

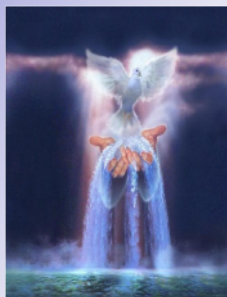


# Build on the Rock

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## Lesson 29:

### "The Latter Rain and the Loud Cry"

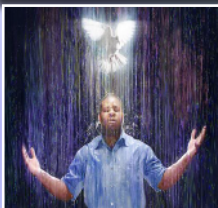


Society is dependent upon rain for survival. Rain gives us drinking water, is used for cleansing and waters the crops of the field. In ancient Bible times, the people of the middle east were dependent upon two periods of rain to water their crops: the Early Rain and the Latter Rain. The Bible uses rain to teach us about the Holy Spirit. As we need rain for our physical survival, we also need the Holy Spirit for our spiritual survival and to be ready for heaven! God pours out His Spirit in two measures: the Early and Latter Rain. Complete this lesson with the KJV Bible and learn about the Early and Latter Rain of the Holy Spirit!

1) What does the Bible say about the Early and Latter Rain? -Deuteronomy 11:14.

1 - God promised to send "r\_\_in of your la\_\_d in his due s\_\_son, the f\_\_st rain and the l\_\_ter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy c\_\_n, and thy w\_\_ne, and thine o\_\_l."

\*Note: In the Jewish economy, the farmers plant in the early spring and early fall. After planting the seeds, they were dependent upon the Early Rain to water the seeds to cause them to sprout and grow into a small plant. After the plant grows to maturity, the Latter Rain falls in greater abundance, which gives the needed water for the plant to produce fruit. Both the Early and Latter Rain were essential in order to have an abundant harvest!



2) What does the Bible liken rain and water to? -Ezekiel 36:25-27.

1 - God promised to "spr\_\_kle cl\_\_n w\_\_ter upon y\_\_u."

2 - The water represents "the n\_\_w sp\_\_rit" that God will "p\_\_t within y\_\_u."

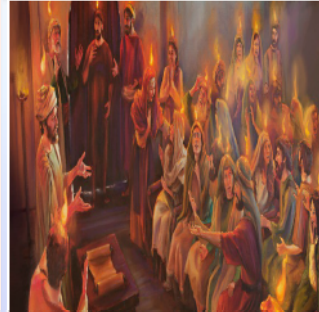
3) What did the prophet Joel foretell concerning God's Spirit? - Joel 2:28, 29.

1 - "I will pour out my sp\_\_it upon all fl\_\_sh; and your s\_\_ns and y\_\_r daughters shall prophesy, your old m\_\_n shall dream dreams, your young men shall see vis\_\_ons:"

**4) What was the first fulfillment of the prophecy that Joel spoke of? -Acts 2:16-18.**

1 - Peter confirmed that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost was the fulfillment of "that which was sp\_\_\_en by the pr\_\_\_phet J\_\_\_l."

**\*Note:** The prophecy of Joel was fulfilled on and after the Day of Pentecost. This was also the fulfillment of the outpouring of the early rain spoken of several times in the Old Testament and once in the New Testament. Previous to the Day of Pentecost, God's people never were commanded to preach the Word to the whole world. This special outpouring of the Spirit was for the purpose of empowering the church to proclaim the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. The Bible says: "*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*" -Acts 1:8



The out pouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost was the Early Rain.

**5) What two periods of rain did Joel also speak of? -Joel 2:23.**

1 - God has "given you the fo\_\_\_er r\_\_\_n mod\_\_\_ately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the l\_\_\_ter r\_\_\_in."

**\*Note:** Notice that God sends the former, also known as "early rain", moderately, while the Latter Rain He sends in abundance. In like manner, the early rain of the Holy Spirit was sent moderately on the Day of Pentecost, but the Latter Rain will fall abundantly upon God's church.

**6) What time period does the Bible say the Latter Rain will be poured out? What will be the moral condition on the earth during this time? -James 5:1-7.**

1 - The "L\_\_\_ter Ra\_\_\_n" will fall right before the "com\_\_\_ng of the L\_\_\_rd" when people are heaping "tre\_\_\_sure for the l\_\_\_st days."

2 - The Latter Rain will fall in a time when the rich are fraudulent to their "lab\_\_\_urers" and living in sinful "ple\_\_\_sure." They also have "k\_\_\_lled and cond\_\_\_mned the j\_\_\_st."



The rich will oppress the poor and will persecute the righteous in the last days!

**\*Note:** In a time when greed, fraud, pleasure loving and sexual immorality (wantonness) are at it's peak, judgments will fall upon the world that will forever change life on this planet. The cankering of the silver and gold is symbolic of a rapid devaluation of money that will result in civil and social unrest. Money will become worthless and will be cast into the streets. (Ezekiel 7:19) During this time of .....

.....social unrest and tribulation, God will empower His people with a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit called the Latter Rain. The Latter rain will prepare God's people to endure the great time of trouble and to meet Jesus face to face at His second coming.

**\*Note:** As the newly planted seedlings must receive the early rain moderately before the latter rain in abundance, the Christian must receive of the Early Rain of the Holy Spirit before they can experience the Latter Rain in abundance. The Early Rain experience results in conversion of the heart and the perfection of Christian character, while the Latter Rain equips God's people to do the final work of proclaiming the gospel to the world. As both the early and latter rain are essential for the plant to be ready for harvest, both outpourings of the Holy Spirit are essential for the Christian to bear the fullness of the fruit of the Holy Spirit and to be prepared for the second coming of Jesus! Therefore, we must pray for both the Early and Latter Rain of the Holy Spirit!



## 7) What important work must be completed before Jesus comes?

-Matthew 24:14, Revelation 14:6.

1 - "This g\_\_sp\_\_l of the ki\_\_gdom" must be "pr\_\_ched to all the W\_\_ld for a w\_\_tness unto all nations; and then shall the \_\_d come."

2 - "The "ev\_\_lasting g\_\_spel" must be preached to "every na\_\_lon, and kin\_\_ed, and t\_\_ng\_\_e, and p\_\_ple."

**\*Note:** When Jesus said "this gospel", He was referring to the "everlasting gospel" and the present truth of the Three Angel's Messages of Revelation 14:6-12. Jesus equipped the early church with the Early Rain to begin the proclamation of the gospel and He will equip the end time church with the Latter Rain to finish the work of the gospel. The Latter Rain will give power and boldness to God's people to proclaim the warning message in the Three Angel's Messages and to give the Loud Cry of the Fourth Angel's Message. (See lesson 14 for more info on the 3 Angel's Messages.)



The Latter Rain will give power and boldness to God's people!

## 8) What is the message of the fourth angel? -Revelation 18:1-5.

1 - It repeats the second angel's message of Revelation 14:8 saying, "B\_\_ylon the great is f\_\_len, is fallen, and is bec\_\_me the habitation of d\_\_ils, and the hold of every foul s\_\_rit, and a cage of every uncl\_\_n and h\_\_eful bird."

2 - It warns that "all n\_\_tions have dr\_\_k of the w\_\_ne of the w\_\_th of her f\_\_nic\_\_tion."

3 - It warns the inhabitants in Babylon (false churches) to: "C\_\_me out of her, my p\_\_ple, that ye be not p\_\_takers of her s\_\_ns, and that ye receive not of her p\_\_gues."

\*Note: The Loud Cry of the Fourth Angel is the final urgent call to the sincere followers of Christ in spiritual Babylon to come out of her fellowship to join God's faithful people. Mystery Babylon represents fallen churches that teach the traditions of men above the commandments of God and is explained in greater detail in Lesson 25. Before Jesus comes the second time, every person must have an opportunity to hear and understand the Truth for this time. This will be accomplished through the outpouring of the Latter Rain and the giving of the Loud Cry. God's people will be given "great power" to proclaim the message, which will result in the earth will be "lightened with His glory."



The Loud Cry call's God's sheep in other folds to join His Remnant people.

9) What will be the result of the outpouring of the Latter Rain? -Isaiah 60:1-5.

- 1 - God's "gl\_\_ry shall be s\_\_n" by the unbelieving world.
- 2 - The "Gent\_\_les [godless] sh\_\_ll c\_\_me to thy li\_\_t."
- 3 - The "ab\_\_dance of the s\_\_a [multitudes] shall be c\_\_nv\_\_ted" to the Truth.

\*Note: The Bible foretells that there will be a GREAT SPIRITUAL REFORMATION and REVIVAL right before Jesus comes! "The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel are again to be fulfilled in the latter rain at its close.....Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given. Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers. Satan also works, with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. Revelation 13:13.....Notwithstanding the agencies combined against the truth, a large number take their stand upon the Lord's side." -White, E.G. The Great Controversy, pg. 611, 612.

10) What does the Bible say we should pray for? -Zechariah 10:1.

- 1 - Pray for "r\_\_n in the t\_\_me of the L\_\_ter R\_\_n."

\*Note: James 5:1-7 makes it clear that the Latter Rain will fall in the "last days" right before Jesus comes. Now is the time of the Latter Rain!

Appeal) Seeing that we are living in the time of the Latter Rain, will you pray for it? \_\_\_\_.

\*Download the next lesson at: <https://www.soldiers4christ.us>