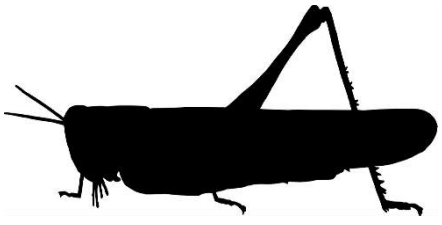


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“The Description of the Day of the LORD” Part 1



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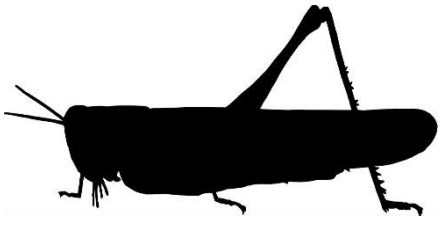
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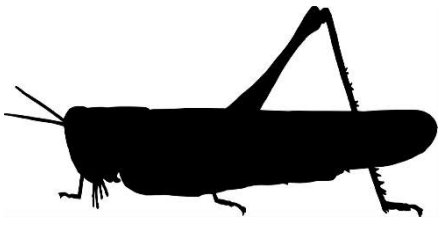




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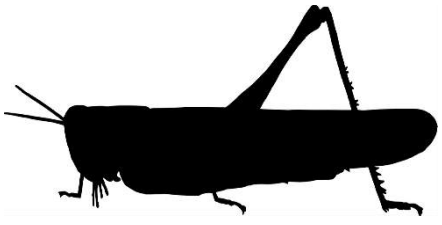


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A. Possible Interpretations:

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2. it is a future time *Human Invasion
3. It is a future time *Demonic Invasion





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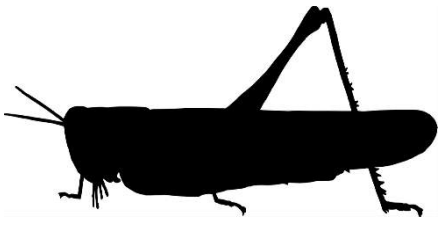
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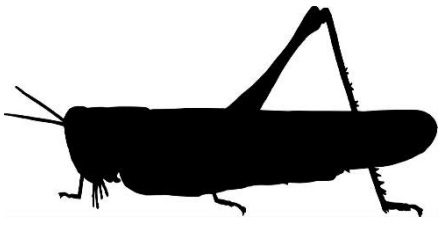
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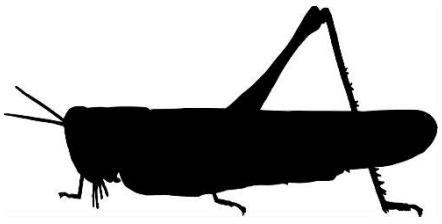
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Revelation 8:5–13 (NKJV)

5 Then the angel took the censer, **filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth.** And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake. 6 So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. 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.** 8 Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. 9 And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed. 10 Then the third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. 11 The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter. 12 Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night. 13 And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, “Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!”



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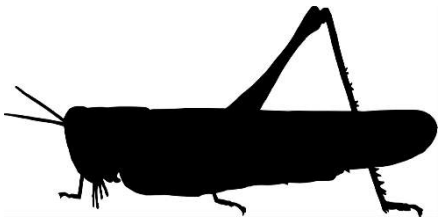
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- The Context Supports demonic invasion

Joel 2:1–11 (NKJV)

1 Blow the trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; **For the day of the LORD is coming**, For it is at hand: 2 **A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness**, Like the morning clouds spread over the mountains. **A people come, great and strong, The like of whom has never been; Nor will there ever be any such after them, Even for many successive generations.** 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. 4 **Their appearance is like** the appearance of horses; **And like** swift steeds, so they run. 5 With a noise **like** chariots Over mountaintops they leap, **Like** the noise of a flaming fire that devours the stubble, **Like** a strong people set in battle array. 6 Before them the people writhe in pain; All faces are drained of color. 7 They run **like** mighty men, They climb the wall **like** men of war; Every one marches in formation, And they do not break ranks. 8 They do not push one another; Every one marches in his own column. Though they lunge between the weapons, They are not cut down. 9 They run to and fro in the city, They run on the wall; They climb into the houses, They enter at the windows like a thief. 10 The earth quakes before them, The heavens tremble; The sun and moon grow dark, And the stars diminish their brightness. 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?

Revelation 9:1–11 (NKJV)

1 Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit. 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. 3 Then **out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth.** And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. 4 They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. 5 And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man. 6 In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them. 7 **The shape of the locusts** was **like horses** prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of **something like gold**, and their faces were **like the faces of men**. 8 They had **hair like women's hair**, and **their teeth were like lions' teeth**. 9 And they had breastplates **like** breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was **like the sound of chariots** with many horses running into battle. 10 They had tails **like** scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. Their power was to hurt men five months. 11 And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon.



2- The Description of this Day:

A. Important Observations:

- The Context supports demonic invasion during the 7-year tribulation setting
- Verse 15 is a transitional phrase
- Verse 15 provides an immanency statement
- Verse 15 gives the source of this Day
- Verse 15 designates this Day as destructive



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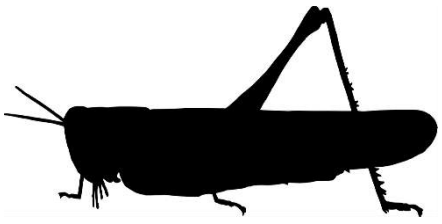
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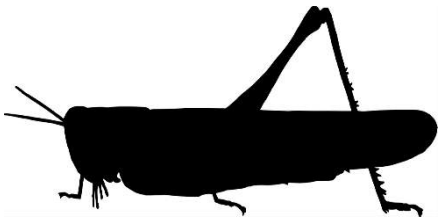
B. The Description:

1. Food is cut off
2. Joy and gladness are cut off from the temple
3. The seed shrivels under the sod
4. Storehouses are in shambles
5. Barns are broken down
6. The grain is withered
7. The animals groan
8. The cattle herds are restless
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1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 (NKJV)

1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that **the day of the Lord** so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when **they** say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon **them**, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And **they** shall not escape. 4 **But you, brethren, are not in darkness**, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 **You are all sons of light and sons of the day.** We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 **For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,** 10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. 11 **Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.**



4- The Application for **Us**

- There is a future period of time in which terrible destruction will occur on the inhabitants of the earth. This destruction will be worse than an unparalleled locust invasion.
- God is sovereign and this destruction is from His Almighty hand. This tells us truth about God:
 - * God is bigger than the biggest destruction... think about that!
- God is serious about sin and will punish sin. For those trusting in the Lord they will be delivered
- God is not just sovereign over Israel and matters pertaining to the Middle East. But He is sovereign over the universe.
- Though Evil prevails it does not mean God is not sovereign. In fact it means the opposite. “God is patient”. His longsuffering of evil and the surety of the Day of the LORD proves that He is the creator and sovereign God that we are all accountable to.
- God offers eternal life to the one who believes on Him for salvation. Will you?

