

Wake Up Call

Listen Up! (v. 1-4)

Wake Up (v. 5-12)

Repent (v. 13-14)

Keep Watch (v. 15-20)

Joel 1 ESV

¹The word of the LORD that came to Joel, the son of Pethuel:

²Hear this, you elders;
give ear, all inhabitants of the land!

Has such a thing happened in your days,
or in the days of your fathers?

³Tell your children of it,
and let your children tell their children,
and their children to another generation.

⁴What the cutting locust left,
the swarming locust has eaten.
What the swarming locust left,
the hopping locust has eaten,
and what the hopping locust left,
the destroying locust has eaten.

⁵Awake, you drunkards, and weep,
and wail, all you drinkers of wine,
because of the sweet wine,
for it is cut off from your mouth.

⁶For a nation has come up against my land,
powerful and beyond number;
its teeth are lions' teeth,
and it has the fangs of a lioness.

⁷It has laid waste my vine
and splintered my fig tree;
it has stripped off their bark and thrown it
down;
their branches are made white.

⁸Lament like a virgin wearing sackcloth
for the bridegroom of her youth.

⁹The grain offering and the drink offering are cut
off from the house of the LORD.
The priests mourn,
the ministers of the LORD.

¹⁰The fields are destroyed,
the ground mourns,
because the grain is destroyed,
the wine dries up,
the oil languishes.

¹¹Be ashamed, ^[b]O tillers of the soil;
wail, O vinedressers,
for the wheat and the barley,
because the harvest of the field has perished.

¹²The vine dries up;
the fig tree languishes.

Pomegranate, palm, and apple,
all the trees of the field are dried up,
and gladness dries up
from the children of man.

¹³Put on sackcloth and lament, O priests;
wail, O ministers of the altar.
Go in, pass the night in sackcloth,
O ministers of my God!
Because grain offering and drink offering
are withheld from the house of your God.

¹⁴Consecrate a fast;
call a solemn assembly.
Gather the elders
and all the inhabitants of the land
to the house of the LORD your God,
and cry out to the LORD.

¹⁵Alas for the day!
For the day of the LORD is near,
and as destruction from the Almighty it
comes.

¹⁶Is not the food cut off
before our eyes,
joy and gladness
from the house of our God?

¹⁷The seed shrivels under the clods;
the storehouses are desolate;
the granaries are torn down
because the grain has dried up.

¹⁸How the beasts groan!
The herds of cattle are perplexed
because there is no pasture for them;
even the flocks of sheep suffer.

¹⁹To you, O LORD, I call.
For fire has devoured
the pastures of the wilderness,
and flame has burned
all the trees of the field.

²⁰Even the beasts of the field pant for you
because the water brooks are dried up,
and fire has devoured
the pastures of the wilderness.