**These Perilous Times**

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**“Let It Rain”**

Looking back on when just a young boy, I remember a little jingle my friends and I use to sing if it began raining, especially if we were out of doors playing; “Rain, rain, go away, please *come back some other day*.”

 Needless to say when the next rainy day came, we would repeat the same old song; forgetting about, *this was that other day*. Even as adults, many of us view rainy days as being an inconvenient thing-perhaps spoiling “our” outdoor plans, literally “raining on *our* parade.”

 Through the years I’ve learned to appreciate rainy days. And yes, I do pray for literal rain. Rainy days always seem to make sunny days so much brighter. Please remember it was Jesus who created the “Hydro-Logic System,” not meteorologist, and/or weather forecasters! He is still in control!

**What does this mean for us?**

**Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season**

**A Famine in the Land**

 No matter what region of the world one lives in, if the land is deficient of rain fall for a prolonged amount of time, the entire ecosystem of that district will suffer immensely especially their essential resources i.e., the harvesting of important crops, if any, and the maintaining of healthy livestock.

 The story of Joseph, while a slave in Egypt tells how God used Joseph, to save the Egyptians, and the Israelite people from starvation (See Gen. 41) by *preparing* themfor a seven year *famine.*

 Pharaoh had a disturbing dream concerning his country’s vital resources. The Lord, in answer to prayer, gave a dream to Joseph with the interpretation of Pharaoh’s dream. What is a famine? (An acute and general *shortage of food*; an acute and *general lack of anything*.) [[1]](#footnote-1)

“Behold the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of the hearing of the words of the Lord. And they shall wonder from sea to sea, and from north even unto the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and they shall not find it.” Amos 8:11, 12 KJV

 How are we, God’s “remnant people” to prepare for a “spiritual famine” in our own lives? Pray for rain, the former and latter “spiritual rain.” This is the only rain that will soften and revive and restore the unfertile, fallow ground of our hearts, and allow God’s Spirit once again to lead us back to the foot of the cross.

“Behold, I come as a thief, blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.” Revelation 16:15 KJV

**Counsel from God’s inspired messenger**

“Before the final visitation of God’s judgments upon the earth there will be among the people of the Lord such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic

times.” [[2]](#footnote-2)

**Get ready for the famine, let the Holy Spirit reign within your heart!**

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1. Webster’s New World Dictionary, (College Ed.), Cleveland & New York,

 The World Publishing Assn., 1964, p. 525. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. E. G. White. The Great Controversy, p. 464. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)