

## *“Invaded...by Bugs”*

Taking a  
Stand



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Truth

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### INTRODUCTION

#### *1. The DAY as pictured in the past*

- locust invasion #2  
Joel 1:1-4
- locust invasion #1  
Ex. 10:3-5, 13-15
- the extent of disasters...  
Joel 1:10-12, 16-20

#### *2. The DAY as anticipating the future*

- a day of destruction and judgment  
Joel 1:15; 2:1; Ezk. 7:5-9  
Is. 13:6; Lam. 2:22; Amos 5:18; Mt. 10:15; 2 Pet. 3:12

...like Eden laid bare  
Joel 2:3

...like being overrun by a highly disciplined army  
Joel 2:4, 7-9, 11

Zeph. 1:14-17

#### *3. The way of escape from the DAY*

- the penetrating shaft of light...  
Joel 2:12-13

“Above all, repentance is not a presalvation attempt to set one’s life in order. The call to repentance is not a command to make sin right before turning to Christ in faith. Rather it is a command to recognize one’s lawlessness and hate it, to turn one’s back on it and flee to Christ, embracing Him with wholehearted devotion.”

– John MacArthur

Acts 17:30-31

“Repentance means turning from as much as you know of your sin to give as much as you know of yourself to as much as you know of your God, and as your knowledge grows at these three points so our practice of repentance has to be enlarged.” – J.I. Packer

- God’s gracious choice  
Joel 2:18-12

#### *4. What precedes the coming of the DAY*

- the expanse of prophecy  
Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:17-21

Num. 11:29

- the transformation of lives  
Ezk. 36:26-29