

**The Coming Day of the LORD:
A Warning to Escape the Coming Judgment
Joel 02:01–11**

***The announcement of
the Day of the LORD:
A warning to fear
the Lord's wrath***

1. A day of danger near at hand —
looming over them,
threatening them
2. A day of darkness and gloom —
the thickest clouds and
deepest blackness imaginable:
A picture of terror
and hopelessness
3. A day of war:
The sudden coming
of the most powerful army
ever mobilized
 - a. They would set the cities
and fields ablaze
 - Would turn paradise (Eden)
into a desert
 - Would let nothing escape
 - b. They would appear with
a frightening war-machine:
Horses, cavalry
and chariots with
their terrifying noise

- 1 Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sound the alarm on my holy hill.
Let all who live in the land tremble,
for the day of the LORD is coming.
It is close at hand —
- 2 a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and blackness.
Like dawn spreading across the mountains
a large and mighty army comes,
such as never was in ancient times
nor ever will be in ages to come.
- 3 Before them fire devours,
behind them a flame blazes.
Before them the land is like
the garden of Eden,
behind them, a desert waste —
nothing escapes them.
- 4 They have the appearance of horses;
they gallop along like cavalry.

c. They would move swiftly across the mountaintops • Would be as horrifying as a raging, all-consuming fire • Would terrorize the people, cause them to suffer deep anguish d. They would be well organized and disciplined • In their charge and scaling of walls, never swerving in their attack • In breaking through the opposing army's defences e. They would have overwhelming forces and be invincible as they attacked and conquered the city 4. A day of astounding signs in heaven and earth: Earthquakes, asteroids colliding with earth, eclipses of the sun and moon, and stars turning pitch-black 5. A day of judgment executed by the LORD Himself a. It is He who leads or stirs the mighty army to be His agent of judgment b. It is He who launches the great and dreadful day	5 With a noise like that of chariots they leap over the mountaintops, like a crackling fire consuming stubble, like a mighty army drawn up for battle. 6 At the sight of them, nations are in anguish; every face turns pale. 7 They charge like warriors; they scale walls like soldiers. They all march in line, not swerving from their course. 8 They do not jostle each other; each marches straight ahead. They plunge through defences without breaking ranks. 9 They rush upon the city; they run along the wall. They climb into the houses; like thieves they enter through the windows. 10 Before them the earth shakes, the heavens tremble, the sun and moon are darkened, and the stars no longer shine. 11 The LORD thunders at the head of his army; his forces are beyond number, and mighty is the army that obeys his command. The day of the LORD is great; it is dreadful. Who can endure it?
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