

Notes used in the Message

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JOEL 2:22-29

- » **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.
- » **27** † And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.
- » **28** † ¶ And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:
- » **29** † And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

HOSEA 6:1-3

- » **1** † ¶ Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.
- » **2** † After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.
- » **3** † Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

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

« **285** † **I believe that it is near the harvest time. The seeds have been planted, denominational seed of the churches, such as the Evangelicals, like Baptist, and Presbyterian, and Lutheran. And the Pentecostal seeds has been planted into the Pentecostal organization, by great men like Oral Roberts, Tommy Hicks, and Tommy Osborn, great men of God. See? And I believe that the Word of God has been planted, unadulterated, away from any of those organization. That's what's the matter. See? The Seed must have...**

286 The Seed plant must have Seed Water before It can grow. It must have Water, to fall, before the Seed that's been planted can grow.

287 Now, "Well," you say, "Brother Branham, there's been our..." I know. That's right. Catching your thought now, you see. You just can't hide it now. Uh-huh. All right. So, be careful what you're thinking.

« **288 † Now, the Seed must be planted. And then It must have Water, in order to grow.**

289 Now, you say, "Well, Brother Branham..." I'm going to express your thought thought there. "We've had the Water." So be it. That's correct. You have had the Water.

290 You ever plant cabbage or anything, or seeds, or something another like that? Usually, they got a water there, just pour a little on them. See? All right.

291 But, now, wait. What did we have in that planting time? The former rain.

"Oh," you say, "Brother Branham, nonsense!"

292 Now wait just a minute. You take the word "former," in Joel 2, and look at it, and see if the Hebrew word... You go to the Hebrew, and see if it don't. If you want to write it down, m-o-u-r-e-h, moureh, and get the Hebrew word, interpret, see what *moureh* means. Teaching, the teaching "rain" has went forth.

293 The denominational teaching rain has went forth, "A million more in '44," Baptists. So-and-so, so-and-so, members in the church. Oral Roberts and them brothers with the Pentecostal move, the economic... the great Pentecostal move, they moved up into the millions. See? That's right. And the Seed has went forth, the Word, for the minority, the group.

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« 295 † **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. Then the kind of seed you have planted in your field will be the kind of crop you will reap. If the denominations wants more members, that's what they're going to get; that's what they have gotten. The Pentecostals wants more Pentecostals; that's what they're going to get. Right. But the Word is going to produce sons and daughters of God. Uh-huh. Uh-huh. Right. That's coming, too. Watch. Look at that great latter rain supposed to be done, how they would run over the wall, leap over, and how they'd be an army coming. Just wait a minute. Uh-huh. The kind of crop you'll get, is the kind of seed you put in your field. All right.**

2) 62-0318 THE.SPOKEN.WORD.IS.THE.ORIGINAL.SEED.2_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-2 SUNDAY_

« 14 † **Someone asked me to repeat that Hebrew word again, in Joel, the 2nd chapter, Joel 2:28, where he's speaking of the coming of the former and latter rain. The word "former" is the Hebrew word m-o-u-r-e-h, moureh, which means teaching. In other words, it'll be a teaching rain and a harvest rain. Now we've had the teaching rain, and we're ready now for the harvest rain. You know, the first rain is when you plant the seed, that starts your crop growing. Then just before it matures, there comes another crop. That's what they call the harvest rain. We know when it is. The spring rains, and then the rains about June, it makes your crop. Now, the rain, we find out, was the Spirit.**

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.

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« 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!**

6) 62-0318 THE.SPOKEN.WORD.IS.THE.ORIGINAL.SEED.2_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-2 SUNDAY_

« 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.

« 431 † 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. (Read or hear Jezebel Religion.) As this country, our forefathers, for worship the way they wanted to, come to this country and pushed out the natives and took over, so did Israel take over when they come up out of Egypt. We had godly men, like Washington, Lincoln. They had great, godly men, as David and so forth. Then they got an Ahab on the throne with a Jezebel behind him, to direct him. So have we.

« 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!)

7) 62-0622B LETTING.OFF.THE.PRESSURE_ LOS.ANGELES.CA FRIDAY_

« E-9 † The Scripture says that there would be a former rain and a latter rain. Well now, the Hebrew word **(I cannot call it just now.), but "former rain" means "a planting of seed." See? So the seed is planted now and getting planted all out through these organizations.**

Now, when the Spirit begins to fall in that great portion, **It'll bring forth Its kind. So let's pray that the--the Holy Spirit will plant the Seeds all through that organization, and when the great gush does come that there'll be a crop come out of that.**

8) 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.

9) 65-0725M THE.ANOINTED.ONES.AT.THE.END.TIME_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-5 N-3 SUNDAY_

« 36 † Now, therefore, the rain dropping down upon the natural vegetation of the earth, is a type of **the Spiritual rain which gives Eternal Life, dropping down upon the Church, for we call it the former rain and the latter rain. And it's a rain, pouring out of God's Spirit, upon His Church.**

10) 174-2 † PERGAMEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.5

He has to be for that is history repeating itself from the time of Ahab. Israel's history under Ahab is happening right here in America where the prophet of Malachi appears. As Israel left Egypt to worship in

freedom, pushed out the natives, raised up a nation with great leaders like David etc., and then put an Ahab on the throne with a Jezebel behind him to direct, so have we done the very same in America. Our forefathers left for this land to worship and live in freedom. They pushed back the natives and took over the land. Mighty men like Washington and Lincoln were raised up but after awhile other men of such poor caliber succeeded these worthy men that soon an Ahab was set in the presidential chair with a Jezebel behind him to direct him. **It is at such a time as this that the messenger of Malachi must come. Then in the latter rain will come a Mount Carmel showdown. Watch this carefully now to see it in the Word. John was the forerunner of Malachi 3. He planted the former rain and was rejected by the organizations of his day. Jesus came and had a Mount Transfiguration show down. The second forerunner of Christ will sow for the latter rain. Jesus will be the showdown between the denominations and creeds, for He will come to back up His Word and take His bride in the rapture. The first showdown was Mount Carmel; the second was the Mount Transfiguration, and the third will be Mount Zion.**

11) << 379-1 † A.RESUME.OF.THE.AGES - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.10

But what about the true seed? It will happen just as we have said. **The people of God are being made ready by the Word of Truth from the messenger to this age. In her will be the fulness of Pentecost for the Spirit will bring the people right back to where they were at the beginning. That is "Thus saith the Lord."**

<< 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.**

12) 60-0722 WATCHMAN.WHAT.OF.THE.NIGHT_ LAKEPORT.CA FRIDAY_

<< E-44 † Now look at the works He did. Now, He said, "A little while, and the world won't see Me no more, yet ye shall see Me. For I'll be with you, even in you to the end of the world. And the works that I do shall you also."

The world, the church, the--the so called church, and the outside world, they won't see it. They say, "There's nothing to that. Don't believe that kind of stuff. There's no such a thing as the baptism of the Holy Ghost; no such a thing as speaking in tongues; no such a thing as gifts of prophecy, all these Divine healings. That's nonsense; it's not so."

But God promised in the last days that He'd pour out both former and latter rain upon His Church. The days of the prophets, the days of the apostles, He'd poured out both former and latter rains in the last days. And we got it! The Lord is here, showing just exactly what Jesus said would take place before His coming. In the last days, these things would take place.

Now, we know that. We are aware of that; we're living in that hour of the approaching of the Lord. We see His signs everywhere.