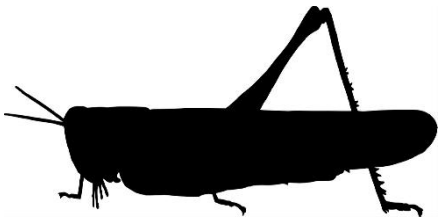


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Joel 3: 9-17

Deliverance From the Day of the LORD:

“God’s War with the Nations”



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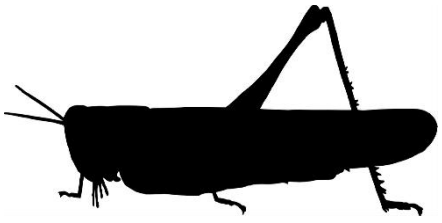
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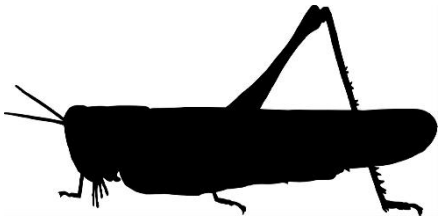
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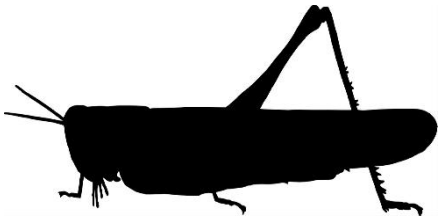
A. Observations:

1- Prepare for War

2- Wake up the mighty men

3- Let all the men of war draw near (gather)

4- Let them come up (engage Jerusalem)

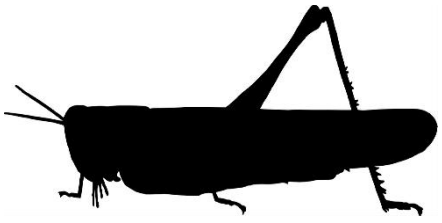


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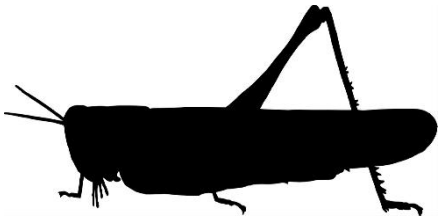




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A. Observations:

- “Beat your plowshare into swords”
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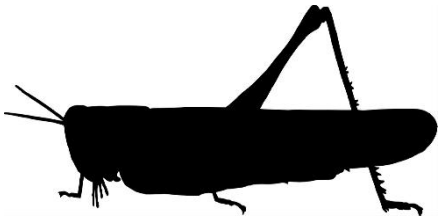
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ISAIAH



Isaiah 2:2–4 (NKJV)

2 Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the LORD's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. 3 Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 4 He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore.





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If this is a future battle... why is it ancient weapons?

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- Rev. 6: 1-4 (Seal Judgments 1 and 2)

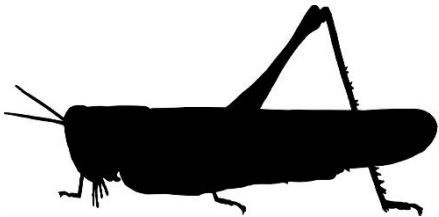
Revelation 6:1–4 (NKJV)

1 Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, “Come and see.” 2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer. 3 When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, “Come and see.” 4 Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

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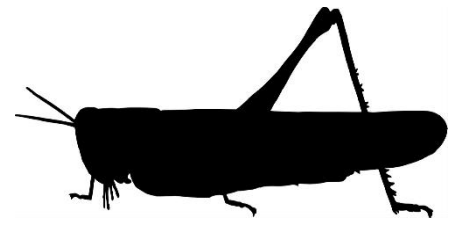


3- A Call to Judgment vv. 11-12

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11 Assemble and come, all you nations, And gather together all around. Cause Your mighty ones to go down there, O LORD. 12 “Let the nations be awakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; For there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations.”

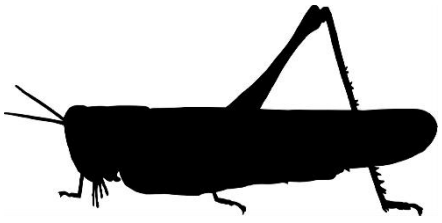




3- A Call to Judgment vv. 11-12

A. Observations:

- The nations are told to:
 - 1- “Assemble” (come together)
 - 2- “come” (going together)
- God says “I will sit to judge all the nations”

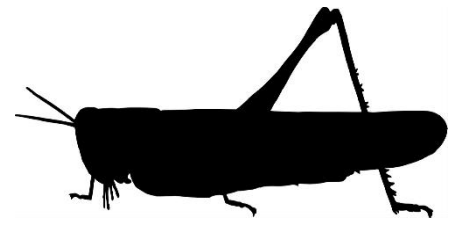


4- A Call to Wrath v. 13

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13 Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; For the winepress is full, The vats overflow—
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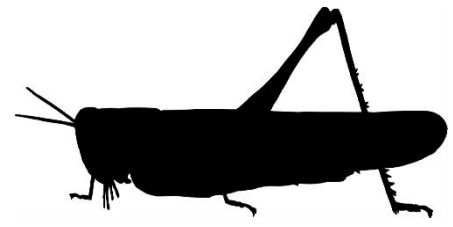




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- “put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe”
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B. Parallel Passages:

- Compare Rev. 14: 17-20
- Compare Rev. 19: 11-21

Revelation 14:17–20 (NKJV)

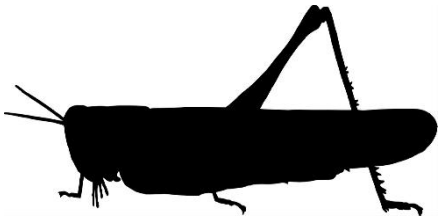
17 Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. 18 And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, “Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe.” 19 So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. 20 And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses’ bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.

Revelation 19:11–21 (NKJV)

11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. **12** His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. **13** He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. **14** And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. **15** Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. **16** And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS**

Revelation 19:11–21 (NKJV)

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, “Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, 18 that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great.” 19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. 20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. 21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

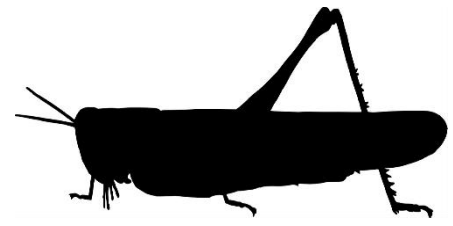


5- A Summary of God's Retribution

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A. Observations:

- This war, judgment, and wrath is called “the Day of the LORD” v. 14
- It is against “multitudes” v. 14
- Signs will appear v. 15
- The LORD will defend His people Israel v. 16
- The results of this Judgment is:
 - The LORD dwelling in Zion
 - Jerusalem is made holy
 - no foreigner will pass through her again



- Have you trusted in Christ?
- Are you sharing the Gospel?
- Are you trusting in God's sovereignty?
- Are you an enemy of God? (cf. James 4: 4)
- Where is your hope?
In the present world or the one to come?