

JOEL.

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,

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 burnt 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 rent 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?

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 towards 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 moder-
ately,

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 fats 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 proph-
esy,

Your old men shall dream dreams,

Your young men shall see visions:

²⁹ And also 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 the 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 a 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 recom-
pence 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 hea-
then,
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.

¹⁴ Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of deci-
sion:
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 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 dwelleth in Zion.

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