

# The Plan Beyond the Plague

## Joel 1:2-3

Verse 5 “Wake up you drunkards and weep”

Verse 9 “the ministers of the Lord are weeping”

Verse 11 “Despair all you farmers. Wail all you vine growers”

Verse 14 “Call the people together for a solemn meeting”

Verse 14 “Bring the leaders and all the people of your land”

Verse 18 “How the animals moan with hunger! The herds of cattle wander about confused”

Verse 19 “The fire has consumed the wilderness pastures and flames have burned up the trees”

Verse 20 “the streams have dried up”

## Joel 1:4

Each type of locust had a different characteristic to it.

All 4 types crippled the fields, but each type of locusts did it differently.

- 1) **Cutting Locusts**
- 2) **Swarming Locusts**
- 3) **Hopping Locusts**
- 4) **Stripping Locusts**

COVID-19 is crippling our land in 4 different ways:

- 1) **Physical** – 678k cases world; 123k US; 2446 GA; 20 Lowndes
- 2) **Financial** – 3.3 million unemployed last week. Estimated economic losses estimated as high as \$2.7 trillion worldwide
- 3) **Emotional** – Quarantines and lockdowns forcing people to stay home. Birthday parties, weddings, funerals, vacations
- 4) **Spiritual** – No corporate worship services. Feelings of fear, abandonment, confusion, Where are you God?

President Trump has called this plague “a war against an invisible enemy”

Joel 2:2, 6

Joel 1:16-20

Joel 2:12-13

Joel 2:28-30

Joel 2:32 – “But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved”