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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. ¹
Have such things happened in your days, or in the days of your fathers? ³
Tell your children concerning them, and let your children tell their children,
and their children another generation. ⁴ The leavings of the ² 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 ³ your wine, and weep: mourn, all ye that
drink wine to drunkenness: for joy and gladness are removed from your
mouth. ⁶ 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. ⁷ He
has ruined my vine, and utterly broken my fig-trees: he has utterly searched
my vine, and cast it down; he has ⁴ peeled its branches.

8Lament to me more than a virgin girded with sackcloth for the ⁵ husband
of her youth. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰
For the plains languish: let the land mourn, for the corn languishes; the wine
is dried up, the oil becomes scarce; ¹¹ the husbandmen are consumed:
mourn your property on account of the wheat and barley; for the ⁶ harvest
has perished from off the field. ¹² 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 ⁷ 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,

¹+ 1:2 Gr. if.

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

³+ 1:5 Gr. their.

⁴+ 1:7 Gr. whitened, Gen. 30. 37.

⁵+ 1:8 i. e. one who married her as a virgin.

⁶+ 1:11 Or, vintage.

⁷+ 1:12 Gr. disfigured, or, disgraced.