

THE KINGDOM PRINCIPLE OF RAIN

RAIN is associated with the Harvest. The Harvest is the “end of the world (age)”; Matt. 13:39

- a. It is both literal and symbolic, pointing to “Heavenly” downpours, Revival or Visitation.
- b. It causes the growth of the Earth’s “produce” (barley, wheat, tares).

The Bible Speaks Of Different Kinds And Degrees Of RAIN:

A. An ABUNDANCE of Rain; 1 Kings 18:41-45.

1. Elijah heard the “sound” of rain before he saw it; a prophetic people are hearing this now!
2. A cloud like “a man’s hand” appeared. When the ministries of Ephesians 4:11-12 (the 5 “fingers” of a “MAN’S HAND”) are in order, functioning together, an “outpouring” will follow.
3. Drought helps to prepare the way for cleansing and blessing; see also Isaiah 44:3

B. A GREAT Rain; Ezra 10:1-13.

1. The congregation wept before God, confessed their sins, made a covenant before God and separated themselves from the people of the land.
2. The men of “Judah” (praise) and “Benjamin” (son of the right hand) gathered themselves together unto Jerusalem within “3 Days” (principle of the 3rd Day), a picture of final redemption.
3. The people “trembled” as a result of the great rain that fell.

C. A SWEEPING Rain; Proverbs 28:3

1. Hebrew word “sweeping” (#5502) in Strong’s concordance, is defined as “to scrape off or sweep away”
2. This is a driving, plundering “rain” that strips away and leaves everything bare.

D. An OVERFLOWING Rain/Shower; Ezekiel 13:11,13; 38:22

1. The Hebrew word “overflowing” (#7857) in Strong’s concordance, is defined as “to gush, inundate, cleanse, to conquer, thoroughly wash away”.
2. This symbolic language describes the operation and ministry of the sons of the Most High God, who shall “pour out and upon” governments and kingdoms that rule by oppression, cruelty and suspicion.

E. The FORMER and the LATTER Rain; Joel 2:23; Hosea 6:3

1. The Former Rain – is a biblical term, which is also known as the “early or first rains”. This rain comes in the Fall to soften the soil for the planting of grain. When this rain falls, it CAUSES THE SEED TO GERMINATE.
2. The Latter Rain – is a biblical term, which refers to the heavy spring rains. This rain falls in the Spring of the year, providing moisture TO RIPEN THE CROPS. The latter rains fall before the heat of the summer. This was necessary for the harvest to ripen in preparation for cutting and threshing the grain.
3. We are told that the Lord comes to us “as the Former and the Latter Rain”; Hosea 6:3
4. The Former and the Latter Rains together is a picture of God’s GLORY and JUDGMENT coming at the same time. This is what will bring in the HARVEST at the end of the age!

Characteristics Of Rain:

1. It is sent by God; Jeremiah 14:22
2. It is sent upon all Mankind; Matthew 5:45
3. It is a sign of God's goodness and blessing; Deuteronomy 28:12; Psalm 72:6-7
4. It speaks of judgment or destruction; Genesis 7:4; Matthew 7:24-27
5. It speaks of God's righteousness; Hosea 10:12
6. It speaks of the Earth's Ingathering; James 5:7
7. It brings the "fear of the Lord"; 1 Samuel 12:17-18; Ezra 10:9-13
8. It is sent and withheld through the faith and the spoken word of God's servants; 1 Kings 17:1; 18:41-46; Revelation 11:6
9. God tells us to ask Him for the rain; Zechariah 10:1
10. Obedience to God's commands brings rain for increase; Leviticus 26:3-5; Deut. 28:12
11. It provides an opportunity to preach the Gospel; Acts 28:2-10
12. The Lord is selective about when and where He sends rain; Amos 4:7

Scripture Tells Us That God Has "Rained Down" Different Elements:

- a. Brimstone and Fire upon Sodom; Genesis 19:24
- b. Hail upon Egypt; Exodus 9:23
- c. Manna, the Wilderness Bread; Exodus 16:15; Psalm 78:24
- d. Quail, the Wilderness Meat; Psalm 78:27-29; Exodus 16:13
- e. Snares (traps) for the wicked; Psalm 11:6
- f. His teaching drops like the rain; Deuteronomy 32:2-3

Facts Concerning Clouds:

1. Rain comes from "CLOUDS" and "dew" comes from heaven; Genesis 27:39; Micah 5:7
2. God guides His people by a "cloud"; He envelopes Himself in a Cloud of Glory; Exodus 13:21-22; 19:9,16. He descends in the "cloud"; Exodus 34:5
3. The "Cloud" was upon the Mercy Seat; Leviticus 16:2
4. "Clouds" are also symbolic of people or the hosts of Heaven:
 - a. Jesus comes IN the "clouds of heaven" with power; Matthew 24:30; 26:64
 - b. Jesus comes WITH "clouds" and every eye shall see Him; Revelation 1:7
 - c. We are surrounded by a great "cloud" of witnesses; Hebrews 12:1
 - d. False teachers and false prophets are called "clouds that are carried with a tempest"; 2 Peter 2:17, and "clouds without water"; Jude 12
5. The nature of a "Cloud" is to "empty itself".
 - a. All that God the Father is was "emptied" into Jesus; He emptied Himself for us; John 14:8-9
 - b. All that Jesus Christ is, shall be "emptied" into His Body. Every son of God will contain and reveal His fullness; Romans 8:29-30.
 - c. Each son becomes a "cloud", a manifestation (carrier) of His glory, and will bring refreshment, growth and restoration to the Earth; Romans 8:19
 - d. The Body of Christ will empty itself and rain upon the nations of the Earth.
 - e. YAHWEH WILL "RAIN" ALL THAT HE IS UPON US!

