

# Joel



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1The word of the Lord which came to Joel the son of Bathuel.

2Hear these words, ye elders, and hearken all ye that inhabit the land. <sup>1</sup>  
Have such things happened in your days, or in the days of your fathers? <sup>3</sup>  
Tell your children concerning them, and let your children tell their children,  
and their children another generation. <sup>4</sup> The leavings of the <sup>2</sup> caterpillar  
has the locust eaten, and the leavings of the locust has the palmerworm  
eaten, and the leavings of the palmerworm has the cankerworm eaten.

5Awake, ye drunkards, from <sup>3</sup> your wine, and weep: mourn, all ye that  
drink wine to drunkenness: for joy and gladness are removed from your  
mouth. <sup>6</sup> For a strong and innumerable nation is come up against my land,  
their teeth are lion's teeth, and their back teeth those of a lion's whelp. <sup>7</sup> He  
has ruined my vine, and utterly broken my fig-trees: he has utterly searched  
my vine, and cast it down; he has <sup>4</sup> peeled its branches.

8Lament to me more than a virgin girded with sackcloth for the <sup>5</sup> husband  
of her youth. <sup>9</sup> The meat-offering and drink-offering are removed from the  
house of the Lord: mourn, ye priests that serve at the altar of the Lord. <sup>10</sup>  
For the plains languish: let the land mourn, for the corn languishes; the wine  
is dried up, the oil becomes scarce; <sup>11</sup> the husbandmen are consumed:  
mourn your property on account of the wheat and barley; for the <sup>6</sup> harvest  
has perished from off the field. <sup>12</sup> The vine is dried up, and the fig-trees are  
become few; the pomegranate, and palm-tree, and apple, and all the trees of  
the field are dried up: for the sons of men <sup>7</sup> have abolished joy.

13Gird yourselves with sackcloth, and lament, ye priests: mourn, ye that  
serve at the altar: go in, sleep in sackcloths, ye that minister to God: for the  
meat-offering and drink-offering are withheld from the house of your God.

14Sanctify a fast, proclaim a solemn service, gather the elders and all the  
inhabitants of the land into the house of your God, and cry earnestly to the  
Lord,

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<sup>1</sup>+ 1:2 Gr. if.

<sup>2</sup>+ 1:4 It is difficult to assign the exact meaning of the Greek.

<sup>3</sup>+ 1:5 Gr. their.

<sup>4</sup>+ 1:7 Gr. whitened, Gen. 30. 37.

<sup>5</sup>+ 1:8 i. e. one who married her as a virgin.

<sup>6</sup>+ 1:11 Or, vintage.

<sup>7</sup>+ 1:12 Gr. disfigured, or, disgraced.