

# The Impending Day of the Lord

Joel 2:1-17



# The Alarm Sounds

- The people of God believed they were special and that nothing bad could happen to them.
- Joel wanted the people of God to be aware that an impending “Day of the Lord” was coming.
- Today, the “Day of the Lord” is near, and God’s people had better be prepared for His judgment.

# The Army Invades

- Joel may have been either describing a future military army like the Assyrians or Babylonians or a plague of locusts.
- More importantly than a description of the army is an affirmation of the Lord's control.
- The “Day of the Lord” is under God's sovereign control.

# True Repentance

- True repentance is a matter of the heart.
- True repentance is not just saying we are repenting; it involves a genuine change of heart.
- God constantly gives warnings to His people.
- None of Joel's commands to the people dealt with the invading army.
- Joel was commanding the people to cry out to the Lord and seek His forgiveness.

# Conclusion

- Joel's contemporary "Day of the Lord" was intended to cause the people to examine themselves to see how far they had drifted from God.
- Joel wanted the people to pay attention to what God was saying to them through the locust invasion.
- We must pay attention to what God is saying through whatever difficulty, trial, or disaster we may be experiencing.