

# JOEL

## CHAPTER 1

The word of the Lord that came to Joel the son of Pethuel. <sup>2</sup>Hear this, ye elders, and give ear, all ye that inhabit the land. Have such things been in your days, or in the days of your fathers? <sup>3</sup>Tell ye your children of them, and *let your children tell* their children, and their children another generation. <sup>4</sup>The leavings of the caterpillar hath the grasshopper eaten, and the leavings of the grasshopper hath the locust eaten, and the leavings of the locust hath the blight eaten. <sup>5</sup>Awake, ye drunkards, from their wine, and weep: mourn, all ye drinkers of wine unto drunkenness: for gladness is cut off from your mouth, and joy. <sup>6</sup>For a nation is come up against my land, strong, and without number: their teeth are the teeth of a lion, and their cheek teeth are those of a lion's whelp. <sup>7</sup>He hath laid my vine waste, and utterly broken my fig trees: he hath utterly searched it, and cast it down; the branches thereof hath he made white. <sup>8</sup>Lament unto me more than a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her maidenhood. <sup>9</sup>The sacrifice and drink offering are cut off from the house of the Lord: mourn, O ye priests that minister at the altar of the Lord. <sup>10</sup>For the plains languish: let the land mourn, for the corn languisheth; the wine is dried up, the oil is become scarce; <sup>11</sup>the husbandmen are consumed: mourn ye your substance by reason of the wheat and the barley; because the harvest is perished from off the field. <sup>12</sup>The vine is dried up, and the fig trees are become few; the pomegranate, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are dried up: because the sons of men have put joy to shame. <sup>13</sup>Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests: mourn, ye that do minister at the altar: go in, sleep in sackcloth, ye that do minister unto God: for the sacrifice and the drink offering are withholden from the house of your God. <sup>14</sup>Sanctify ye a fast, proclaim a service, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of your God, and cry ye earnestly unto the Lord. <sup>15</sup>Alas, alas, alas, for the day! for the day of the Lord is at hand, and as misery upon misery shall it come. <sup>16</sup>The meat is cut off before your eyes, yea, joy and gladness from out of the house of your God. <sup>17</sup>The kine have started at their mangers, the garners are abolished, the winepresses are broken down; for the corn is withered. <sup>18</sup>What shall we store up for ourselves? The herds of cattle have mourned, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are utterly destroyed. <sup>19</sup>O Lord, to Thee will I cry: for fire hath devoured the pleasant places of the wilderness, and a flame hath devoured all the trees of the field. <sup>20</sup>The cattle of the field have looked up also unto Thee: for the courses of waters are dried up, and fire hath devoured the pleasant places of the wilderness.

## CHAPTER 2

Sound ye the trumpet in Zion, make proclamation in My holy mountain; and let all the inhabitants of the land be confounded: for the day of the Lord is near; <sup>2</sup>for a day of darkness and gloom is nigh at hand, a day of cloud and mist: a great people and a strong shall be spread upon the mountains as the morning; there hath not been from the beginning one like unto it, and after it there shall not be again, even to the years of many generations. <sup>3</sup>Before Him is a consuming fire, and behind Him is a flame kindled: the land is as a paradise of delight before Him, and behind Him a desolate plain: yea, there shall none of them escape Him. <sup>4</sup>The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they pursue. <sup>5</sup>Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, and like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, and as a great and strong people that set them in battle array. <sup>6</sup>Before them the people shall be crushed: every face *shall be* as the blackness of a pot. <sup>7</sup>They shall run like warriors, and mount upon the walls like men of war; and they shall move each one on his way, and they shall not turn aside from their paths: <sup>8</sup>and none shall stand aloof from his brother: they shall go on weighed down with their arms, and fall upon their weapons; yet shall they in no wise be destroyed. <sup>9</sup>They shall seize upon the city, and run upon the walls, and go up upon the houses; and they shall enter in at the windows like thieves. <sup>10</sup>The earth shall be confounded before them, and the heavens shall be moved: the sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their light. <sup>11</sup>And the Lord shall utter His voice before His army: for His camp is very great: for the works of His words are mighty: for the day of the Lord is great *and* very glorious; and who shall be sufficient unto it? <sup>12</sup>Therefore now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with lamentation: <sup>13</sup>and rend your hearts, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for He is merciful and compassionate, longsuffering and plenteous in mercy, and repenteth Him of evils. <sup>14</sup>Who knoweth if He will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind Him, even a sacrifice and a drink offering unto the Lord your God? <sup>15</sup>Sound the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, proclaim healing; <sup>16</sup>gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the infants that suck at the breast: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. <sup>17</sup>Between the foot and the altar let the priests that minister unto the Lord weep, and say, Spare Thy people, O Lord, and give not Thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: lest they say among the heathen, Where is thy God? <sup>18</sup>But the Lord was jealous of His land, and spared His people. <sup>19</sup>And the Lord answered and said unto His people, Behold, I send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will not more make you a reproach among the nations. <sup>20</sup>And I will chase away from you the one from the north, and will drive him away into a dry land; and I will make his face to sink in the former sea, and his hinder parts in the latter sea, and his corruption shall come up, and his

foul smell shall rise, because he hath done great things. <sup>21</sup>Be of good courage, O land; rejoice and be glad; for the Lord hath done great things. <sup>22</sup>Be of good courage, ye beasts of the field: for the plains of the wilderness have blossomed, for the trees have borne their fruit, the fig tree and the vine have yielded their strength. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice then, and be glad in the Lord your God, ye children of Zion: for He hath given you food to the full, and He will rain upon you the early and the latter rain, as *it was* before. <sup>24</sup>And the floors shall be filled with corn, and the presses shall overflow with wine and oil. <sup>25</sup>And I will recompense you the years which the locust, and the caterpillar, and the blight, and the cankerworm have eaten, my great power which I sent against you. <sup>26</sup>And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, Which hath wrought wonderfully for you: and My people shall not be ashamed for ever. <sup>27</sup>And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and that there is none beside Me; and My people shall no more be ashamed for ever.

### CHAPTER 3

And it shall come to pass after, that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. <sup>2</sup>And upon My servants and upon Mine handmaidens I will pour out in those days My Spirit. <sup>3</sup>And I will shew wonders in heaven, and in the earth, blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke. <sup>4</sup>The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and manifest day of the Lord come. <sup>5</sup>And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall he that is saved be as the Lord hath said, and they that have glad tidings preached unto them, whom the Lord hath called.

### CHAPTER 4

For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I have turned again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for My people and for My heritage Israel, who have been scattered among the nations: and *the nations* have parted My land, <sup>3</sup>and cast lots over My people, and given their boys to harlots, and sold their girls for wine, and have drunk. <sup>4</sup>And what have ye to do with Me, O Tyre, and Sidon, and all Galilee of the nations? do ye render Me a recompence? or do ye bear malice against Me? swiftly and speedily will I return your recompence upon your own heads: <sup>5</sup>because ye have taken My silver and My gold, and have brought into your temples my choice ornaments: <sup>6</sup>the children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem have ye sold unto the children of the Grecians, that ye might expel

them from their coasts. <sup>7</sup>Therefore, behold, I *will* raise them up out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompence upon your own heads. <sup>8</sup>And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hands of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them into captivity to a far distant nation: for the Lord hath spoken it. <sup>9</sup>Proclaim ye these things among the Gentiles; sanctify war, wake up the warriors, draw near and go up, all ye men of war. <sup>10</sup>Beat your plowshares into swords, and your sickles into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. <sup>11</sup>Assemble yourselves, and go in, all ye heathen round about, and gather yourselves together there: let the meek become a warrior. <sup>12</sup>Let them be wakened, let the heathen go up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. <sup>13</sup>Bring ye forth the sickles, for the vintage is come: go in, tread, for the press is full: make the vats to overflow; for their wickedness is multiplied. <sup>14</sup>Noises have resounded in the valley of judgment: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of judgment. <sup>15</sup>The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their light. <sup>16</sup>The Lord also shall cry out of Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall be shaken: but the Lord shall spare His people, and strengthen the sons of Israel. <sup>17</sup>And ye shall know that I am the Lord your God Which dwell in Zion My holy mountain: and Jerusalem shall be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more. <sup>18</sup>And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down sweet wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the fountains of Judah shall flow with water, and a fountain shall go forth out of the house of the Lord, and shall water the rushing stream of the reeds. <sup>19</sup>Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate plain, for the wrongs of the children of Judah, because they have shed righteous blood in their land. <sup>20</sup>But Judah shall be inhabited for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation. <sup>21</sup>And I will require their blood, and will by no means hold it guiltless: and the Lord shall dwell in Zion.