

## **#947 The Whore's Latter Rain – The *Early Rain* First Pentecost and the *Latter Rain* Second Pentecost**

This Unsealing is not so much about unsealing and revealing, but is primarily informational.

**Acts 2:16-21 (KJV)**

**BUT THIS IS THAT WHICH  
WAS SPOKEN BY THE**

**PROPHET JOEL:**

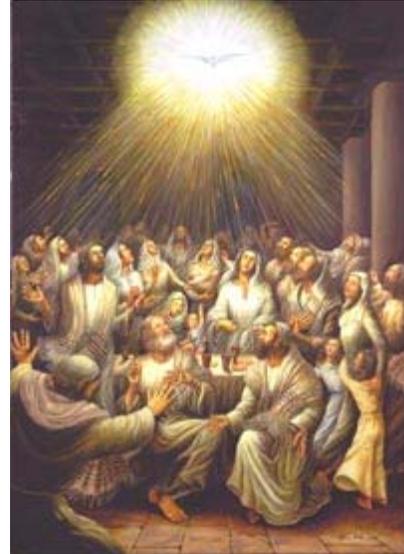
**17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I  
WILL POUR OUT OF MY SPIRIT UPON ALL FLESH:**  
*and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your  
young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream  
dreams:*

**18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I WILL  
POUR OUT IN THOSE DAYS OF MY SPIRIT;** *and they  
shall prophesy:*

**19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the  
earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:**

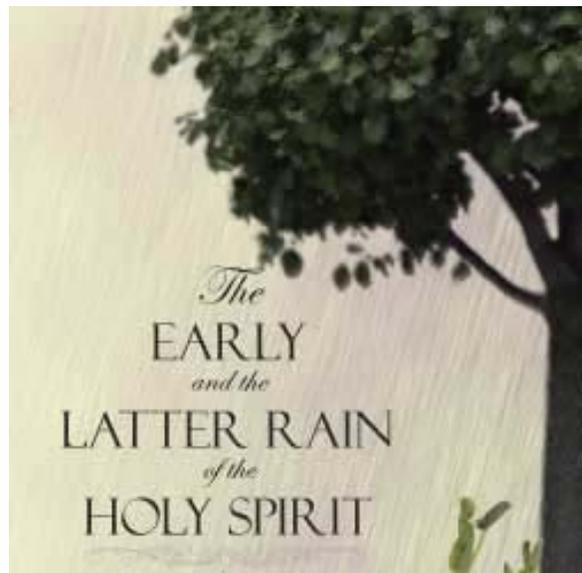
**20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into  
blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:**

**21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the  
name of the Lord shall be saved.**



**April 9, 1906, the Latter Rain Pentecost.** April 9, 1906, as the ‘beginning’ of latter day Pentecostalism, represents what is known as the outpouring of the *latter rain*. The first Pentecost at Jerusalem in Acts 2 is the *former rain* – representing the outpouring of God’s spirit – while April 9, 1906, represents the *latter rain*. Pentecostalism in its early years often took the name of the Latter Rain Movement, until there became more of a disassociation with the term *latter rain* when more aberrant Latter Rain preachers came forth with a new order of the Latter Rain in the late 1940’s. However, most pure and knowledgeable Pentecostals would believe that the Pentecostals represent the pure *latter rain*.

The phrase *latter rain* is taken from Joel 2:23 and 2:28 as a label describing an end-time revival and evangelistic harvest expected by many Charismatics and Pentecostals. The *latter rain* represents the Holy Spirit being poured out like never before. The latter rain teaching is developed from the agricultural model that a farmer needs rain at two crucial points in the growing cycle in order to produce a bountiful harvest. An *early rain* is needed right after the seed is planted to cause the seed to germinate in order to produce a healthy crop. Second, the crop needs a rain right before the harvest, called the



*latter rain*, so that the grain will produce a high yield at harvest time. Over the course of years, most Pentecostals, Charismatics, and those of the Latter Rain Movement have advocated that the Acts 2 outpouring of the Holy Spirit was the *early rain* of God, and that April 9, 1906, and the rise of Pentecostalism and the like, represent the Lord's outpouring of his *latter rain*, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, in the last days, particularly evidenced by the "speaking in tongues."

**Joel 2:23 (KJV)**

*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.*

*Joel 2:28-32 (KJV) 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.*

*30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.*

*31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.*

*32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.*



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