

Joel 1

- ¹ The word of the **LORD** that came to **Joel** the son of **Pethuel**.
- ² Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers?
- ³ Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.
- ⁴ **That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpillar eaten.**
- ⁵ **Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth.**
- ⁶ For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion.
- ⁷ He hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away; the branches thereof are made white.
- ⁸ Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth.
- ⁹ The meat offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of the **LORD**; the priests, the **LORD's ministers**, mourn.
- ¹⁰ The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted: the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth.
- ¹¹ Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished.
- ¹² The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men.
- ¹³ Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests: howl, ye ministers of the altar: come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my **God**: for the meat offering and the drink offering is withholden from the house of your **God**.
- ¹⁴ Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the **LORD** your **God**, and cry unto the **LORD**,

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- ¹⁵ *Alas* for the day! for the day of the **LORD** is at hand, and as a destruction from the **Almighty** shall it come.
- ¹⁶ Is not the meat cut off *before* our eyes, yea, joy and gladness from the house of our **God**?
- ¹⁷ The seed is rotten *under* their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered.
- ¹⁸ How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate.
- ¹⁹ O **LORD**, to thee will I cry: for the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned *all* the trees of the field.
- ²⁰ The beasts of the field cry *also* unto thee: for the rivers of waters are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

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- ¹ **Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my *holy mountain*: let *all* the *inhabitants* of the land tremble: for the *day* of the LORD cometh, for it is *nigh* at hand;**
- ² A *day* of *darkness* and of *gloominess*, a day of *clouds* and of *thick* darkness, as the *morning spread* upon the *mountains*: a *great* people and a *strong*; there hath *not* been ever the like, *neither* shall be *any more* after it, even to the *years* of *many generations*.
- ³ A *fire devoureth* before them; and *behind* them a *flame burneth*: the land is as the *garden of Eden* before them, and *behind* them a *desolate wilderness*; yea, and *nothing* shall *escape* them.
- ⁴ The *appearance* of them is as the appearance of *horses*; and as *horsemen*, so shall they *run*.
- ⁵ Like the *noise* of *chariots* on the *tops* of *mountains* shall they *leap*, like the noise of a *flame* of *fire* that *devoureth* the *stubble*, as a *strong* people set in *battle array*.
- ⁶ *Before* their *face* the people shall be *much pained*: *all* faces shall *gather blackness*.
- ⁷ They shall *run* like *mighty men*; they shall *climb* the *wall* like men of *war*; and they shall *march* every one on his *ways*, and they shall *not break* their *ranks*:
- ⁸ *Neither* shall *one thrust* another; they shall *walk* every one in his *path*: and when they *fall* upon the *sword*, they shall *not be wounded*.
- ⁹ They shall *run* *to* and *fro* in the *city*; they shall run upon the *wall*, they shall *climb up* upon the *houses*; they shall enter in at the *windows* like a *thief*.
- ¹⁰ The *earth* shall *quake* before them; the *heavens* shall *tremble*: the *sun* and the *moon* shall be *dark*, and the *stars* shall withdraw their *shining*:
- ¹¹ And the LORD shall *utter* his *voice* before his *army*: for his *camp* is *very great*: for he is *strong* that *executeth* his *word*: for the *day* of the LORD is *great* and *very terrible*; and who can *abide* it?
- ¹² Therefore also now, saith the LORD, *turn* ye even to me with *all your heart*, and with *fasting*, and with *weeping*, and with *mourning*:
- ¹³ **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*.**
- ¹⁴ Who knoweth if he will *return* and *repent*, and *leave* a *blessing* behind him; even a *meat offering* and a *drink offering* unto the LORD your God?

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- ¹⁵ Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a *solemn assembly*:
- ¹⁶ Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride *out* of her closet.
- ¹⁷ Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep *between* the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?
- ¹⁸ Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people.
- ¹⁹ Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen:
- ²⁰ But I will remove far off from you the *northern army*, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face *toward* the east sea, and his hinder part *toward* the utmost sea, and his stink shall come *up*, and his ill savour shall come *up*, because he hath *done great things*.
- ²¹ Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do *great things*.
- ²² Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.
- ²³ Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the *former rain moderately*, and he will cause to come *down* for you the rain, the *former rain*, and the *latter rain* in the first month.
- ²⁴ And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
- ²⁵ And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.
- ²⁶ And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.
- ²⁷ And ye shall know that *I am* in the *midst* of Israel, and that *I am* the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.
- ²⁸ And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

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- ²⁹ And *a/so* upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.
- ³⁰ And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.
- ³¹ The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, *before* the *great* and *terrible* day of the **LORD** come.
- ³² And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

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- ¹ For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of **Judah** and **Jerusalem**,
- ² I will also gather *all nations*, and will bring them *down* into the valley of **Jehoshaphat**, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.
- ³ And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink.
- ⁴ Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O **Tyre**, and **Zidon**, and *all* the coasts of **Palestine**? will ye render me a recompence? and if ye recompense me, *swiftly* and *speedily* will I return your recompence upon your *own head*;
- ⁵ Because ye have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my *goodly pleasant things*:
- ⁶ The children also of **Judah** and the children of **Jerusalem** have ye sold unto the *Grecians*, that ye might remove them *far* from their border.
- ⁷ Behold, I will raise them *out* of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompence upon your *own head*:
- ⁸ And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of **Judah**, and they shall sell them to the *Sabeans*, to a people *far off*: for the **LORD** hath spoken it.
- ⁹ Proclaim ye this among the *Gentiles*; Prepare war, wake up the *mighty men*, let *all* the men of war draw near, let them come *up*:
- ¹⁰ Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong.
- ¹¹ Assemble yourselves, and come, *all* ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy *mighty ones* to come *down*, O **LORD**.
- ¹² Let the heathen be wakened, and come *up* to the valley of **Jehoshaphat**: for there will I sit to judge *all* the heathen round about.
- ¹³ Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you *down*; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great.

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- ¹⁴ Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the **LORD** is *near* in the valley of decision.
- ¹⁵ The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.
- ¹⁶ The **LORD** also shall roar *out* of **Zion**, and utter his voice from **Jerusalem**; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the **LORD** will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of **Israel**.
- ¹⁷ So shall ye know that *I am* the **LORD** your **God** dwelling in **Zion**, my *holy* mountain: then shall **Jerusalem** be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her *any more*.
- ¹⁸ And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop *down* new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and *all* the rivers of **Judah** shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth *out* of the house of the **LORD**, and shall water the valley of **Shittim**.
- ¹⁹ **Egypt** shall be a desolation, and **Edom** shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence against the children of **Judah**, because they have shed innocent blood in their land.
- ²⁰ But **Judah** shall dwell *for ever*, and **Jerusalem** from generation to generation.
- ²¹ For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed: for the **LORD** dwell*eth* in **Zion**.