



## JOEL 1:2-12

<sup>2</sup> Has anything like this happened in your days,  
Or even in the days of your fathers?

<sup>3</sup> Tell your children about it, Let your children  
tell their children, And their children another  
generation.

<sup>4</sup> What the chewing locust left, the swarming  
locust has eaten; What the swarming locust  
left, the crawling locust has eaten;

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And what the crawling locust left, the  
consuming locust has eaten.

<sup>5</sup> Awake, you drunkards, and weep;  
And wail, all you drinkers of wine,  
Because of the new wine,  
For it has been cut off from your mouth.

<sup>6</sup> For a nation has come up against My land,  
Strong, and without number;  
His teeth are the teeth of a lion,

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And he has the fangs of a fierce lion.

<sup>7</sup> He has laid waste My vine,  
And ruined My fig tree;  
He has stripped it bare and thrown it away;  
Its branches are made white.

<sup>8</sup> Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth  
For the husband of her youth.

<sup>9</sup> The grain offering and the drink offering  
Have been cut off from the house of the Lord;

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The priests mourn, who minister to the Lord.

<sup>10</sup> The field is wasted,  
The land mourns;  
For the grain is ruined,  
The new wine is dried up,  
The oil fails.

<sup>11</sup> Be ashamed, you farmers,  
Wail, you vinedressers,  
For the wheat and the barley;

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Because the harvest of the field has perished.

<sup>12</sup> The vine has dried up,  
And the fig tree has withered;  
The pomegranate tree,  
The palm tree also,  
And the apple tree -  
All the trees of the field are withered;  
Surely joy has withered away from the sons of  
men.

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<sup>13</sup> Gird yourselves and lament, you priests;  
Wail, you who minister before the altar;  
 Come, lie all night in sackcloth,  
 You who minister to my God;  
 For the grain offering and the drink offering  
 Are withheld from the house of your God.

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<sup>14</sup> Consecrate a fast,  
 Call a sacred assembly;  
 Gather the elders  
 And all the inhabitants of the land  
 Into the house of the LORD your God,  
 And cry out to the LORD.

## JOEL 2:1-3; 6-11

<sup>1</sup> Blow the trumpet in Zion,  
 And sound an alarm in My holy mountain!  
 Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble;  
 For the day of the Lord is coming,  
 For it is at hand:  
<sup>2</sup> A day of darkness and gloominess,  
 A day of clouds and thick darkness,  
 Like the morning clouds spread over the  
 mountains.

## JOEL 2:1-3; 6-11

A people come, great and strong,  
 The like of whom has never been;  
 Nor will there ever be any such after them,  
 Even for many successive generations.  
<sup>3</sup> A fire devours before them,  
 And behind them a flame burns;  
 The land is like the Garden of Eden before  
 them, And behind them a desolate  
 wilderness; Surely nothing shall escape them.

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<sup>6</sup> Before them the people writhe in pain;  
 All faces are drained of colour.  
<sup>7</sup> They run like mighty men,  
 They climb the wall like men of war;  
 Every one marches in formation,  
 And they do not break ranks.  
<sup>8</sup> They do not push one another;  
 Every one marches in his own column

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Though they lunge between the weapons,  
 They are not cut down.  
<sup>9</sup> They run to and fro in the city,  
 They run on the wall;  
 They climb into the houses,  
 They enter at the windows like a thief.  
<sup>10</sup> The earth quakes before them,  
 The heavens tremble;

**JOEL 2:1-3; 6-11**

The sun and moon grow dark,  
And the stars diminish their brightness.  
<sup>11</sup> The Lord gives voice before His army,  
For His camp is very great;  
For strong is the One who executes His word.  
For the day of the Lord is great and very terrible;

Who can endure it?

**JOEL 2:12-13; 15-16**

<sup>12</sup> "Now, therefore," says the LORD,  
"Turn to Me with all your heart,  
With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning."  
<sup>13</sup> So rend your heart, and not your garments;  
Return to the LORD your God,  
For He is gracious and merciful,  
Slow to anger, and of great kindness;  
And He relents from doing harm...

**JOEL 2:12-13; 15-16**

<sup>15</sup> Blow the trumpet in Zion,  
Consecrate a fast,  
Call a sacred assembly;  
<sup>16</sup> Gather the people,  
Sanctify the congregation,  
Assemble the elders,  
Gather the children and nursing babes...

**STOP**

S - stop  
T - think What/Why/Who  
O - observe eternal value  
P - prayerfully proceed

