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Anchored In 2021: Restoration and Blessing

Joel 1:1-3 - *The Lord gave this message to Joel son of Pethuel. ² Hear this, you leaders of the people. Listen, all who live in the land. In all your history, has anything like this happened before? ³ Tell your children about it in the years to come, and let your children tell their children. Pass the story down from generation to generation.*

Joel 2:31 - *The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and terrible day of the Lord arrives.*

- 1) Stop Looking Around At The Calamity.**
- 2) Start Looking To What It Symbolizes.**

Initiating A Hunger For God's Involvement

This Is A Literal Wake-Up Call

The People Need To Reckon With What God Has Done

The Correction Of Fickle Israel As Well

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Joel 1:13-15 - *Dress yourselves in burlap and weep, you priests! Wail, you who serve before the altar! Come, spend the night in burlap, you ministers of my God. For there is no grain or wine to offer at the Temple of your God. ¹⁴ Announce a time of fasting; call the people together for a solemn meeting. Bring the leaders and all the people of the land into the Temple of the Lord your God, and cry out to him there. ¹⁵ The day of the Lord is near, the day when destruction comes from the Almighty. How terrible that day will be!*

The Plague Was A Warning About A Greater And More Terrible Day

The Church Today Is In A Time To Humble Ourselves And Pray

Our Response To Catastrophe Is To Fear God And To Trust Him

Restoration And Blessing Most Often Comes After Judgment And Repentance