

The Book of JOEL

DRUNKARDS weep; why do you weep?
Your new wine is cut from between
your teeth!

**The land mourns; why do you mourn?
Your grain and wine are all gone!**

**The worms came; so glad to see them go!
Oh, the locust! Oh, the cankerworm; they
have eaten all, oh, no!**

**Vinedressers are howling; priests cannot
stand!**

The day of the Lord, behold, it is at hand.

JOEL 1

¹The word of the Lord that came to Joel the son of Pethuel.

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

Has anything like this occurred in your days or in your father's days?

³Tell your children about it; let them tell their children,
and their children another generation.

⁴That which the chewing locust left, the swarming locust has eaten.

What the swarming locust left, crawling locust has eaten,
and what the crawling locust left, the consuming locust has eaten.

⁵Awake, you drunkards and weep;
wail all you drinkers of wine,
because of the new wine,
for it has been cut off from your mouth.

⁶For a nation has come up against My land;
a nation without number and strong,
whose teeth are the teeth of a lion,
and he has the fangs of a fierce lion.

⁷He has laid My vine waste and ruined My fig tree.

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

⁸Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth,
for the husband of her youth.

⁹The grain offering and the drink offering,
has been cut off from the house of the Lord.
The priests who minister to the Lord, mourn.

¹⁰The field is wasted, the land mourns;
for the grain is ruined,
the new wine is dried up, the oil fails.

¹¹Be ashamed you farmers, wail you vine-
dressers for the wheat and the barley,
because the harvest of the field has perished.

¹²The vine tree has dried up and the fig tree
has withered;
the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also.
The apple tree and all the trees of the field are

withered.

Surely joy has withered away from the sons of men.

¹³Gird yourselves and lament, you priests;
you ministers of the altar, wail woefully.

Come, and lie all night in sackcloth,
you who minister to my God,
for the grain and drink offering
are withheld from the house of your God.

¹⁴Consecrate a fast; call a sacred assembly;
gather all the elders and all the inhabitants of
the land into the house of the Lord your God,
and cry out to the Lord.

¹⁵Alas, for the day!

For the day of the Lord is at hand;
it shall come as destruction from the Al-
mighty.

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

¹⁷The seed is rotten under their clods,
storehouses are desolate;
the barns are broken down for the grain has
withered.

¹⁸How the animals groan!

The herds of cattle are restless,
because they have no pasture;
even the flock of sheep are ready to die.

¹⁹“O Lord, to You I cry out;
for fire has devoured the open pastures,
and the flame has burned all the trees of the
field.

²⁰The beasts of the field also cry out to You,
for the rivers of the waters are dried up,
and fire has devoured the open pastures.”

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. To court the devil is to marry disaster; he destroys and then sweeps clean.
2. A wave of sinful pleasures will lead to waves upon waves of disaster. To flourish in sin is to have your joy wither.
3. Passionate intercession will lead to divine intervention; all night is all right to keep the prayer fires alight.
4. It is more profitable to project your cries towards the Lord in the house of the Lord than towards your problem.
5. The day of the Lord is a day of destruction and it is of the Almighty; if you face the day of the Lord you have an 'almighty' problem.
6. The house of the Lord should impact the nation, for the day of the Lord will impact the house of the Lord along with the nation.
7. Let the people of the Lord spread the good news, joy and gladness, to the nation, or the judgment and sadness that the sin of a nation attracts will take the house of the Lord with it.
8. The impact is sweeping; the flocks, the crops, the

wild animals, the church. This is the burden of the nation and the responsibility of believers.

PRAYER POINTS

- Lord Jesus, I refuse to hold on to anything that belongs to the devil; when he comes calling he shall find nothing in me. Amen.
- Let every sinful desire in me dissipate and die and let the fruit of the Spirit manifest, in the name of Jesus.
- I cast all my cares upon You Jesus, knowing You care. Amen.
- Father, make me an intercessor, known in heaven because of my frequency and consistency; and because I am making an impact on earth. Amen.
- Let the spirit of urgency for souls in this evil age fall upon this generation, in the name of Jesus.
- Who can withstand the day of the Lord? King of Glory, let the church awake and be proactive, and let the fear of the living God fall upon this nation now. Amen.

YOUR sons and daughters shall prophesy,

**For on all flesh His Spirit is poured;
The sun shall be darkened,
And the moon shall turn to blood.
Blow the trumpet, sound the alarm;
A great army is coming down.
Time to fast, to weep and mourn;
Rip your hearts and turn to God.
Will you have your years restored,
To eat plenty and praise His name?
For he who calls upon the Lord shall be saved.**

JOEL 2

¹Blow 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, it is near at hand.

²It is a day of darkness and of gloom; a day of clouds and thick darkness too, like the morning clouds spread over the mountains.

There is a people coming, great and strong, the likes of whom have never been before, nor after them, shall there be anymore, even for many generations to come.

³Before them a fire devours and behind them a flame burns.

The land is as the Garden of Eden before them, and behind them is a desolate wilderness. From them nothing shall escape.

⁴Their appearance is like that of horses; and like swift steeds, so shall they run.

⁵With a noise like the noise of chariots over the tops of mountains they leap, like the noise of flaming fire that devours the stubble, like a strong people set in battle formation.

⁶The people shall writhe in pain before them. All faces shall be drained of color.

⁷They run like mighty men.

They climb the wall like mighty men of war. Everyone shall march in formation, and they do not break ranks.

⁸They do not trust one another. Everyone marches in his own column. And when upon the sword they fall they shall not be wounded.

⁹They run to and fro in the city. They run on the wall.

They climb into the houses. They enter in the windows like a thief.

¹⁰The earth quakes before them. The heavens tremble.

The sun and the moon grow dark, and the stars withdraw its shining.

¹¹The Lord utters His voice before His arm.

His camp is very great; for the one who executes His word is strong. The day of the Lord is great and very terrible; who can endure it?

¹²“Now therefore,” says the Lord, “turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and with mourning.”

¹³So rip 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.

¹⁴Who knows if He will relent and return, and leave a blessing behind Him.

Bring a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly.

¹⁶Gather the people; sanctify the congregation; assemble the elders.

Gather the children and nursing babies. Let the bride go out from her dressing room, and the bridegroom from his chamber.

¹⁷Let the priests who minister to the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar.

Let them say, “Spare Your people, O Lord and do not give Your heritage to reproach, that the nations should rule over them.

Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’”

¹⁸Then shall the Lord be jealous for His land, and pity His people.

¹⁹The Lord will answer and say to His people, “Behold, I will send you grain and new wine and oil,

and you shall be satisfied by them; I will no longer make you a reproach among the nations.

²⁰But I will remove far from you the northern army, and will drive him away into a barren and desolate land, with his face towards the eastern sea, and his back towards the western sea. His stench will come up and his foul odor will rise because he has done terrible things.”

²¹Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done marvellous things!

22Do not be afraid, you beasts of the field, for the open pastures are springing up and the tree bears its fruit; the fig tree and vine do yield their strength.

23Be glad, you children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God; for He has given you the former rain moderately, and will cause the rain to come down for you; the former rain and the latter rain in the first month.

24The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil.

25“So I will restore to you the years that the locust has eaten: the crawling locust, the consuming locust and the chewing locust,

My great army which I sent among you. **26**“And you shall eat plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you; and My people shall never be put to shame.

27“Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel.

I am the Lord your God and there is no other, for My people shall never be put to shame.

28“And it shall come to pass afterwards, 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.

29“Also on My maidservants and on My men-servants,

I will pour My spirit in those days. **30**“And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth:

blood and fire and pillars of smoke.

31“The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord.

32“And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance as the Lord has said, among the remnant whom the Lord calls.”

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Sound the alarm at the spiritual degradation of your nation so you will not be alarmed when heaven sounds the trumpet and calls forth the alarm of judgment.*
2. *The righteous must tremble at sin and tirelessly seek to persuade men, since the trembling at the day of the Lord belongs to everyone, righteous and unrighteous.*
3. *Strong armies of powerful nations are stubble before the army of the Lord; men darken the sky, God darkens the sun and moon.*
4. *Must it come down to the day of the Lord for men to realize it is futile to fight the Lord and His laws?*
5. *The call to genuine fast, weeping and mourning is immediate and current; the forced fast will be-*

come a sweeping inescapable current of genuine fear and pain.

6. *Inner truth is better than outward show; God is truth and He hates pretense. You can be sorry that you are caught and genuinely desire mercy and not be sorry for your act or repentant.*
7. *When you know your God is gracious, merciful, slow to anger, kind and responsive, you understand you can attract mercy if you are contrite, genuinely sorry and repentant.*
8. *The Lord has already determined His answer to your cry of repentance but He is waiting for you to cry; He has already provided an answer for your sin but is waiting on you to accept Him.*
9. *Your years may be stolen but never lost if you find the heart of the Restorer. God is waiting to restore your stolen years.*
10. *The promise of the pouring out of the Spirit of the living God is the most exciting and liberal gift of God to unholy flesh apart from the cross. It is a promise fulfilled; the Spirit has already been poured out waiting for empty vessels to fill; God desires the hunger of man so He can pour His fullness into man.*
11. *It is available does not mean it is attained, it is accessible does not mean it is accessed, it is reachable does not mean it is realized; this season of spiritual awakening does not mean the church is hungry.*
12. *Judgment must never be a wonder; it is preceded by signs.*
13. *Salvation is as distant from the heart as the cry of repentance is from the mouth.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Let holy discomfort with sin that compels action, fall upon the church, in the name of Jesus.
- Let every spirit that seeks to make the word of God contemptible before man, be condemned to desolation until the day of judgment. Amen.
- Let the spirit of conviction that makes men uncomfortable with sin sweep through this nation, in the name of Jesus. Let every religious pretentious spirit be expelled from among the people of God, in the name of Jesus.
- Father God, Your character is trustworthy, You are kind, compassionate and forgiving; You have been faithful through the ages. I come to You on bended knees knowing You can be touched. Amen.
- Merciful Father, I accept the blood offered for my cleansing. I wash myself in the blood of Jesus.
- Father, by the power in the Blood of Jesus, restore my stolen years to me, in the name of Jesus.
- Holy Spirit, sweep over the church and create an insatiable hunger for the things of God; Father fill the earth with Your glory. Amen.

MULTITUDES, multitudes,
In the valley of decision;
The day of the Lord is near.
Let the weak say, “I am strong!”
Prepare for war, you mighty man,
For the Lord shall judge the nations!
The mountains shall drip new wine;
With milk shall the hills be lined;
For Judah shall dwell forever,
When the multitude is denied!

¹⁴In those days and at that time, when I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem,
²¹I will also gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will enter into judgment there with them for My people, Israel My heritage, whom they have scattered among the nations. They have also divided up My land.
³⁴They cast lots for My people. They have given a boy as payment for a harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they may drink.
⁴⁴What have you to do with Me, O Tyre and Sidon and all the coast of Palestine?
 Will you retaliate against Me?
 But if you retaliate against Me, swiftly and speedily I shall return your retaliation upon your own head;
⁵⁴because you have taken My silver and My gold, and have carried My pleasant treasures into your temples.
⁶⁴You have also sold the children of Judah, and the children of Jerusalem to the Greeks, that you may remove them far from their borders.
⁷⁴But I will raise them out of the place to which you have sold them, and will return your retaliation upon your very own head.
⁸⁴I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hands of the children of Judah, and they will sell them to the Sabaeans, to a people in a distant land, for the Lord has spoken.”
⁹Proclaim this among the nations:
 “Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty men. Let all the men of war draw near, let them come up.
¹⁰⁴Beat your ploughshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spares; let the weak say, ‘I am strong.’
¹¹⁴Assemble yourselves, and come all you nations, and gather together all around. Cause your mighty ones to go down there, O Lord.
¹²⁴Let the nations be awakened and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will visit to judge all the surrounding nations.
¹³⁴Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; for the winepress is full. The vats overflow, for their wickedness is great.”
¹⁴⁴Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of decision!
 For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.
¹⁵⁴The sun and moon will be darkened. The stars will withdraw their shining.
¹⁶⁴The Lord also will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem.

The heavens and earth will shake; and the Lord will be a shelter for His people, and the strength of the children of Israel.
¹⁷⁴“So you shall know that I am the Lord your God, dwelling in Zion My holy mountain. Then Jerusalem shall be holy, and no foreigner shall ever pass through her again.”
¹⁸⁴And it will come to pass in that day, the mountains shall drip with new wine, the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah will be flooded with waters.
 A fountain shall come forth from the house of the Lord and water the Valley of Shittim.
¹⁹⁴Egypt shall be a desolation and Edom a desolate wilderness, because of the violence against the people of Judah, for they have shed innocent blood in their land.
²⁰⁴But Judah shall abide forever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.
²¹⁴For I will cleanse them from the guilt of bloodshed, whom I had not cleansed!” says God.
 For the Lord dwells in Zion.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *God spoke the restoration of Israel as a nation and they are; He speaks about the end of time, and it will be just as He says. Let sinners take note!*
2. *By their own fault they are down but you will be at fault if you attack or mock them; their God who waits to restore them is waiting to repay you.*
3. *If you cannot withstand the force of God be careful how you stand against Him; He is sovereign, submit.*
4. *The word of the Lord is forever settled in heaven, let it be settled in your heart; The Lord has spoken, tremble in silence and refuse to say a word.*
5. *Iniquity drives judgment; panic sets in when the winepress is full and the vats overflow.*
6. *Stir your strength with your words. Your words have the power of diffusion and infusion; if you are weak say, “I am strong.”*
7. *Make a single decision today to separate yourself from the undecided multitude. The valley of decision may be your nesting place but must never be your resting place.*
8. *Make the Lord your habitation and you will find in Him a resting place and shelter when the heaven and earth is shaken.*
9. *Guilty but acquitted if you accept the sacrifice of the cross. It is not wise to keep your guilt if you cannot bear its punishment.*
10. *The living water flowing from the house of God is a shadow of the crystal water flowing from His throne. It is twinned with new wine dripping from the mountains and pleasant and abundant provision.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Father God, You are faithful to fulfil every word You have spoken; I will hold fast to my hope with love and great fear of the judgment to come. Amen.
- Let every spirit that stands against the living God

stand down; let every high thing that exalts itself against Your holy knowledge be put to shame, in the name of Jesus.

- Almighty God, the knowledge of Your terror propels us to persuade men; give us the voice to convince them like Jonah to Nineveh, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Let the spirit of conviction fall upon the undecided multitude, and let their heart cry out for

Your saving grace, in the name of Jesus.

- Father God, be my habitation and my eternal resort; be my strong tower and my shield of defence, in the name of Jesus.
- Lord Jesus, thank You for Your blood that washes my guilty conscience and cleanses me from all sin. Amen.
- I am Your tabernacle O God, let Your living water pour from my belly, in the name of Jesus.