

# The Book of Joel



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1Yahweh's<sup>1</sup> word  
that 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  
days of your  
fathers'?

3Tell your children  
about it,

and have your  
children tell their  
children,

and their children,  
another generation.

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

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

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<sup>1</sup>+ 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 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.

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|strong = "H3605" vine|strong = "H1612" has|strong = "H1571"  
dried|strong = "H3001" up|strong = "H3001", and|strong = "H1121"  
the|strong = "H3605" fig|strong = "H8384" tree|strong = "H6086"  
withered|strong = "H3001"—

t he|strong = "H3605" pomegranate|strong = "H7416"  
tree|strong = "H6086", the|strong = "H3605" palm|strong = "H8558"  
tree|strong = "H6086" also|strong = "H1571", and|strong = "H1121"  
the|strong = "H3605" apple|strong = "H8598" tree|strong = "H6086",

e ven|strong = "H1571" all|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H1121"  
the|strong = "H3605" trees|strong = "H6086" of|strong = "H1121"  
the|strong = "H3605" field|strong = "H7704" are|strong = "H1121"  
withered|strong = "H3001";

f or|strong = "H3588" joy|strong = "H8342" has|strong = "H1571"  
withered|strong = "H3001" away|strong = "H4480" from|strong = "H4480"  
the|strong = "H3605" sons|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121"  
men|strong = "H0120".

13Put|strong = "H0935" on|strong = "H0935" sackcloth|strong = "H8242"  
and|strong = "H0935" mourn|strong = "H5594", you|strong = "H3588"  
priests|strong = "H3548"!

W ail|strong = "H3213", you|strong = "H3588" ministers|strong = "H8334"  
of|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H3588" altar|strong = "H4196".

C ome|strong = "H0935", lie all night in|strong = "H0935"  
sackcloth|strong = "H8242", you|strong = "H3588"  
ministers|strong = "H8334" of|strong = "H1004" my|strong = "H0935"  
God|strong = "H0430", <sup>2</sup>

f or|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3588" meal|strong = "H4503"  
offering|strong = "H4503" and|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H3588" drink  
offering|strong = "H4503" are|strong = "H0430" withheld|strong = "H4513"  
from|strong = "H0935" your|strong = "H0935" God's|strong = "H0430"  
house|strong = "H1004".

14Sanctify|strong = "H6942" a|strong = "H7121" fast|strong = "H6685".

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

<sup>2</sup>+ 1:13 The Hebrew word rendered "God" is "Elohim".



**G**ather|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"!

**F**or|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",

**j**oy|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".

**T**he|strong = "H3588" granaries are|strong = "H0214"  
laid|strong = "H8074" desolate|strong = "H8074".

**T**he|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.

Their appearance is  
as the appearance  
of horses,

and they run  
as horsemen.

Like 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.

At their presence  
the peoples are  
in anguish.

All faces have  
grown pale.

They 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," Yahweh,

and don't give  
your heritage to  
reproach,

that the nations  
should rule over  
them.

Why should they  
say among the  
peoples,

'Where is their  
God?'

18Then Yahweh was  
jealous for his  
land,

and had pity  
on his people.

19Yahweh answered  
his people,



“ Behold|strong = ”H2005”,<sup>3</sup> 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”.

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

**B**e|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

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. <sup>10</sup> 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.