

# Joel 2

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## The Army of Locusts

(Amos 7:1–9)

**1**Blow ye the horn in Zion, And sound an alarm in My holy mountain; Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; For the day of the LORD cometh, For it is at hand;

**2**A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, As blackness spread upon the mountains; A great people and a mighty, There hath not been ever the like, Neither shall be any more after them, Even to the years of many generations.

**3**A fire devoureth before them, And behind them a flame blazeth; The land is as the garden of Eden before them, And behind them a desolate wilderness; Yea, and nothing escapeth them.

**4**The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; And as horsemen, so do they run.

**5**Like the noise of chariots, On the tops of the mountains do they leap, Like the noise of a flame of fire That devoureth the stubble, As a mighty people set in battle array.

**6**At their presence the peoples are in anguish; All faces have gathered blackness.

**7**They run like mighty men, They climb the wall like men of war; And they move on every one in his ways, And they entangle not their paths.

**8**Neither doth one thrust another, They march every one in his highway; And they break through the weapons, And suffer no harm.

**9**They leap upon the city, They run upon the wall, They climb up into the houses; They enter in at the windows like a thief.

**10**Before them the earth quaketh, The heavens tremble; The sun and the moon are become black, And the stars withdraw their shining.

**11**And the LORD uttereth His voice before His army; For His camp is very great, For he is mighty that executeth His word; For great is the day of the LORD and very terrible; And who can abide it?

### **Return with All Your Heart**

**12**Yet even now, saith the LORD, Turn ye unto Me with all your heart, And with fasting, and with weeping, and with lamentation;

**13**And rend your heart, and not your garments, And turn unto the LORD your God; For He is gracious and compassionate, long-suffering, and abundant in mercy, And repenteth Him of the evil.

**14**Who knoweth whether He will not turn and repent, And leave a blessing behind Him, Even a meal-offering and a drink-offering Unto the LORD your God?

**15**Blow the horn in Zion, Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly;

**16**Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children, And those that suck the breasts; Let the bridegroom go forth from his chamber, And the bride out of her pavilion.

**17**Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, Weep between the porch and the altar, And let them say: 'Spare thy people, O LORD, And give not Thy heritage to reproach, That the nations should make them a byword: Wherefore should they say among the peoples: Where is their God?'

### **Restoration Promised**

**18**Then was the LORD jealous for His land, And had pity on His people.

**19**And the LORD answered and said unto His people: 'Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, And ye shall be satisfied therewith; And I will no more make you a reproach among the nations;

**20**But I will remove far off from you the northern one, And will drive him into a land barren and desolate, With his face toward the eastern sea, And his hinder part toward the western sea; That his foulness may come up, and his ill savour may come up, Because he hath done great things.'

**21**Fear not, O land, be glad and rejoice; For the LORD hath done great things.

**22**Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field; For the pastures of the wilderness do spring, For the tree beareth its fruit, The fig-tree and the vine do yield their strength.

**23**Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice In the LORD your God; For He giveth you the former rain in just measure, And He causeth to come down for you the rain, The former rain and the latter rain, at the first.

**24**And the floors shall be full of corn, And the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

**25**And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, The canker-worm, and the caterpillar, and the palmer-worm, My great army which I sent among you.

**26**And ye shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, And shall praise the name of the LORD your God, That hath dealt wondrously with you; And My people shall never be ashamed.

**27**And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, And that I am the LORD your God, and there is none else; And My people shall never be ashamed.

### **I Will Pour Out My Spirit**

(Acts 2:14–36)

**28**And it shall come to pass afterward, That I will pour out My spirit upon all flesh; And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions;

**29**And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids In those days will I pour out My spirit.

**30**And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, Blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

**31**The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the great and terrible day of the LORD come.

**32**And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered; For in mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those that escape, As the LORD hath said, And among the remnant those whom the LORD shall call.