

to the Lord and look to see Him. Rend your hearts and not your garments . He says in verse 13 of the next chapter, Look to the Lord that He may rescue you from this situation. Now, in the early part of the chapter two He has further vivid description of the coming of the Lord , It is somewhat ~~figu-~~ figurative , but it is very clear how it describes these great numbers of locusts coming down like a fire the way they bite and bite and bite. It sounds just like a fire creeping along. He gives these figures of speech. "They shall ~~nx~~ run like mighty men; they shall climb the ~~x~~ wall like men of war;"~~and-they-shall-march-every-one-on-his-ways~~ How silly it is for people to say that this is a description of an army coming. You wouldn't say an army, they are going to be like mighty men, like men of war. They would be mighty men . This is describing something else. He describes the details of this and gives you the vivid ~~piea~~ picture of this terrible situation in which they are in, and then brings out the reason for it. Verse 12 of chapter two . "Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil." This word repent is used in a different sense in the O.T. than it is in the N. God does not have godly sorrow for sin and turn away from it. That's what we ~~ma-~~ mean by repentance today. But the O.T. often says God repents of the evil, but it means something entirely different. The word is not used in that sense in the ~~old~~ O.T. It means that God turns away from the evil that naturally comes in view of man's turning to God. ~~x~~ And so He repents Him of the evil, who knows if He will turn and repent and leave a blessing behind Him . "Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify ~~thea~~ fast ~~congregation, assemble-the-elders~~ call a solemn assembly." And so up through this seventeenth verse of chapter two, we have a picture described and the