

Lesson of the Locust
Read Joel 2:1-11

Joel is in 2 Parts:
The Locust Should make us consider the Day of the Lord
Salvation will Come on the Day of the Lord

The Locust

Video - BBC

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1YNY2R3hg2Q>

Bad things happen.

What do we do?

Blame God, Lose faith, Despair, become cynical or
Believe in the meaningless absurdity of life

Stop!

Consider how you live
Living like a locust

The Day of the Lord

Joel 2:28-32 (Quoted in Acts 2:17-21)

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I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions.
Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

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I will show wonders in the heavens
and on the earth,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

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The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

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And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved

A Great and Terrible Day

It is a great day because it is the day of justice when all that is bad will end.

It is a terrible day because it is a day of justice when all get what they deserve.

We reap what we sow.

So who will escape?

Those who call upon the name - those who are his.

Restoration

It's not about the Locust

The Locust are a sign, an opportunity & warning to reflect

Locusts are Lenten!

A sober second thought of why we do what we do.

What is the meaning of our lives?

We will all have locust days.

Bullying, displacement, abuse, death, disappointment, war, famine, abandonment
- dark days.

But there is always hope and there is always choice and there is a name you can call.

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