

# Joel

<sup>1</sup> A word of YHWH that has been to Joel, son of Pethuel: <sup>2</sup> Hear this, you aged ones, || And give ear, all you inhabitants of the land, || Has this been in your days? Or in the days of your fathers? <sup>3</sup> Concerning it talk to your sons, || And your sons to their sons, || And their sons to another generation. <sup>4</sup> What is left of the palmerworm, the locust has eaten, || And what is left of the locust, || The cankerworm has eaten, || And what is left of the cankerworm, || The caterpillar has eaten. <sup>5</sup> Awake, you drunkards, and weep, || And howl all drinking wine, because of the juice, || For it has been cut off from your mouth. <sup>6</sup> For a nation has come up on My land, || Strong, and there is no number, || Its teeth [are] the teeth of a lion, || And it has the jaw-teeth of a lioness. <sup>7</sup> It has made My vine become a desolation, || And My fig tree become a splinter, || It has made it thoroughly bare, and has cast down, || Its branches have been made white. <sup>8</sup> Wail, as a virgin girds with sackcloth, || For the husband of her youth. <sup>9</sup> Present and drink-offering have been cut off from the house of YHWH, || The priests have mourned, servants of YHWH. <sup>10</sup> The field is spoiled, || The ground has mourned, || For the grain is spoiled, || New wine has been dried up, oil languishes. <sup>11</sup> Be ashamed, you farmers, || Howl, vinedressers,

for wheat and for barley, || For the harvest of the field has perished. <sup>12</sup> The vine has been dried up, || And the fig tree languishes, || Pomegranate, also palm, and apple-tree, || All trees of the field have withered, || For joy has been dried up from the sons of men. <sup>13</sup> Gird, and lament, you priests, || Howl, you servants of the altar, || Come in, lodge in sackcloth, servants of my God, || For present and drink-offering have been withheld from the house of your God. <sup>14</sup> Sanctify a fast, proclaim a restraint, || Gather [the] elderly [and] all those inhabiting the land, || [Into the] house of your God YHWH, <sup>15</sup> And cry to YHWH, “Aah! For the day! For [the] Day of YHWH [is] near, || And it comes as destruction from [the] Almighty. <sup>16</sup> Is food not cut off before our eyes? Joy and rejoicing from the house of our God? <sup>17</sup> Scattered things have rotted under their clods, || Storehouses have been desolated, || Granaries have been broken down, || For the grain has withered. <sup>18</sup> How livestock have sighed! Perplexed have been droves of oxen, || For there is no pasture for them, || Also droves of sheep have been desolated. <sup>19</sup> To You, O YHWH, I call, || For fire has consumed lovely places of a wilderness, || And a flame has set on fire all trees of the field. <sup>20</sup> Also the livestock of the field long for You, || For dried up have been streams of water, || And fire has consumed lovely places of a wilderness!”

## 2

<sup>1</sup> Blow a horn in Zion, || And shout in My holy

hill, || All inhabitants of the earth tremble, ||  
For the Day of YHWH is coming, for [it is] near!  
2 A day of darkness and thick darkness, || A  
day of cloud and thick darkness, || As darkness  
spread on the mountains, || A people numerous  
and mighty, || Like there has not been from of  
old, || And after it there is not again—Until the  
years of generation and generation. 3 Before it  
fire has consumed, || And after it a flame burns,  
|| As the Garden of Eden [is] the land before  
it, || And after it a wilderness—a desolation!  
And also there has not been to it an escape, 4 As  
the appearance of horses [is] its appearance, ||  
And as horsemen, so they run. 5 As the noise of  
chariots, they skip on the tops of the mountains,  
|| As the noise of a flame of fire devouring  
stubble, || As a mighty people set in array for  
battle. 6 Pained are peoples from its face, ||  
All faces have gathered paleness. 7 They run  
as mighty ones, || As men of war they go up  
a wall, || And they each go in his own ways,  
|| And they do not change their paths. 8 And  
each does not press his brother, || They each  
go on in his way, || If they fall by the missile,  
they are not cut off. 9 In the city they run to  
and fro, || On the wall they run, || Into houses  
they go up by the windows, || They go in as a  
thief. 10 At their face the earth has trembled,  
|| The heavens have shaken, || Sun and moon  
have been black, || And stars have gathered  
up their shining. 11 And YHWH has given forth  
His voice before His force, || For His camp [is]

very great, || For mighty [is] the doer of His word, || For great [is] the Day of YHWH—very fearful, || And who bears it? <sup>12</sup> “And also now,” a declaration of YHWH, || “Turn back to Me with all your heart, || And with fasting, and with weeping, || And with lamentation.” <sup>13</sup> And tear your heart, and not your garments, || And turn back to your God YHWH, || For He [is] gracious and merciful, || Slow to anger, and abundant in kindness, || And relenting from evil. <sup>14</sup> Who knows—He turns back, || Indeed—He has relented, || And He has left behind Him a blessing, || A present and drink-offering of your God YHWH? <sup>15</sup> Blow a horn in Zion, || Sanctify a fast—proclaim a restraint. <sup>16</sup> Gather the people, sanctify an assembly, || Assemble the aged, || Gather infants and sucklings of the breasts, || Let a bridegroom go out from his inner chamber, || And a bride out of her closet. <sup>17</sup> Let the priests weep between the porch and the altar, servants of YHWH, || And let them say: “Have pity, O YHWH, on Your people, || And do not give Your inheritance to reproach, || To the ruling over them of nations, || Why do they say among peoples, Where [is] their God?” <sup>18</sup> And let YHWH be zealous for His land, || And have pity on His people. <sup>19</sup> Let YHWH answer and say to His people, || “Behold, I am sending to you the grain, || And the new wine, and the oil, || And you have been satisfied with it, || And I make you no longer a reproach among nations, <sup>20</sup> And the northern I put far off from you, || And have

driven him to a land dry and desolate, || With his face toward the Eastern Sea, || And his rear to the Western Sea, || And his stink has come up, || And his stench comes up, || For he has exerted himself to work.” <sup>21</sup> Do not fear, O land! Be glad and rejoice, || For YHWH has exerted Himself to work. <sup>22</sup> Do not fear, O livestock of the field! For pastures of a wilderness have sprung up, || For the tree has borne its fruit, || Fig tree and vine have given their strength! <sup>23</sup> And you sons of Zion, || Be glad and rejoice in your God YHWH, || For He has given to you the Teacher for righteousness, || And causes a shower to come down to you, || Early rain and spring rain [as] in the beginning. <sup>24</sup> And the floors have been full [with] pure grain, || And the presses have overflowed [with] new wine and oil. <sup>25</sup> “And I have repaid to you the years that the locust consumed, || The cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmer-worm, || My great force that I sent against you. <sup>26</sup> And you have eaten, eating and being satisfied, || And have praised the Name of your God YHWH, || Who has dealt with you wonderfully, || And My people are not ashamed for all time. <sup>27</sup> And you have known that I [am] in the midst of Israel, || And I [am] your God YHWH, and there is none else, || And My people are not ashamed for all time. <sup>28</sup> And it has come to pass afterward, || I pour out My Spirit on all flesh, || And your sons and your daughters have prophesied, || Your old men dream dreams, || Your young men see visions. <sup>29</sup> And also on the menservants and

on the maidservants, || In those days I pour out My Spirit. <sup>30</sup> And I have given wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood, and fire, and columns of smoke. <sup>31</sup> The sun is turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, || Before the coming of the Day of YHWH, || The great and the fearful. <sup>32</sup> And it has come to pass, || Everyone who calls on the Name of YHWH is delivered, || For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there is an escape, || As YHWH has said, || And among the remnants whom YHWH is calling!”

### 3

<sup>1</sup> “For behold, in those days, and in that time, || When I turn back [to] the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> Then I have gathered all the nations, || And caused them to go down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat, || And I have been in judgment with them there, || Concerning My people and My inheritance—Israel, || Whom they scattered among nations, || And My land they have apportioned. <sup>3</sup> And for My people they cast a lot, || And they give the young man for a harlot, || And have sold the young woman for wine, || That they may drink. <sup>4</sup> And also, what [are] you to Me, O Tyre and Sidon, || And all circuits of Philistia? Are you rendering repayment to Me? And if you are giving repayment to Me, || Swiftly, quickly, I return your repayment on your head. <sup>5</sup> In that My silver and My gold you took, || And My desirable things that are good, || You have brought into your temples. <sup>6</sup> And sons of Judah, and sons of Jerusalem, ||

You have sold to the sons of Javan, || To put them far off from their border. <sup>7</sup> Behold, I am stirring them up out of the place || To where you have sold them, || And I have turned back your repayment on your head, <sup>8</sup> And have sold your sons and your daughters || Into the hand of the sons of Judah, || And they have sold them to Sabeans, || To a nation far off, for YHWH has spoken.” <sup>9</sup> Proclaim this among nations, || Sanctify a war, stir up the mighty ones, || Come near, come up, let all the men of war. <sup>10</sup> Beat your plowshares to swords, || And your pruning-hooks to javelins, || Let the weak say, “I [am] mighty.” <sup>11</sup> Hurry, and come in, all you nations around, || And be gathered together, || There cause to come down, O YHWH, || Your mighty ones. <sup>12</sup> “Let the nations wake and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat, || For there I sit to judge all the nations around. <sup>13</sup> Send forth a sickle, || For harvest has ripened, || Come in, come down, for the press has been filled, || Winepresses have overflowed, || For great [is] their wickedness.” <sup>14</sup> Multitudes, multitudes [are] in the Valley of Decision, || For near [is] the Day of YHWH in the Valley of Decision. <sup>15</sup> Sun and moon have been black, || And stars have gathered up their shining. <sup>16</sup> And YHWH roars from Zion, || And gives forth His voice from Jerusalem, || And the heavens and earth have shaken, || And YHWH [is] a refuge to His people, || And a stronghold to sons of Israel. <sup>17</sup> “And you have known that I [am] your God YHWH,

|| Dwelling in Zion, My holy mountain, || And Jerusalem has been holy, || And strangers do not pass over into it again.” <sup>18</sup> And it has come to pass in that day, || The mountains drop down juice, || And the hills flow [with] milk, || And all streams of Judah go [with] water, || And a fountain from the house of YHWH goes forth, || And has watered the Valley of Shittim. <sup>19</sup> “Egypt becomes a desolation, || And Edom becomes a desolation, a wilderness, || For violence [to] sons of Judah, || Whose innocent blood they shed in their land. <sup>20</sup> And Judah dwells for all time, || And Jerusalem to generation and generation. <sup>21</sup> And I have declared their blood innocent, || [That] I did not declare innocent, || And YHWH is dwelling in Zion!”



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