



Messengers: Joel





ALL locusts are technically
grasshoppers, however,
ONLY grasshoppers that swarm
are considered locust





God uses an invasion of
swarming locusts to stop His people
in their tracks- to help them
reevaluate their lives

Joel 1:1-20





What do we do when we find ourselves perplexed and ALL that we have attached our hopes upon is stripped away?





Joel: Wake Up, Lament, And Put On Sackcloth





Joel 1:1-4



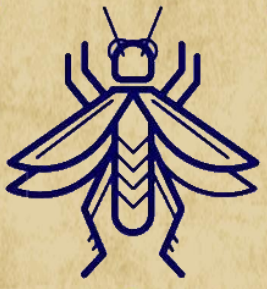


I. WAKE UP

Joel 1:5-7

Arise from your slumber





Drunkards are people who are
presently enslaved by alcohol

Wine drinkers are NOT drunkards
(these are wine connoisseurs)





Do we find our greatest pleasure
and treasure in the Lord?





II. WAIL

(also translated – Lament)

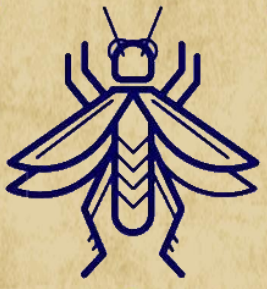
Joel 1:8-10





Picture the anguish an engaged woman, on the day of her wedding, maybe between the ceremony and reception, her husband dies

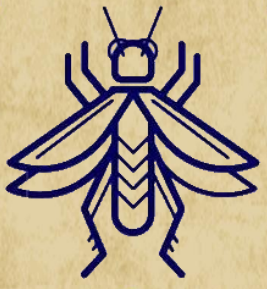




“Sackcloth” = worn as clothing
when a person grieves and laments

If ANY of us are finding our security
in someone or something, other than
the finished work of Jesus, it is
temporary at best

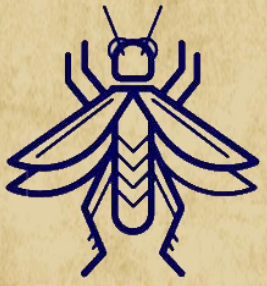




III. BE ASHAMED/WAIL (different Hebrew word- it means to howl)

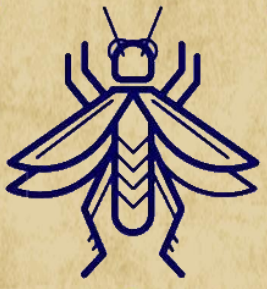
Joel 1:11-12





Farmers and vinedressers are
occupations (what these people found
their identity in had been destroyed)





ALL of the effort,
which had been poured into these crops
is NOW entirely worthless
(Everything was gone)

Philippians 4:11-13

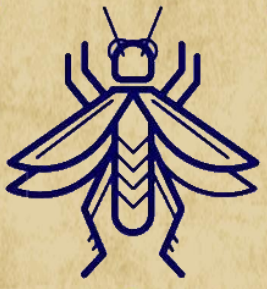




IV. PUT ON SACKCLOTH

Joel 1:13-18





There is **NO** joy or gladness
coming from the house of God –
the famine is **NOT** just physical,
it's also spiritual

Joel 1:19-20





Recognize our spiritual bankruptcy
and cry out to the Lord

