

A dramatic, low-angle shot looking up at a dense, dark sky filled with a massive swarm of locusts. The insects are silhouetted against a lighter, hazy background, creating a sense of overwhelming numbers and movement. The locusts are in various stages of flight, with their wings spread and bodies angled in different directions. The bottom of the frame shows the dark, intricate branches of trees, which are also partially covered by the swarm. The overall mood is one of intense, chaotic activity.

Joel

The Day of the Lord

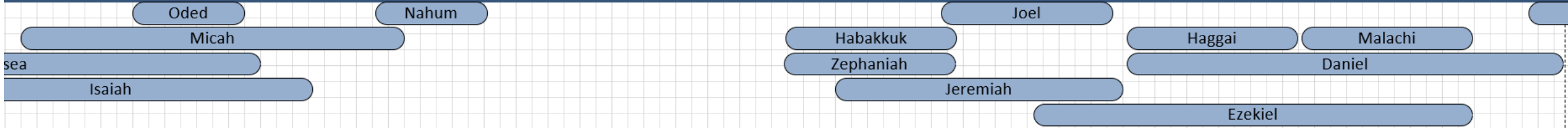
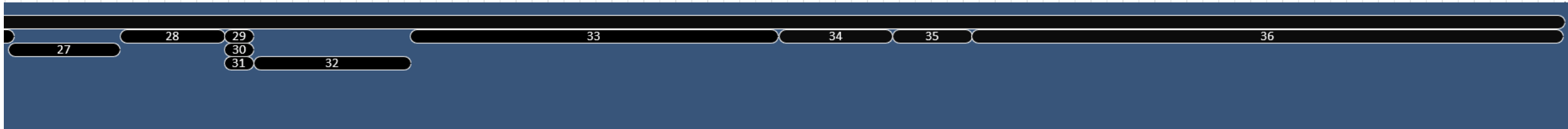
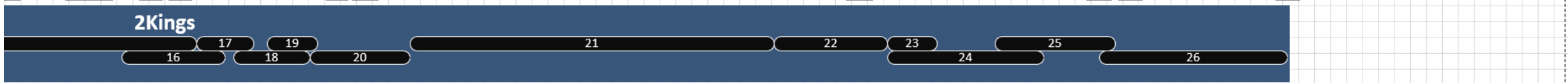
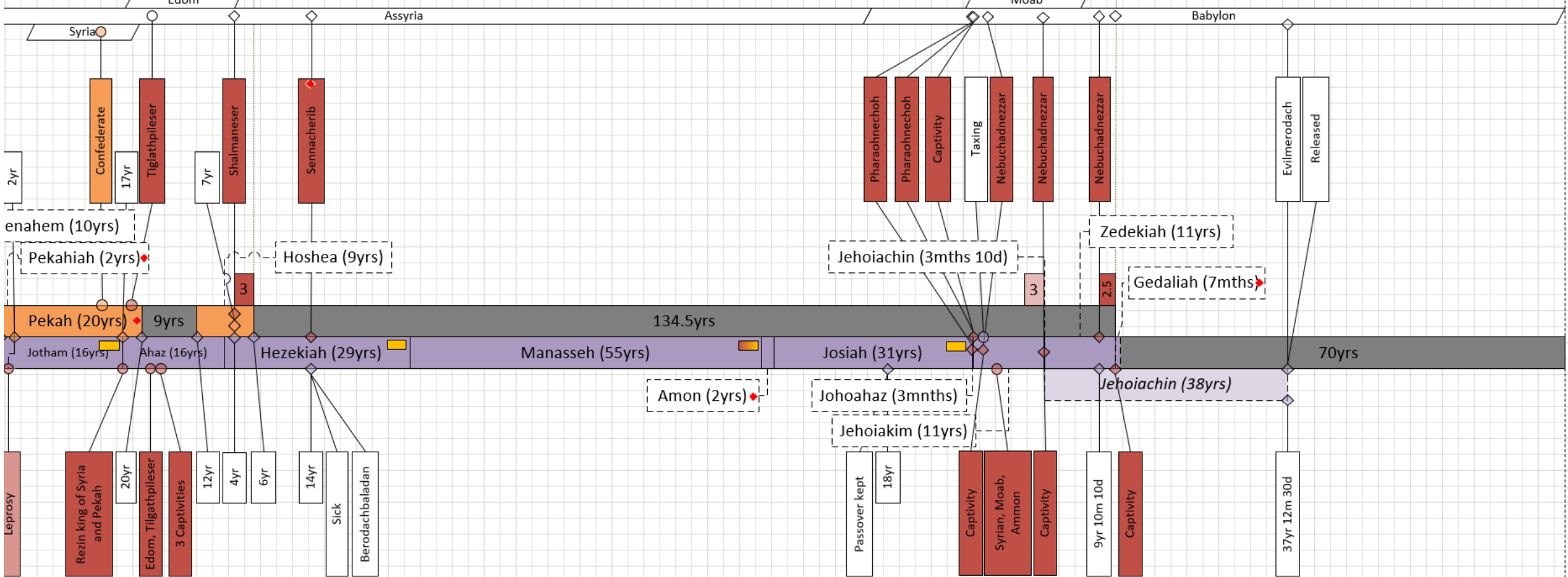
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Who was Joel Addressing?

- Elders
- Drunkards
- Husbandmen, Vinedressers
- Priests
- All the inhabitants of the land





A low-angle shot looking up at a sky filled with a massive swarm of locusts. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, hazy glow that illuminates the insects. The locusts are seen in various stages of flight, with their wings spread wide. The bottom of the frame shows the dark, silhouetted branches of trees and bushes, providing a stark contrast to the bright sky and the swarm of insects.

Solemn Fasting

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Solemn Fasting

Joe 1:6 For a nation is
come up upon my land,
strong, and without
number, whose teeth are
the teeth of a lion, and he
hath the cheek teeth of a
great lion.



Solemn Fasting

Joe 1:13 Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests: howl, ye ministers of the altar: come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God: for the meat offering and the drink offering is withholden from the house of your God.

Joe 1:14 Sanctify ye a fast, call a **solemn assembly**, **gather** the elders and all the inhabitants of the land **into the house of the LORD** your God, and cry unto the LORD,



Solemn Fasting

Jer 36:9, 22-24 And it came to pass in the **fifth year** of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, in the ninth month, that they proclaimed a fast before the LORD to all the people in Jerusalem, and to all the people that came from the cities of Judah unto Jerusalem. 22 Now the king sat in the winterhouse in the ninth month: and there was a fire on the hearth burning before him. 23 And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth. 24 Yet **they were not afraid, nor rent their garments**, neither the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words.

Solemn Fasting

2Ch 20:3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

Ezr 8:21 Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance.

Neh 9:1 Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes, and earth upon them.

Est 4:3 And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

Jon 3:5 So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

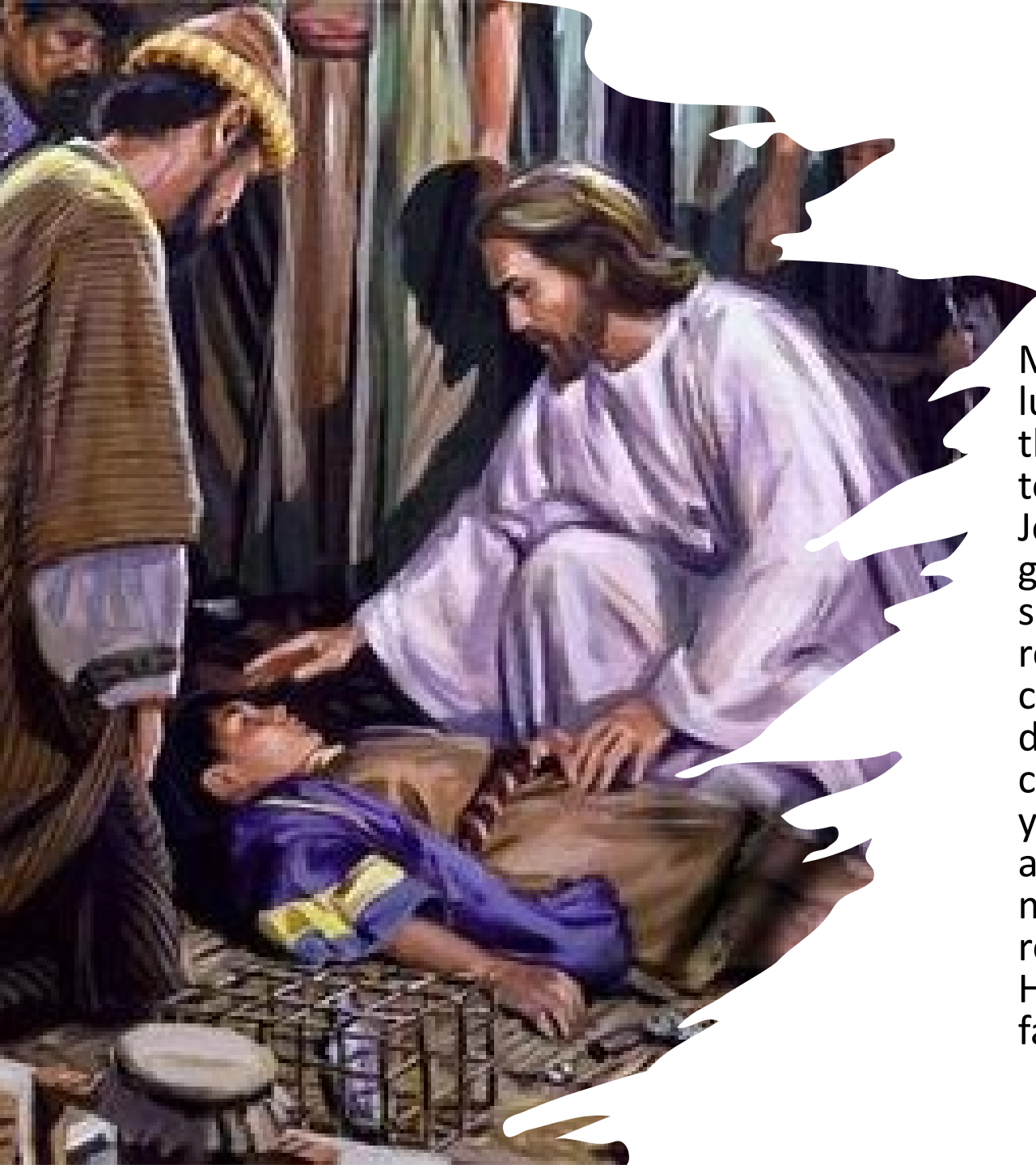
Solemn Fasting

Isa 58:3-6 Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and thou seest not? wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labours. 4 Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high. 5 Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD? 6 Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?



Solemn Fasting

Luk 13:10-16 And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. 11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. 12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. 13 And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. 14 And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day. 15 The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? 16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?



Solemn Fasting

Mat 17:15-21 Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. 16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him. 17 Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me. 18 And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. 19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? 20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. 21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

Solemn Fasting

Psa 66:10-15 For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried. 11 Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loins. 12 Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place. 13 I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my vows, 14 Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble. 15 I will offer unto thee burnt sacrifices of fatlings, with the incense of rams; I will offer bullocks with goats. Selah.

Lessons

- Joel is associating the current trials afflicting Judah with the fulfillment of God's earlier prophecy (Isaiah, Jeremiah, others).
- These trials should result in a turning to God and gathering into his house for a solemn fast.
- The purpose of fasting is to separate ourselves from our daily activities and to release others from their burdens. It is not to afflict or create burdens for others.
- Do we see God's word fulfilled in our lives?
- Do we see a need for God and a change in our daily behaviour? Do our trials result in drawing closer or further from one another and joint worship?
- How is our form of worship and activity an expression of our awareness of other's needs?
- How do we ensure God is the center of our 'religious' activities?

Destruction

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Destruction

Joe 1:16 Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, yea, joy and gladness from the house of our God?

Joe 1:17 The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered.

Joe 1:18 How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate.

Joe 1:19 O LORD, to thee will I cry: for the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field.

Joe 1:20 The beasts of the field cry also unto thee: for the rivers of waters are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

Destruction

- Wine (vs 5)
- Fig (vs 7)
- Fields, Grain (vs 10-11)
- Fine, Fig, Pomegranate, Palm, Apple, all trees (vs 12)
- Bread (vs 16)
- Seed (vs 17)
- Storage (vs 17)
- Barns (vs 17)
- Grain (vs 17)
- Herds (vs 18)
- Pastureland (vs 19)
- Trees (vs 19)
- Wild beast (vs 20)
- Rivers (vs 20)
- Wild pasture (vs 20)

Destruction

1. 2Ki 24:1 In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years. Then he turned and rebelled against him.
2Ki 24:2 And Jehovah sent against him troops of the Chaldees, and bands of the Syrians, and troops of the Moabites, and troops of the Ammonites. And He sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the Word of Jehovah which He spoke by His servants the prophets.
2. 2Ki 24:10 At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged.
3. 2Ki 25:1 And it happened in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came. He and all his army came against Jerusalem and pitched against it, and built a siege-mound all around it.
4. 2Ki 25:8 And in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which is the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem:

Four Sequential Signs

Nebuchadnezzar's dream.

1. Gold
2. Silver
3. Bronze
4. Iron/Clay

Daniel speaks of four beasts.

1. Lion
2. Bear
3. Leopard
4. Dragon/changes

Four Sequential Signs

Four Horsemen of Zechariah (Zech 1:7-10)

1. Red
2. Red
3. Brown
4. White

Four Horsemen of Revelation (Rev 6:1-5)

1. White
2. Red
3. Black
4. Pale/Green

Four Sequential Signs

Four sequential symbols (Rev)

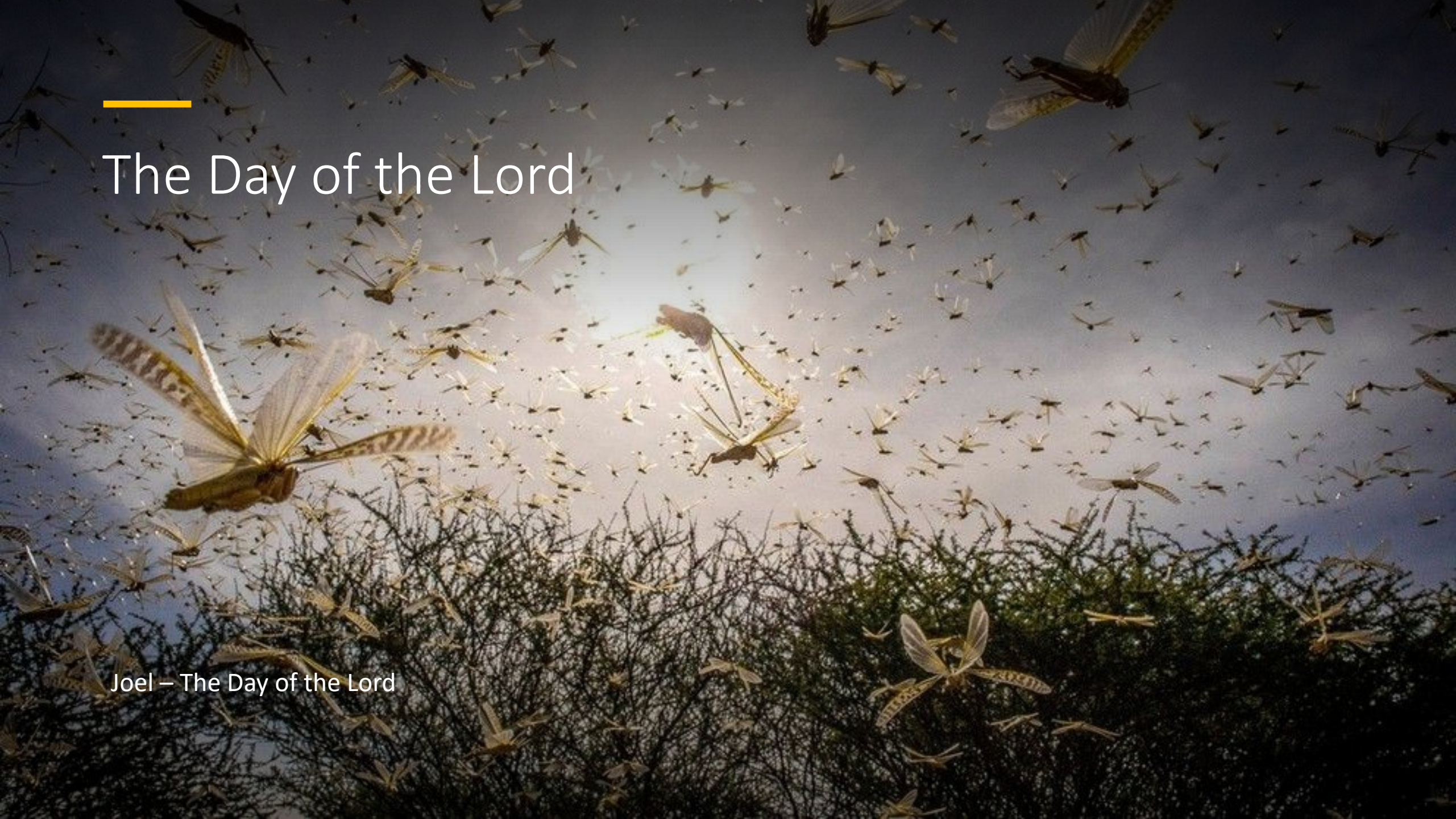
1. Seals
2. Trumpets
3. Vials
4. Thunders

Four Numeric Values from Joels' Name

1. 50 = 589 to 539BC, Jerusalem sacked to Cyrus
2. 208 = 538 to 330BC, Persia to Grecian empire
3. 140 = 330 to 190BC, Jews rebel under the Maccabees
4. 108 = 38BC to 70AD, Rome rules to destruction of Jerusalem

Lessons

- God took everything away that the people relied on. There was nothing left but a choice to obey or continue to disobey.
- God provides sequential evidence that what he has said will come to pass. So that they would believe what would come next.
- How much does God need to take away from us to get us to change?
- Do we understand God's prophecy and the time-period we currently live in?

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Joe 1:15 Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.



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Gen 2:4 These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in **the day** that **the LORD** God made the earth and the heavens,

Gen 15:18 In **the same day the LORD** made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

Exo 12:51 And it came to pass **the selfsame day**, that **the LORD** did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.

Exo 19:11 And be ready against the third day: for the third **day the LORD** will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.

The Day of the Lord

Isa 2:1-2, 12; 3:1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 And it shall come to pass in **the last days**, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. 12 For **the day of the LORD** of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low: 1 For, behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water,

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Isa 13:1, 5-9 The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see. 5 They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land. 6 Howl ye; for **the day of the LORD** is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. 7 Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt: 8 And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames. 9 Behold, **the day of the LORD** cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

The Day of the Lord

Isa 33:20-24; 34:2,8 Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken. 21 But there the glorious LORD will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby. 22 For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us. 23 Thy tacklings are loosed; they could not well strengthen their mast, they could not spread the sail: then is the prey of a great spoil divided; the lame take the prey. 24 And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity. 2 For the indignation of the LORD is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter. 8 For it is **the day of the LORD'S** vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.

The Day of the Lord

Lam 2:22 Thou hast called as in a solemn day my terrors round about,
so that in **the day of the LORD'S** anger none escaped nor remained:
those that I have swaddled and brought up hath mine enemy
consumed.

The Day of the Lord

Mal 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful **day of the LORD**:

Isa 40:3-5 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: 5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

Mat 17:10-13 And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come? 11 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things. 12 But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them. 13 Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.

The Day of the Lord

Amo 5:18-21 Woe unto you that desire **the day of the LORD!** to what end is it for you? the day of the LORD is darkness, and not light. 19 As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him. 20 Shall not **the day of the LORD** be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it? 21 I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies.

The Day of the Lord

Joe 1:15 Alas for the day! for **the day of the LORD** is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

Joe 2:1 Blow ye 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** cometh, for it is nigh at hand;

Joe 2:11 And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for **the day of the LORD** is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

Joe 2:31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible **day of the LORD** come.

The Day of the Lord

Act 2:18-20 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: 19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable **day of the Lord** come:

2Pe 3:9-13 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 10 But **the day of the Lord** will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of **the day of God**, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

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2Ch 34:28 Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again.

Jer 29:28 For therefore he sent unto us in Babylon, saying, This captivity is long: build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

The Day of the Lord

1Th 5:1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. 2 For yourselves know perfectly that **the day of the Lord** so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.