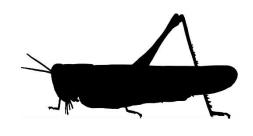
The book of JOEL







Joel 2:1-11

"The Description of the Day of the LORD" Part 2



Review:

The Day of the LORD



The "Day of the LORD"

Broad Day of the LORD

Tribulation Judgment

Darkness

Millennial Blessing

Light

7 years

24 Hours

(Great and Terrible)

Narrow Day of

1000 Years

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Outline

- 1. The Call to Respond
- 2. The Reason for this Response
- 3. The Description of the Day of the LORD





11- The Call to Respond:

A. The Response:

- 1- Blow the trumpet in Zion
- 2- Sound the alarm in the holy mountain
- 3- Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble

B. Additional Observations:

- The speaker appears to be God (cf. "My holy mountain")

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2- The Reason for this Response:

A. The Reason:

- The Day of the LORD is coming
- The Day is "at hand"
 - this Day remains immanent
 - cf. "thief in the night"(1 Thess. 5: 1-3; 2 Pet. 3: 10)



1 Thessalonians 5:1-3 (NKJV)

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3 A fire devours before them, And behind them a flame burns; The land is like the Garden of Eden before them, And behind them a desolate wilderness; Surely nothing shall escape them.

2 Peter 3:10 (NKJV)

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.



- A. Description of the Environment:
- B. Description of the Invasion:
- C. Additional description of the Day of the LORD:





A. Description of the Environment:

- a day of darkness and gloominess
- a day of clouds and thick darkness
 (like the morning clouds spread over the mountains)



Revelation 6:12 (NKJV)

12 I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.

Revelation 9:2 (NKJV)

2 And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit.

Revelation 16:10 (NKJV)

10 Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain.

Matthew 24:27-31 (NKJV)

27 For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 28 For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together. 29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.



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Cf. Rev. 8:7 (Trumpet 1)



Revelation 8:7 (NKJV)

7 The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.





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- The earth quakes before them (v. 10a)
- The heavens tremble (v. 10b)
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B. Description of the invasion:

- Characteristics:



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Revelation 9:13-14 (NKJV) 13 Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, 14 saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are

bound at the great river Euphrates."



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Revelation 5:1-7 (NKJV)

1 And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. 2 Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" 3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. 4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. 5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." 6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 7 Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.



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