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Joel 1:5-7

God Humbles the Proud

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The Ultimate Pride

- Unbelief + Idolatry

Romans 1:25
For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

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The Groups Addressed

1:2-4	elders
1:5-7	drunkards
1:11-12	farmers
1:13-14	priests

1:2	“all inhabitants of the land”
1:8-10	“all inhabitants of the land”

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Yahweh or Baal?

A horizontal timeline with a blue line. Vertical tick marks indicate the following events:

- 1445-1405 B.C.: Exodus + Sinai + Wilderness
- 1000 B.C.: Davidic Kingdom
- 722 B.C.: Assyrian Captivity
- 586 B.C.: Babylonian Captivity

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God Removes the Excess

Joel 1:5-7
Awake, drunkards, and weep; and wail, all you wine drinkers, on account of the sweet wine that is cut off from your mouth. 6 For a nation has invaded my land, mighty and without number; its teeth are the teeth of a lion, and it has the fangs of a lioness. 7 It has made my vine a waste and my fig tree splinters. It has stripped them bare and cast them away; their branches have become white.

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Israel as God’s Fig Tree

Mark 11:12-14
On the next day, when they had left Bethany, He became hungry. 13 Seeing at a distance a fig tree in leaf, He went to see if perhaps He would find anything on it; and when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. 14 He said to it, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again!” And His disciples were listening.

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Israel as God's Vineyard

Isaiah 5:1-2

Let me sing now for my well-beloved a song of my beloved concerning His vineyard. My well-beloved had a vineyard on a fertile hill. 2 He dug it all around, removed its stones, And planted it with the choicest vine. And He built a tower in the middle of it And also hewed out a wine vat in it; then He expected it to produce good grapes, **But it produced only worthless ones.**

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Lesson 1:

We Need to Bear Fruit

John 15:1-4

I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. 3 "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide n Me.

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Lesson 2:

God Will Humble the Proud

Philippians 2:9-11

for this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus **EVERY KNEE WILL BOW**, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that **every tongue will confess** that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Benediction

Jude 24-25

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, 25 to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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