

Major Messages from the

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**Who here likes bugs?**

# **A Buggy Object Lesson**

**Joel's prophecy, these bugs aren't just insects. They're a wake-up call. A divine alarm clock.**

**“Bugs, Bugs Everywhere!”**

**“Is Your Sin Bugging You Yet!”**

## **Joel 1:2-4**

**Hear this, you elders; listen, all who live in the land. Has anything like this ever happened in your days or in the days of your ancestors? Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation. What the locust swarm has left the great locusts have eaten; what the great locusts have left the young locusts have eaten; what the young locusts have left other locusts have eaten.**

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# **Invasive Species**

**A nation has invaded my land, a mighty army without number; it has the **teeth of a lion, the fangs of a lioness.****

**Joel 1:6**

**They have the appearance of horses; they gallop along like cavalry. With a noise like that of chariots they leap over the mountaintops, like a crackling fire consuming stubble, like a mighty army drawn up for battle.**

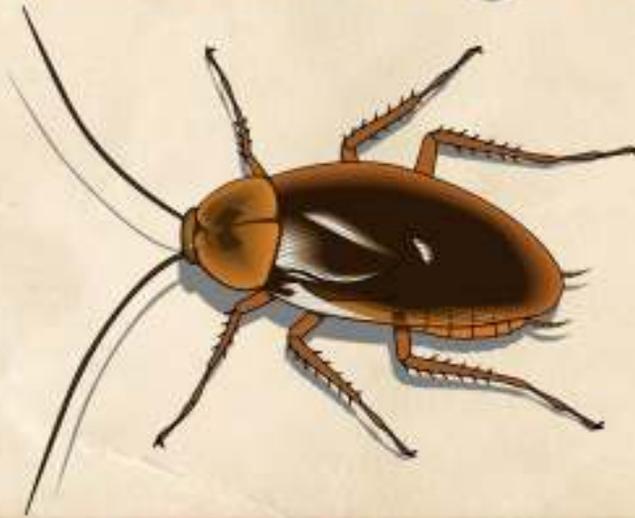
**Joel 2:4-5**

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# **How Many Bugs Where There?**

**They rush upon the city; they run along the wall.  
They climb into the houses; like thieves they enter  
through the windows. Before them the earth shakes,  
the heavens tremble, the sun and moon are  
darkened, and the stars no longer shine.**

**Joel 1:9-10**



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# **Social and Economic Impact**

**The wine is gone (Joel 1:5)**



**The bread is gone (Joel 1:11)**

**This also means the beer is gone too**



**Other major agricultural products gone (Joel 1:7)**

**Even religion has been shut down (Joel 1:9)**

**There is nothing left but despair (Joel 1:12)**

**Even the livestock and animals were impacted (Joel 1:16-20)**

# The Lord of the Locusts

The Lord thunders at the head of his army; his forces are beyond number, and mighty is the army that obeys his command. The day of the Lord is great; it is dreadful. Who can endure it?

Joel 2:11

*“Pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pains. It is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world.”*

C.S. Lewis

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# **God is Calling!**

**“Even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.”**

**Joel 2:12**

**No Specific “Sin” Mentioned**

**Too Numerous to Count?**

**Too Hideous to Talk About?**

**With the sin blank left empty, I should consider the repercussions on my sin**

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# **What does God seek?**

**Deal with the inside not the outside (Joel 2:13)**

**Rend – to become torn; And he tells us don't tear your robe in morning as was tradition, tear your heart in repentance**

**Make it known it's time to get right with God  
(Joel 2:15)**

**Worship before the Lord  
(Call Sacred Assembly)**

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# **It's a Call to All!**

**Gather the people, consecrate the assembly; bring together the elders, gather the children, those nursing at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her chamber.**

**Joel 2:16**

**This is the priority, no excuses**

**Consecrate: to make or declare sacred.  
(Psalm 50:3-5)**

**He wants us to cry out (Joel 2:17)**

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# **What God Wants!**

**And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the Lord has said, even among the survivors whom the Lord calls.**

**Joel 2:32**

**This is the verse quoted by Peter in  
(Acts 2:21)**

**This is the foundation  
behind Paul's statements  
in (Romans 10:9-12)**

**Jesus, because he will  
save his people from  
their sins.**

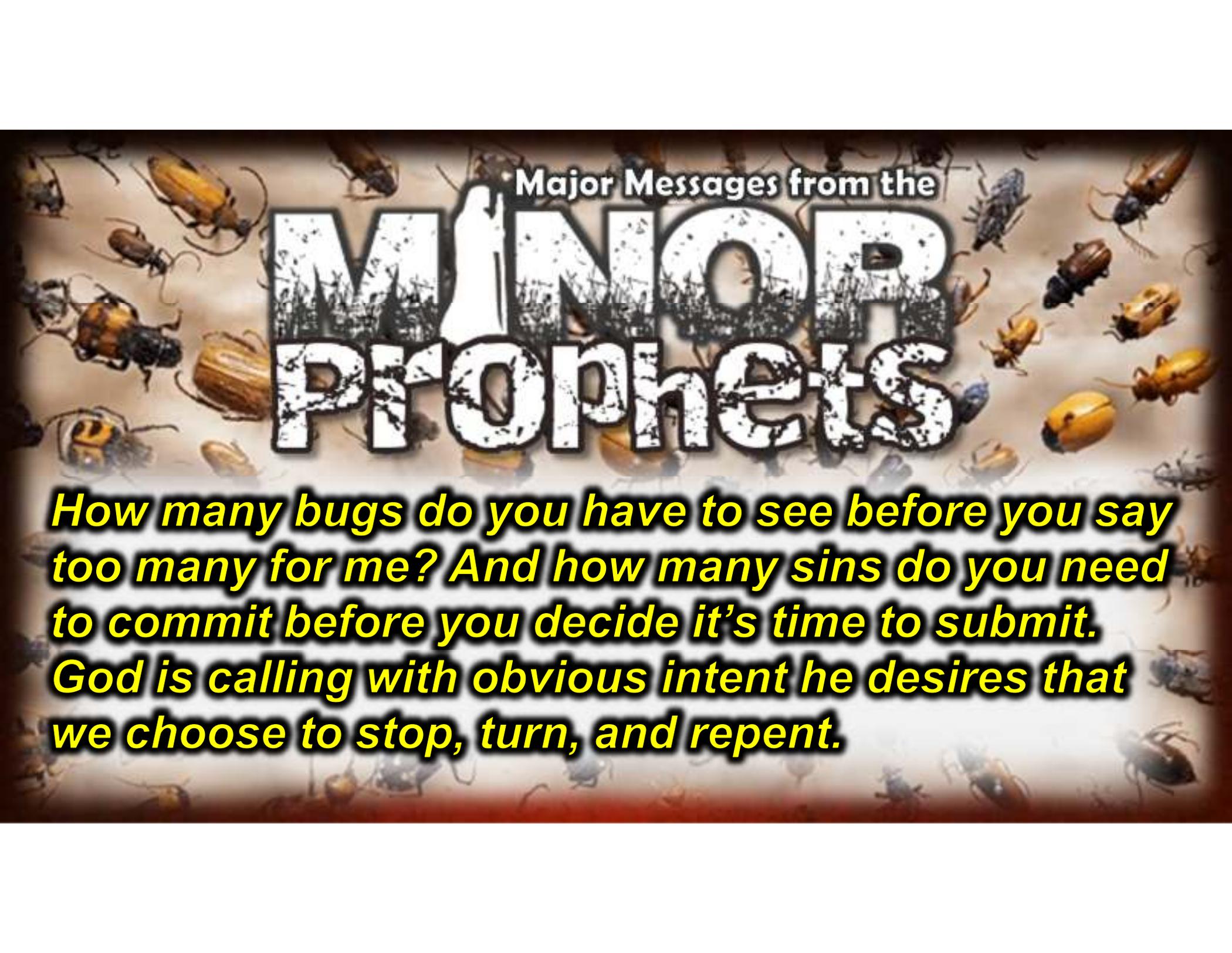
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# Turn from Sin

But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

**Act 3:18-20**

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*How many bugs do you have to see before you say too many for me? And how many sins do you need to commit before you decide it's time to submit. God is calling with obvious intent he desires that we choose to stop, turn, and repent.*