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

2Hear this, you elders,

and listen, all you inhabitants of the land!

Has this ever happened in your days,

or in your fathers'?

3Tell your children about it,

and have your children tell their children,

and their children another generation.

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

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

¹+ 1:1 "Yahweh" is God's proper Name, sometimes rendered "LORD" (all caps) in other translations.

What the grasshopper has left, the caterpillar has eaten.

Wake up, you drunkards, and weep!

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

for it is cut off from your mouth.

For a nation has come upon 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.

8 Mourn|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"!

9 The|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" Yahweh's|strong = "H3068" house|strong = "H1004".

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

10 The|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".

11 Be|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" Yahweh|strong = "H3068",
your|strong = "H3068" God|strong = "H0430",

a nd|strong = "H3068" cry|strong = "H2199" to|strong = "H0413"
Yahweh|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" Yahweh|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.

19Yahweh, I cry to you,

for the fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness,

and the flame has burned 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 trumpet 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" Yahweh|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 garden
of Eden before
them,

and behind them,
a desolate wilderness.

Yes, and no
one has escaped
them.

4Their appearance is
as the appearance
of horses,

and they run
as horsemen.

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

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

like a strong
people set in
battle
array.

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" defenses|strong = "H7973"

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.

11 Yahweh|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" Yahweh|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" Yahweh|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".

13 Tear|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"
Yahweh|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" Yahweh|strong = "H3068", your|strong = "H3068"
God|strong = "H0430".

15Blow|strong = "H8628" the|strong = "H7121" trumpet|strong = "H7782"
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
out of her
chamber.

17Let the priests,
the ministers of
Yahweh, weep
between the
porch and
the altar,

and let them
say, “Spare
your
people,”

and don’t give
your heritage to
reproach,

that the nations
should rule over
them.

Why should they
say among the
peoples,

‘Where is
God?’”

18Then Yahweh was
jealous for his
land,

and had pity
on his people.

19Yahweh 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”
among|strong = ”H0854” 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" Yahweh|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".

T he|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"
Yahweh|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",

t he|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|strong="H4390" threshing|strong="H1637"
floors|strong="H1637" will|strong="H3342" be full|strong="H4390"
of|strong="H4390" wheat|strong="H1250",

and the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.

25I will restore to you the years that the locust has eaten,

the great locust, the grasshopper, and the caterpillar,

my great army, which I sent among you.

26You will have plenty and be satisfied,

and will praise the name of Yahweh, your God,

who has dealt wondrously with you;

and my people will never be disappointed.

27You will know that I am among Israel,

and that I am Yahweh, your God, and there is no one else;

a nd|strong = "H3068" my|strong = "H3068" people|strong = "H5971"
will|strong = "H3068" never|strong = "H3808" again|strong = "H5750"
be|strong = "H5750" disappointed|strong = "H0954".

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:

b lood, fire, and pillars of smoke.

31The sun will be turned into darkness,

a nd the moon into blood,

b efore the great and terrible day of Yahweh comes.

32It will happen that whoever will call on Yahweh's name shall be saved;

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

a s Yahweh has said,

a nd among the remnant, those whom Yahweh 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",

when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem,

I will gather all nations,

and I will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat;

and I will execute judgment on them there for my people,

and for my heritage, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations.

They have divided my land,

and have cast lots for my people,

and have given a boy for a prostitute,

and sold a girl for wine, that they may drink.

4“Yes, and what are you to me, Tyre and Sidon,

and all the regions of Philistia?

Will you repay me?”

And if you repay me,”

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 Yahweh has spoken it."

9Proclaim this among the nations:

“ Prepare for war!

S tir up the mighty men.

L et all the warriors draw near.

L et them come up. ¹⁰ Beat your plowshares into swords,

a nd 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, Yahweh.

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 Yahweh is near in the valley of decision.

15The sun and the moon are darkened,

and the stars withdraw their shining.

16Yahweh will roar from Zion,

and thunder from Jerusalem;

and the heavens and the earth will shake;

but Yahweh will be a refuge to his people,

and a stronghold to the children of Israel.

17“So you will know that I am Yahweh, 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 Yahweh’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

t hat I have not cleansed,

f or Yahweh dwells in Zion.”