

Joel

15 Alas for the day! for the day of
the LORD is at hand, and as a
destruction from the Almighty
shall it come.

2:1 Blow ye 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 cometh, for it is
nigh at hand;

2.11 And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

2.31 The sun shall be turned into
darkness, and the moon into
blood, before the great and
terrible day of the LORD come.

3.14 Multitudes, multitudes in
the valley of decision: for the
day of the LORD is near in the
valley of decision.

² Hear this, you elders,
And give ear, all you inhabitants of the land!
Has *anything like* this happened in your days,
Or even in the days of your fathers?

³ Tell your children about it,
Let your children *tell* their children,
And their children another generation.

⁴ What the chewing [a]locust left, the swarming
locust has eaten;
What the swarming locust left, the crawling
locust has eaten;
And what the crawling locust left, the
consuming locust has eaten.

5 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.

6 For a nation has come up against My land,
Strong, and without number;

His teeth *are* the teeth of a lion,
And he has the fangs of a [b]fierce lion.

7 He has laid waste My vine,
And [c]ruined My fig tree;

He has stripped it bare and thrown *it* away;
Its branches are made white.

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shall it come.

2: 28 “And it shall come to pass afterward
That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your old men shall dream dreams,
Your young men shall see visions.

“For behold, in those days and at that time,
When I bring back the captives of Judah and
Jerusalem,
 ² I will also gather all nations,
And bring them down to the Valley of
Jehoshaphat;
And I will enter into judgment with them there
On account of My people, My heritage Israel,
Whom they have scattered among the nations;
They have also divided up My land.

Proclaim this among the nations:

“Prepare for war!

Wake up the mighty men,

Let all the men of war draw near,

Let them come up.

¹⁰ Beat your plowshares into swords
And your ^[g]pruning hooks into spears;

Let the weak say, ‘*I am strong.*’ ”

¹¹ Assemble and come, all you nations,
And gather together all around.

Cause Your mighty ones to go down there,

O LORD.

¹² “Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley
of Jehoshaphat;

For there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations.

¹³ Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe.

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 the LORD *is* near in the valley of decision.

¹⁵ The sun and moon will grow dark,

And the stars will diminish their brightness.

¹⁶ The LORD also will roar from Zion,

And utter His voice from Jerusalem;

The heavens and earth will shake;

But the LORD will be a shelter for His people,

And the strength of the children of Israel.

17 “So you shall know that I *am* the LORD your God,
Dwelling in Zion My holy mountain.
Then Jerusalem shall be holy,
And no aliens shall ever pass through her again.”

God Blesses His People

18 And it will come to pass in that day
That the mountains shall drip with new wine,
The hills shall flow with milk,
And all the brooks of Judah shall be flooded with water;
A fountain shall flow from the house of the LORD
And water the Valley of ^[h]Acacias.

19 “Egypt shall be a desolation,
And Edom a desolate wilderness,
Because of violence *against* the people of Judah,
For they have shed innocent blood in their land.

20 But Judah shall abide forever,
And Jerusalem from generation to generation.
21 For I will acquit them of the guilt of bloodshed, whom I had
not acquitted;
For the LORD dwells in Zion.”