

The Book of Joel

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1 The LORD's¹ word came to Joel, the son of Pethuel.

2 Hear this, you elders,

and listen, all you inhabitants of the land!

Has this ever happened in your days,

or in your fathers'?

3 Tell your children about it,

and have your children tell their children,

and their children another generation.

4 What the locust has left, the great locust has eaten.

What the great locust has left, the grasshopper has eaten.

¹+ 1:1 When rendered in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS, "LORD" or "GOD" is the translation of God's Proper Name.

What the grasshopper
has left, the caterpillar
has eaten.

Wake up, you
drunkards, and weep!

Wail, all you
drinkers of wine,
because of the
sweet wine,

for it is
cut off from
your mouth.

For a nation
has come up
on my land,
and without
number.

His teeth are
the teeth of
a lion,

and he has
the fangs of
a lioness.

He has laid
my vine waste,

and stripped
my fig tree.

He has stripped
its bark, and thrown
it away.

Its branches are
made white.

8Mourn|strong = "H5921" like|strong = "H5921" a|strong = "H5921"
 virgin|strong = "H1330" dressed in|strong = "H5921"
 sackcloth|strong = "H8242"

f or|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" husband|strong = "H1167"
 of|strong = "H5921" her|strong = "H5921" youth|strong = "H5271"!

9The|strong = "H3068" meal|strong = "H4503" offering|strong = "H4503"
 and|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068" drink offering|strong = "H4503"
 are|strong = "H3068" cut|strong = "H3772" off|strong = "H3772"
 from|strong = "H3772" the|strong = "H3068" LORD's|strong = "H3068"
 house|strong = "H1004".

T he|strong = "H3068" priests|strong = "H3548", the|strong = "H3068"
 LORD's|strong = "H3068" ministers|strong = "H8334",
 mourn|strong = "H0056".

10The|strong = "H3588" field|strong = "H7704" is|strong = "H0127" laid
 waste|strong = "H7703".

T he|strong = "H3588" land|strong = "H0127" mourns|strong = "H0056",
 for|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3588" grain|strong = "H1715"
 is|strong = "H0127" destroyed|strong = "H7703",

T he|strong = "H3588" new|strong = "H8492" wine|strong = "H8492"
 has|strong = "H3588" dried|strong = "H3001" up|strong = "H3001",

a nd|strong = "H7704" the|strong = "H3588" oil|strong = "H3323"
 languishes|strong = "H0535".

11Be|strong = "H3588" confounded|strong = "H0954",
 you|strong = "H3588" farmers|strong = "H0406"!

W ail|strong = "H3213", you|strong = "H3588" vineyard keepers,

f or|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H5921" wheat|strong = "H2406"
 and|strong = "H0954" for|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H5921"
 barley|strong = "H8184";

f or|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H5921" harvest|strong = "H7105"
 of|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" field|strong = "H7704"
 has|strong = "H3588" perished|strong = "H0006".

12The **vine** has **dried** up, and the **fig** tree withered—

the **pomegranate** tree, the **palm** tree also, and the **apple** tree,

even all of the **trees** of the **field** withered;

for **joy** has withered away from the **sons** of **men**.

13Put on **sackcloth** and **mourn**, you **priests**!

Wail, you **ministers** of the **altar**.

Come, lie all night in **sackcloth**, you **ministers** of **my** **God**,

for the **meal** offering and the **drink** offering are withheld from your **God's** house.

14Sanctify a **fast**.

Call a **solemn** assembly.

²+ 1:13 The Hebrew word rendered “God” is “□□□□□□□□” (Elohim).

Gather|strong = "H0622" the|strong = "H3605" elders|strong = "H2205"
and|strong = "H3068" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
inhabitants|strong = "H3427" of|strong = "H0776" the|strong = "H3605"
land|strong = "H0776" to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3605"
house|strong = "H1004" of|strong = "H0776" the|strong = "H3605"
LORD|strong = "H3068", your|strong = "H3068" God|strong = "H0430",

a nd|strong = "H3068" cry|strong = "H2199" to|strong = "H0413"
the|strong = "H3605" LORD|strong = "H3068".

15Alas|strong = "H0162" for|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3588"
day|strong = "H3117"!

For|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3588" day|strong = "H3117"
of|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3588" LORD|strong = "H3068"
is|strong = "H3068" at|strong = "H3068" hand|strong = "H7138",

a nd|strong = "H0935" it|strong = "H3588" will|strong = "H3068"
come|strong = "H0935" as|strong = "H0935" destruction|strong = "H7701"
from|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H3588" Almighty|strong = "H7706".

16Isn't|strong = "H3808" the|strong = "H3772" food|strong = "H0400"
cut|strong = "H3772" off|strong = "H3772" before|strong = "H5048"
our|strong = "H0430" eyes|strong = "H5869",

joy|strong = "H8057" and|strong = "H0430" gladness|strong = "H8057"
from|strong = "H3772" the|strong = "H3772" house|strong = "H1004"
of|strong = "H1004" our|strong = "H0430" God|strong = "H0430"?

17The|strong = "H3588" seeds|strong = "H6507" rot
under|strong = "H8478" their|strong = "H3588" clods|strong = "H4053".

The|strong = "H3588" granaries are|strong = "H0214"
laid|strong = "H8074" desolate|strong = "H8074".

The|strong = "H3588" barns|strong = "H4460" are|strong = "H0214"
broken|strong = "H2040" down|strong = "H2040", for|strong = "H3588"
the|strong = "H3588" grain|strong = "H1715" has|strong = "H3588"
withered|strong = "H3001".

18How|strong = "H4100" the|strong = "H3588" animals|strong = "H0929"
groan|strong = "H0584"!

The herds of livestock are perplexed, because they have no pasture.

Yes, the flocks of sheep are made desolate.

19LORD, I cry to you,

for the fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness,

and the flame has burnt all the trees of the field.

20Yes, the animals of the field pant to you,

for the water brooks have dried up,

and the fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

2Blow the shofar in Zion,

and sound the alarm in my holy mountain!

L et all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
inhabitants|strong = "H3427" of|strong = "H0776" the|strong = "H3605"
land|strong = "H0776" tremble|strong = "H7264",

f or|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3605" day|strong = "H3117"
of|strong = "H0776" the|strong = "H3605" LORD|strong = "H3068"
comes|strong = "H0935",

f or|strong = "H3588" it|strong = "H3588" is|strong = "H3068"
close|strong = "H7138" at|strong = "H3427" hand|strong = "H7138":

2A|strong = "H1961" day|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H3117"
darkness|strong = "H2822" and|strong = "H3117" gloominess,

a |strong = "H1961" day|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H3117"
clouds|strong = "H6051" and|strong = "H3117" thick|strong = "H6205"
darkness|strong = "H2822".

A s|strong = "H5704" the|strong = "H5921" dawn|strong = "H7837"
spreading|strong = "H6566" on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"
mountains|strong = "H2022",

a |strong = "H1961" great|strong = "H7227" and|strong = "H3117"
strong|strong = "H6099" people|strong = "H5971";

t here|strong = "H1961" has|strong = "H1961" never|strong = "H3808"
been|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H5921" like|strong = "H3644",

n either|strong = "H3808" will|strong = "H1961" there|strong = "H1961"
be|strong = "H1961" any|strong = "H4480" more|strong = "H4480"
after|strong = "H0310" them|strong = "H5921",

e ven|strong = "H5704" to|strong = "H5704" the|strong = "H5921"
years|strong = "H8141" of|strong = "H3117" many|strong = "H7227"
generations|strong = "H1755".

3A|strong = "H1961" fire|strong = "H0784" devours|strong = "H0398"
before|strong = "H6440" them|strong = "H0310",

a nd|strong = "H0776" behind|strong = "H0310" them|strong = "H0310",
a|strong = "H1961" flame|strong = "H3852" burns|strong = "H3857".

The land is
as the
of Eden
them

and behind them
a desolate wilderness.

Yes, and no
one has
them

4Their appearance is
as the
of horses

and they run
as horsemen

5Like the noise
of chariots on
the tops of
the mountains, they
leap

1 like the noise
of a flame
of fire that
devours the stubble,

1 like a strong
people set in
battle

6At their presence
the peoples are
in anguish.

All faces have
grown pale.

7They run like
mighty men.

T hey|strong = "H0376" climb|strong = "H5927" the|strong = "H1870"
wall|strong = "H2346" like|strong = "H3808" warriors|strong = "H1368".

T hey|strong = "H0376" each|strong = "H0376" march in|strong = "H0376"
his|strong = "H0376" line|strong = "H1870", and|strong = "H0376"
they|strong = "H0376" don't|strong = "H3808" swerve off|strong = "H5927"
course|strong = "H1870".

8One|strong = "H0376" doesn't|strong = "H3808" jostle|strong = "H1766"
another|strong = "H0251".

T hey|strong = "H0376" each|strong = "H0376" march in|strong = "H0376"
their|strong = "H3808" own|strong = "H0376" path|strong = "H4546".

T hey|strong = "H0376" burst|strong = "H5307" through|strong = "H1157"
the|strong = "H3808" defences

a nd|strong = "H0376" don't|strong = "H3808" break|strong = "H1214"
ranks|strong = "H1214".

9They|strong = "H0935" rush|strong = "H8264" on|strong = "H0935"
the|strong = "H0935" city|strong = "H5892".

T hey|strong = "H0935" run|strong = "H7323" on|strong = "H0935"
the|strong = "H0935" wall|strong = "H2346".

T hey|strong = "H0935" climb|strong = "H5927" up|strong = "H5927"
into|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H0935" houses|strong = "H1004".

T hey|strong = "H0935" enter|strong = "H0935" in|strong = "H0935"
at|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H0935" windows|strong = "H2474"
like|strong = "H1004" thieves|strong = "H1590".

10The|strong = "H6440" earth|strong = "H0776" quakes|strong = "H7264"
before|strong = "H6440" them|strong = "H6440".

T he|strong = "H6440" heavens|strong = "H8064"
tremble|strong = "H7264".

T he|strong = "H6440" sun|strong = "H8121" and|strong = "H0776"
the|strong = "H6440" moon|strong = "H3394" are|strong = "H8064"
darkened,

a nd|strong = "H0776" the|strong = "H6440" stars|strong = "H3556"
withdraw|strong = "H0622" their|strong = "H6440" shining.

11The|strong = "H6440" LORD|strong = "H3068"
thunders|strong = "H5414" his|strong = "H5414" voice|strong = "H6963"
before|strong = "H6440" his|strong = "H5414" army|strong = "H4264",

f or|strong = "H3588" his|strong = "H5414" forces|strong = "H4264"
are|strong = "H3117" very|strong = "H3966" great|strong = "H1419";

f or|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H3588" is|strong = "H3068"
strong|strong = "H6099" who|strong = "H4310" obeys|strong = "H6963"
his|strong = "H5414" command|strong = "H1697";

f or|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H6440" day|strong = "H3117"
of|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H6440" LORD|strong = "H3068"
is|strong = "H3068" great|strong = "H1419" and|strong = "H3068"
very|strong = "H3966" awesome|strong = "H3372",

a nd|strong = "H3068" who|strong = "H4310" can|strong = "H4310"
endure|strong = "H3557" it|strong = "H5414"?"

12"Yet|strong = "H1571" even|strong = "H1571" now|strong = "H6258",
says|strong = "H5002" the|strong = "H3605" LORD|strong = "H3068",
"turn|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H5704" me|strong = "H7725"
with|strong = "H3068" all|strong = "H3605" your|strong = "H3068"
heart|strong = "H3824",

a nd|strong = "H3068" with|strong = "H3068" fasting|strong = "H6685",
and|strong = "H3068" with|strong = "H3068" weeping|strong = "H1065",
and|strong = "H3068" with|strong = "H3068" mourning|strong = "H4553".

13Tear|strong = "H7167" your|strong = "H3068" heart|strong = "H3824"
and|strong = "H3068" not|strong = "H0408" your|strong = "H3068"
garments|strong = "H0899",

a nd|strong = "H3068" turn|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H0413"
the|strong = "H5921" LORD|strong = "H3068", your|strong = "H3068"
God|strong = "H0430";

f or|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H1931" is|strong = "H3068"
gracious|strong = "H2587" and|strong = "H3068" merciful|strong = "H7349",

s low|strong = "H0750" to|strong = "H0413" anger|strong = "H0639",
and|strong = "H3068" abundant|strong = "H7227" in|strong = "H5921" loving
kindness|strong = "H2617",

a nd|strong = "H3068" relents|strong = "H5162" from|strong = "H7725"
sending calamity|strong = "H7451".

14Who|strong = "H4310" knows|strong = "H3045"? He|strong = "H0310"
may|strong = "H0430" turn|strong = "H7725" and|strong = "H3068"
relent|strong = "H5162",

a nd|strong = "H3068" leave|strong = "H7604" a|strong = "H3068"
blessing|strong = "H1293" behind|strong = "H0310" him|strong = "H0310",

e ven a|strong = "H3068" meal|strong = "H4503" offering|strong = "H4503"
and|strong = "H3068" a|strong = "H3068" drink offering|strong = "H4503"
to|strong = "H7725" the|strong = "H3068" LORD|strong = "H3068",
your|strong = "H3068" God|strong = "H0430".

15Blow|strong = "H8628" the|strong = "H7121" shofar in|strong = "H7782"
Zion|strong = "H6726"!

S anctify|strong = "H6942" a|strong = "H7121" fast|strong = "H6685".

C all|strong = "H7121" a|strong = "H7121" solemn|strong = "H6116"
assembly|strong = "H6116".

16Gather|strong = "H6908" the|strong = "H3318" people|strong = "H5971".

S anctify|strong = "H6942" the|strong = "H3318"
assembly|strong = "H6951".

A ssemble|strong = "H0622" the|strong = "H3318" elders|strong = "H2205".

G ather|strong = "H6908" the|strong = "H3318" children|strong = "H5768",
and|strong = "H3318" those who nurse|strong = "H3243"
from|strong = "H3318" breasts|strong = "H7699".

L et the|strong = "H3318" bridegroom go|strong = "H3318"
out|strong = "H3318" of|strong = "H2205" his|strong = "H6942"
room|strong = "H2315",

and the bride of her chamber.

17 Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD weep between and the altar,

and let them say, "Spare your people, LORD,

and don't give your heritage to reproach,

that the nations should rule over them.

Why should they say amongst the peoples,

'Where is their God?'

18 Then the LORD was jealous for his land,

and had pity on his people.

19 The LORD answered his people,

“ Behold|strong = ”H2005”,³ I|strong = ”H2005” will|strong = ”H3068”
send|strong = ”H7971” you|strong = ”H5414” grain|strong = ”H1715”,
new|strong = ”H8492” wine|strong = ”H8492”, and|strong = ”H3068”
oil|strong = ”H3323”,

a nd|strong = ”H3068” you|strong = ”H5414” will|strong = ”H3068”
be|strong = ”H5750” satisfied|strong = ”H7646” with|strong = ”H0854”
them|strong = ”H5414”;

a nd|strong = ”H3068” I|strong = ”H2005” will|strong = ”H3068”
no|strong = ”H3808” more|strong = ”H5750” make|strong = ”H5414”
you|strong = ”H5414” a|strong = ”H5414” reproach|strong = ”H2781”
amongst the|strong = ”H0853” nations|strong = ”H1471”.

20But|strong = ”H3588” I|strong = ”H3588” will|strong = ”H0776”
remove|strong = ”H7368” the|strong = ”H0853” northern|strong = ”H6830”
army|strong = ”H5927” far|strong = ”H7368” away|strong = ”H5080”
from|strong = ”H5921” you|strong = ”H3588”,

a nd|strong = ”H0776” will|strong = ”H0776” drive|strong = ”H5080”
it|strong = ”H5921” into|strong = ”H0413” a|strong = ”H3588” barren
and|strong = ”H0776” desolate|strong = ”H8077” land|strong = ”H0776”,

i ts|strong = ”H0853” front|strong = ”H6440” into|strong = ”H0413”
the|strong = ”H0853” eastern|strong = ”H6931” sea|strong = ”H3220”,

a nd|strong = ”H0776” its|strong = ”H0853” back|strong = ”H5927”
into|strong = ”H0413” the|strong = ”H0853” western|strong = ”H0314”
sea|strong = ”H3220”;

a nd|strong = ”H0776” its|strong = ”H0853” stench|strong = ”H0889”
will|strong = ”H0776” come|strong = ”H5927” up|strong = ”H5927”,

a nd|strong = ”H0776” its|strong = ”H0853” bad smell|strong = ”H6709”
will|strong = ”H0776” rise|strong = ”H5927”.”

S urely|strong = ”H3588” he|strong = ”H3588” has|strong = ”H0776”
done|strong = ”H6213” great|strong = ”H1431” things|strong = ”H1431”.

21Land|strong = ”H0127”, don’t|strong = ”H0408” be|strong = ”H0408”
afraid|strong = ”H3372”.

³ + 2:19 “Behold”, from ,”□□□□□□“ means look at, take notice, observe, see, or gaze at. It is often used as an interjection.

Be|strong="H0408" glad|strong="H8055" and|strong="H3068"
rejoice|strong="H8055", for|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588"
LORD|strong="H3068" has|strong="H3068" done|strong="H6213"
great|strong="H1431" things|strong="H1431".

22Don't|strong="H0408" be|strong="H0408" afraid|strong="H3372",
you|strong="H3588" animals|strong="H0929" of|strong="H7704"
the|strong="H3588" field|strong="H7704";

f or|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" pastures|strong="H4999"
of|strong="H7704" the|strong="H3588" wilderness|strong="H4057"
spring up|strong="H5375",

f or|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3588" tree|strong="H6086"
bears|strong="H5375" its|strong="H5414" fruit|strong="H6529".

The|strong="H3588" fig|strong="H8384" tree|strong="H6086"
and|strong="H6086" the|strong="H3588" vine|strong="H1612"
yield|strong="H5414" their|strong="H5375" strength|strong="H2428".

23"Be|strong="H1121" glad|strong="H8055" then|strong="H0853",
you|strong="H3588" children|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121"
Zion|strong="H6726",

a nd|strong="H1121" rejoice|strong="H8055" in|strong="H0430"
the|strong="H0853" LORD|strong="H3068", your|strong="H3068"
God|strong="H0430";

f or|strong="H3588" he|strong="H3588" gives|strong="H5414"
you|strong="H3588" the|strong="H0853" early rain|strong="H1653"
in|strong="H0430" just|strong="H6666" measure,

a nd|strong="H1121" he|strong="H3588" causes|strong="H5414"
the|strong="H0853" rain|strong="H1653" to|strong="H3381"
come|strong="H3381" down|strong="H3381" for|strong="H3588"
you|strong="H3588",

the|strong="H0853" early rain|strong="H1653" and|strong="H1121"
the|strong="H0853" latter|strong="H4456" rain|strong="H1653",
as|strong="H3068" before|strong="H7223".

24The threshing floors will be full of wheat,

and the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.

25I will restore to you that locust

the great locust, the grasshopper, and the caterpillar,

my great army, which I sent amongst you.

26You will have plenty and be

and will praise the LORD, your God,

who has dealt wondrously with you;

and my people will never be disappointed.

27You will know that I am amongst Israel,

a nd that I am your God there is no one else;

a nd my people will never be disappointed.

28“It will happen afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;

a nd your sons and your daughters will prophesy.

Y our old men will dream dreams.

Y our young men will see visions.

29And also on the servants and on the handmaids in those days,

I will pour out my Spirit.

30I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth:

blood, fire, and pillars of smoke.

31The sun will be turned into darkness,

a nd the moon into blood,

before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes.

32It will happen that whoever will call on the LORD’s name shall be saved;

for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be those who escape,

as the LORD has said,

and amongst the remnant, those whom the LORD calls.

3“For|strong = ”H5921”, behold|strong = ”H7200”, in|strong = ”H5921”
those|strong = ”H3605” days,

a nd|strong = ”H1121” in|strong = ”H5921” that|strong = ”H3605”
time|strong = ”H1961”,

w hen|strong = ”H1961” I|strong = ”H3651” restore the|strong = ”H3605”
fortunes of|strong = ”H1121” Judah and|strong = ”H1121” Jerusalem,

2I|strong = ”H3117” will|strong = ”H1571” gather all|strong = ”H3117”
nations,

a nd|strong = ”H3117” will|strong = ”H1571” bring them|strong = ”H1992”
down|strong = ”H5921” into|strong = ”H5921” the|strong = ”H0853” valley
of|strong = ”H3117” Jehoshaphat;

a nd|strong = ”H3117” I|strong = ”H3117” will|strong = ”H1571” execute
judgement on|strong = ”H5921” them|strong = ”H1992”
there|strong = ”H1992” for|strong = ”H5921” my|strong = ”H5921” people,

a nd|strong = ”H3117” for|strong = ”H5921” my|strong = ”H5921” heritage,
Israel, whom they|strong = ”H1992” have|strong = ”H1571” scattered
amongst the|strong = ”H0853” nations.

T hey|strong = ”H1992” have|strong = ”H1571” divided
my|strong = ”H5921” land,

3and|strong = ”H0776” have|strong = ”H0776” cast|strong = ”H5414” lots
for|strong = ”H0776” my|strong = ”H5414” people|strong = ”H1818”,

a nd|strong = ”H0776” have|strong = ”H0776” given|strong = ”H5414”
a|strong = ”H5414” boy for|strong = ”H0776” a|strong = ”H5414” prostitute,

a nd|strong = ”H0776” sold a|strong = ”H5414” girl for|strong = ”H0776”
wine, that|strong = ”H0784” they|strong = ”H0776” may|strong = ”H0776”
drink.

4“Yes, and|strong = ”H0935” what|strong = ”H3372” are|strong = ”H3117”
you|strong = ”H6440” to|strong = ”H0935” me|strong = ”H6440”, Tyre
and|strong = ”H0935” Sidon,

a nd|strong = "H0935" all|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H6440" regions
of|strong = "H3068" Philistia?

W ill|strong = "H3068" you|strong = "H6440" repay me|strong = "H6440"?

A nd|strong = "H0935" if you|strong = "H6440" repay me|strong = "H6440",

I |strong = "H3117" will|strong = "H3068" swiftly and|strong = "H0935"
speedily return|strong = "H0935" your|strong = "H3068" repayment
on|strong = "H3117" your|strong = "H3068" own|strong = "H6440"
head|strong = "H6440".

5Because|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H0834" have|strong = "H1961"
taken|strong = "H1961" my|strong = "H3605" silver and|strong = "H3068"
my|strong = "H3605" gold,

a nd|strong = "H3068" have|strong = "H1961" carried my|strong = "H3605"
finest treasures into|strong = "H1961" your|strong = "H3068" temples,

6and have sold the children of Judah and the children of Jerusalem to the
sons of the Greeks,

t hat you may remove them far from their border.

7Behold, I will stir them up out of the place where you have sold them,

a nd will return your repayment on your own head;

8and I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hands of the children
of Judah,

a nd they will sell them to the men of Sheba,

t o a faraway nation,

f or the LORD has spoken it."

9Proclaim this amongst the nations:

“ Prepare for war!

Stir up the mighty men.

Let all the warriors draw near.

Let them come up. ¹⁰ Beat your ploughshares into swords,

and your pruning hooks into spears.

Let the weak say, 'I am strong.'

¹¹Hurry and come, all you surrounding nations,

and gather yourselves together."

Cause your mighty ones to come down there, LORD.

¹²"Let the nations arouse themselves,

and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat;

for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations.

¹³Put in the sickle;

for the harvest is ripe.

Come, tread, for the wine press is full,

the vats overflow, for their wickedness is great."

¹⁴Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision!

For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

¹⁵The sun and the moon are darkened,

and the stars withdraw their shining.

¹⁶The LORD will roar from Zion,

a nd thunder from Jerusalem;
a nd the heavens and the earth will shake;
b ut the LORD will be a refuge to his people,
a nd a stronghold to the children of Israel.
17“So you will know that I am the LORD, your God,
d welling in Zion, my holy mountain.
T hen Jerusalem will be holy,
a nd no strangers will pass through her any more.
18It will happen in that day,
t hat the mountains will drop down sweet wine,
t he hills will flow with milk,
a ll the brooks of Judah will flow with waters;
a nd a fountain will flow out from the LORD’s house,
a nd will water the valley of Shittim.
19Egypt will be a desolation
a nd Edom will be a desolate wilderness,
f or the violence done to the children of Judah,
b ecause they have shed innocent blood in their land.
20But Judah will be inhabited forever,
a nd Jerusalem from generation to generation.

21I will cleanse their blood
that I have not cleansed,
for the LORD dwells in Zion.”