

## The Cause of the Great Destruction Joel 1

### I. The \_\_\_\_\_ - an Introduction (Joel 1:1-3)

A. The Author of the book (Joel 1:1)

B. Hear - To whom this \_\_\_\_\_ is written (Joel 1:2)

C. Tell – Pass it On to the \_\_\_\_\_ (Joel 1:3)

### II. The \_\_\_\_\_ – God’s Great Army (Joel 1:4 – 2:17)

#### Joel 1:4

That which the **palmerworm** hath left hath the **locust** eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the **cankerworm** eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the **caterpillar** eaten.

#### A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a Destructive Famine (Joel 1:4)

1. The Palmerworm ( \_\_\_\_\_ larva) eat tree leaves - responsible for deforestation
2. The Locust ( \_\_\_\_\_ grasshopper) - destroyer of \_\_\_\_\_ plants suddenly)
3. The Cankerworm – (Inchworms) – eat all parts of the leaf
4. Caterpillar the larval stage of butterflies and moths that eat all green foliage

#### B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a Destructive Famine (Joel 1:5-1:12)

1. Wake, Weep, Wail all Drunkards ( \_\_\_\_\_ seekers) (Joel 1:5)

#### Joel 1:5-7

5 Awake, ye **drunkards**, and weep; and howl, all ye **drinkers of wine**, because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth.

#### a. The \_\_\_\_\_ has attacked

6 For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion.

#### b. They have destroyed the \_\_\_\_\_

7 He hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away; the branches thereof are made white.

#### c. How \_\_\_\_\_ occurred – We were asleep from our drunkenness Webster’s 1828

**drunkards** = *noun* One given to ebriety or an excessive use of strong liquor; a person who habitually or frequently is drunk.

“A *drunkard* and a glutton shall come to poverty.” Proverbs 23:21.

“The nation’s under attack but no one seems to care because they feel relaxed!”

2. \_\_\_\_\_ will be destroyed (Joel 1:8)

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

3. The Lord's house is in famine also (no \_\_\_\_\_) (Joel 1:9)

9 The meat offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of the LORD; the priests, the LORD'S ministers, mourn.

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ industry is destroyed (Joel 1:10-12)

10 The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted: the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth.

11 Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen(a worker of the land not an \_\_\_\_\_); howl, O ye vinedressers(worker of the \_\_\_\_\_), for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest(reaping of the \_\_\_\_\_) of the field is perished.

12 The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men.

**Matthew 9:36-38**

**36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.**

**37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;**

**38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.**