).

20 But Judah will be inhabited forever,
And Jerusalem for all generations.

21 And I will avenge their blood which I have not
avenged,
For the Lord dwells in Zion. []

Joel 2:11

11 The Lord utters His voice before His army;

Surely His camp is very great,

For strong is he who carries out His word.

The day of the Lord is indeed great and very awesome,

And who can endure it?

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Revelation 19:11-16

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. 12 His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. 13 He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

Over---

14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. 15 From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. 16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND Lord OF LORDS."

Read Zechariah chapters 12-14 to read about Christ's war
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The Sixth Trumpet—Army from the East

13 Then the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, 14 one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” 15 And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released, so that they would kill a third of mankind. 16 The number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them. []

Jeremiah 21:6-7

6 I will also strike down the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast; they will die of a great pestilence. 7 Then afterwards,” declares the Lord, “I will give over Zedekiah king of Judah and his servants and the people, even those who survive in this city from the pestilence, the sword and the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their foes and into the hand of those who seek their lives; and he will strike them down with the edge of the sword. He will not spare them nor have pity nor compassion.” ’ []

Matthew 24:1-2

1 Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. 2 And He said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down.” []

Daniel 7:23-25

23 “Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it. 24 As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings. []

25 He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. []

Zechariah 12:10

10 “I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn. []

WRONG ←

REPENTANCE



RIGHT →



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Deuteronomy 28:15-18

15 “But it shall come about, if you do not obey the Lord your God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes with which I charge you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

16 “Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country.

17 “Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.

18 “Cursed shall be the offspring of your body and the produce of your ground, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock. []