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# Joel

**1** <sup>1</sup> The word of Yahweh that was to Joel, the son of Pethuel.

**2** Hear this, you elders,  
and listen, all of the dwellers  
of the land!

Has this been in your days  
or in the days of your  
fathers?

**3** Recount about it to your sons,  
and your sons to their sons,  
and their sons to the  
generation after.

**4** The residue of the cutting  
locust, the swarming locust has  
eaten,

and the residue of the  
swarming locust, the  
hopping locust has eaten,  
and the residue of the  
hopping locust, the  
destroying locust has eaten.

**5** Wake up, drunkards, and  
weep!

And wail, all of the drinkers  
of wine,  
upon the sweet wine, for it  
has been cut off from your  
mouth.

**6** For a nation has come up  
against my land,  
strong and without number.  
Its teeth **are** the teeth of a lion,  
and the fangs of a lioness **are**  
to it.

**7** It has made my vine into a  
waste

and my fig tree into  
splinters.

Stripping, it has stripped it and  
thrown **it** away;  
its branches have become  
white.

**8** Mourn like a virgin dressed in  
sackcloth for the husband of  
her youth.

**9** The grain offering and the  
drink offering have been cut off  
from the house of Yahweh.

The priests mourn, the  
servants of Yahweh.

**10** The field has been  
destroyed;

the ground mourns, for the  
grain has been destroyed;

the new wine dries up,  
the oil is made weak.

**11** Feel shame, farmers;  
wail, vinedressers,  
for the wheat and for the  
barley,

for the harvest of the field  
has perished.

**12** The vine has dried up and  
the fig tree has been made  
weak.

The pomegranate tree, also the  
palm tree and the apple tree,  
all of the trees of the field  
have dried up.

So joy has dried up from the  
sons of man.

**13** Dress and lament, you  
priests!

Wail, you servants of the  
altar.

Come, lodge in sackcloth,  
servants of my God,

for the grain offering and the  
drink offering have been  
withheld from the house of  
your God.

**14** Consecrate a fast,  
call an assembly.

Gather the elders **and** all of the  
dwellers of the land

**to** the house of Yahweh your  
God,  
and cry out to Yahweh.

**15** Alas for the day!

For the day of Yahweh **is**  
near,  
and as destruction from  
Shaddai it will come.

**16** Has not food been cut off  
before our eyes,  
joy and gladness from the  
house of our God?

**17** The seeds shrivel under  
their clods.  
The storehouses are desolate,  
the granaries have been  
broken down,  
for the grain has dried up.

**18** How the beast groans!  
The herds of cattle are  
perplexed,  
for no pasture **is** to them.  
Also the flocks of sheep are  
punished.

**19** To you, Yahweh, I cry,  
for fire has devoured the  
pastures of the wilderness,  
and the flame has burned all  
of the trees of the field.

**20** Even the beasts of the field  
pant for you,  
for the streams of water  
have dried up,  
and fire has devoured the  
pastures of the wilderness.

**2** <sup>1</sup> Blow the shofar in Zion,  
and shout on the mountain  
of my holiness!

Let all of the dwellers of the  
land tremble,  
for the day of Yahweh is  
coming,  
for **it is** near,

**2** a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick  
darkness.

Like the dawn being spread  
upon the mountains,  
a great and mighty people.

Like it there has not been from  
antiquity,  
and after it there will not be  
again  
to years of generation and  
generation.

**3** A fire is devouring to its face,  
and behind it a flame is  
burning.

To its face the land is like the  
garden of Eden,  
but behind it **is** a wilderness  
of desolation,  
and indeed, **there** is no  
escape from it.

**4** Like the appearance of  
horses **is** its appearance,  
and like steeds, thus they  
run.

**5** Like the sound of chariots,  
they leap on the tops of the  
hills;  
like the sound of a flame of  
fire devouring stubble,  
like a mighty people arrayed  
**for** war.

**6** From its face peoples writhe;  
all of **their** faces gather  
beauty.

**7** They run like warriors;  
like men of war, they climb  
the wall.

And they walk, a man in his  
ways,

and they do not pledge their  
paths.

**8** And a man does not crowd his  
brother;

they walk, a man in his road.

Among the weapons they fall,  
and they do not break off.

**9** Upon the city they rush;  
on the wall they run;  
into the houses they climb;  
through the windows they  
enter like thieves.

**10** The earth shakes to their face,  
the heavens tremble,  
the sun and the moon become dark,  
and the stars withdraw their brightness.

**11** Yahweh utters his voice to the face of his army,  
for very great **is** his camp,  
for mighty **is** the doer of his word.

For the day of Yahweh is great and very fearful,  
and who will endure it?

**12** "Yet even now," the declaration of Yahweh,  
"return to me with all of your heart,  
and with fasting and with weeping and with mourning."

**13** And tear your heart and not your garments,  
and return to Yahweh your God.

For he **is** gracious and merciful,  
long of nostrils and great of kindness,  
and relenting from harm.

**14** Who knows? He may turn and relent  
and leave a blessing after him,  
a grain offering and a drink offering for Yahweh your God.

**15** Blow the shofar in Zion,  
consecrate a fast,  
call an assembly.

**16** Gather the people,  
consecrate the congregation,  
assemble the elders,  
gather the children  
and the ones sucking the breasts.

May the bridegroom come out from his chamber  
and the bride from her room.

**17** Let the priests, the servants of Yahweh,  
weep between the porch and the altar.

And let them say, "Have pity upon your people, Yahweh,  
and do not give your inheritance to reproach,  
for the nations to rule over them.

Why should they say among the peoples,  
'Where **is** their God?'"

**18** Then Yahweh was jealous for his land,  
and he had pity on his people.

**19** And Yahweh answered and said to his people,  
"Behold me, sending to you grain and new wine and oil,  
and you will have enough with it,  
and I will no longer make you a reproach among the nations.

**20** And I will distance the northerner from upon you,  
and I will banish him into a land of dryness and desolation,  
his face into the eastern sea  
and his back into the western sea.

And his stench will rise,  
and his odor will rise,  
for he has been great in doing."

**21** Do not fear, land! Be glad and rejoice,  
for Yahweh has been great in doing.

**22** Do not fear, beasts of the field,  
for the pastures of the wilderness have sprouted,

for the tree has borne its fruit,  
 the fig tree and the vine  
 have yielded their strength.

**23** And be glad, sons of Zion,  
 and rejoice in Yahweh your  
 God,  
 for he has given to you the  
 early rain for vindication  
 and has brought down the  
 shower to you,  
 the early rain and the late  
 rain in the first.

**24** And the threshing floors will  
 be full of grain,  
 and the vats will overflow  
 with new wine and oil.

**25** “And I will restore to you the  
 years that the swarming locust,  
 the hopping locust  
 and the destroying locust  
 and the cutting locust have  
 eaten—  
 my great army that I sent  
 among you.

**26** And eating, you will eat and  
 be full,  
 and you will praise the name  
 of Yahweh your God,  
 who has done with you working  
 wondrously,  
 and forever my people will  
 not feel shame.

**27** And you will know that I **am**  
 in the midst of Israel,  
 that I **am** Yahweh your God  
 and there is no other,  
 and forever my people will not  
 feel shame.

**28** And it will happen after this,  
 I will pour out my Spirit on all  
 flesh,  
 and your sons and your  
 daughters will prophesy,  
 your old men will dream  
 dreams,  
 your young men will see  
 visions.

**29** And even on male servants  
 and on female servants,  
 in those days I will pour out  
 my Spirit.

**30** And I will give wonders in  
 the heavens and on the earth,  
 blood and fire and pillars of  
 smoke.

**31** The sun will be turned into  
 darkness  
 and the moon into blood,  
 to the face of the coming of the  
 great and terrible day of  
 Yahweh.

**32** And it will be, everyone who  
 calls on the name of Yahweh  
 will be saved.  
 For on Mount Zion and in  
 Jerusalem there will be escape,  
 just as Yahweh has said,  
 and among the survivors  
 whom Yahweh **is** calling.

**3** <sup>1</sup> For behold, in those days  
 and at that time,  
 when I return the captivity  
 of Judah and Jerusalem,  
<sup>2</sup> then I will gather all of the  
 nations,  
 and I will bring them down  
 to the Valley of Jehoshaphat,  
 and I will judge them there  
 because of my people and  
 my inheritance, Israel,  
 whom they scattered among the  
 nations,  
 and they divided up my land.

<sup>3</sup> And they cast the lot for my  
 people,  
 and they traded a boy for a  
 prostitute,  
 and they sold a girl for wine,  
 and drank.

<sup>4</sup> And indeed, what **are** you to  
 me,  
 Tyre, Sidon, and all of the  
 regions of Philistia?

Are you repaying a recompense to me?  
 And if you are recompensing me,  
     swiftly, speedily I will return  
     your recompense upon your head,  
**5** because you took my silver  
 and my gold,  
     and you brought my precious  
     treasures into your temples.  
**6** And you sold the sons of  
 Judah and the sons of Jerusalem  
 to the sons of Javan,  
     in order to remove them far  
     from their territory.  
**7** Behold me rousing them from  
 the place where you sold them  
 there,  
     and I will return your  
     recompense onto your head.  
**8** For I will sell your sons and  
 your daughters  
     into the hand of the sons of  
     Judah,  
 and they will sell them to the  
 Sabeans,  
     to a faraway nation.”  
 For Yahweh has spoken.  
**9** Proclaim this among the  
 nations:  
 “Consecrate a war!  
     Rouse the warriors!  
 May they approach:  
     may all of the men of war  
     come up.  
**10** Beat your plowshares into  
 swords  
     and your pruning hooks into  
     spears.  
 Let the weak say,  
     ‘I **am** strong.’  
**11** Hurry and come,  
     all of you surrounding  
     nations,  
     and gather yourselves  
     there.”

Yahweh, bring down your  
 warriors!  
**12** “Let the nations rouse  
 themselves  
     and come up to the Valley of  
     Jehoshaphat,  
 for there will I sit to judge  
     all of the surrounding  
     nations.  
**13** Stretch out the sickle,  
     for the harvest has ripened.  
 Come, go down,  
     for the winepress is full.  
 The vats overflow,  
     for their wickedness is  
     great.”  
**14** Multitudes, multitudes in  
 the valley of decision,  
     for the day of Yahweh **is** near  
     in the valley of decision!  
**15** The sun and the moon  
 become dark,  
     and the stars withdraw their  
     brightness.  
**16** Yahweh will roar from Zion,  
     and from Jerusalem he will  
     utter his voice,  
     and the heavens and the  
     earth will shake.  
 But Yahweh **will be** a shelter for  
 his people  
     and a stronghold for the  
     sons of Israel.  
**17** “Then you will know that I  
**am** Yahweh your God  
     living in Zion, the mountain  
     of my holiness.  
 And Jerusalem will be holy,  
     and strangers will not pass  
     through it again.  
**18** And it will be on that day,  
     the mountains will drip  
     sweet wine,  
 and the hills will flow **with** milk,  
     and all of the brooks of  
     Judah will flow **with** water,

and a spring will go forth from  
the house of Yahweh

and water the Valley of  
Shittim.

**19** Egypt will become  
desolation,

and Edom will become a  
desolate wilderness  
for the violence of the sons of  
Judah,

that they shed innocent  
blood in their land.

**20** But Judah will dwell forever,  
and Jerusalem to generation  
and generation.

**21** And I will acquit their blood  
**that** I have not acquitted,  
for Yahweh **is** dwelling in  
Zion.”