

LATTER RAIN and LOUD CRY quotes

1) “Do you ask, What shall I do to be saved? You must lay your preconceived opinions, your hereditary and cultivated ideas, at the door of investigation. If you search the Scriptures to vindicate your own opinions, you will NEVER reach the truth. Search in order to learn what the Lord says. If conviction comes as you search, if you see that your cherished opinions are not in harmony with the truth, do not misinterpret the truth in order to suit your own belief, but accept the light given. Open mind and heart that you may behold wondrous things out of God’s Word.” Christ’s Object Lessons, p 112.

“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.” Isaiah 8:20.

2) #1 – What is the Latter Rain and Loud Cry?

How does inspiration describe this message of Revelation 18?

“Hence the movement symbolized by the angel coming down from Heaven, lightening the earth with his glory, and crying mightily with a strong voice, announcing the sins of Babylon. In connection with his message the call is heard, ‘Come out of her, my people.’” Spirit of Prophecy, vol 4, p 422 (Great Controversy, p 604).

What we see pictured in Revelation 18 is a Movement! This Movement of God is similar to the Movements of the past: such as the Exodus of God’s people from Egypt, or the Early Christian Church from Judaism, or the Reformers from Catholicism, or even Adventism from Protestantism. But this Revelation 18 Movement is not the Advent Movement! This Movement is the very last Movement of God’s people found recorded in the book of Revelation just before probation closes for the world!

We are told about this important message:

“The Lord has this one last call of mercy to give to the world...” Last Day Events from the Letters and Manuscripts of E.G. White, p 78 (Letter 86, June 19, 1900).

The very last message, the very last call of mercy that is to be sounded to the entire world, is found recorded in Revelation 18.

“And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.” Revelation 18:1-5.

3) “And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven having great power...”

Who represents this angel which comes down from heaven?

“I have no specific time of which to speak when the outpouring of the Holy Spirit will take place – when the mighty angel will come down from heaven...” Bible Commentary, vol 7, p 984 (Review and Herald, March 29, 1892).

Who did inspiration declare this mighty angel listed in Revelation 18 to be? The Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit is not a created angel. The word “angel” translates, “messenger” (see Strong’s, word #32). Just as Christ is “Michael the archangel”, yet He is not created but is the Lord God Michael and messenger of the Lord Almighty, so the same with the Holy Spirit – He is not created, but is God the Holy Spirit and is also a messenger of the Lord Almighty.

So this mighty angel pictured in Revelation 18 represents God the Holy Spirit. And He comes down from where? From heaven. So the Holy Spirit comes down, or is poured out, from heaven. What is another name for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit from heaven? The Latter Rain (see Acts of the Apostles, p 55). What we see pictured in Revelation 18:1 is a depiction of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Latter Rain, and the initiation of the Last Day Movement of God.

But this mighty angel is not quiet when he is poured out from heaven, because He cries mightily with a strong voice, or a Loud Cry (see Testimonies, vol 8, p 118), declaring the fall of Babylon. So when the Holy Spirit is poured out, or the Latter Rain falls, He brings the beginning of the Loud Cry.

4) “and the earth...”

What is a symbol representing the earth? Our hearts. Christ’s parable of the sower scattering the seed into four different types of soil (Matthew 13:3-9) represents four different types of heart-soil where the seeds of truth could fall upon. So when the Holy Spirit is poured out something happens to the earth or to the hearts of humanity.

“was lightened with his glory.”

When the Holy Spirit is poured out in Latter Rain power, our hearts are lightened with his glory (see Manuscript Releases, vol 8, p 212). But what is this glory?

“As great power and glory attended the closing work, the faithful people of God will partake of that glory. It is the latter rain which revives and strengthens them to pass through the time of trouble. Their faces will shine with the glory of that light which attends the third angel.” Testimonies, vol 1, p 353.

What is represented as the glory which attends the third angel? The Latter Rain! And what is the third angel’s message? It is found in Revelation 14:9-12: dealing with the law of God, especially uplifting the Sabbath, or the fourth commandment of God. It includes a warning against worshiping the Beast and his Image, and receiving their mark. The Mark of the Beast is worshiping on Sunday after it is enforced by law. And if the people receive that mark, and choose to worship the Beast or his Image, then they will receive the wrath of God poured out in the seven last plagues.

5) “The whole earth is to be lightened with the glory of God’s truth. The Lord will not close up the period of probation until the warning shall be more distinctly proclaimed. The trumpet must give a certain sound. The law of God is to be magnified, its claims must be presented in their true, sacred character, that the people may be brought to decide for or against the truth. Yet the work will be cut short in righteousness. The message of Christ’s righteousness is to sound from one end of the world to the other. This is the glory of God which closes the work of the third angel.” Last Day Events from the Letters and Manuscripts of E.G. White, p 179 (Letter 2c, 1892).

The glory of the angel of Revelation 18 which attends and closes the work of the third angel represents the message of Christ’s righteousness. And we also read earlier that the glory represented the outpouring of the Latter Rain! But more than this.

The Latter Rain is defined as being the “outpouring of the Holy Spirit” (Acts of Apostles, p 55); the “glory of the angel of Revelation 18” (Testimonies, vol 1, p 353; Early Writings, p 279; Testimonies to Ministers, p 469; Last Day Events from the Letters and Manuscripts of E.G. White, p 234); the “message of the righteousness of Christ” (Last Day Events from the Letters and Manuscripts of E.G. White, p 179; Testimonies, vol 6, p 19; Manuscript Releases, vol 1, p 172). We also find that the Latter Rain means the “refreshing from the presence of the Lord” – or the refreshing presence of Jesus (Testimonies, vol 1, p 183; Early Writings, p 71, 279; Review and Herald, vol 2, p 482; Last Day Events from the Letters and Manuscripts of E.G. White, p 234), and also the “beginning of the loud cry” (Testimonies, vol 1, p 183). (If you would like to study more into the various definitions of the Latter Rain, there is a 35 page Spirit of Prophecy compilation which you can obtain by writing to this ministry or visiting our website in the Special section – www.LightMinistries.com/SDA/id295.htm).

So the Latter Rain is a symbol representing the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the glory of the angel of Revelation 18, the message of the Righteousness of Christ, the refreshing presence of Jesus, and the beginning of the Loud Cry. But the Holy Spirit is the key to obtaining all these blessings from heaven.

Without the Holy Spirit, you would have no Latter Rain, you would have no glory, no attraction to the message of truth, no refreshing, no beginning of the Loud Cry, and you would have no Jesus. And in turn, without the message of Christ’s righteousness, you would have no Latter Rain, etc. But how can all these different areas be combined and blended together under the symbol of the Latter Rain?

“The Lord is testing the people of today as much as He tested the Jews in their day. When He sends His message of mercy, the light of His truth, He is sending the Spirit of truth to you and if you accept the message, you accept Jesus.” Review and Herald, April 11, 1893 (vol 3, p 38).

6) Was this any different when the Holy Spirit was poured out in the Early Rain at Pentecost?

“When the truth in its simplicity is lived in every place, then God will work through His angels as He worked on the day of Pentecost, and hearts will be changed so decidedly that there will be a manifestation of the influence of genuine truth, as is represented in the descent of the Holy Spirit.” Special Testimonies, Series B#7, p 63.

“He [the Holy Spirit] shall glorify Me [Jesus].’ ‘This is eternal life, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.’ The Holy Spirit glorifies God by so revealing His character to His people that He becomes the object of their supreme affections and by making manifest His character in them. They see clearly that there was never any righteousness in the world but His, no excellence in the world but that derived from Him. When the Spirit was poured out from on High [at Pentecost] the church was flooded with light, but Christ was the source of that light; His name was on every tongue, His love filled every heart. So it will be when that angel that comes down from heaven having great power, shall lighten the earth with his glory. May the Lord help His people to see and understand what is truth.” 1888 Materials, vol 3, p 1017 (Letter 25b, August 30, 1892).

When the Holy Spirit was poured out in Early Rain power at Pentecost, the church was flooded with light that centered in Jesus. And what is going to happen when the Latter Rain falls today? Again God’s people will be flooded with light, and Christ will be the source and center of that light.

“I stated [at the 1888 General Conference Session] that...there was to be special light for God’s people as they neared the closing scenes of this earth’s history. Another angel was to come down from heaven with a message, and the whole earth was to be lighted with his glory.” Last Day Events from the Letters and Manuscripts of E.G. White, p 64 (Letter 22, January 18, 1889).

7) The Righteousness of Christ involves justification and sanctification by faith, which is the “third angel’s message in verity” (Evangelism, p 190), and which we were told was the beginning of the Loud Cry! Or stating this truth in another way, one could say that God desires to rain righteousness upon His people!

“Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: For it is time to seek the Lord, till He come and rain righteousness upon you.” Hosea 10:12.

But why is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit connected with the message of truth centering in Jesus?

“The only channel through which the Spirit operates is that of the truth.” Selected Messages, book 2, p 49.

The only channel through which the Spirit could be poured out in Latter Rain power is that of “the truth.” So the Latter Rain was to fall with a message of truth, and that message is the Righteousness of Christ.

“The Saviour of men will be glorified, and the earth will be lightened with the bright shining of the beams of His righteousness. He is the fountain of light, and light from the gates ajar has been shining upon the people of God, that they may lift Him up in His glorious character before those who sit in darkness.” Review and Herald, November 29, 1892.

It is only through Christ and His righteousness that any of God's people can avoid worshiping the Beast, his Image, or receiving his mark! It is only through making the character of God your own by faith, by beholding Him, uniting with Christ, and then by living through His grace and strength, that any of God's people can become like Him and be saved.

8) "And I heard another voice from heaven..."
This mighty voice is from God Himself.

"saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins."

To be a partaker of the sins of Babylon would mean that you would be held corporately responsible for her sins!

Corporate Responsibility means that if you are connected with or a member of anything that is part of Babylon then you would be held responsible for all the sins of Babylon! (See this principle taught in Jeremiah 26:15; Joshua 7:1-26; Testimonies, vol 3, p 265-269. There is also a booklet which investigates further into this solemn truth on Corporate Responsibility through the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy which you can obtain by writing this ministry or visiting our website under the Booklet section – www.LightMinistries.com/SDA/Booklets/id124.htm).

"And that ye receive not of her plagues."

Since you are part of Babylon the harlot and are thus held corporately responsible for the sins in Babylon, then you would also be judged guilty of receiving the same punishment as she does.

"For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities."

Since her sins have reached unto heaven, and God has remembered or investigated them, this means that her cup is full, judgment has been pronounced and corporate probation has closed upon Babylon. It is only after corporate probation has closed upon Babylon that God then commands His people to flee Babylon so that they will not be destroyed along with her.

This Movement of Revelation 18 is not seen, the Latter Rain cannot fall and the message of the Loud Cry is not given, until after probation has forever closed upon all of corporate Babylon. After probation has closed, God then calls His people to come out of Babylon in order to try and save their lives from being destroyed along with her.