



- The Day of Yehoveh is front and center in Joel
- This is a day that is AGAINST Israel
- There are several Day of YHWH events, past and future to Joel
- It startled Judah to learn that a Day of YHWH was going to be against them...not the enemy nations



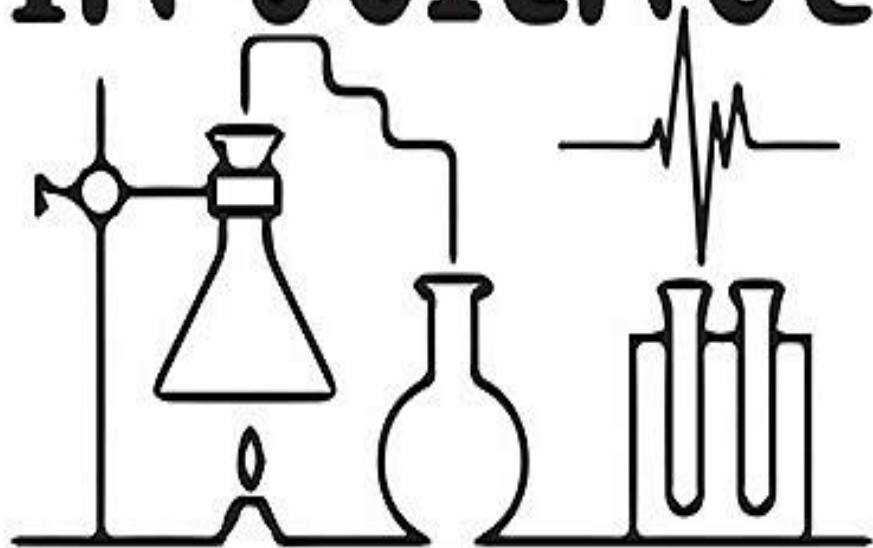
THE DAY OF YHWH



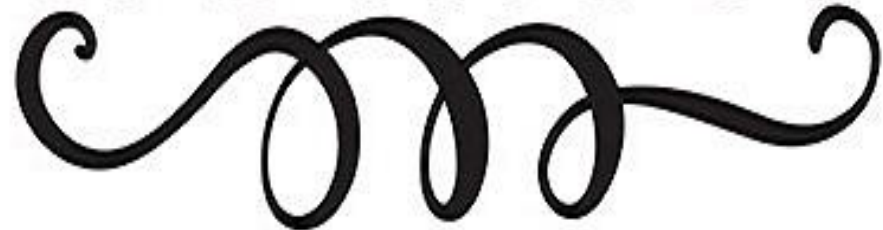
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GOD

- Each is a series of connected events, rather than a few disconnected ones
- Day of YHWH develops progressively, that climaxes with the Apocalypse
- The Day of YHWH is for the purpose of bringing in The Kingdom of God
- Isaiah 2:12 - 22

# IN SCIENCE



# WE TRUST

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- The message of Isaiah is STOP relying on man!!!
- “Trust Science” means: don’t trust a mythical God, trust science and our intellectuals”
- Science and technology are not inherently evil
- The issue is their priority in our lives
- In the End Times shunning God will increase while looking to men for answers will also increase

- Locust plague must have happened during generation Joel is talking to
- With loss of food, joy is also taken from Temple worship
- Seed shrivels up, warehouses deteriorate
- Cattle, Ox, Sheep also suffer
- Psalm 36:7
- Egypt's plagues became Israel's plagues



# JOEL CHAPTER 2

## SOUNDING THE ALARM



- This is NOT a re-telling of Chapter 1, but rather is a separate and later catastrophe
- The call to alarm happens in Jerusalem (Psalm 2:6)
- This cannot be talking about the End Times, nor an attack on Ephraim/Israel
- The horn is a shofar, not a trumpet

"Come Lord, Come!!"



- Vs. 2 darkness a warning of judgment, also happened at Mt. Sinai
- Deut. 4:10 – 11
- We tend to think that what God will do to others won't affect us
- **Shachar** = dawn (not darkness)
- Does this refer to the End Times Apocalypse?
- No because 3:1 begins "After this.."

# LOCUSTS?

- Fire symbolizes destruction or purification
- Horses and chariots were the Tanks of ancient times
- Certain words & phrases used to mark similarities between locust and human army attacks
- Jeremiah 6:22 – 26
- Locusts cause hunger but not sheer terror





# The Earth quakes The Heavens tremble

- Since YHWH is the leader of the attack on Israel, victory by the attacker is 100% guaranteed
- The ancients often found the prophecies so cryptic they had a hard time figuring them out
- Prophecies happen...and then happen again
- Neither locusts nor Babylon attacking Judah caused the Earth to quake or the Heavens to tremble





# THE MYSTERY OF PROPHECY

- John didn't know what his prophecies would amount to
- Perhaps we have 2 different occurrences of fulfillment of the same prophecy, but many years apart...such that they are conflated and hard to untangle
- Babylon is a nation and a place, but it is also symbolic
- End Times Babylon is not the same as ancient biblical Babylon