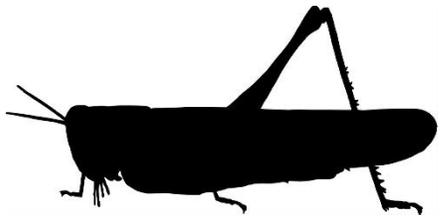


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Joel 3: 1-8

Deliverance From the Day of the LORD:

“God Judges the Nations”



Review:

- Day of the LORD
- The Last days



The “Day of the LORD”

Broad Day of the LORD

Tribulation
Judgment

Darkness

Narrow Day of the LORD
(Great and Terrible)

Millennial Blessing

Light

7 years

24 Hours

1000 Years

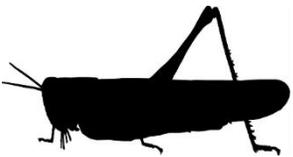
The Last Days:

- The Nations will gather against Israel
- Israel will nationally repent (cf. Joel 2: 12-17)
- Israel will cry out to God for Physical deliverance (cf. Joel 2: 32)
- Signs and wonders will appear (cf. Joel 2: 31)
- Christ will return and destroy His enemies
(cf. Joel 3: 1-14; Mt. 24: 27-31; Rev. 19: 11-21)
- Christ will establish His kingdom in Israel:
 - the land will be blessed (cf. Joel 2: 18-27)
 - the Spirit will be poured out on Israel (cf. Joel 2: 28)



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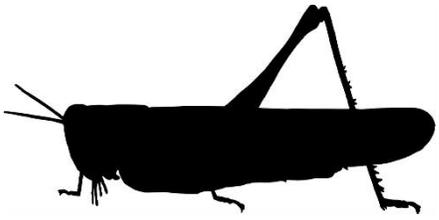


Outline

4 Questions:

- 1- When is this Judgment
- 2- Where is this Judgment
- 3- What is this Judgment
- 4- Why are the Nations Judged





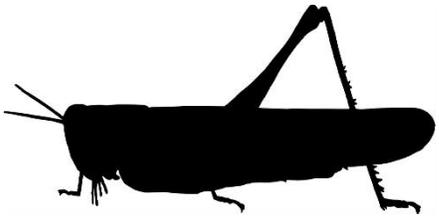
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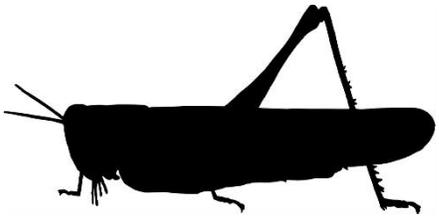




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A. Observations:

- “in those days”
- “at that time”
- When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem”
 - * NASB = “when I restore the fortunes of”



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A. 2 Different Judgments? :

1- Ultimate Judgment of the nations (vv. 1-3)

2- Contemporary Judgment of nations (vv. 4-8)

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Tyre.

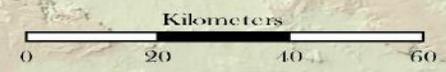
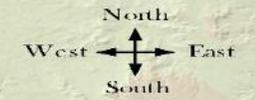
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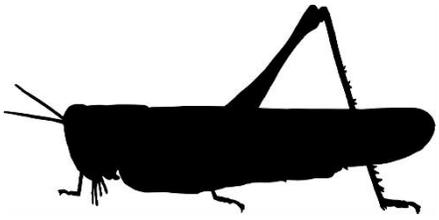
Sea of Galilee

Jerusalem

Dead Sea

EGYPT





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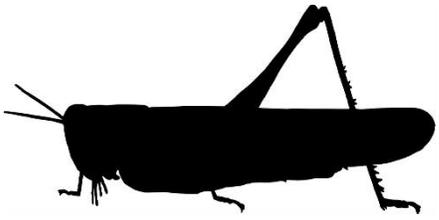
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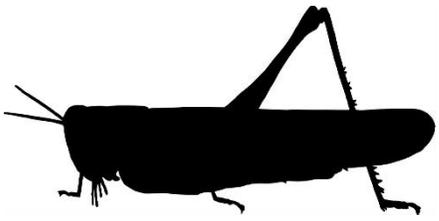




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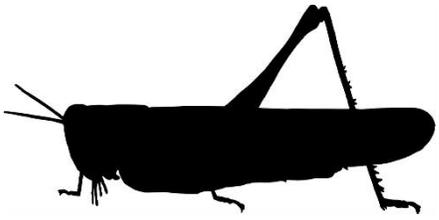
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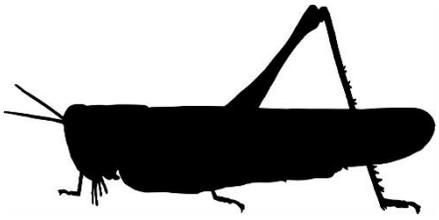
- Allegorical
- Kidron Valley
 - *(East of Jerusalem, West of Mt. of Olives)
- Berachah Valley (aka “Valley of Blessing”)



2- Where is this Judgment?

2 Chronicles 20:1-30 Observations:

- Nations gathered against Judah
- Jehoshaphat cries out to God proclaims a fast
- They are supernaturally delivered by God
- Takes place in a valley
- The historical context



3- What is this Judgment?

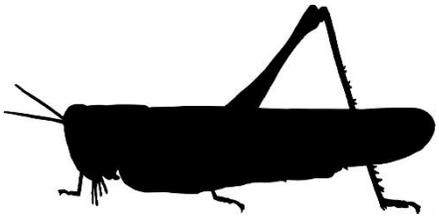
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Matthew 25:31–32 (NKJV)

31 “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.





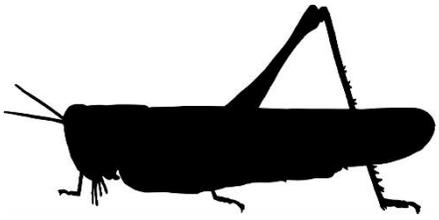
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Ezekiel 38:18–23 (NKJV)

18 “And it will come to pass at the same time, when Gog comes against the land of Israel,” says the Lord GOD, “that My fury will show in My face. 19 For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: ‘Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel, 20 so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who are on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence. The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.’ 21 I will call for a sword against Gog throughout all My mountains,” says the Lord GOD. “Every man’s sword will be against his brother. 22 And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. 23 Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the LORD.” ’



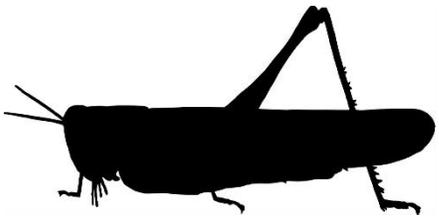
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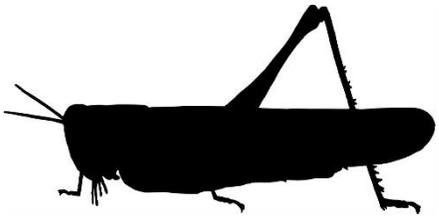
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 1. “Whom they have scattered among the nations”
 2. “Divided up My land”
 3. “Cast lots for My people”
 4. “Enslaved Jews”



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2 Chronicles 21:1–7 (NKJV)

1 And Jehoshaphat rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David. Then Jehoram his son reigned in his place. 2 He had brothers, the sons of Jehoshaphat: Azariah, Jehiel, Zechariah, Azaryahu, Michael, and Shephatiah; all these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel. 3 Their father gave them great gifts of silver and gold and precious things, with fortified cities in Judah; but he gave the kingdom to Jehoram, because he was the firstborn. 4 Now when Jehoram was established over the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself and killed all his brothers with the sword, and also others of the princes of Israel. 5 Jehoram was thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. 6 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had done, for he had the daughter of Ahab as a wife; and he did evil in the sight of the LORD. 7 Yet the LORD would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that He had made with David, and since He had promised to give a lamp to him and to his sons forever.



- Have you trusted in Christ?
- Are you sharing the Gospel?
- Are you trusting in God's sovereignty?
- Do you see the grace of God amidst the trials of life?
- Have you allowed satan to have a foothold in your life?