

# **AUTUMN RAIN AND SPRING RAIN**

**Understanding the former and latter day rains**

**Deuteronomy 11;14 — That  
I will give you the rain of  
your land in his due season,  
the first rain and the latter  
rain, that thou mayest  
gather in thy corn, and thy  
wine, and thine oil. KJV**

**Then I will provide rain  
for your land in season,  
the autumn and spring  
rains, that you may  
gather your grain, new  
wine, and oil. BSB**

Strong's 3138

yoreh: the early rain

Original Word: יוֹרֵה

Part of Speech: Noun

Masculine

Transliteration: yoreh

Definition: the early rain  
— autumn rain

Strong's 4456

malqosh: latter rain,  
spring rain

Original Word: מַלְקוֹשׁ

Part of Speech: Noun

Masculine

Definition: latter rain,  
spring rain



**Zechariah 10;1 Ask ye of  
the Lord rain in the time of  
the latter rain; so the Lord  
shall make bright clouds,  
and give them showers of  
rain, to every one grass in  
the field. KJV**

**Jeremiah 5:24, Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the Lord our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest. KJV**

**They have not said in their hearts, 'Let us fear the LORD our God, who gives the rains, both autumn and spring, in season, who keeps for us the appointed weeks of harvest.' BSB**

**The former (Autumn) rain is about what יהוה has done in the past.**

**The latter or later (spring) rain is about what יהוה will do in the future.**

**Spring is a time for planting, and growing, we need the latter rain to grow because growth is in His hands, not ours, it is uncertain so we trust יהוה for His provision.**

**Joel 2;23, Be glad then, ye children  
of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord  
your God: for he hath given you  
the former rain moderately, and  
he will cause to come down for  
you the rain, the former rain, and  
the latter rain in the first month.**

**KJV**



**Who passing through the valley  
of Baca make it a well; the rain  
also filleth the pools. KJV**

**As they pass through the Valley  
of Baca, they make it a place of  
springs; even the autumn rain  
covers it with pools. BSB**



**So why is this confusing?**

**He must receive the first rain soon after the corn is put into the ground, otherwise it will rot or be blown away with the dust, as his fields become turned into a kind of impalpable powder by the summer's sun ; he must have the latter rain just before the time of harvest, otherwise the ears lacking the moisture that should fill them out, will become thin and lean, barely worth the ingathering; in fact, they will yield no flour for the food of man.**

**Charles Haddon Spurgeon July 11, 1869**



**James 5;7,**

**Be patient therefore, brethren,  
unto the coming of the Lord.**

**Behold, the husbandman  
waiteth for the precious fruit of  
the earth, and hath long  
patience for it, until he receive  
the early and latter rain. KJV**

**The former (Autumn) rain is  
what we thank יהוה for  
because it has been done  
and is in the past.**

**The latter or later (spring)  
rain is what we ask יהוה to  
continue in the future.**