

Replanting what the Locust destroyed Joel 2:25-27

There was an invasion of Israel's crops. Their crops were destroyed by a locust invasion. The impact of the invasion lasted more than one year. This was due to the crops being destroyed and the seed saved from the previous year being wiped out. The harvest of the current year was wiped out as well and the seed that would have been used for the next year was wiped out too. Devastation had hit the land.

God allowed the invasion because he was calling Israel to repent of their sins. Sin will bring God's judgment on a nation. God will not tolerate sin. There was a loss of grapes, the figs, grain, fields destroyed, no wheat and barley, fruit trees, olives, and there wasn't any food to feed the livestock. Sin will cause you to lose some stuff.

The Locust invasion was a result of Israel's sins and God's judgment came upon them. They lost every major food source as a result of this invasion. Prophet Joel called the priest to repent and he urged them to call the people to go on a fast and pray.

After Israel repented, God promised to "restore" the years lost to the locust invasion. When we turn away from sin - God will respond to our repentance in a merciful way and he will provide our every need. God can reverse the curse. He can restore that which has been destroyed.

God can cause a nation to repent. God can bring a nation to their knees, but when a nation repents and seeks God, God brings deliverance and blessings. God said "I'm sending you grain, grapes, and oil. You will be satisfied. In the coming years your field will yield an abundance that will make up for that which was lost in the locust invasion. You shall know that I am in the midst of thee and that I am the Lord your God. I will restore the years lost to the invasion. I just want a deeper relationship with you. Fellowship - commune with me."

Trials are only a test. Your faith will be tested. Hard trials will bring out the genuineness of your faith.

God promises to restore years lost to the locust Invasion, but the promise is to his repentant people. God will restore us to a place of blessings after judgment. There will be green pasture for the livestock. The trees and grapevines will bear fruit.

It will rain again in your life. Restoration is coming. God is going to bring an abundance of harvest to you. Everything that has been lost in the invasion will be compensated. An abundance of blessings is being bestowed upon you.

Where sin abounds, Grace abounds much more. You don't have to be ashamed. God is in the midst of thee. He has done great things for you.

Amen