



RAIN



Introduction

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Seattle Famous For Rain

 What do you call two straight days of rain in Seattle?

 A weekend

Seattle Famous for Rain

- ☁️ What does daylight-saving time mean in Seattle?
- ☁️ An extra hour of rain.







Seattle Famous for Rain

- ☁️ "I can't believe it," said the tourist. "I've been here an entire week and it's done nothing but rain. When do you have summer here?"
- ☁️ "Well, that's hard to say," replied the local.
- ☁️ "Last year, it was on a Wednesday."

Seattle Famous for Rain

- ☁️ A tourist from California saw a little boy and asked him: when does it stop raining around here?
- ☁️ The little boy said: "I don't know. I am only six."

Annual Rainfall (in inches)

 Yuma, Arizona	3
 Sequim, WA	16
 Seattle, WA	38
 New York City	47
 Bremerton, WA	52
 Miami, FL	58
 Quinalt, WA	140
 Cherrapunji, India	430

When God Made The Clouds

☁️ Job 38:9

☁️ Before the flood in Noah's day, there had been no rain, hence no clouds.

☁️ The Book of Job, the oldest book in the Bible says: "when I made the cloud, the garment thereof, and thick darkness...."

Job 28:25

- ☁️ To make weight for the winds and he weigheth the waters by measure (3000 BC)
- ☁️ In 1643 an Italian scientist named Torricelli discovered barometric pressure and the fact that winds have weight.

Jeremiah 10:13

- ☁️ When He utters His voice, *There is a multitude of waters in the heavens:*
“And He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth. He makes lightning for the rain, He brings the wind out of His treasuries.”
- ☁️ Could Jeremiah see vapor going up from the ocean?

We Take It For Granted

☁️ This simple verse has remarkable scientific insight. The drops of water which eventually pour down as rain, come from vapor and then condense to tiny liquid water droplets in the clouds, large enough to overcome the updrafts that suspend them in the air.


Earth's Rain Circuits

- ☁️ Ecclesiastes 1:6,7 (Solomon 935 BC)
- ☁️ From whence the rivers come, thither they return again
- ☁️ "According to His circuits"
- ☁️ The above is a summary of the "Hydrologic Cycle" discovered by scientists in the 1700's .

Hydrologic Cycle

 Psalm 135:7

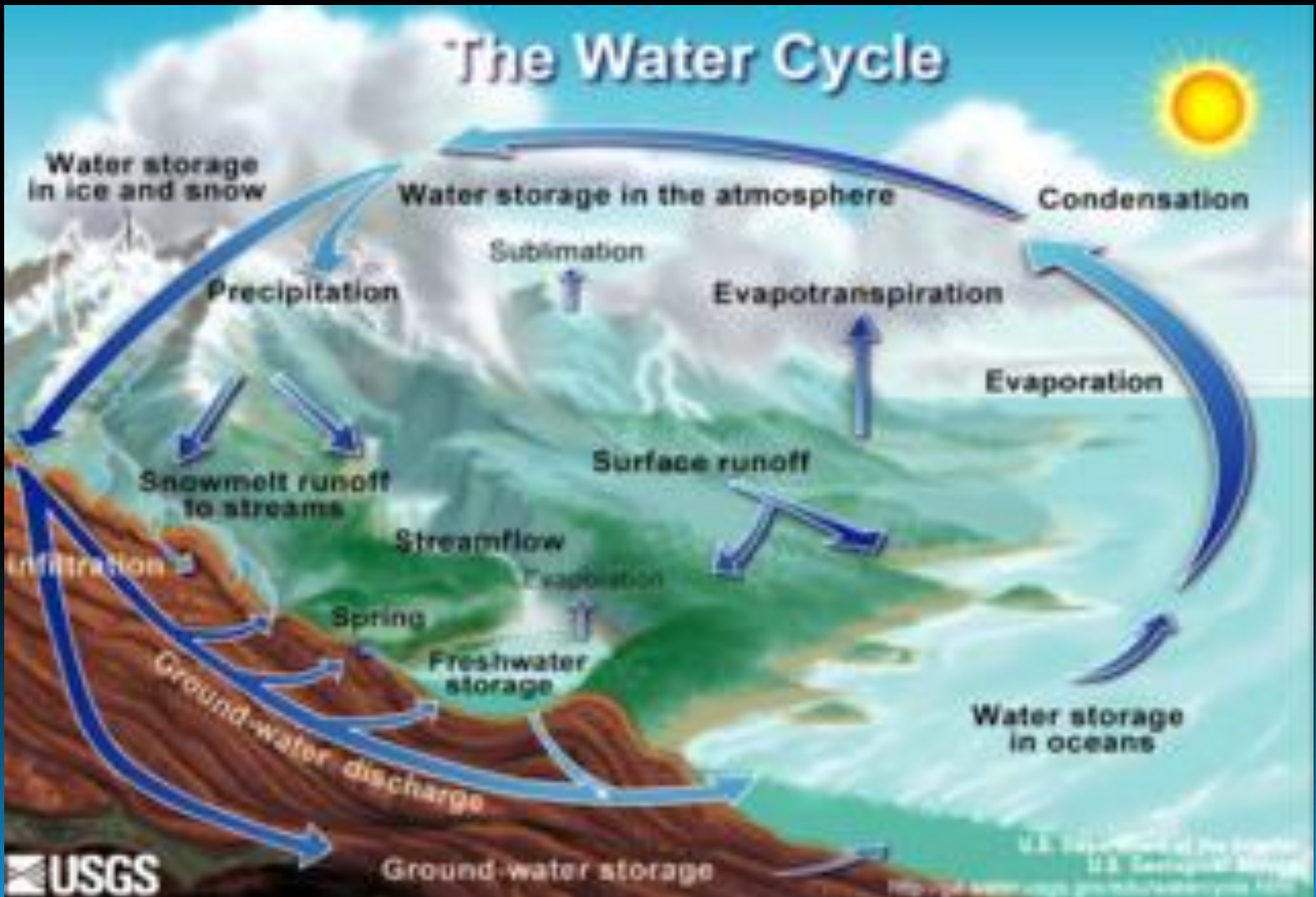
 Vapors, wind, rain, lightning

 Vapors of water rise to form clouds, winds move clouds over land, drop water (rain), water runs back down mountains, hills to the oceans.

Amos 9:6

- ☁️ He calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth. The Lord is his name.
- ☁️ This makes sense now, but 3000 years ago, man did not know about the hydrologic cycle, whereby the vapors from the ocean formed clouds, that the winds moved toward land, and where the rains fell.

Hydrologic Cycle



Springs of the Sea


- ❑ Some rain water seeps into the earth and comes back up under the oceans.
- ❑ Throughout the world there are fresh water springs coming up into the salt water. There is a large one off the coast of Crescent Beach, Florida.
- ❑ Job 38:16
- ❑ How did Job know about this before submarines and scuba diving equipment?

The Bible is God's Word

- ❑ All scripture is given by inspiration of God...II Timothy 3:16.
- ❑ For this cause also thank we God without ceasing because, when ye received the Word of God, which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God, which effectually also work in ye that believe. I Thessalonians 2:13

Hydrologic Cycle

 Job 36:27-29

 For He draws up drops of water,
Which distill as rain from the mist,
Which the clouds drop down
And pour abundantly on man.
Indeed, can *anyone* understand the spreading of
clouds,
The thunder from His canopy?

He Created Rain

☁️🌧️ Job 36:27

☁️🌧️ He maketh the rain in small drops.


☁️🌧️ We take it for granted, but what if the drops were huge?

☁️🌧️ Dropping at 22 miles per hour

Clouds Balanced By God

 Job 37:14-16

 Balancing of Clouds

 Clouds must be in perfect balance to pick up moisture over the ocean, be able to hold it and move to land, then dump it in small drops.

 Just accidentally happens all over the world every day?

God's Amazing Creation

- ☁️ The Hydrologic cycle is precisely set by weights of air and water.
- ☁️ If it were off just a little, the cycle would not occur, then life on earth could not be sustained.

Rain Measured by God

☁️🌧️ Isaiah 40:12


☁️🌧️ Measured the waters


☁️🌧️ We joke about rain coming down in buckets, but if it did, we would all be dead.


☁️🌧️ God measured the waters for our good.

Water/Air Measured

 Job 37:16

 “Dost thou know the balancing of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge?”

 Clouds are balanced by gravity pulling down and warm air rising.

 It has to be precisely balanced to retain and move mass amounts of water!

Ferrel's Law 1856

- ☁ The scientist William Ferrel discovered the circuits of the winds and proved that winds in the northern hemisphere are deflected to the right and those in the southern hemisphere are deflected to the left.
- ☁ Ecclesiastes recorded God's circuits of winds on this earth 3000 years before scientists proved it.

Wind/Rain In Circuits

☁️ Ecclesiastes 1:6 (1000 BC)

☁️ The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north, it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits.

Waterspouts

- ☁️ Tornadoes over water are called waterspouts. Like land tornadoes, they make a roaring sound.
- ☁️ They sometimes pick up salt water and fish and drop them inland.

Ref: Weather Made Clear by D.C. Holmes

Waterspouts

 Psalm 42:7

 “Deep calleth on deep at the noise of thy waterspouts...”

Frozen Water

- ☁️ The density of water is 1.0
- ☁️ All other elements are higher or lower.
- ☁️ Ice is .98
- ☁️ Since ice is lighter than water, it floats
- ☁️ If it were heavier than water, it would sink.

Ice

- ❑ Everything else in the world freezes from the bottom up, but water freezes from the top down. Everything else contracts when it freezes, but water expands.
- ❑ This means that in winter, ponds and rivers and lakes can freeze at the surface, but allow fish and other marine creatures to live down below.

Snow

- ☁️ Job 38:22 Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow?
- ☁️ Snow forms when the temperature of the clouds falls below freezing.
- ☁️ No two snowflakes are ever the same, but all are six-sided.
- ☁️ For in six days, God created the heavens...and all that is therein.

Actual Snowflakes

☁️ K. G. Libbrecht, using a special microscopic camera, took these photographs of snow flakes in Alaska, Northern California, Northern Michigan and Vermont.



















God's Handiwork

☁️ "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth his handiwork."

Psalm 19:1

☁️ The stars and planets show God's glory and the snow that comes from the firmament shows God's handiwork. Each snowflake different, all six-sided and showing intelligent and beautiful design by the Creator.

God's Grace Brings Rains

- ☁️ Israel is dependent upon the rains that fall. Israel has only two seasons: rainy (October through April comprising early and latter rains) and dry (May through September).
- ☁️ In contrast to the labor intensive (works) irrigation systems of Egypt, Israel depended on God's grace to bring abundant rain.

God Is In Control

- ☁️ God established a system for the winds and rain and it goes on day after day as established.
- ☁️ God is, and has always been, in control of the weather patterns.
- ☁️ He can alter his system and according to the Bible, he has done that many times.

Rain/Grace For The Weary

- ☁️ It took the prayers of those in touch with God to bring the Israelites the rain needed for survival.
- ☁️ It is the same today.
- ☁️ James 5:16 “The prayers of a righteous man availeth much.” Those prayers bring down from heaven the grace needed in a dry weary land.

Does God Influence Rain?

☁️ I Kings 17:1

☁️ Gods prophet said: no rain these years...

☁️ How many years?

☁️ Luke 4:25

Does God Influence Rain?


 I Kings 18:42

 Elijah prayed for rain

 I Kings 18:43

 Go look to see rain coming


 I Kings 18:44

 A little cloud like a man's hand. Ahab you prepare, rain is coming.


 The sky turned black with clouds, great rain came.

Grace For The Weary

 Psalm 68:9


 “Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.”


 We are sometimes weary and need to be refreshed.


 Our prayers to God can bring a gracious shower, of his matchless grace upon our hearts and lives.

Rain Where No Man Is


 Job 38:26-27

 Much of the rain that falls on earth, over the oceans or in remote areas, we never see.

 The same is with God's grace. It comes down in ways that we never realize, but it comes down.

 In a church grace comes through various people, much of which is not seen.

“Where No Man Is”

 Grace often comes where there is no man to bring it. When a person has not heard a sermon, when he has been on the sea, far away from all means of grace, yet God has caused it to rain upon him. The Lord has many ways of proving that his grace descends upon men without any help from them. He can cause it to rain “where no man is.”

The Bud To Come Forth

☁️ Job 38:26-27 The dry weary land can be so desolate, so unproductive, so unlovely, so dead and depressing.

The Bud To Come Forth

- ☁️ But after the rains come, the beautiful flowers come up, the grass grows the creatures are all happy. The birds sing.
- ☁️ The same happens when God's grace is poured out. The dead are born again, the unproductive, bear fruit, the unlovely are loved, the depressed find joy. The weary are refreshed.

All Once Were 'Waiting Buds'

- ☁️ "To cause the bud of the tender herb to come forth."
- ☁️ At one time we were all tender buds, frail and on the way to death, until the God rained down his grace upon us.
- ☁️ His grace was sufficient.

Rains Bring New Life

- ☁️ There was a day, when Renée was in a dry weary land, barely staying alive.
- ☁️ She prayed for the living Water, God rained down his grace and made something beautiful and productive.
- ☁️ The same happened to many in this church. Houstons, Bedsoles, McArthurs...
- ☁️ They were only buds, until the rain came; now they are beautiful flowers, but still needing God's grace.

Thunderstorms

☁️ Job 38:35-37

☁️ There are approximately 4,000 thunderstorms around the world every 24 hours.

☁️ The number every day is constant, very close to 4,000 every day, year after year.

Ref: U.S. Congress Hearing on Atmosphere, 1976, page 406

Thunderstorms of Life

- God's 'rains of grace' are wonderful, but the thunderstorms and lightning remind us of the world we must live.
- The thundering and lighting of conflict has been upon us since Adam sinned. Jesus said that there would be wars and rumors of wars until he returned to rapture us out.

Thunder and Lightning

- From ancient times, thunder and lightning have been symbols of war.
- Hitler had his blitzkrieg (lightning wars)
- In Vietnam the U.S. had Operation Rolling Thunder
- Amid the spiritual warfare on earth, God's grace is still poured out on us. Amid the dark clouds still fall the rain that sustains our lives.


Lightning With The Rain

 Jeremiah 10:13

 He maketh lightnings with the rain

Paths For Lightning

 Job 38:25-28

 Lightning travels in paths within the clouds.
Lightning bolts are in visible lines or paths in the clouds.



Lightning

- ☁️ It is a myth that “Lightning never strikes the same place twice.”
- ☁️ The Empire State Building averages 100 hits per year.
- ☁️ The Space Needle is often hit, sometimes more than once during the same storm.





God Influences Rain

 Deuteronomy 11:10-17

 10-11 water of the rain of heaven

 12-14 rain

 15-17

 With God there is a linkage between living by the words of God and having the blessings that come from moderate rain.

Moderate Rain A Blessing

☁️ Joel 2:23

☁️ Rejoice – God gave rain moderately

☁️ Insinuation is that moderate rain is by the grace of God.

☁️ Lack of rain or excess rain can mean judgment, e.g. the flood in Noah's day.

God's Blessings

☁️ Deuteronomy 28:12

☁️ God's blessings include:

☁️ Rain

☁️ Work of our hands blessed

☁️ Lend unto many nations

☁️ Borrow from none

☁️ U.S. owes \$10,726,151,898,465 *as of 2/08/2009*

Owe No One

- ☁️ Every year since 1969 Congress has voted to spend more money than it brought in.
- ☁️ As of this week, the national debt is 10.7 trillion dollars.
- ☁️ An average of over \$35,000. for every man, woman, and child in America.

Bow In The Rain Clouds

☁️ Ezekiel 1:28

☁️ Bow – rainbow


☁️ The glory of the rainbow is likened to the glory of God.

Rainbow



The Rainbow Reminds Us

 Revelation 4:1-3

 From now on when you see a beautiful rainbow in the clouds, think of the glory of God and his grace that he rains down upon US.

A Picture of Blessing

- ☁️ Many people complain about the rain in Washington. Actually it is a tremendous blessing. All over the world people are suffering from lack of rain.
- ☁️ There is something else the whole world is suffering for lack of.

The Word of God



- ☁️🌧️ Isaiah 55:10,11
- ☁️🌧️ As the rain watereth earth, so shall my Word be that goeth forth out of my mouth. It shall not return unto me void.



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