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Joel 2:1-2
**The Day of the Lord as Clouds
and Darkness**
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Joel Outline

Joel 1: Locust plague
Joel 2: Human army (Near)
Joel 3: Human armies (Far)

Joel 1:15 “Day of the Lord is near...”
Joel 2:1 “Day of the Lord is coming...”
Joel 3:14 “Day of the Lord is near...”

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God Uses Nations to Punish Israel

Isaiah 10:5-6
Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger and the staff in whose hands is My indignation, 6 I send it against a godless nation and commission it against the people of My fury to capture booty and to seize plunder, and to trample them down like mud in the streets.

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A Day of Clouds and Darkness

Psalm 97:1-2
The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; Let the many islands be glad. 2 Clouds and thick darkness surround Him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.

Daniel 7:13a
I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming...

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Exodus 14:19
The angel of God, who had been going before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and **the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them.**

Amos 5:18
Alas, you who are longing for the day of the LORD, for what purpose will the day of the LORD be to you? **It will be darkness and not light...**

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A Day of Clouds and Darkness

Zephaniah 1:15
A day of wrath is that day, a day of trouble and distress, a day of destruction and desolation, **a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness...**

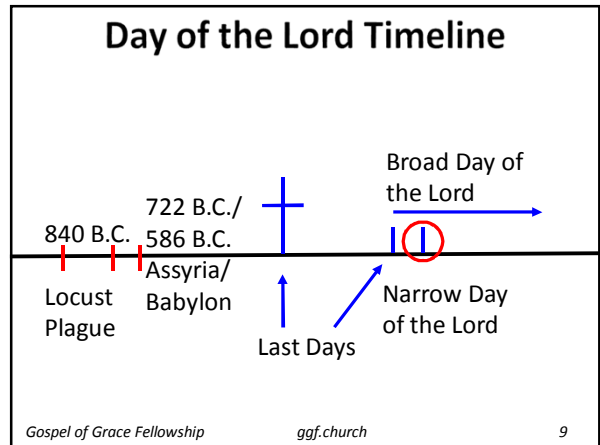
Matthew 27:45
Now from the sixth hour **darkness fell upon all the land** until the ninth hour

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Matthew 24:29
But immediately **after the tribulation of those days** THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

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Flee to Christ!

Acts 2:20-21
THE SUN WILL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF THE LORD SHALL COME. **21 'AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.'**

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