

#970 The Whore's Latter Rain – The Two Armies: *Joel's Former Rain* Union Army of April 9, 1865, and *Joel's Latter Rain* World War I U.S. Army of Good Friday, April 6 [= 9], 1917

The purpose of this Unsealing is to connect two armies with *Joel's former rain* and *Joel's Latter Rain*. First, let's solidify that *Joel's former rain* is represented by the end of the Civil War, while *Joel's Latter Rain* is represented by the beginning of World War I.

Key Understanding: *The two 'rain' armies*. Now, shifting focus from the wars themselves to the victorious *armies* of those wars, acting as *the Lord's armies*, we see that *Joel's former rain* is connected to the April 9, 1865, victory of the Union Army, led by Ulysses S. Grant. *Joel's Latter Rain* is connected to the U.S. Army at the entry of the United States into World War I on April 6 [= 9], 1917.



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Before the answer is given, perhaps the following questions should also be asked. Would the Latter Rain Pentecostal movement and the Protestant Reformation churches in America

consider the Union Army under Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant to essentially be an “army of the Lord,” to remove slavery from America? And would they consider the World War I U.S. Army of Woodrow Wilson to be an “army of the Lord,” to Make the World Safe for Democracy? Well, the honest answer would be “yes”, those of the Latter Rain Pentecostal movement and those of the Protestant Reformation churches would consider the Union Army of the Civil War and the U.S. Army in World War I to be “armies of the Lord.” After all, “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” presents the Union Army as an “army of the Lord,” dying to make men free, and has been sung vociferously and without hesitation for generations in churches of all denominations in America. *Repeating the question . . .*

Question: Why would **armies** be associated so directly with the ***former rain*** and the ***latter rain***?

Answer: **Armies** are associated directly with the ***former rain*** and the ***latter rain*** because, in Joel 2, what is referred to as **the Lord’s “great army”** (Joel 2:25) is directly connected with the subject of the ***former rain*** and the ***latter rain*** (Joel 2:23).

Joel 2:23-27 (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.

24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats 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.

But what does all of this mean? We will need to examine Joel chapters 1 and 2 more closely.

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