

The Day of the Lord is Near: Joel 1:15-20

Sermon Challenge

Name: _____ Date: _____

BEFORE THE SERMON:

Why is it dangerous to ignore a warning just because the appointed day seems far away? (3 points)

☐ The warning will disappear ☐ The appointed day will still come ☐ Nothing can be done ☐ Time always cancels consequences

KEY VERSE: Joel 1:15 Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

How near was the Day of the LORD?

_____ (3 points)

How would the Day of the LORD come?

_____ (3 points)

SERMON OUTLINE TRACKER: Fill in the blanks as Pastor Nathan preaches through each point.

Point 1: The Day of the LORD Is _____ (4 points)

Point 2: Everything Was _____ (4 points)

Point 3: Joel Cried Unto the _____ (4 points)

BIG IDEA: Historical Days of the LORD brought judgment upon particular armies, cities, and _____. (4 points)

The ultimate Day of the LORD will bring judgment upon the entire _____. (4 points)

QUICK LISTENING CHALLENGE: What does the word “Alas” express in Joel 1:15? (2 points)

☐ Excitement and anticipation ☐ Grief and distress ☐ Doubt and confusion ☐ Peace and contentment

FIND IT IN YOUR BIBLE: Find these verses in your KJV Bible during the sermon. (2 points each if found)

☐ Joel 1:15	☐ Joel 1:16–18	☐ Joel 1:19–20	☐ Jeremiah 46:10	☐ Isaiah 2:12
☐ Lamentations 3:40	☐ Deuteronomy 28:38–39	☐ Joel 2:31	☐ 2 Peter 3:10–11	☐ Psalm 37:25

HEART CHECK:

How should knowing that the future Day of the LORD is coming affect the way you live today?

Hint: 2 Peter 3:10-14

_____ (5 points)

When something is cut off or goes wrong, how can you use that moment to examine yourself?

_____ (5 points)

CHALLENGE QUESTION: Why has the future Day of the LORD not yet arrived? (2 points)

☐ God has forgotten His promise ☐ The Lord is longsuffering ☐ Man has prevented it from happening

TRUE OR FALSE (2 points each)

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| 1. The Day of the LORD always refers only to one future event. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 2. Jeremiah described God's historical judgment upon Egypt as a Day of the LORD. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 3. God's delay means that He is slack concerning His promise. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 4. God called the locusts "my great army which I sent among you." | TRUE | FALSE |
| 5. Judah's ruined fields served as both a judgment and a warning. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 6. Every personal loss automatically proves that someone is being chastened by God. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 7. Joel waited for everyone else to respond before he cried unto the LORD. | TRUE | FALSE |
| 8. Peter warned that the earth and the works that are therein will be burned up. | TRUE | FALSE |

WHO WAS IT?

Who was the Babylonian king who smote Egypt in the historical judgment described in Jeremiah 46? _____ (2 points)

Who personally said, "O LORD, to thee will I cry"?
 _____ (2 points)

QUICK LISTENING CHALLENGE: In the opening illustration, how large was the final balloon payment?
 _____ (2 points)

PERSONAL APPLICATION: What warning from God's Word do you need to stop postponing and act upon today? _____ (2 points)

ONE THING I LEARNED THAT I DIDN'T KNOW: _____ (2 points)

ONE SENTENCE SUMMARY (Summarize today's sermon in one sentence): _____
 _____ (2 points)

DISCUSSION: Why do ordinary days tempt people to believe that God's promised judgment will never come?
 _____ (3 points)

FINAL CHALLENGE: Complete the final call to action. (6 points)

Learn from what happened in the _____.

Prepare for what is coming in the _____.

Cry unto the _____ while there is still time.

Other comments or notes:

Next Sermon: The Slave Traders: Amos 1:6-8: by Pastor Joshua Tapp. Read the chapter to prepare for the next sermon challenge.

★ **Score:** _____ / 100 Points ► **Initial** (I completed this honestly on my own): _____

95-100 = Faithful Servant, 90-94 = Diligent Disciple, 80-89 = Bible Scholar
 70-79 = Good Listener, 60-69 = Bible Student, Below 60 = Keep Growing