## A CLARION CALL TO THE CHURCH

JOEL 2:15-17

CLARION CALL = a strong request for something to happen... a LOUD AND CLEAR CALL TO ACTION.

**JOEL 2:15 Blow** the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly;

JOEL 2:16 Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children and nursing babes [THE NEXT] **GENERATION]**; Let the bridegroom\_go out from his chamber, And [LET] the bride from her dressing room.

JOEL 2:17a Let the priests, who minister to the Lord, Weep between the porch and the altar; Let them say,

JOEL 2:17b "Spare Your people, O Lord, And do not give Your heritage to reproach, That the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?' "

THE FIRST PART IS JOEL PROPHESYING ABOUT THE LOCUST JUDGEMENT OF GOD ON ISRAEL THAT RESULTED IN FAMINE AND DROUGHT BECAUSE OF **IDOLATRY!** 

THE SECOND PART OF THE BOOK JOEL IS SAYING THE PRESENT LOCUST JUDGEMENT IS REALLY BAD... BUT... NOT AS BAD AS GOD'S ETERNAL JUDGEMENT!

From the divine viewpoint, the division was a judgment on not keeping God's commands, specifically the commands prohibiting idolatry.

From a human viewpoint, the division was the result of tribal discord and political unrest. The principle is that sin brings division.

## I WANT TO CALL ATTENTION TO 1 **ELECTION STATISTIC:** THE ACTUAL VOTES CAST FOR KAMALA HARRIS = 70,916,946

## THE ACTUAL VOTES CAST FOR PRESIDENT ELECT DONALD TRUMP = 74,650,754 DIFFERENCE OF... 3.7 MILLION]

JOEL 2:28 "And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions..."