End Time Promise of Revival

James 5:7-8 Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waitingfor the autumn and spring rains. *You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

God is that farmer. And he has been waiting for the whole earth to produce. And it will produce all at once. The rains speak of the pouring out of God's spirit. It also speaks of teaching. **Deut 32:2 Let my teaching fall like rain** and my words descend like dew, **like showers on new grass**, like abundant rain on tender plants. NIV

Joel 2:23 Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the LORD your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant howers, both autumn and spring rains, as before.

Because of the hot summer, by fall the ground would be hard. It was too hard to till. The autumn rains would soften the ground for planting. The Lord softens our heart for his word to enter. In the typical year there would be an autumn rain and a spring rain. The spring rain would cause the crops to grow so they could be harvested. This time it will be different. In the spring the rain would come twice. There would be an extra portion to cause the crops to ripen.

Just Prior to the rapture there will be a pouring out of God's Spirit like the world has never seen. In the same season, listed as the same month, God will give a double portion of his spirit and teaching Joel 1:4 What the locust swarm has left the great locusts have eaten; what the great locusts have left the young locusts have eaten; what the young locusts have left other locusts^[a] have eaten.

LOCUST

These words may therefore be regarded as different **names of the locust**, **referring to different stages of development of the insect.** LOCUST

The swarms of locusts are composed of countless individuals. The statements sometimes made that they darken the sky must not be taken too literally. They do not produce darkness, but their effect may be like that of a thick cloud. Their movements are largely determined by the wind, and while fields that are in their path may be laid waste, others at one side may not be affected.

After several molts, small and useless wings are found, but it is only after the last molt that the insects are able to fly. In the early molts the tiny black nymphs are found in patches on the ground, hopping out of the way when disturbed. Later they run, until they are able to fly. In all stages they are destructive to vegetation. (International Standard Bible Encyclopedia)

A locust plague is practically unstoppable. Water does not work; for when enough locusts drown, the survivors use their bodies as a bridge. They have also been known to smother fires that had been set to destroy them.

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Joel 2:24-27 The threshing floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil. ²⁵ "I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten— the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm^[2] my great army that I sent among you. ²⁶ You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the LORD your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed. ²⁷ Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the LORD your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.

So far there has not been the great harvest. The bible talks about a harvest of souls. There will no longer be a famine for the word of God but God will make up for all that was lost at one time.

Joel 2:28-29 "And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.²⁹ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

This scripture is a millennial promise. In that day everyone will know the Lord from the least to the greatest. There is a fulfillment in our age, the church age where his people will experience these things. In Acts 2:16 it says this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel. Us being filled with the Holy Spirit as described in Acts 2 is the fulfillment of the prophecy

Zachariah 10:1Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone.

There is a season for God to pour out his Spirit upon His people. It is the final revival before Jesus comes. In order to ask for rain in the season we need to know what season it is. The scripture talks about looking and waiting for his appearing. There is sleepiness on the world and we need to shake sleep so that we can be part of this important time.

Roman 8:19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

Right now God's people are hidden still growing in the womb. The days are coming when the church is going to give birth to something that the world has never seen. See Rev. 12

Ephesians 4:13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.