



Long before Jesus lived,  
**disaster came to Jerusalem,**  
and the word of God came to Joel.

“Hear this, O elders! Listen up, everyone!  
Something unheard of has happened that  
**you need to tell your children about!**”

“An army of locusts have  
**chomped** up our crops,  
**gobbled** down our grapes,  
**devoured** our vines, and  
**stripped** our trees bare!”



“Not only this, but a **drought** has dried up our fields, our groves, our streams, our joy.”

**God had warned** Israel long ago that He would send these disasters if they refused to obey Him.