

**GOSPEL** of *Grace*  
FELLOWSHIP

**Joel 2:3-11**  
**The Sun, Moon, and Stars  
in The Day of the Lord**

by Eric Douma  
July 19, 2020

**The Fear of the Northern Enemy**

**Joel 2:3-4**  
A fire consumes before them and behind them a flame burns. The land is like the garden of Eden before them but a desolate wilderness behind them, and nothing at all escapes them. **4** Their appearance is like the **appearance of horses**; and like war horses, so they run.

Gospel of Grace Fellowship ggf.church 1

**The Fear of the Northern Enemy**

**Joel 2:5-7**  
With a noise as of chariots they leap on the tops of the mountains, like the crackling of a flame of fire consuming the stubble, like a mighty people arranged for battle. **6** **Before them the people are in anguish; all faces turn pale.** **7** They run like mighty men, they climb the wall like soldiers; and they each march in line, nor do they deviate from their paths.

Gospel of Grace Fellowship ggf.church 2

**The Fear of the Northern Enemy**

**Joel 2:8-9**  
They do not crowd each other, they march everyone in his path; when they burst through the defenses, they do not break ranks. **9** They rush on the city, they run on the wall; they climb into the houses, they enter through the windows like a thief.

Gospel of Grace Fellowship ggf.church 3

**Like the End of the World**

**Joel 2:10-11**  
Before them the earth quakes, the heavens tremble, **the sun and the moon grow dark and the stars lose their brightness.** **11** The LORD utters His voice before. Surely His camp is very great, for strong is he who carries out His word. The day of the LORD is indeed great and very awesome, and **who can endure it?**

Gospel of Grace Fellowship ggf.church 4

**Cosmic Disturbances in 70<sup>th</sup> Week**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Seal.....(Rev. 6:12-17)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Trumpet.....(Rev. 8:12)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet.....(Rev. 9:2)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bowl.....(Rev. 16:8)
- Joel 3:15/Matt. 24:29

**Isaiah 13:10**  
For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not flash forth their light; the sun will be dark when it rises and the moon will not shed its light.

Gospel of Grace Fellowship ggf.church 5

### Cosmic Disturbances in 70<sup>th</sup> Week

#### **Joel 3:15**

The sun and moon grow dark and the stars lose their brightness.

#### **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.

Gospel of Grace Fellowship

ggf.church

6

### The Consummation of the Age

#### **Matthew 24:3**

As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of **the end of the age?**"

#### **Daniel 9:24a**

Seventy weeks have been decreed for **your people** and **your holy city**...

Gospel of Grace Fellowship

ggf.church

7

### The Promises to Israel

#### **Matthew 24:30-31**

And then **the sign of the Son of Man** will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. **31** And He will send forth His angels with A **GREAT TRUMPET** and **THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER** His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

Gospel of Grace Fellowship

ggf.church

8

### The Promises to Israel

#### **Isaiah 27:12-13**

In that day the LORD will start His threshing from the flowing stream of the Euphrates to the brook of Egypt, **and you will be gathered up one by one, O sons of Israel.** **13** It will come about also in that day that a **great trumpet** will be blown, and those who were perishing in the land of Assyria and who were scattered in the land of Egypt will come and worship the LORD in the holy **mountain at Jerusalem.**

Gospel of Grace Fellowship

ggf.church

9