Joel

1 A word of YHWH that has been to Joel, son of Pethuel: 2 Hear this, you aged ones, || And give ear, all you inhabitants of the land, || Has this been in your days? Or in the days of your fathers? 3 Concerning it talk to your sons, || And your sons to their sons, || And their sons to another generation. 4 What is left of the palmer-worm, the locust has eaten, || And what is left of the locust, || The cankerworm has eaten, || And what is left of the cankerworm, || The caterpillar has eaten. 5 Awake, you drunkards, and weep, || And howl all drinking wine, because of the juice, || For it has been cut off from your mouth.
6 For a nation has come up on My land, || Strong, and there is no number, || Its teeth [are] the teeth of a lion, || And it has the jaw-teeth of a lioness. 7 It has made My vine become a desolation, || And My fig tree become a splinter, || It has made it thoroughly bare, and has cast down, || Its branches have been made white.
8 Wail, as a virgin girds with sackcloth, || For the husband of her youth. 9 Present and drink-offering have been cut off from the house of YHWH, || The priests have mourned, servants of YHWH. 10 The field is spoiled, || The ground has mourned, || For the grain is spoiled, || New wine has been dried up, oil languishes. 11 Be ashamed, you farmers, || Howl, vinedressers,
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for wheat and for barley, || For the harvest of the field has perished. 12 The vine has been dried up, || And the fig tree languishes, || Pomegranate, also palm, and apple-tree, || All trees of the field have withered, || For joy has been dried up from the sons of men. 13 Gird, and lament, you priests, || Howl, you servants of the altar, || Come in, lodge in sackcloth, servants of my God, || For present and drink-offering have been withheld from the house of your God. 14 Sanctify a fast, proclaim a restraint, || Gather [the] elderly [and] all those inhabiting the land, || [Into the] house of your God YHWH, 15 And cry to YHWH, “Aah! For the day! For [the] Day of YHWH [is] near, || And it comes as destruction from [the] Almighty. 16 Is food not cut off before our eyes? Joy and rejoicing from the house of our God? 17 Scattered things have rotted under their clods, || Storehouses have been desolated, || Granaries have been broken down, || For the grain has withered. 18 How livestock have sighed! Perplexed have been droves of oxen, || For there is no pasture for them, || Also droves of sheep have been desolated. 19 To You, O YHWH, I call, || For fire has consumed lovely places of a wilderness, || And a flame has set on fire all trees of the field. 20 Also the livestock of the field long for You, || For dried up have been streams of water, || And fire has consumed lovely places of a wilderness!”

1 Blow a horn in Zion, || And shout in My holy
All inhabitants of the earth tremble, For the Day of YHWH is coming, for [it is] near!

A day of darkness and thick darkness, A day of cloud and thick darkness, As darkness spread on the mountains, A people numerous and mighty, Like there has not been from of old, And after it there is not again—Until the years of generation and generation.

Before it fire has consumed, And after it a flame burns, As the Garden of Eden [is] the land before it, And after it a wilderness—a desolation! And also there has not been to it an escape, As the appearance of horses [is] its appearance, And as horsemen, so they run. As the noise of chariots, they skip on the tops of the mountains, As the noise of a flame of fire devouring stubble, As a mighty people set in array for battle.

Pained are peoples from its face, All faces have gathered paleness. They run as mighty ones, As men of war they go up a wall, And they each go in his own ways, And they do not change their paths. And each does not press his brother, They each go on in his way, If they fall by the missile, they are not cut off. In the city they run to and fro, On the wall they run, Into houses they go up by the windows, They go in as a thief. At their face the earth has trembled, The heavens have shaken, Sun and moon have been black, And stars have gathered up their shining. And YHWH has given forth His voice before His force,
very great, | | For mighty [is] the doer of His word, | | For great [is] the Day of YHWH—very fearful, | | And who bears it? 12 “And also now,” a declaration of YHWH, | | “Turn back to Me with all your heart, | | And with fasting, and with weeping, | | And with lamentation.” 13 And tear your heart, and not your garments, | | And turn back to your God YHWH, | | For He [is] gracious and merciful, | | Slow to anger, and abundant in kindness, | | And relenting from evil. 14 Who knows—He turns back, | | Indeed—He has relented, | | And He has left behind Him a blessing, | | A present and drink-offering of your God YHWH? 15 Blow a horn in Zion, | | Sanctify a fast—proclaim a restraint. 16 Gather the people, sanctify an assembly, | | Assemble the aged, | | Gather infants and sucklings of the breasts, | | Let a bridegroom go out from his inner chamber, | | And a bride out of her closet. 17 Let the priests weep between the porch and the altar, servants of YHWH, | | And let them say: “Have pity, O YHWH, on Your people, | | And do not give Your inheritance to reproach, | | To the ruling over them of nations, | | Why do they say among peoples, Where [is] their God?” 18 And let YHWH be zealous for His land, | | And have pity on His people. 19 Let YHWH answer and say to His people, | | “Behold, I am sending to you the grain, | | And the new wine, and the oil, | | And you have been satisfied with it, | | And I make you no longer a reproach among nations, 20 And the northern I put far off from you,
driven him to a land dry and desolate, 21 And his face toward the Eastern Sea, 22 And his rear to the Western Sea, 23 And his stink has come up, 24 And his stench comes up, 25 For he has exerted himself to work.” 21 Do not fear, O land! Be glad and rejoice, 22 Do not fear, O livestock of the field! For pastures of a wilderness have sprung up, 23 For the tree has borne its fruit, 24 Fig tree and vine have given their strength! 23 And you sons of Zion, 24 And the floors have been full [with] pure grain, 25 “And I have repaid to you the years that the locust consumed, 26 And you have eaten, eating and being satisfied, 27 And you have known that I [am] in the midst of Israel, 28 And it has come to pass afterward, 29 And also on the menservants and
on the maidservants,  || In those days I pour out My Spirit.  30 And I have given wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood, and fire, and columns of smoke.  31 The sun is turned to darkness, and the moon to blood,  || Before the coming of the Day of YHWH,  || The great and the fearful.  32 And it has come to pass,  || Everyone who calls on the Name of YHWH is delivered,  || For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there is an escape,  || As YHWH has said,  || And among the remnants whom YHWH is calling!”

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1 “For behold, in those days, and in that time,  || When I turn back [to] the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,  2 Then I have gathered all the nations,  || And caused them to go down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat,  || And I have been in judgment with them there,  || Concerning My people and My inheritance—Israel,  || Whom they scattered among nations,  || And My land they have apportioned.  3 And for My people they cast a lot,  || And they give the young man for a harlot,  || And have sold the young woman for wine,  || That they may drink.  4 And also, what [are] you to Me, O Tyre and Sidon,  || And all circuits of Philistia? Are you rendering repayment to Me? And if you are giving repayment to Me,  || Swiftly, quickly, I return your repayment on your head.  5 In that My silver and My gold you took,  || And My desirable things that are good,  || You have brought into your temples.  6 And sons of Judah, and sons of Jerusalem,  ||
You have sold to the sons of Javan,  

To put them far off from their border.  

Behold, I am stirring them up out of the place  

To where you have sold them,  

And I have turned back your repayment on your head,  

And have sold your sons and your daughters  

Into the hand of the sons of Judah,  

And they have sold them to Sabeans,  

To a nation far off, for YHWH has spoken.”  

Proclaim this among nations,  

Sanctify a war, stir up the mighty ones,  

Come near, come up, let all the men of war.  

Beat your plowshares to swords,  

And your pruning-hooks to javelins,  

Let the weak say, “I [am] mighty.”  

Hurry, and come in, all you nations around,  

And be gathered together,  

There cause to come down, O YHWH,  

Your mighty ones.  

“Let the nations wake and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat,  

For there I sit to judge all the nations around.  

Send forth a sickle,  

For harvest has ripened,  

Come in, come down, for the press has been filled,  

Winepresses have overflowed,  

For great [is] their wickedness.”  

Multitudes, multitudes [are] in the Valley of Decision,  

For near [is] the Day of YHWH in the Valley of Decision.  

Sun and moon have been black,  

And stars have gathered up their shining.  

And YHWH roars from Zion,  

And gives forth His voice from Jerusalem,  

And the heavens and earth have shaken,  

And YHWH [is] a refuge to His people,  

And a stronghold to sons of Israel.  

“And you have known that I [am] your God YHWH,
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Dwelling in Zion, My holy mountain, And Jerusalem has been holy, And strangers do not pass over into it again.”

18 And it has come to pass in that day, The mountains drop down juice, And the hills flow [with] milk, And all streams of Judah go [with] water, And a fountain from the house of YHWH goes forth, And has watered the Valley of Shittim.

19 “Egypt becomes a desolation, And Edom becomes a desolation, a wilderness, For violence [to] sons of Judah, Whose innocent blood they shed in their land.

20 And Judah dwells for all time, And Jerusalem to generation and generation.

21 And I have declared their blood innocent, [That] I did not declare innocent, And YHWH is dwelling in Zion!”
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