Chapter 2

- 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;
- 2:2 A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, [even] to the years of many generations. [Ex 10:6. The last part of Joel 2:2 parallels Exodus 10:14, and also refers back to Joel 1:2, 3]
- 2:3 A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land [is] as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them. [Describing a work of total devastation upon the once fruitful world]
- 2:4 The appearance of them [is] as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run. [Comparing this verse with Revelation 9: 7-9, and 16, there can be no doubt that Joel is describing the global jihad that Islam is soon to bring upon this world]
- 2:5 Like the **noise of chariots** [Rev 9:9] on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as **a strong people set in battle array** [Rev 9:17].
- 2:6 Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness. [Nahum 2:10; Dan 5:6] [See additional notes below]
- 2:7 They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:
- 2:8 Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and [when] they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded.
- 2:9 They shall run to and fro in the city ["they shall rush upon the city"]; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief. [This is one reason why we are told to get out of the cities. Very soon, the cities will be destroyed and desolated]
- 2:10 The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining [Joel 3:15; Isaiah 13:9, 10, 13]: [See additional notes below]
- 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

SOUND ALARM/ DAY OF THE LORD

Verses 1-11 "parallel is Rev 19:11-18" see AT Jones' Book, *1893* The Third Angel's Message

- **Vs 1:** This is a call for all of God's true people to come into unity and give the final warning message, a message so solemn and disquieting that it will make "all the inhabitants of the land tremble".

 Compare *Numbers* 10:2, 3, and 9, and *Isaiah* 58:1
- Vs 2: The phrase "as the morning spread upon the mountains" is an obscure expression, and very difficult to translate. From the context, we know it is talking about the spread of the locusts over the whole land. It is comparable to *Exodus* 10:6
- **Vs 4:** The parallels between the above passages of scripture are striking. Joel describes the locusts "as the appearance of horses". John in the *Revelation describes* them as "like unto horses". Joel says "so shall they run". John depicts them as "running to battle". There can be no doubt they are describing the same event.

Another fact we need to note is that out of 1.5 billion Muslims in the world today, 200 million of them are considered to be radical extremists. This is the exact number of horsemen depicted in Revelation 9:16 and mentioned in Joel 2:4

- **Vs 6:** Not paleness, which may be occasioned by sickness, or fainting, or slighter terror; but blackness, like that of the countenance of those who are expiring in convulsions, or whose blood is suspended from circulation by some inward or outward violence. The extremity of horror and anguish is intended. *Scott's Notes on Joel* 2:6.
- Vs 7-8: When the Caliphate is formed and the Caliph (the supreme leader) is installed, he will be believed to be the reincarnation of Muhammed, and he will declare global jihad. Fighting between Islamic nations will subside, and they will all unite with one common cause to take the world for Allah. No conventional modes of warfare will stop them. How do you stop an army of 200 million suicide bombers, especially when there are 1.5 billion Muslims and there is no way of knowing who is a radical and who isn't? I hate to even say it, but the only way to stop them will be to annihilate them; thus the King of the North will "come to his end", but not before they have brought untold death, destruction, and ruin to the United States and the apostate protestant world.
- **Vs 9:** "they shall enter in at the windows like a thief". In John Chapter 10, Jesus describes Himself as the true shepherd who enters in at the door, and the sheep know His voice. These are false shepherds (thieves) who are propagating a false religion through global jihad.

Vs 11: Joel 3:15, repeated Isa 13;9, 10, 13 takes place just before the 2nd Coming Rev 16:10; during the 5th plague.

who can abide it? [Mal 3:2, 3; Rev :17] [See additional notes below]

- 2:12 Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye [even] to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: [Ja 4:7-10; Jer 29:11-13]
- 2:13 And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he [is] gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. [Ja 4:7-10; Jer 29:11-13]
- 2:14 Who knoweth [if] he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; [even] a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God?
- 2:15 Blow the trumpet [trumpet call to the church: her last chance to solemnly consecrate herself and return to her Lord as probation is closing- **Zeph 2:1-3**] in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:
- 2:16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.
- 2:17 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 thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where [is] their God? [Parallel Joel 1:8] [Only those who are found sighing and crying for all the abominations being done in the church will receive the seal of God- Eze 9:4] [See additional notes below]
- 2:18 Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people. [Ps 69:9]
- 2:19 Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you <u>corn</u>, and <u>wine</u>, and <u>oil</u>, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen:
- 2:20 But I will remove far off from you the northern [army] [KON] and will drive him into a land barren and desolate [KON shall come to his end- Dan 11:45; Rev 16:12; Rev 9:14], with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things. [Jer 1:13-16; Ex 10:19] [See additional notes below]
- 2:21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things.
- 2:22 Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.

Vs 12-20: God gives the remedy for His people to survive the terrible evil that is coming upon the world

Vs 12-13: Our Lord is calling for true heart repentance, with no pretense or outward show. We need to be on our knees, fasting and praying, submitting ourselves fully to God, seeking a relationship with him until every fiber of our being is on the stretch. Then our Lord promises to be gracious and merciful, and He will be the protector of His people.

Vs 14: If the church would return to the Lord with true revival and reformation, this judgment would be lifted. But apparently, this will not happen except for a very small remnant.

Vs 17: This is a promise that all who heed the last call and truly repent will be gathered in and saved at this time. The true Christ, the Christ with a fallen nature who keeps His Father's commandments, is to be proclaimed to the world by His true church.

Vs 18, 19: God's promise that He will spare His people, and all will be restored at the second coming. To better understand these verses we need to realize that the words "zeal" and "jealous" are both derived from the same original word. Now compare Psalm 69:9

<u>Oil</u>- "The oil of joy for mourning" "Joy in the Holy Ghost"

Wine- "wine that maketh glad the heart of God and man"

<u>Corn</u>- The wheat, the grain from which comes our bread, to sustain life and supply strength. {February 5, 1893 ATJ, GCDB 151.9-10}

Vs 20: marginal reading for the last part of *Joel* 2:20 is "his stink shall come up, and his ill savor shall come up, because <u>he hath magnified</u> himself to do great things"

Vs 21-22: assure us that our Lord is in control. We do not need to fear for He will supply all our needs. Soon the curse will be removed and the Earth and man will be restored to their original condition. Compare the following verses; Luke 1:49-50; Psalms 67:4-7

2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the <u>former rain</u> ["a teacher of righteousness"] <u>moderately</u> ["according to righteousness"], and <u>he</u> [Holy Spirit- John 14:26; John 16:13] will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first [month]. [See additional notes below] [Jer 51:14- "men"]

2:24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. [Assures us that there will be a bountiful harvest of souls at that time]

2:25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the <u>caterpillar</u> [Isa 33:4; 2Chron 7:13; 1Ki 8:37; Ps 78:46] [An invading army Jer 51:14; Nahum 3:15], and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. [Joel 1:4, 6]

2:26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

2:27 And ye shall know that I [am] in the midst of Israel, and [that] I [am] the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

2:28 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:

2:29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

2:30 And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

2:31 The sun shall be turned into <u>darkness</u> [The Dark Days of May 19, 1780], and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

2:32 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 shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

Vs 23: The time of the outpouring of the latter rain, and continues to the second coming of Christ.

The Septuagint version renders the last part of verse 23 "And He will rain on you the early and the latter rain as formerly". You will notice that the word "month" is in italics and is therefore a supplied word.

Vs 25-27: Verse 25 suggests we will lose everything in this world, but all will be restored, and much more, in God's kingdom. It also reinforces the fact that it will be the King of the North that will cause most of the death and destruction. Consider the following statement;

In the last great conflict of the controversy with Satan those who are loyal to God will see every earthly support cut off. Because they refuse to break His law in obedience to earthly powers, they will be forbidden to buy or sell. It will finally be decreed that they shall be put to death. See Revelation 13:11-17. But to the obedient is given the promise, "He shall dwell on high: his place of defense shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure." Isaiah 33:16. By this promise the children of God will live. When the earth shall be wasted with famine, they shall be fed. "They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied." Psalm 37:19. The Desire of Ages, pages 121-122

Vs 28-31: [See additional notes below]

In immediate connection with the scenes of the great day of God, the Lord by the <u>prophet Joel</u> has promised a special manifestation of His Spirit. Joel 2:28. This prophecy received a partial fulfillment in the outpouring of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost; but it will reach its full accomplishment in the manifestation of divine grace which will attend the closing work of the gospel. {GC ix.3}

Vs 32: [See additional notes below]





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JOEL CHAPTER 2

In *Joel* Chapter 2, the prophet goes back over much of the same ground of Chapter 1, bringing in more detail. He begins with a warning of coming judgment upon the church and the world, and ends with the promise of mercy and deliverance to the true remnant.

Vs 6: God's true remnant need to understand this prophecy, and when they see this scourge unleashed upon the world, their faith will be strengthened and they will be able to claim the promise of *Psalm* 91;

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; [but] it shall not come nigh thee. ...There shall **no evil** befall thee, **neither** shall any **plague** come nigh thy dwelling. ...Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, **because he hath known my name**. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I [will be] with him in **trouble**; I will deliver him, and honour him. With **long life** [eternal life] will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation. *Psalm* 91:7-16

Transgression has almost reached its limit. Confusion fills the world, and a great terror is soon to come upon human beings. The end is very near. We who know the truth should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise. Testimonies, vol. 8, page 28

When the apostate churches and the world are forced to face the global jihad that is about to be unleashed, they will be overwhelmed with terror. Desperate people will resort to desperate measures, such as a Sunday law, and finally a death decree.

Vs 10: The first part of this verse is an illustration of the magnitude of this scourge that is coming, and can also be expected to have a literal application. The last part of the verse is repeated in *Joel* 3:15. A parallel passage is found in *Isaiah* 13:9, 10, and 13 which places it just before the coming of the Lord, and *Revelation* 16:10 locates these verses during the fifth plague. By comparing these verses with *Early Writings*, page 41, we understand they will be literally fulfilled;

The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. Joel 3:15

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. For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. ... Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger. *Isaiah* 13:9, 10, and 13.

And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, *Revelation* 16:10.

The powers of heaven are the sun, moon, and stars. They rule in the heavens. The powers of earth are those that rule on the earth. The powers of heaven will be shaken at the voice of God. Then the sun, moon, and stars will be moved out of their places. They will not pass away, but be shaken by the voice of God. Early Writings, page 41.

Vs 11: You might ask, how could Islam be described as the Lords army? When Cyrus came against Babylon to destroy it, Jeremiah speaking for the Lord, described him this way;

Thou [art] my battle ax [and] weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms; *Jeremiah* 51:20

The last part of verse 11 asks "who can abide" "the day of the Lord"? *Malachi* 3:2 asks the same question and then *Malachi* 3:3 explains that only those who are refined and purified will "offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness". Compare also *Revelation* 6:17 and then *The Great Controversy*, pages 310-311;

For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand? Revelation 6:17

It was needful that men should be awakened to their danger; that they should be roused to prepare for the solemn events connected with the close of probation. The prophet of God declares: "The day of the Lord is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?"... Joel 2:11;...

The prophet Jeremiah, looking forward to this fearful time, exclaimed: "I am pained at my very heart. . . . I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, <u>the alarm of war</u>. Destruction upon destruction is cried." <u>Jeremiah 4:19, 20</u>. ...Behold, the day of the Lord cometh . . . to lay the land desolate: and He shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it." <u>Isaiah 13:9</u>.

In view of that great day the word of God, in the most solemn and impressive language, calls upon His people to arouse from their spiritual lethargy and to seek His face with repentance and humiliation: "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." "Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children: . . . let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar." "Turn ye even to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness." Joel 2:1, 15-17, 12, 13.

To prepare a people to stand in the day of God, a great work of reform was to be accomplished. <u>God saw that many of His professed people were not building for eternity, and in His mercy He was about to send a message of warning to arouse them from their stupor and lead them to make ready for the coming of the Lord. The Great Controversy, pages 310-311.</u>

V2 17: The phrase "between the porch and the altar" signifies the place of meeting. We need to be coming together and praying that God will be merciful and spare His people. <u>Only those "that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof" will receive the seal of the living God. The "heathen", Babylon and Islam, will be making their bid to rule the world and destroy the remnant. Notice the following inspired counsel from Testimonies, vol. 5, pages 452-453;</u>

God has revealed what is to take place in the last days, that His people may be prepared to stand against the tempest of opposition and wrath. ... Let the servants of the Lord weep between the porch and the altar, crying: "Spare Thy people, O Lord, and give not Thine heritage to reproach." God has always wrought for His people in their greatest extremity, when there seemed the least hope that ruin could be averted. The designs of wicked men, the enemies of the church, are subject to His power and overruling providence. He can move upon the hearts of statesmen; the wrath of the turbulent and disaffected, the haters of God, His truth, and His people can be turned aside, even as the rivers of water are turned, if He orders it thus. Prayer moves the arm of Omnipotence. He who marshals the stars in order in the heavens, whose word controls the waves of the great deep, the same infinite Creator will work in behalf of His people if they call upon Him in faith. He will restrain the forces of darkness until the warning is given to the world and all who will heed it are prepared for the conflict. Testimonies, vol. 5, pages 452-453

Vs 20: Compare *Jeremiah* 1:13-16 and apply it to today;

And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a seething pot [Islam ?]; and the face thereof [is] toward the north. Then the LORD said unto me, Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land. For, Io, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the LORD; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah. And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands. Jeremiah 1:13-16

There can be no doubt that "the northern army" referred to here is the King of the North as we compare these verses with *Daniel* 11:45;

And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. **Daniel 11:45**

This northern army will be driven "into a land barren and desolate". This is a symbol of speedy and total destruction. The King of the North "shall come to his end, and none shall help him". The northern army will have "his face toward the east sea [the Dead Sea], and his hinder part toward the utmost sea [the Mediterranean Sea]". This army has set up his camp "between the seas", which places him in Jerusalem. According to *Daniel* 9:16 "thy city Jerusalem" [is] thy [glorious] holy mountain". In other words "he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain". The marginal reading for the last part of *Joel* 2:20 is "his stink shall come up, and his ill savor shall come up, because he hath magnified himself to do great things". We need to also compare *Joel* 2:20 with *Exodus* 10:19:

And the LORD turned a mighty strong west wind, which took away the locusts, and cast them into the Red sea; there remained not one locust in all the coasts of Egypt. *Exodus* 10:19

It appears from a comparison of these verses that when the King of the North "shall come to his end", that this means the Caliphate (the resurrected Ottoman Empire), consisting of all the Islamic nations, will be annihilated; but not before it has done its work of death and destruction. By comparing *Revelation* 16:12 with Revelation 9:14, we know that he "shall come to his end" during the sixth plague.

Josiah Litch, in his exposé on *Revelation* 9 proved conclusively that the loosing of "the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates" was the loosing of the Ottoman power; therefore, the drying up of the great river Euphrates would be the drying up, or destruction, of that same power, setting the stage for the battle of Armageddon and the second coming of Christ when the papacy will be destroyed and God's people delivered. *Joel* 2:20, along with all the other parallels we have drawn, proves conclusively that the King of the North is the restored Ottoman power, today known as Islam. The Caliphate is the governing body of Islam, with the Caliph as the supreme leader, just as the papacy is the governing body of the Catholic Church, with the Pope as the supreme leader.

Vs 23: When the Holy Spirit is poured out upon us "He will guide [us] into all truth" including a correct understanding of prophecy. We are given the following inspired statement on this verse;

As the "former rain" was given, in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the opening of the gospel, to cause the unspringing of the precious seed, so the "latter rain" will be given at its close for the ripening of the harvest. "Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth." Hosea 6:3. "Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain." Joel 2:23. "In the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh." "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Acts 2:17, 21. The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel are again to be fulfilled in the latter rain at its close. Here are "the times of refreshing" to which the apostle Peter looked forward when he said: "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and He shall send Jesus." Acts 3:19, 20. Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given. ... Thus the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to take their stand. The Great Controversy, pages 611-612.

Vs 28-31: The outpouring of the spirit has been manifested in a very special way in the gift of the Spirit of Prophecy. This is one of the identifying marks of the remnant church, according to *Revelation* 12:17 and 19:10. The signs "in the heavens and in the earth", especially the great dark day of **May** 19, 1780, and the falling of the stars on **Nov.** 13, 1833, mark the beginning of the final generation, the final religious movement. They are also identified in *Matthew* 24:29-30; *Mark* 13:24-26; *Luke* 21:25-27; and *Revelation* 6:12-17. Some of these passages add more detail and give additional events, but they are always given in the same sequence. The sum total of these signs show that this movement continues until the consummation of all things.

The church, identified by these "wonders in the heavens and in the earth", was raised up to give the last warning message to the world. It is a prophetic church, not only arriving right on time, but also fulfilling the prophecies of *Revelation* Chapters 10, 12, and 14. That church fell into apostasy, but there remains a very small remnant who

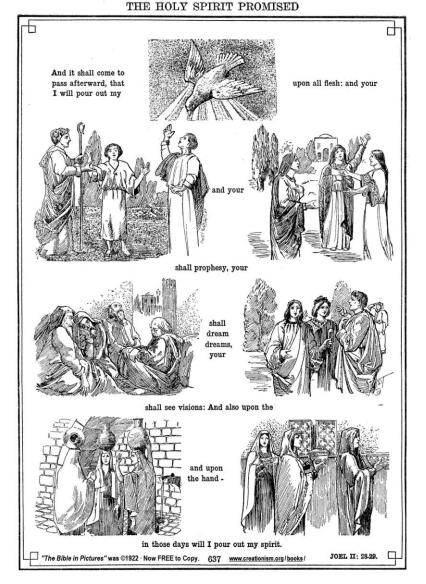
continue to uphold the truth, the original message, that God gave to the pioneers in the first 50 years of the movement. God will so bestow His Spirit upon this true remnant that they will become a light amid the moral darkness of the last days, and great light will be reflected in all parts of the world.

May 19, 1780, stands in history as "The Dark Day." Since the time of Moses no period of darkness of equal density, extent, and duration, has ever been recorded. The description of this event, as given by eyewitnesses, is but an echo of the words of the Lord, recorded by the prophet Joel, twenty-five hundred years previous to their fulfillment: "The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come." Joel 2:31. {GC 308.1}

1780 Dark Day

- -2500 years in advance, prophecy given
- 720 B.C. Joel was given this prophecy. In **723 B.C.**, the 10 tribes of Israel were taken into captivity.

Vs 32: This verse is an example of Hebrew dualism, "mount Zion" and "Jerusalem" are equated to the



<u>"remnant"</u>. But the vast majority, even of those who claim to be part of the remnant, will be destroyed because they went along with, or failed to stand up against, the apostasy and abominations that have come into the church;

And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord GOD! wilt thou destroy all the residue [or remnant] of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem? *Ezekiel* 9:8

It is this true residue, or <u>remnant of the remnant</u>, that will be delivered along with the faithful of all ages, and not an apostate structure.

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. *Daniel* 12:1

	Locusts of Joel	Locusts of Revelation
Locusts	Joel 1:4-"Locusts"	Rev 9:3 – "Locusts"
Large Army	Joel 1:6 – "A nationstrong and without number"	Rev 9:16 – "And the number of the army were two hundred thousand thousand "
Strong & Powerful	Joel 2:2 – "A great people and a strong"	Rev 9:3 – "Locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power "
Appearance of Horses & Horsemen	Joel 2:4—"the appearance of horses ; and as horsemen, so shall they run"	Rev 9:7 – "the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle" Rev 9:16,17 – "the number of the army of the horsemen I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them"
	Locusts of Joel	Locusts of Revelation
Death & Destruction	Joel 2:3 – "A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth And nothing shall escape them" Joel 2:6 – "Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness."	Rev 9:17,18 – "and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed"
Lions	Joel 1:6 – "whose teeth are the teeth of a lion , and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion "	Rev 9:8 – "and their teeth were as the teeth of lions" Rev 9:17 – "and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions"
Sound of Chariots	Joel 2:5 – "Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap"	Rev 9:9 – "and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots "
Weapons of Fire	Joel 1:19,20 – "the fire hath devoured the pastures The flame hath burned all the trees of the field"	Rev 9:17,18 – "breastplates of fireout of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire"

I Will Stand Upon My Watch - Habakkuk's Tables