

Joel

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1:1 ¶ The word of the LORD that came to Joel, the son of Pethuel:
2 Hear this, O elders, And listen, all inhabitants of the land. Has [anything like] this happened in your days Or in your fathers' days?
3 Tell your sons about it, And [let] your sons [tell] their sons, And their sons the next generation.

4 ¶ What the gnawing locust has left, the swarming locust has eaten; And what the swarming locust has left, the creeping locust has eaten; And what the creeping locust has left, the stripping locust has eaten.

5 Awake, drunkards, and weep; And wail, all you wine drinkers, On account of the sweet wine That is cut off from your mouth.
6 For a nation has invaded my land, Mighty and without number; Its teeth are the teeth of a lion, And it has the fangs of a lioness.
7 It has made my vine a waste And my fig tree splinters. It has stripped them bare and cast [them] away; Their branches have become white.

8 ¶ Wail like a virgin girded with sackcloth For the bridegroom of her youth.
9 The grain offering and the drink offering are cut off From the house of the LORD. The priests mourn, The ministers of the LORD.
10 The field is ruined, The land mourns; For the grain is ruined, The new wine dries up, Fresh oil fails.

11 Be ashamed, O farmers, Wail, O vinedressers, For the wheat and the barley; Because the harvest of the field is destroyed.
12 The vine dries up And the fig tree fails; The pomegranate, the palm also, and the apple tree, All the trees of the field dry up. Indeed, rejoicing dries up From the sons of men.

13 ¶ Gird yourselves [with sackcloth] And lament, O priests; Wail, O ministers of the altar! Come, spend the night in sackcloth O ministers of my God, For the grain offering and the drink offering Are withheld from the house of your God.

1:1 The message of Yahweh which came to Joel, the son of Pethuel,
1:2 Hear this, old men, and listen, all those who are dwellers of the land. Has this occurred in your days or in the days of your fathers?
1:3 To your sons relate it (f.), and your sons to their sons, and their sons to the next generation.

1:4 The leftovers of the locusts (#1), the locusts (#2) have eaten, and the leftovers of the locusts (#2), the locusts (#3) have eaten, and the leftovers of the locusts (#3), the caterpillars have eaten.

1:5 Wake up, drunkards, and weep. Wail, all you drinkers of wine, on account of the sweet wine that was cut off from your mouths,
1:6 because a nation has gone up on My land, mighty and innumerable. Its teeth are the teeth of a lion, and it has the fangs of a lioness.
1:7 It has set My vine for destruction and My fig tree for splintering. It has stripped them bare and thrown them out. They caused the branches to become white.

1:8 Wail like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the bridegroom of her youth.
1:9 The offering and drink offering have been cut off from the house of Yahweh. The priests, those who serve Yahweh, mourn.
1:10 The field has been destroyed. The ground mourns because the grain has been destroyed. The new wine has dried up. The oil has dried up.

1:11 Be ashamed, farmers. Wail, vinedressers, over the wheat and the barley, because the harvest of the field has been destroyed.
1:12 The vine has dried up, and the fig tree withers. The pomegranate, also the palm tree, and the apple tree, all the trees of the field, have withered, because joy has dried up from the sons of men.
1:13 Gird up and lament, priests. Wail, servants of the altar. Come, spend the night in sackcloth, servants of my God, because the offering and drink offering have been withheld from the house of your God.

14 Consecrate a fast, Proclaim a solemn assembly; Gather the elders [And] all the inhabitants of the land To the house of the LORD your God, And cry out to the LORD.

15 Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD is near, And it will come as destruction from the Almighty.

16 Has not food been cut off before our eyes, Gladness and joy from the house of our God?

17 The seeds shrivel under their clods; The storehouses are desolate, The barns are torn down, For the grain is dried up.

18 How the beasts groan! The herds of cattle wander aimlessly Because there is no pasture for them; Even the flocks of sheep suffer.

19 To You, O LORD, I cry; For fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness And the flame has burned up all the trees of the field.

20 Even the beasts of the field pant for You; For the water brooks are dried up And fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

2:1 ¶ Blow a trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm on My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, For the day of the LORD is coming; Surely it is near,

2 A day of darkness and gloom, A day of clouds and thick darkness. As the dawn is spread over the mountains, [So] there is a great and mighty people; There has never been [anything] like it, Nor will there be again after it To the years of many generations.

3 A fire consumes before them And behind them a flame burns. The land is like the garden of Eden before them But a desolate wilderness behind them, And nothing at all escapes them.

4 Their appearance is like the appearance of horses; And like war horses, so they run.

5 With a noise as of chariots They leap on the tops of the mountains, Like the crackling of a flame of fire consuming the stubble, Like a mighty people arranged for battle.

6 Before them the people are in anguish; All faces turn pale.

7 They run like mighty men, They climb the wall

1:14 Set apart a fast. Proclaim an assembly. Gather the old men, all those who are dwellers of the land at the house of Yahweh, your God. And cry out to Yahweh.

1:15 Aha, for the day, because the **Day of Yahweh** is near, and it will come as destruction from *Shaddai*.

1:16 Has not food been cut off in front of our eyes, joy and rejoicing from the house of our God?

1:17 Seeds have shriveled under their clods. The storehouses have become desolate. The barns were destroyed because the grain has withered.

1:18 How the beasts sigh. The herds of cattle are confused, because there is no pasture for them. In addition, the flocks of sheep are paying for the guilt.

1:19 To you, Yahweh, I call, because fire has eaten the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame has burned up all the trees of the field.

1:20 Also, the animals of the field long for You, because the rivers of water have dried up, and fire has eaten the pastures of the wilderness.

2:1 Blow a *shophar* in Zion, and cause a shout on the mountain of My being different. Let all those who are dwellers of the land tremble, because the **Day of Yahweh** is coming, because it is near—

2:2 a day of darkness and gloom, a day of a cloud and thick darkness. As the dawn is being spread on the mountains, so also a multitude and mighty people are spread like it. Nothing like it has happened in the distant past, and after it nothing will happen again into the years of generations and generations.

2:3 A fire consumes before them, and behind them a flame blazes. Like the Garden of Eden the land is in front of them, but behind them, it is a desolate wilderness. In addition, there is no escape from them.

2:4 Their appearance is like the appearance of horses. And like chariot horses, thus they run.

2:5 Like the sound of chariots, they dance on the tops of the mountains, like the sound of the flame of a fire which is consuming stubble, like a mighty people arranged for war.

2:6 Before them the peoples writhe in anguish. All faces grow pale.

2:7 Like mighty men they run. Like men of war

<p>like soldiers; And they each march in line, Nor do they deviate from their paths.</p> <p><u>8</u> They do not crowd each other, They march everyone in his path; When they burst through the defenses, They do not break ranks.</p> <p><u>9</u> They rush on the city, They run on the wall; They climb into the houses, They enter through the windows like a thief.</p> <p><u>10</u> Before them the earth quakes, The heavens tremble, The sun and the moon grow dark And the stars lose their brightness.</p> <p><u>11</u> The LORD utters His voice before His army; Surely His camp is very great, For strong is he who carries out His word. The day of the LORD is indeed great and very awesome, And who can endure it?</p> <p><u>12</u> “Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “Return to Me with all your heart, And with fasting, weeping and mourning;</p> <p><u>13</u> And rend your heart and not your garments.” Now return to the LORD your God, For He is gracious and compassionate, Slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness And relenting of evil.</p> <p><u>14</u> Who knows whether He will [not] turn and relent And leave a blessing behind Him, [Even] a grain offering and a drink offering For the LORD your God?</p> <p><u>15</u> Blow a trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly,</p> <p><u>16</u> Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children and the nursing infants. Let the bridegroom come out of his room And the bride out of her [bridal] chamber.</p> <p><u>17</u> Let the priests, the LORD’S ministers, Weep between the porch and the altar, And let them say, “Spare Your people, O LORD, And do not make Your inheritance a reproach, A byword among the nations. Why should they among the peoples say, ‘Where is their God?’”</p> <p><u>18</u> ¶ Then the LORD will be zealous for His land And will have pity on His people.</p> <p><u>19</u> The LORD will answer and say to His people, “Behold, I am going to send you grain, new wine and oil, And you will be satisfied [in full] with them; And I will never again make you a reproach among the nations.</p>	<p>they climb a wall. And a man in their way they walk, and they do not lose their paths.</p> <p>2:8 And a man his brother they do not crowd. Each man walks in his path. And when through the weapons they fall, they do not break ranks.</p> <p>2:9 Into the city they rush. On the wall they run. Into the houses they climb. Through the windows they enter like a thief.</p> <p>2:10 Before them the land quakes. The heavens quake. The sun and the moon grow dark, and the stars gather their brightness.</p> <p>2:11 And Yahweh gives His voice before His army, because very great is His camp, because mighty is the one who is doing His message, because great is the Day of Yahweh and much to be feared. And who will endure it?</p> <p>2:12 And also now, declares Yahweh, return to Me with all your hearts and with fasting and with weeping and with wailing.</p> <p>2:13 And tear your hearts and not your garments, and return to Yahweh, your God, because He is gracious, compassionate, slow to anger, great in loyal love, and forgiving of evil.</p> <p>2:14 Who knows? He may turn and forgive. And He may cause to remain after Him a blessing. A gift and drink offering to your God.</p> <p>2:15 Blow a <i>shopar</i> in Zion. Set apart a fast. Call an assembly.</p> <p>2:16 Gather the people. Set apart the congregation. Gather the old men. Gather the children and nursing infants. Let the bridegroom go out from his room and the bride from her chamber.</p> <p>2:17 Between the porch and the altar, let the priests, those who are serving Yahweh, weep. And let them say, Take pity, Yahweh, on Your people, and do not make Your possession a reproach, a proverb among the Gentiles. Why should they say amongst the peoples, Where is their God?</p> <p>2:18 And Yahweh is jealous for His land, and He pities His people.</p> <p>2:19 And Yahweh answered and said to His people, Behold, I am sending you grain, new wine, and oil. And you will be satisfied with them, and I will not give you again as a reproach among the Gentiles.</p>
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<p><u>20</u> “But I will remove the northern [army] far from you, And I will drive it into a parched and desolate land, And its vanguard into the eastern sea, And its rear guard into the western sea. And its stench will arise and its foul smell will come up, For it has done great things.”</p> <p><u>21</u> ¶ Do not fear, O land, rejoice and be glad, For the LORD has done great things.</p> <p><u>22</u> Do not fear, beasts of the field, For the pastures of the wilderness have turned green, For the tree has borne its fruit, The fig tree and the vine have yielded in full.</p> <p><u>23</u> So rejoice, O sons of Zion, And be glad in the LORD your God; For He has given you the early rain for [your] vindication. And He has poured down for you the rain, The early and latter rain as before.</p> <p><u>24</u> The threshing floors will be full of grain, And the vats will overflow with the new wine and oil.</p> <p><u>25</u> “Then I will make up to you for the years That the swarming locust has eaten, The creeping locust, the stripping locust and the gnawing locust, My great army which I sent among you.</p> <p><u>26</u> “You will have plenty to eat and be satisfied And praise the name of the LORD your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; Then My people will never be put to shame.</p> <p><u>27</u> “Thus you will know that I am in the midst of Israel, And that I am the LORD your God, And there is no other; And My people will never be put to shame.</p> <p><u>28</u> ¶ “It will come about after this That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions.</p> <p><u>29</u> “Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.</p> <p><u>30</u> “I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth, Blood, fire and columns of smoke.</p> <p><u>31</u> “The sun will be turned into darkness And the moon into blood Before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.</p> <p><u>32</u> “And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the LORD Will be delivered; For on</p>	<p>2:20 Now, as for My northerners, I will cause them to be far away from you. And I will drive them away to a dry and desolate land, their vanguard into the eastern sea, and their rear guard into the western sea. And their stench will go up, and their smell will go up, because they have done great things.</p> <p>2:21 You will not fear, O land. Rejoice and be glad, because Yahweh has done great things.</p> <p>2:22 You will not fear, beasts of the field, because the pastures of the wilderness have turned green, because the tree has born its fruit. The fig tree and the vine have given their strength.</p> <p>2:23 As for the sons of Zion, rejoice and be glad in Yahweh your God, because He has given you the early rain for righteousness, and He has caused to go down to you the early rain and the spring rains as in the beginning.</p> <p>2:24 And the threshing floors are filled with grain, and the wine-vats overflow with new wine and oil.</p> <p>2:25 And I will restore the years to you which the locust (#1) ate, the locust (#2), the locust (#3), and the caterpillar, My great army which I sent among you.</p> <p>2:26 And you will surely eat and be satisfied, and you will praise the name of Yahweh your God, who did with you to cause something wonderful. And My people will never be ashamed again.</p> <p>2:27 And you will know that in the midst of Israel I, and only I, am Yahweh your God. There is no other, and My people will never be ashamed again.</p> <p>2:28/3:1 And it shall come to pass after this, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh. And your sons and your daughters will speak on behalf of God. Your old men will dream dreams. Your young men will see visions.</p> <p>2:29/3:2 And also on your servants and your maidservants, in those days I will pour out My Spirit.</p> <p>2:30/3:3 And I will give signs in the heavens, and on the land blood, fire, and columns of smoke.</p> <p>2:31/3:4 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, in the presence of the coming of the Day of Yahweh, the great and fearful one.</p> <p>2:32/3:5 And it will happen that all who call upon the name of Yahweh will escape to safety,</p>
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Mount Zion and in Jerusalem There will be those who escape, As the LORD has said, Even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.

3:1 ¶ “For behold, in those days and at that time, When I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem,

2 I will gather all the nations And bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there On behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; And they have divided up My land.

3 “They have also cast lots for My people, Traded a boy for a harlot And sold a girl for wine that they may drink.

4 “Moreover, what are you to Me, O Tyre, Sidon and all the regions of Philistia? Are you rendering Me a recompense? But if you do recompense Me, swiftly and speedily I will return your recompense on your head.

5 “Since you have taken My silver and My gold, brought My precious treasures to your temples,

6 and sold the sons of Judah and Jerusalem to the Greeks in order to remove them far from their territory,

7 behold, I am going to arouse them from the place where you have sold them, and return your recompense on your head.

8 “Also I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the sons of Judah, and they will sell them to the Sabeans, to a distant nation,” for the LORD has spoken.

9 ¶ Proclaim this among the nations: Prepare a war; rouse the mighty men! Let all the soldiers draw near, let them come up!

10 Beat your plowshares into swords And your pruning hooks into spears; Let the weak say, “I am a mighty man.”

11 Hasten and come, all you surrounding nations, And gather yourselves there. Bring down, O LORD, Your mighty ones.

12 Let the nations be aroused And come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat, For there I will sit to judge All the surrounding nations.

because in the mountain of Zion and Jerusalem there will be someone who escapes to safety, just as Yahweh said, even among the survivors whom Yahweh is calling—

3:1/4:1 because, behold, in those days and in that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem,

3:2/4:2 I will gather all the Gentiles. And I will cause them to go down to the Valley of Yahweh’s Judgment, and I will judge them there concerning My people and My possession, Israel, whom they scattered among the nations. And My land they divided.

3:3/4:3 And for My people they cast lots, and they gave a boy in the place of a prostitute, and they sold a girl for wine, and they drank.

3:4/4:4 Also, what are you to Me, Tyre and Sidon, and all the regions of Philistia? Are you completing a recompense on My behalf? And if you are paying Me back, swiftly and quickly I will return your payback on your head—

3:5/4:5 because you took My silver and gold, and you caused My good treasures to go into your temples.

3:6/4:6 In addition, you sold the sons of Judah and the sons of Jerusalem to the sons of the Javenites, in order to cause them to be far away from their border.

3:7/4:7 Behold, I am stirring them up from the place where you sold them, and I will cause to return your payback on your head.

3:8/4:8 And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the sons of Judah, and they will sell them to the Sabeans, to a far away nation, because Yahweh has spoken.

3:9/4:9 Call this out among the Gentiles, “Set apart a war. Stir up the mighty ones. Let them draw near. Let them go up, all the men of war.

3:10/4:10 Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears. Let the weak person say, ‘I am a mighty man.’

3:11/4:11 Hasten and come, all you surrounding Gentiles, and gather yourselves there.” Cause to descend, Yahweh, Your mighty men.

3:12/4:12 Let the Gentiles be stirred up, and let them go up to the Valley of Yahweh’s Judgment, because there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations.

<p><u>13</u> Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, tread, for the wine press is full; The vats overflow, for their wickedness is great.</p> <p><u>14</u> Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.</p> <p><u>15</u> The sun and moon grow dark And the stars lose their brightness.</p> <p><u>16</u> The LORD roars from Zion And utters His voice from Jerusalem, And the heavens and the earth tremble. But the LORD is a refuge for His people And a stronghold to the sons of Israel.</p> <p><u>17</u> Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, Dwelling in Zion, My holy mountain. So Jerusalem will be holy, And strangers will pass through it no more.</p> <p><u>18</u> ¶ And in that day The mountains will drip with sweet wine, And the hills will flow with milk, And all the brooks of Judah will flow with water; And a spring will go out from the house of the LORD To water the valley of Shittim.</p> <p><u>19</u> Egypt will become a waste, And Edom will become a desolate wilderness, Because of the violence done to the sons of Judah, In whose land they have shed innocent blood.</p> <p><u>20</u> But Judah will be inhabited forever And Jerusalem for all generations.</p> <p><u>21</u> And I will avenge their blood which I have not avenged, For the LORD dwells in Zion.</p>	<p>3:13/4:13 Send the sickle, because the harvest grows ripe. Come, tread, because the winepress is full. The wine vats overflow, because great is their evil.</p> <p>3:14/4:14 Multitudes, multitudes in the Valley of Justice, because the Day of Yahweh is drawing near in the Valley of Justice.</p> <p>3:15/4:15 The sun and the moon have grown dark, and the stars have gathered their brightness.</p> <p>3:16/4:16 As for Yahweh, from Zion He will roar, and from Jerusalem He will give His voice. And the heavens and the earth will tremble. But Yahweh is a refuge for His people and a stronghold for the sons of Israel.</p> <p>3:17/4:17 And you will know that I am Yahweh, your God, the One who dwells in Zion, the mountain of My being set apart. And Jerusalem will be set apart, and strangers will not cross over into it again.</p> <p>3:18/4:18 And it will come to pass in that day that the mountains will drip sweet wine, and the hills will flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah will flow with water, and a spring will go out from the house of Yahweh, and it will cause to drink the valley of <i>Shitteem</i>.</p> <p>3:19/4:19 Egypt will become desolate, and Edom will be a desolate wilderness for the violence of the sons of Judah, who poured innocent blood on their land.</p> <p>3:20/4:20 And Judah will dwell into perpetuity, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.</p> <p>3:21/4:21 And I will avenge their blood which I have not avenged. And Yahweh dwells in Zion.</p>
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