



Brood X 17-year cicadas were “didn’t hold a candle” to the locusts!

**B.L.U.F.** (bottom line up front): *There is hope even during judgment.*

2 Chronicles 6:12, 21-42 – “...if we sin...then hear and forgive....”

God’s answer – 2 Chronicles 7:12-14 (...if I command the locusts.....”

“Day of the Lord” = a period of time when God personally intervenes in the affairs of man in judgment. This phrase appears 5 times in Joel.

## 1. Judgment from God is N 1:1-20

- 1) A Story to Tell v. 1-4
- 2) Mourners to Grieve v. 5-20  
Drunkards, nation, priests, land, farmers, beasts
- 3) Here’s What to Do v. 13-15
  - ⇒ Give Top Priority – fast
  - ⇒ Assemble the People – call & gather
  - ⇒ Appeal to God – cry

But if you don’t, sound the alarm! 2:1

## 2. Judgment from God Could be S 2:1-27

- 1) Danger Ahead! 2:1-11
- 2) There’s Hope 2:12-27
  - ⇒ Here’s What You Need To Do v. 12-14
  - ⇒ Now, Go Do It! v. 15-17
  - ⇒ And Here’s What God Will Do v. 18-27

Joy will be restored (1:12). All that was stripped away by the locusts will be restored (2:25).

Culmination of this hard-learned lesson – 2:27

**God’s character provides grace & mercy!**

