

# Prophecy of Joel

## Chapter 1

The word of the Lord, that came to Joel, the son of Phathuel.

**2** Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land: did this ever happen in your days, or in the days of your fathers?

**3** Tell ye of this to your children, and let your children tell their children, and their children to another generation.

**4** That which the palmerworm hath left, the locust hath eaten: and that which the locust hath left, the bruchus hath eaten: and that which the bruchus hath left, the mildew hath destroyed.

**5** Awake, ye that are drunk, and weep, and mourn all ye that take delight; in drinking sweet wine: for it is cut off from your mouth.

**6** For a nation come up upon my land, strong, and without number: his teeth are like the teeth of a lion: and his cheek teeth as of a lion's whelp.

**7** He hath laid my vineyard waste, and hath pilled off the bark of my fig tree: he hath stripped it bare, and cast it away; the branches thereof are made white.

**8** Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth.

**9** Sacrifice and libation is cut off from the house of the Lord: the priests, the Lord's ministers, have mourned:

**10** The country is destroyed, the ground hath

mourned: for the corn is wasted, the wine is confounded, the oil hath languished.

**11** The husbandmen are ashamed, the vine-dressers have howled for the wheat, and for the barley, because the harvest of the field is perished.

**12** The vineyard is confounded, and the fig tree hath languished: the pomegranate tree, and the palm tree, and the apple tree, and all the trees of the field are withered: because joy is withdrawn from the children of men.

**13** Gird yourselves, and lament, O ye priests, howl, ye ministers of the altars: go in, lie in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God: because sacrifice and libation is cut off from the house of your God.

**14** Sanctify ye a fast, call an assembly, gather together the ancients, all the inhabitants of the land into the house of your God: and cry ye to the Lord:

**15** Ah, ah, ah, for the day: because the day of the Lord is at hand, and it shall come like destruction from the mighty.

**17** The beasts have rotted in their dung, the barns are destroyed, the storehouses are broken down: because the corn is confounded.

**18** Why did the beasts groan, why did the herds of cattle low? because there is no pasture for them: yea, and the flocks of sheep are perished.

**19** To thee, O Lord, will I cry: because fire

hath devoured the beautiful places of the wilderness: and the flame hath burnt all the trees of the country.

**20** Yea, and the beasts of the field have looked up to thee, as a garden bed that thirsteth after rain, for the springs of waters are dried up, and fire hath devoured the beautiful places of the wilderness.

## Chapter 2

Blow ye the trumpet in Sion, sound an alarm in my holy mountain, let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: because the day of the Lord cometh, because it is nigh at hand.

**2** A day of darkness, and of gloominess, a day of clouds and whirlwinds: a numerous and strong people as the morning spread upon the mountains: the like to it hath not been from the beginning, nor shall be after it, even to the years of generation and generation.

**3** Before the face thereof a devouring fire, and behind it a burning flame: the land is like a garden of pleasure before it, and behind it a desolate wilderness, neither is there any one that can escape it.

**4** The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses, and they shall run like horsemen.

**5** They shall leap like the noise of chariots upon the tops of mountains, like the noise of a flame of fire devouring the stubble, as a strong people prepared to battle.

**6** At their presence the people shall be in grievous pains: all faces shall be made like a kettle.

**7** They shall run like valiant men: like men of war they shall scale the wall: the men shall march every one on his way, and they shall not turn aside from their ranks.

**8** No one shall press upon his brother: they shall walk every one in his path: yea, and they shall fall through the windows, and shall take no harm.

**9** They shall enter into the city: they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up the houses, they shall come in at the windows, as a thief.

**10** At their presence the earth hath trembled, the heavens are moved: the sun and moon are darkened, and the stars have withdrawn their shining.

**11** And the Lord hath uttered his voice before the face of his army: for his armies are exceedingly great, for they are strong, and execute his word: for the day of the Lord is great and very terrible: and who can stand it?

**12** Now, therefore, saith the Lord. Be converted to me with all your heart, in fasting, and in weeping, and mourning.

**13** And rend your hearts, and not your garments and turn to the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, patient and rich in mercy, and ready to repent of the evil.

**14** Who knoweth but he will return, and forgive, and leave a blessing behind him, sacrifice and libation to the Lord your God?

**15** Blow the trumpet in Sion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly,

**16** Gather together the people, sanctify the church, assemble the ancients, gather together the little ones, and them that suck at the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth from his bed, and the bride out of her bridal chamber.

**17** Between the porch and the altar the priests, the Lord's ministers, shall weep, and shall say: Spare, O Lord, spare thy people: and give not thy inheritane to reproach, that the heathens should rule over them. Why should they say among the nations: Where is their God?

**18** The Lord hath been zealous for his land,

and hath spared his people.

**20** And I will remove far off from you the northern enemy: and I will drive him into a land unpassable, and desert, with his face towards the east sea, and his hinder part towards the utmost sea: and his stench shall ascend, and his rottenness shall go up, because he hath done proudly.

**21** Fear not, O land, be glad, and rejoice: for the Lord hath done great things.

**22** Fear not, ye beasts of the fields: for the beautiful places of the wilderness are sprung, for the tree hath brought forth its fruit, the fig tree, and the vine have yielded their strength.

**23** And you, O children of Sion, rejoice, and be joyful in the Lord your God: because he hath given you a teacher of justice, and he will make the early and the latter rain to come down to you as in the beginning.

**24** And the floors shall be filled with wheat, and the presses shall overflow with wine, and oil.

**25** And I will restore to you the years which the locust, and the bruchus, and the mildew, and the palmerworm hath eaten; my great host which I sent upon you.

**26** And you shall eat in plenty, and shall be filled and you shall praise the name of the Lord your God; who hath done wonders with you, and my people shall not be confounded for ever.

**27** And you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: and I am the Lord your God, and there is none besides: and my people shall not be confounded forever.

**28** And it shall come to pass after this, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy: your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

**29** Moreover, upon my servants and handmaids in those days I will pour forth my spirit.

**30** And I will shew wonders in heaven; and in earth, blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke.

**31** The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood: before the great and dreadful day of the Lord doth come.

**32** And it shall come to pass, that every one that shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved: for in Mount Sion, and in Jerusalem shall be salvation, as the Lord hath said, and in the residue whom the Lord shall call.

### Chapter 3

For behold in those days, and in that time when I shall bring back the captivity of Juda, and Jerusalem:

**2** I will gather together all nations and will bring them down into the valley of Josaphat: and I will plead with them there for my people, and for my inheritance, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and have parted my land.

**3** And they have cast lots upon my people: and the boy they have put in the stews, and the girl they have sold for wine, that they might drink.

**4** But what have you to do with me, O Tyre, and Sidon, and all the coast of the Philistines? will you revenge yourselves on me? and if you revenge yourselves on me, I will very soon return you a recompense upon your own head.

**5** For you have taken away my silver, and my gold: and my desirable, and most beautiful things you have carried into your temples.

**6** And the children of Juda, and the children of Jerusalem, you have sold to the children of the Greeks, that you might remove them far off from their own country.

**7** Behold, I will raise them up out of the place