

## The Holy Spirit and The Last Days!

*KJV Deuteronomy 11:14* That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.

The first rains came to moisten the earth and soften the soil for planting.

The latter rains came just before harvest time to **strengthen the fruit and increase the crops.**

**The Former and Latter Rains** have also been a metaphor for **The moving of The Holy Spirit on the earth.**

Rain has long been a life giving source that falls from the heavens; so too does scripture carry a repeating theme of God coming from above.

*KJV Acts 2:1* And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

*2* And suddenly there came a **sound from heaven** as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

*3* And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

*4* And they were all **filled with the Holy Ghost**, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

From the Book of Beginnings The Holy Spirit came from above to influence and impact the earth!

*KJV Genesis 1:1* In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

*2* The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And **the Spirit of God was hovering over** the face of the waters.

At a time when the earth was an empty formless wasteland covered in darkness, confusion and chaos—**The Holy Spirit hovered above it!**

**Hover** carries the idea of vibrating from above **giving off energy and causing something to happen!**

*Genesis 1:3* And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

This was on the **very first day!**

The sun, moon and stars weren't created until the fourth day, so what light was spoken into the earth on the first day?

*KJV Genesis 1:14* And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

*15* And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

*16* And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

*19* And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

➤ **The Holy Spirit hovering the first day produced light at the sound of God's voice!**

*ESV Psalm 119:130* The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.

I submit to you that at the Hovering of The Holy Spirit of The Word of God was being released.

As The Word of God was spoken, released and unfolded the earth was receiving the instructions on how to reproduce after seed is sow into it!

So when the dry land appeared all that was needed was **The Rain!**

*KJV Hosea 6:1* 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.**

*KJV Joel 2:23* 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.**

Hosea says God will come to His people as the former and latter rain!

Joel prophesies the former and latter rains will fall in the same month!

*NIV Isaiah 66:5* Hear the word of the LORD, you who tremble at his word: "Your brothers who hate you, and exclude you because of my name, have said, 'Let the LORD be glorified, that we may see your joy!' Yet they will be put to shame.

**6** Hear that uproar from the city, hear that noise from the temple! It is the sound of the LORD repaying his enemies all they deserve.

**7** "Before she goes into labor, she gives birth; before the pains come upon her, she delivers a son.

**8** Who has ever heard of such a thing? Who has ever seen such things? Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment? Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children.

**Isaiah prophesies that the earth will produce in a single day—the former and latter rains will come at once and life will spring forth!**

*KJV Zechariah 10:1* Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.

The prophet Zechariah says to ask The LORD for rain when we know it's time for The Latter rain.

The Former Rain came in **Acts chp 2** at the first outpouring of The Holy Spirit over 2000 years ago.

**Hosea 6:2** After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

**2 Peter 3:8** But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

**It's been 2 days (2000 years) since the former rain it's time for The Latter Rain!**

- We need a move of God in this world!
- The wicked are prospering and gaining strength!
- The saints are being worn down and worn out!

**We need the latter rain to strengthen the saints and increase the crops!**

**The latter rains came just before harvest time!**

Before Christ's second coming there will be a great outpouring of The Holy Spirit to strengthen what has been weak.

All of a sudden the weak will be strong and the poor will be rich!

All of a sudden the unsaved will repent and the backslider will return!

