

**Dominionism**

# Joel 2

"Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning."

Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing— grain offerings and drink offerings for the Lord your God.

Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly. Gather the people, consecrate the assembly; bring together the elders, gather the children, those nursing at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her chamber. Let the priests, who minister before the Lord, weep between the portico and the altar. Let them say, "Spare your people, Lord. Do not make your inheritance an object of scorn, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

The Lord's Answer

Then the Lord was jealous for his land and took pity on his people.

The Lord replied to them:

"I am sending you grain, new wine and olive oil, enough to satisfy you fully; never again will I make you an object of scorn to the nations.

"I will drive the northern horde far from you, pushing it into a parched and barren land; its eastern ranks will drown in the Dead Sea and its western ranks in the Mediterranean Sea. And its stench will go up; its smell will rise."

Surely he has done great things! Do not be afraid, land of Judah; be glad and rejoice. Surely the Lord has done great things! Do not be afraid, you wild animals, for the pastures in the wilderness are becoming green. The trees are bearing their fruit; the fig tree and the vine yield their riches. 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 showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. The threshing floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.

"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— my great army that I sent among you. 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. 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.

How did the Latter Rain interpret this text?



Young Brown, Jack Moore, William  
Branham, Oral Roberts, Gordon  
Lindsay in Kansas City (1948)

# William Branham

"God made three Bibles. The first one, He put It in the sky, the zodiac... He come the first time through the virgin; He comes the second time as the Lion of the tribe of Judah. He made the next one in the pyramid, back in the days of Enoch... And the stone on the capstone never was found. The Capstone was rejected; Christ, the Headstone, was rejected. But as we grow from the Lutheran age, Baptist age, Methodist age, Pentecostal age, we're right up to the Capping Stone now, waiting and longing for that Capping Stone to set down; the building's complete. We're living in the last days, the top of the pyramid and in the days of **the manifestation of the sons of God in the Bible**. See where we're at? We're right at the end time. How many's been reading the paper this week, what Khrushchev and them said? Oh, they're ready; so are we. Creation is waiting and groaning for those sons of God to rise in the last days with the power of the Holy Ghost at the end of the age, to reveal the secret things from the foundation of the world...We are now coming to this great hidden mystery that's been hid since the foundation of the world and now being revealed in the last days to the sons of God. We are sons of God. We were predestinated unto adoption. Adoption is placing a son. We're but children, we can't get nowhere. We can't whip the Philistines. Now [God says] I'm going to place him positionally in authority. What he fires is fired, what he hires is hired. And verily, verily, I say unto you, if you say to this mountain, 'Be moved,' and don't doubt in your heart, but believe that what you've said will come to pass, you can have what you've said. Then the church begins to get into its mighty power... positionally placed as sons of God, adopted into the family of God, powerful church standing there in its glory."

What is the 'Manifest Sons of God' doctrine?



Latter Rain  
Revival in 1949

# George Warnock

“Now can we understand how the overcomer in the Day of the Lord, when Great Tribulation is upon the earth, will be able to administer help and comfort and sustenance to God's people. The great tribulation itself is going to be cut short because of the Sons of God. As Moses interceded for Israel and spared them from wrath; and as Jesus intercedes for His people, and spares them from wrath; so the Sons of God, through the exercise of their royal priesthood, shall actually shorten the Great Tribulation. Jesus has declared that they would: "For the elect's sake those days shall be shortened" (Matt. 24:22). The elect shall have entered into a new priesthood, a royal priesthood. As priests they will be able to present the needs of the people to God, and intercede for them; and as kings they will have the authority of God to dispense life and blessing to such as are in tribulation and distress. The world has had her day of kings and dictators whose passion it is to exercise lordship and dominion over a suffering humanity. This new Kingdom shall be a Priesthood,--a priesthood that "can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way" for they will remember their former afflictions... This is the focal hour of history. The glory of Moses' day is for us; the glory of David's kingdom is for us; the glory of Solomon's kingdom is for us; the glory of the restored temple of Ezra's day is for us; the glory of Enoch's day, and the glory of Elijah's day, and the glory of Paul's day,--all this glory and much more is available to us, if we can hear His voice.”

How does Warnock's priesthood differ from a Catholic priesthood?



Rousas John  
Rushdoony

## Rousas John Rushdoony

“All who are content with a humanistic law system and do not strive to replace it with Biblical law are guilty of idolatry. They have forsaken the covenant of their God, and they are asking us to serve other gods. They are thus idolaters, and are, in our generation, when our world is idolatrous and our states also, to be objects of missionary activity. They must be called out of their idolatry into the service of the living God. ‘Christian’ man is thus doubly a sinner when he is antinomian and despises God's law: he has denied the law in Adam, and now, with consummate profanity, he denies it in the name of Christ. He thus doubly denies the everlasting covenant, and doubly transgresses the laws.”

Why does Rushdoony call the 'humanistic law system' idolatrous?

# Rousas John Rushdoony

“The predominant fact in Israel was one-law for all, irrespective of faith or national origin, that is, the absolute requirement of justice for all without respect of persons. Similarly, in the church of the New Testament, there was "one Lord, one faith, one baptism" (Eph. 4:5) in the true church and the true Kingdom of God. The limited local membership was valid, but the universal sway of the kingdom and the common citizenship of all believers are the basic and governing fact. The reality of local distinctions cannot, however, be obliterated by the ultimate and essential unity which is not to be confused with uniformity. Equalitarianism is a modern politico-religious concept: it did not exist in the Biblical world, and it cannot with any honesty be forced onto Biblical law. Equalitarianism is a product of humanism, of the worship of a idol, man, and a image carved out of man's imagination. As a standard in religion, politics, and economics it is a product of the modern era; to read it into the Biblical faith is to do violence to Scripture and to be guilty of dishonesty. In colonial New England, the covenantal concept of church and state was applied. Everyone went to church, but only a limited number had voting rights in the church and therefore in the state, because there was a coincidence of church membership and citizenship. The others were no less believers, but the belief was that only the responsible must be given responsibility. One faith, one law, and one standard of justice did not mean democracy. The heresy of democracy has since then worked havoc in church and state, and it has worked towards reducing society to anarchy..”

What kind of system of government does Rushdoony propose?

Why did these ideas begin to take root in America in the post-war years?