

Notes used in the Message

17-0430pm - Former and Latter Rain - Wade Dale

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JOEL 2:21 - 26

- » 21 + Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things.
- » 22 + Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.
- » 23 + Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.
- » 24 + And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.
- » 25 + And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.
- » 26 + And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

JAMES 5:7

- » 7 + Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

1) HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 4175 (FORMER)

4175 » mowreh {mo-reh'} h,rAm from 3384; TWOT -- 910b,910c; n m

- 1) (early) rain
- 2) (TWOT) teacher

2) HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 3384 (FORMER)

3384 » yarah {yaw-raw'} or (2 Chr. 26:15) yara' {yaw-raw'} h'r"y a primitive root; TWOT -- 910; v

- 1) to throw, shoot, cast, pour
 - 1a) (Qal)
 - 1a1) to throw, **cast**
 - 1a2) to cast, lay, set
 - 1a3) to shoot arrows
 - 1a4) to throw water, rain
 - 1b) (Niph) to be shot
 - 1c) (Hiph)
 - 1c1) to throw, cast
 - 1c2) to shoot
 - 1c3) **to point out, show**
 - 1c4) **to direct, teach, instruct**
 - 1c5) to throw water, rain
 - 1d) (Hoph) **to be watered**

3) HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 4456 (LATTER)

4456 » malqowsh {mal-koshe'} vAq.l;m from 3953; TWOT -- 1127b; n m

- 1) latter rain, spring rain
 - 1a) the March and April rains which mature the crops of Palestine

4) HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 3953 (LATTER)

3953 » laqash {law-kash'} v;q'l a primitive root; TWOT -- 1127c; v

- 1) to glean, gather, take the aftermath, take everything
 - 1a) (Piel) to despoil, gather everything from, strip

1) 48-0304 THE.ANGEL.OF.GOD_ PHOENIX.AZ THURSDAY_

« E-29 † But friends, I never done nothing in my life, any miracle, any of these miracles in these twenty-one months that I've been out, where thousands of them has been performed. I've never performed one of them. He is the One Who does that. See? He's the One. I don't have nothing to do with it. He's the One. I'm just a mouthpiece for Him. I just speak what He says. How would I know when people had faith, and people who did not have faith. And how would I know what you done ten years ago, or twenty years ago. I would not know that. It's God.

So the hour has come for the repeat of the Bible, and the fulfilling of the Word. **Now, God promised that He was going to send a former rain and a latter rain. And He promised the former and the latter rain in the latter rain, in other words, a double portion. Like the garment of Elisha. When Elijah dropped it, Elisha picked up and had a double portion. He was a type as a type of the Church and Christ. Christ was taken up. And the same Spirit that was upon Christ is on the Church tonight, the Holy Ghost.**

See? "Nevertheless, if you see me go away," said Elijah. And he took the garment. Now... And struck the Jordan and said, "Let the God of Elijah speak."

1) 50-0405 EXPECTATION_ NEW.YORK.NY WEDNESDAY_

« E-22 † Now, he had the promise. And isn't it strange, if the Holy Spirit give him that promise, and when the promise came, the Holy Spirit led Simeon, the one that had the promise, right straight to It. See how He does it?

Now, I do not believe there's anyone here... How many people in here is sick tonight, wants to be prayed for, let's see your hands, over the building? I don't believe you come to be seen. I don't believe you come to criticize. I believe you come, because you're expecting to be healed. And you believe in healing, don't you? You believe in Divine healing. And the very reason that you believe in Divine healing, there's something in you that makes you believe in Divine healing.

And isn't it just the same Holy Spirit tonight, if He promised He would send in the last days these things? Did He promise He would send this in the last days, "and it shall come to pass in the last days," saith God? How He promised in Mark 16, "Go ye into all the world..." That's New York. See? "Preach the Gospel to every creature. These signs shall follow them that believe." He promised it. **And then He promised the former rain and the latter rain. And we're living now, have been for years, under the latter rain.**

2) 55-0223 JOB_ PHOENIX.AZ WEDNESDAY_

« E-53 † **In the beginning when Pentecost fell, it fell on the Jews. And the Jewish church died out, and the Gentile Church come in, and then all signs and wonders ceased. Now, notice, that was the former rain. Then the church, the Jewish church is returning just in the latter rain, when the Holy Spirit is just being poured out again, and the Jews now, returning by the thousands back to Palestine.** Oh, I wish we... That's a sermon in itself. Time won't permit much longer. I've got to hurry. Notice, a sermon in itself, of the return of the Jews now, bringing with them the Gentile.

And when they got there, it was barley season; the great thrashing was on. And they had a near kinsman named Boaz. And Ruth went out to glean in the field, and was directed to Boaz's field, which was the kinsman. When she went out to glean, a type of the Gentile Church taking up the Bible, the Old Testament, to learn of God, being heathen, now, comes to learn of God.

3) « 377-2 † A.RESUME.OF.THE.AGES - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.10

This age started just after the turn of the twentieth century. As it was to be the age in which the true church would return to being the bride she was at Pentecost, we know that there must of necessity be a return of dynamic power. The believers sensed this in their spirits and began crying to God for a new outpouring such as was in the first century.

What seemed to be the answer came as many began to speak in tongues and manifest gifts of the Spirit. It was then believed that this was indeed the long awaited RESTORATION. It was not, for the latter rain can come only after the former rain which is the spring or TEACHING rain. The latter rain, then, is the HARVEST rain. How could this be the real thing when the Teaching Rain had not come? The Prophet-Messenger who was to be sent to TEACH the people and turn the hearts of the children back to the Pentecostal fathers had not yet come.

Thus what was thought to be the restoration and the final quickening unto the rapture had not come. In it was a mixture of the unrighteous partaking of Spiritual blessing and manifesting in the Holy Ghost as we have kept pointing out to you. In it also was devil power as men were under the control of devils, yet no one seemed to realize it. Then, to prove that it was not the REAL, these people (even before a second generation had appeared) organized, and wrote their unscriptural doctrines and built their own fences as every other group ahead of them did.

4) « 379-2 † A.RESUME.OF.THE.AGES - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.10

It is "Thus saith the Lord" for that is what Joel 2:23-26 says,

"Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain and the latter rain in the first month.

And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.

And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, My great army which I sent among you.

And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the Name of the Lord your God, That hath dealt wondrously with you: and My people shall never be ashamed."

Now it says God is going to "restore". **The Lutheran Age did not restore the church; it started a reformation. The Wesleyan Age did not restore. The Pentecostal Age did not restore. But God has to restore for He cannot deny His Word. This is not the resurrection of the Church; it is the "Restoration". God will take the Church right back to Pentecost of the beginning.** Now notice in verse 25 it tells why we need restoration. The locust, cankerworm, caterpillar and palmerworm have eaten all but the root and a small bit of the stem. Now we are told that all these insects are all one and the same in different stages. That is right. They are the antichrist spirit manifested in organization, denomination and false doctrine through the ages. And that poor little root and stalk is going to be restored. God isn't going to plant a new Church, but is going to bring His original planting back to original seed. **He is doing it as stated in verse 23, by the teaching, or "former" rain. Next will come the harvest rain or rapturing faith.**

5) 63-1117 ONCE.MORE_ NEW.YORK.NY V-18 N-13 SUNDAY_

« 17 † **Each one becomes a latter rain to the other. See, Luther was a latter rain to the Catholic. And John Wesley was the latter rain to Luther. The pentecost was the latter rain to the denomination. Now the Pentecostals are organized, now what's going to happen? See? See? See?**

18 But remember, the children of God never drove their stake tents down or--or so tight but what they could pull it up. And when the Fire moved, the Pillar of Fire, they moved with It. See, they moved with the Pillar of Fire.

19 But when you get the Pillar of Fire doing something, the Holy Spirit doing something, and then after that man with a message departs this life, then they say they organize upon his work. And the Pillar of Fire moves right out and leaves them sitting there; just goes right on. They're so staked down till they can't move, and, but in there is many fine-hearted people.

20 I don't know when that I have had any more liberty to speak just my heart than I have right here.

6) 58-0617 BEHOLD.I.STAND.AT.THE.DOOR.AND.KNOCK_ GREENVILLE.SC TUESDAY_

« E-48 † I said, "Latter rain?" I said, "Mrs. McPherson was latter rain too." She was. She was the latter rain to the Assemblies.

The Luther was the latter rain to the Catholic. The Baptist was the latter rain to Luther. The Methodists was the latter rain to them. The Pentecostals a latter rain to the Nazarenes. Latter rain, latter rain. What is it? When the Church gets organized and set down home and just a big bunch of cold statues, then the Holy Ghost moves out and starts a latter rain.

And she said, "That's right, Brother Branham. What have you got here but a white elephant, a million dollars of nothing but steel."

7) 62-0318 THE.SPOKEN.WORD.IS.THE.ORIGINAL.SEED.1_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-1 SUNDAY_

« 294 † **Now watch. Now remember, the word m-o-u-r-e-h, moureh means teaching, the "former rain." It says the moureh, "rain," the teaching rain. Teaching rain went forth. Billy Graham has struck the world; the Pentecostals struck the world; and the Word has struck the world. Now, what's the matter now? She is now waiting for "the latter rain." That's when she produces her fruits. Oh! Hum! I hope you get her.**

7A) 62-0711 HEAR.YE.HIM_ SPOKANE.WA WEDNESDAY_

« E-50 † I think, after this great revival that's swept the world in these last few years, I think the saints of God ought to be in the heavenlies everywhere, and the power of God going into hospitals, and everywhere else, and great signs and wonders, and miracles taking place. But He can't get the people to stand still long enough. If we sow denominational seeds, we reap a denominational harvest. That's exactly. That's what we've done.

If you notice that word there in the Hebrew, former and latter rain; former rain means a sowing rain. And then when the Spirit falls, it falls on the just and unjust. If we've sowed denominational seeds, we just reap the denominational harvest. That's what we've done. The Baptists took a million more in '44. And hard tell what they are now after the great evangelist Billy Graham, and many of them, has swept. Look at our Pentecostals, through Oral Roberts, and Tommy Osborn, and great men like that.

8) 62-0318 THE.SPOKEN.WORD.IS.THE.ORIGINAL.SEED.1_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-1 SUNDAY_

« 358 † **And what they're trying to do, they're trying to--to manufacture a latter rain. Nonsense. Why, the latter rain will sweep the world, brother. Been a former rain, sowing words. That's right. Now you'll see what the latter rain produces. You'll find out there'll be an affiliation. The Pentecostals and all the groups will come together, and they'll shut the doors on them guys that won't listen to it. You won't even be allowed to open your mouth. Right. That's when He'll come. That's when He'll show. That's when you'll see a rain. Oh, my! Lay still. Be quiet. Uh-huh. Let it go. Oh!**

9) 62-0318 THE.SPOKEN.WORD.IS.THE.ORIGINAL.SEED

« 392 † Gracious Heavenly Father, we're not trying to bring the meeting to a close, but just a halt for a little rest, for a few moments. And now may these seeds that's been sown this morning, may they have fallen upon good, fertile ground. May they bring forth abundance, Lord, abundance of Eternal Life. **Now we pray, Father, that these seeds that's sown will be laying, waiting for the latter rain to fall. Waiting! "They that wait upon the Lord, they shall renew their strength." God, may we not run ahead of the Word; stay with the Word. Grant it, Lord.** Bless us now.

393 And those who go off to eat, I pray that You'll give them their lunches, and--and bless their food, and give them strength, and bring them back this afternoon, real early, Lord. May they be setting in the temple here, waiting.

394 And may You help me as I go to pray, and come back. I pray that You'll freshly anoint me this afternoon. Grant it, Lord, that I might bring what I believe to be Your Word, to the people. Grant it, Father.

10) 62-0318 THE.SPOKEN.WORD.IS.THE.ORIGINAL.SEED

« 430_ † God has promised... Be careful. God has promised Malachi 4 for this last day. And Malachi 4 has not yet has been fulfilled, but it must be fulfilled, for it is a germitized Word of God spoken through Malachi the prophet. Jesus referred to it. It is to be just before the Coming of Christ, the second time. **(Listen close now.) All Scripture that has not been fulfilled, must be, before that time. The Bible is to be finished, to--to be finished. The Gentile dispensation is to be finished, with the church age, when this anointed messenger arrives. Of course, he will plant the Seed of the entire Bible, plumb from the serpent to the messenger in the former rain. Then he will be rejected by the denominational people, as his forefather, John and Elijah, as was spoken by our Lord. People, as Elijah was the first time, to Ahab's time, it will happen here in this country, as this country is a type of Israel.**

11) 62-0318 THE.SPOKEN.WORD.IS.THE.ORIGINAL.SEED

« 306 † Now watch. But there was One which was the Word. He was the Word, and where did He stay? With the promised one, the elected one. The Word stayed with the elected one. And the Word of God, today, will stay with the elected One, the Royal Seed of Abraham, by the promise.

307 What kind of a works did It do? When It was manifested about eight hundred years later, in the form of Jesus Christ, It done the same works that that One did there, the Word did, at the gate at Abraham's tent. Set with His back turned to the tent, told Abraham his name was Abraham; not Abram, what it always had been, what his name. But his name was Abraham, 'cause God met him a few days before that, told him his name was Abraham. Said, "Where is thy wife," not S-a-r-r-a. S-a-r-a-h, "Where is thy wife, Sarah?" Like He didn't know. Said, "She's in the tent, behind You."

308 He said, "I'm going to visit you." "I," the personal pronoun, "I'm going to visit you, according to the time of life," oh, "and you're going to have that baby that you've waited on."

309 The latter rain is fixing to fall. You've held that Seed in there long enough now, on believing. And you're looking for a coming Son, and He's coming. Amen. That's the real Church today, see, that elected Seed. "You been looking for Him, and I'm going to send Him to you." Amen. What said that? The Word.

12) 62-0318 THE.SPOKEN.WORD.IS.THE.ORIGINAL.SEED

« 432_ † **So it's at this time, in this country, that that person will appear, for it's in the Scripture and it's THUS SAITH THE LORD. Then in the latter rain there will come forth a Mount Carmel, a showdown. Bible fulfilled, to the letter! John the Baptist, "His messenger before His face," in Malachi 3. Planted a former rain and was rejected by the churches, the denominations, the Pharisees and Sadducees in his day. Jesus came and had the Mount Transfiguration showdown. This forerunner, of the last days, will sow for the former rain. Jesus will be the showdown between denominations and creeds, which is His Word, when He comes, a showdown, the Rapture of His Bride. The first was Mount Carmel, the second was Mount Transfiguration, the third will be Mount Zion. (Glory!)**

JOEL 2:15 - 26

- » 15 † Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:
- » 16 † Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.
- » 17 † Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?
- » 18 † ¶ Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people.
- » 19 † Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen:
- » 20 † But I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things.
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