

The Latter Rain Outpouring

Introduction

Acts 1:6-7, “So when they met together, they asked him, ‘Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He said to them: ‘It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.’”

The Church of Jesus Christ has inside information; the end of this present age is ending and we win! 1 Cor. 7:31, “*For this world in its present form is passing away.*” The devil knows it and is becoming increasingly more desperate to change the set times- to prevent the end of this age.

- The sands of time are running out for Adam’s lease upon this earth- Genesis 1:26
 - o Be fruitful and multiply and have dominion upon the earth until the appointed time
 - Matthew 8:29; 1 Corinthians 4:5
- If the devil can destroy Israel, nullify God’s promise to Abraham and make God a liar
- Thus throw the universe into chaos, the enemy can stay here on earth indefinitely

Daniel 7:25-27, “He (anti-christ) will speak against the Most High and oppress his saints and try to change the set times and the laws. The saints will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time. But the court will sit, and his power will be taken away and completely destroyed forever. Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be handed over to the saints, the people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him.”

Matthew 24:3, “As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. ‘Tell us, they said, when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?’”

- While climate alarmists are banging the drums of global warming
 - o He who is seated on the throne said in Rev. 21:5, “*I am making everything new!*”
 - o Environmentalists are pointing out the rising temperature of the world’s oceans
 - o Rev. 21:5 there will be a new heaven and earth and there was no longer any sea
- **Please Read: 2 Peter Chapter 3**
- Right now humanity is in the valley of decision- choosing which side they will be on

1 John 3:2-3, “Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.”

The Coming of the Lord

As Christians, we need to keep the big picture in mind in light of current events. Jesus told us not to be alarmed about the world going crazy today.

Matthew 24:6-8

“You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.”

- So where do we stand today in relation to God’s prophetic landscape?
- Is the Coming of Jesus soon? Jesus told His Church to live in a state of readiness
- No one knows the day or the hour, but we can know the season

Matthew 24:32-36

“Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”

- Israel returning to their homeland after the dispersion in 1948 is huge
- The revived Roman empire through the European union is where the anti-christ will come
- Conflict in the Middle East; set for tribulation period peace pact and temple restoration
 - o Jerusalem Post- 5 perfect red heifers sent to Israel from Texas- Sept. 20, 2022
 - o Temple Institute continues preparation for construction of the 3rd temple in Jer.
- Revelation 9:16- the 6th trumpet releases a world army of 200 million to kill 1/3 of mankind
 - o Currently 75 million active and reservists military in the world today
 - o Preparations for the battle of Armageddon in Revelation 16:16
- All the chess pieces on the world stage are in place
- But an unimaginable world event is yet to take place to trigger Daniel’s 70th week
 - o The Coming of the Lord – is the rapture of the church
 - o The Church Age and the rapture was a mystery under the OT- Eph. 3:3
 - o There are three views for the rapture: Pre, Mid & Post
- **Please Read: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11; 3 Thessalonians 2:1-8**

1 Thessalonians 1:10, “And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.”

The Latter Rain- Last Revival

As the Church Age and dispensation of Grace comes in an end, we must pay more attention to fulfilling the mandate Jesus gave us 2k years ago- preach the good news of the Gospel to world.

James 5:7-8 NKJV, “Therefore be patient, brethren (Church), until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early (Church) rain and the latter (Church) rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.” **“Get ready for the great Outpouring of the Holy Spirit”**

- The AMP version states, “See how the farmer waits expectantly” - the farmer is God
- Mt. 21:33- In the parable of the Vineyard; point was to collect the fruit at harvest time
- God wants as many people to be saved and in His family- that’s the precious fruit
- Even during the tribulation period, countless people will be saved- Rev. 7:9; 14:15-16

1 Timothy 2:1-4 **“Fulfill our NT priestly duty and pray for the world- salt and light”**

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

- The former or early rain was in Acts 2 where out of the gate 3,000 were added
- Church began in power with a baptism of the Holy Spirit and Fire- Luke 3:16
 - o The Church was in its infancy; though effective, was limited in scope
- The Church today is a global entity and coupled with technology is far reaching

Ministers of the Gospel have spoken by the Holy Spirit in regards to the Last Days Revival:

- This revival would contain all previous revivals wrapped up in one
- All of the fivefold offices (apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, and teacher) would operate at 100% of their full potential power
- In this revival, all nine gifts of the Spirit would operate at 100% of their full potential power
- We must know the price that this degree of anointing calls for to flow through us to others
 - o Evangelist A.A. Allen, “The Price of God’s Miracle Working Power” - 1950
 - o Nancy Dufresne, “The Price of the Double Portion Anointing”

Renewal, Revival, Great Awakening and Outpouring of the Spirit of God

The great moves of God in the earth have always been a showing forth of His Glory, stretching forth His mighty arm of salvation to lift mankind out of darkness and into His wonderful light.

1 Chronicles 16:7-36, a prophetic psalm through David really illustrates this truth. So let’s now look at some definitions so we are all on the same page.

Renewal

- Is a restoration of faded and distant realities, a recovery of lost moves of God- Mt. 19:28
- Putting back into place those things that have been shelved by men or nullified by tradition
 - o Luke 11:52; 2 Tim. 3:5- *"Having a form of godliness by deny the power"*
- A visitation of God's glory and grace
 - o Matthew 17:11; Luke 19:44; 1 Peter 2:11-12

Revival

- To revive something is to restore back to life something that has died- Rev. 3:1-3, 14-20
- To make something that is weak strong again. A coming back to our Christian roots
- An infusion of power and strength – breathe life back into things- Acts 3:19; 2 Th. 2:16-17

Ancient Examples of Revival

Isaiah 30:15, "This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: 'In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.'"

Returning to the Lord- Old Testament Example

- Israel had fallen into a deep backslidden state having had reprobate kings
- 2 Kings 21, Manasseh king of Judah had set up idols all over Judah and in the very temple
 - o **2 Kings 22:1 – 23:25**
- Then comes King Josiah who accidentally discovers the Book of the Law in the Temple

Coming of John the Baptist and his ministry of Repentance

Malachi 4:5-6 (Last verse of the OT)

"See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers"

- **Please Read: Luke 1:11-17** John would come in the Power and spirit of Elijah
- **Mark 1:4; Mt Chap 3; 11:11-14** John's ministry of repentance
- **Please Read: John 3:22-36** John must decrease and Jesus much increase

The Ministry of Jesus

- **Please Read: Mark 1:14-18; Luke 24:46-49**
- **Luke 5:32**, "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

The Early Church

- **Please Read: Acts 2:1-4, 22-47** The day of Pentecost
 - o Acts 11:21-24; 14:1; 9:32-43

The Protestant Reformation

In 1515, Pope Leo X granted a plenary indulgence intended to finance the construction of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. It would apply to almost any sin, including adultery and theft- which amounts to a get out of jail or purgatory free card. The church would send out indulgence preachers (salesmen) to offer them to the people as a way of raising money. This was too much for Martin Luther and inspired him to publish the Ninety-five Theses in 1517 and triggered a reformation or revival until 1648. Based on the righteous will live by faith led to the division of Western Christianity into different denominations. The protestant reformation laid the grand work of all the future moves of God to restore the first century teachings of the early Church.

Modern Examples of Revival- Great Awakenings

Refers to a number of periods in early American history; each of these “Great Awakenings” was characterized by widespread revivals, led by Protestant evangelical ministers. It incited division between old traditionalists who insisted on the continuing importance of ritual and Calvinistic doctrine. In contrast with the new revivalists, preached unmerited grace, deep repentance and the new birth through Jesus Christ- Acts 15:1-35 (Council in Jerusalem)

1 Th. 1:4, “For we know, brothers loved by God that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction”

- The first great awakening in the America colonies- 1730s and 1740s- NE of America
 - o Transformed the church from dead rituals to a burning furor for truth in Jesus
 - o Jonathan Edwards: American revivalist and Congregationalist Protestant theologian
 - o George Whitefield, an English Anglican evangelist: worked closely with John Wesley
- The Second great awakening began late 1700's to mid-1800's- affected all of the Americas
 - o This Great Awakening ushered in- Temperance, Abolition & Women's rights
 - o Charles Finney: Born again & Spirit Filled Revivalist 1825-1835 in the NE of the States

“The Holy Spirit ... seemed to go through me, body and soul,” he later wrote. “I could feel the impression, like a wave of electricity, going through and through me. Indeed it seemed to come in waves of liquid love, for I could not express it in any other way.”

- The third great awakening in the 1850s–1900s was characterized by new denominations
 - o Active missionary work and the Social Gospel approach to social issues- YMCA (1844)
 - o Salvation Army was founded in 1865 in London by one-time Methodist preacher
- 20th Century revivals: Charles F. Parham & William Seymour- Pentecostalism- Azusa Street
 - o Associated the Baptism with the Holy Spirit and speaking in other tongues
- Healing Revivals: 1947 – 1958 as a powerful evangelist tool for soul winning
- Charismatic Renewal: 1960's continuation of the 9 manifestations of the Spirit
- Jesus' Moment: 1960's to 1970's- movement among young people getting born again
- Neo-Charismatic: Non-Denominational- Word of Faith 80's, Vineyard/Brownsville 90's-2000
- The secret to revival: Hunger/Thirst for God, Repentance, Holiness & Travail in intercession