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All Calamities Can Serve a Valued Purpose

- It provides an opportunity for reflection
- They provide an opportunity for warning
- They call us to a place of honesty

Recognize the Signs of Judgement

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"Put on sackcloth and lament, O priests..." (v. 13)

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 - Personal Grief
 - Corporate Lament
 - Fasting and Prayer

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Respond with Repentance

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All Calamities Provide a Dual Purpose

"Alas for the day! For the day of the Lord is near..." (v. 15)

Remember the Bigger Picture

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Take Your Place Between the Altar and the Door

"To you, O Lord, I call..." (v. 19)

"If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our dead bodies. And if they perish, let them perish with our arms wrapped about their knees, imploring them to stay. If hell must be filled, let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go unwarned and unprayed for."
-Charles Spurgeon

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- Human Helplessness: The destruction is beyond human ability to repair.
- Divine Power: Restoration comes only through God's mercy and intervention.

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