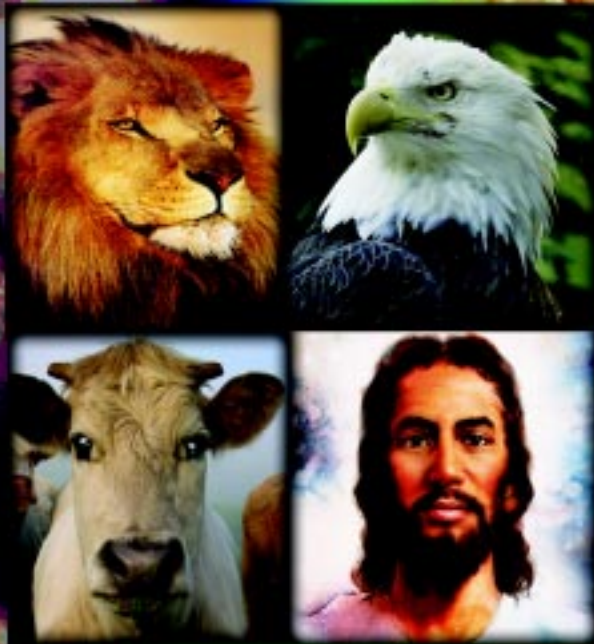


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PREFACE

The purpose of the writing of this book is for the glory of God and His Son Jesus Christ, and for the edification of His mystical Body, the Bride. This book was written through the inspiration of God for the sole purpose of introducing the Message-Of-The-Hour to the world, to win back lost souls for Christ, and to furnish God's five-fold ministry with a "Quick Reference Guide" leading to a clear understanding of the end time revelations which God's end-time messenger has brought about in this last generation.

This book started as a personal compilation of the author which contain essential information relating to faith and salvation as gleaned from the numerous passages of the Bible and from the more than 1,100 sermons of God's prophet to this last age, William Marrion Branham. This book has been the result of the author's many years of searching, praying and preaching and has now been finally printed as a labour of love and as a fruit of the author's ministerial effort to bring unity in the faith.

It is the goal and objective of the author to present a balanced view of the End-Time Message by simply staying with what the tapes say and dovetailing them with Scriptures to project a clear and direct agreement between God's Word and Brother Branham's teachings. This book does not in any way intend to replace the unabridged sermons of Brother Branham but rather serves as a complementary reference to the most important doctrines which he has preached over the years as were recorded in his taped sermons during his earthly ministry. Bible verses and sermon quotations used in the topics in this book were properly annotated, citing titles and dates of the referenced tapes or sermons to direct the reader to where and what source they were extracted from.

Seeing the urgent need and demand among young ministers of the Message today for a brief, concise and straightforward synopsis of the End-Time Message for evangelistic or mission work, such need has led the author to conceive this handbook. Being one of the regular keynote speakers in the "Mystery Expo" countrywide seminars in the Philippines through the auspices of the Association of Fellow Labourers of Christ (AFLC) International Inc., the author has constantly come across a lot of inquiries from amongst the young converts regarding ways on how they could be able to quickly digest the fundamental "mystery truths" surrounding the 1,100+ sermons of God's prophet, William Branham, in the quickest possible manner. It has been observed in these seminars that once a predestinated son of God is born again by catching the revelation of the hidden Manna for today, they are immediately quickened to life and are found craving for more of the fresh kill of the Word.

Yet given the constraint of time to be able to listen and learn from the more than 1,100 sermons of the prophet, plus the lack of available materials to nurture their newly-found faith, most of these brethren would press for requests and would ask questions such as, "Will you provide us with a manual whereby we can quickly absorb more of the Message in a jiffy?" Or "Don't you have a quick reference guide to the Message so that we can effectively study and share this truth amongst our constituents with ease and confidence?" These enlightened ones, being aware also of the exigency of the soon coming of the Lord, would also press for more of what's in store for them in the Message to redeem the time that they've wasted in the denominational systems that they were in.

Having felt the burden and necessity to address such compelling need among young ministers, the author has, therefore, painstakingly accumulated all the essential

information presently available through tapes, books and CD's that might lead to the attainment of such goal and aspiration - that is, to come up with a handbook that will present the nitty-gritty of the Message in a nutshell. It is the desire of the author to be able to "fill-in the gap" between ministers and the need for teaching modules to equip the Bride ministry with as much Word-material so that its ministers are able to effectively feed the flock of God with the spiritual food in due season through this handbook. Finally, after some time of praying and working, the author was able to put together most, if not all, pertinent quotations that can now serve as building blocks to rapturing faith, by the grace of God. This "Quick Reference Guide" is now made available for anyone wishing to take a full course menu of today's Gospel. The author likens this book to a "fast food" chain that is readily available to satisfy one's hungry soul, to feed a thinking man's filter, and to suit a holy man's taste.

It is not the intention of the author, however, to educate anyone. The author firmly believes that no man can impart revelation to another man. That work is done solely by the Holy Ghost (*John 14:26, John 16:13*). Without the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, one can never have his eyes opened to a true spiritual revelation of the Word; for a man without the Spirit is blind to God and His truth (*The letter killeth, it's the Spirit that giveth life*). This book, therefore, is meant to serve as a handy resource and reference only for everyone who's wanting to work for the Father's business of soul-saving. Though this book is presented to the public, yet only Holy Ghost-filled individuals are the ones who would truly benefit from it. This book does not in any way make a preacher out of whosoever reads it. The author believes that true ministers are predestinated by God, not self-made nor self-appointed. The Bible tells us that "*gifts and callings are without repentance.*" Gifts are in-born, not acquired. Some people are just called to live their sermons and to serve as "living epistles" read of all men.

It is true that ever since this Message was issued in, it never compelled its preachers to undergo formal education nor did it ever required its ministers to train under any man-made theological seminary but to solely depend upon the leading and revelation by the Holy Ghost. Understandably, though some were reared under the guidance of elders who were "faithfully taught", yet the author strongly believes that it is still a "must" for every preacher to personally dig directly into the Messages of the prophet since God deals with each minister individually in one's unique calling. The author believes that true ministers are God-called men, not merely appointed by his fellow men. The heritage of preaching is not an issue of personality, nor of popularity, but an issue of authenticity. That is, any doctrine we bring must always flash with God's Urim Thummim of today, the Bible. Let every man's word be a lie, and God's Word be the truth.

Inasmuch as there are over one thousand tapes of sermons by the prophet, this handbook does not contain all the quotes relative to the subject matters stipulated herein. Any mistakes found in these quotes are not intentional; they were preached correctly. It is suggested, therefore, that the reader further read the referenced books or tapes, and check the statements immediately after the quotes in order to avoid getting a "slanted picture". No claim is made to originality. Those familiar with writings about the Message-Of-The-Hour will notice that many of the important ideas, concepts and principles found in this book came from the prophet of Malachi 4, from the Holy Bible, and from other different sources with only some sprinklings of the author's original ideas. The author is, therefore, expressing his thanks and gratitude to all authors whose ideas, concepts, and principles have been used to enrich the contents of this handbook.

Finally, it is the sincere prayer of the author that God will open the eyes of understanding of all who reads this book. May they see Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever, in the pages of this handbook.

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CHAPTER ONE

The End-Time Message

INTRODUCTION

The Holy Bible has a lot to say about the end times. Nearly every book of the Bible contains prophecy that points us to the end time generation. The Holy Scriptures state a lot of examples of signs that should serve as a warning to us that we are now coming to the end of the age. Prophecy is being fulfilled daily and at a very fast pace than ever before. We can now see the beginning of birth pains through natural upheavals, distress among nations, pestilences, wars and rumours of war. Truly, end time events are beginning to take effect upon us all. It is increasingly obvious that the time of our Lord's coming is drawing near. We are the last generation and we are seeing the symbolic prophecies of the past becoming a literal reality right now. The final elements of God's judgment are taking shape with each passing season and year. And God has never failed to give us a warning of the approaching end of the age through many scriptural signs which have now come to pass and many of which will still be fulfilled in the near future.



SIGNS OF THE END

Matthew 24:5-8 gives us some important clues on how we can discern the approaching of the end times, "For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all [these things] must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these [are] the beginning of sorrows." An increase in false messiahs, an increase in warfare, and increases in famines, plagues, and natural disasters – all these are sure "signs" that the end time is here.

The seven signs given by Jesus to indicate His soon appearing and the end of the world are: (1) false christs and false prophets appearing, (2) wars and rumours of wars, (3) famines, (4) earthquakes in diverse places, (5) pestilences, (6) tribulations, and (7) the Gospel being preached throughout all the world.

Matthew 24:14 states, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, and then the **end** shall come." There is no doubt that this prophecy of gospel propagation has already been fulfilled through television, radio, the translation of the Bible into many languages, and through the internet. Majority of the

people all over the world today have already heard the Message of Christ from these media and through missionaries who have the means to travel around the globe via the latest means of transportation, and via technology that allows us to communicate with people on the other side of the world right from our very own homes, churches and offices.

LUKE 21:25-28 also states, "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

END-TIME DESTRUCTION

In **Malachi 4** verse 1, the last chapter of the Old Testament, God warned us of the end time destruction that will take place upon the earth at the end time. "For, behold, the day cometh, that shall **burn** as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch."

The same warning was spoken of by Apostle Peter in the New Testament. **II Peter 3:10-12** states, "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be **burned** up. [Seeing] then [that] all these things shall be dissolved, what manner [of persons] ought ye to be in [all] holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being **on fire** shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?"

The earth has been in existence for almost six thousand years, and every 2,000 years, destruction comes upon it. The **first two thousand years** was ended by flood waters in the time of Noah.

Genesis 6:5-8, "And GOD saw that the wickedness of man [was] great in the earth, and [that] every imagination of the thoughts of his heart [was] only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD." **Genesis 7:19-22** "And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that [were] under the whole heaven, were covered. Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered. And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: All in whose nostrils [was] the breath of life, of all that [was] in the dry [land], died."

The **second two thousand years** of the earth ended when Jesus Christ came and shed His blood at the Cross on Calvary. God, sending General Titus of Rome to destroy Jerusalem in 70 AD, scattered the Israelites amongst all nations because of their rejection of the Messiah. "How did the Israelites condemn themselves? By blaspheming the Holy Ghost, and calling the Spirit of God an unclean thing. They made fun of Him when the Christians were dancing in the Spirit, and so forth, on the day of Pentecost. Titus killed them in there, and their blood run out the gateway. They ate their own children and everything in that same century. One of the greatest nations of the world become the lowest, and scattered to the four winds

of the earth. Because why? Unbelief." (WMB, LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE; 60-1211E) "Titus brought this great army of Romans and Greeks, and compassed the walls of Jerusalem, penned those people in there, and they starved to death. They ate the bark from the trees, Josephus, the great historian, tells us. And they ate the grass off the ground. They even boiled one another's children and eat it (See?)" (WMB, UNITING.TIME.AND.SIGN; 63-0818)

The last two thousand years is upon us now. At the time of the writing of this book (year 2008), we have already exceeded 8 years from what is supposed to be the standard timeframe for God's wrath outpouring. We have had two world wars already, and a third one is coming up. It will be the Battle of Armageddon which destroys all things. It will be when Israel is attacked by Russia and Iran (God and Magog) which will trigger a third world war. "We've had several wars, wars, and rumors of wars, and V-days. It will finally wind up into the great battle of Armageddon. That'll be the last of it. When she comes to the battle of Armageddon, that'll settle the whole thing. Just before the great millennium, Armageddon is to clean off the earth. She repurifies herself with this atomic blowing, and the volcanic ash, and thing sinks this soaked blood of men upon the earth, and sin, and crime. She sinks beneath the earth. The volcanic breaks out again, and renews, and cleans the earth for the great millennium." (WMB, VICTORY.DAY; 63-0421)

"See, the world has now almost six thousand years old. See, and every two thousand year it's had a destruction. See? First two thousand, the flood came, and He baptized it with what? Water. Next two thousand, Jesus come to sanctify and claim it, dropped His Blood upon it, called it His. All right, "I'll come again," now, as King with His Queen. And the second two thousand years what does He do? He comes and gives His rest period and then burns her off and claims it for His own, puts His Own back on it. And notice, not the perfect world, this millennium is a type of the seventh day. Then comes the white throne judgment. See, we still have judgment; we're still in time in the millennium. It's a day, one thousand years. It's a time element." (WMB, FUTURE.HOME; 64-0802)

END-TIME SCENARIO

Our age today is well-identified in the Bible as the **Laodicean Age**, the very last Gentile Church Age wherein God is calling out a Bride for Jesus Christ just before Jesus returns back again to earth and reveal Himself to the 144,000 elect Jews. In **Revelation 3:15-17**, God addresses our age:

*"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art **lukewarm**, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am **rich**, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art **wretched**, and **miserable**, and **poor**, and **blind**, and **naked**."*

"Our age claims to be "rich in goods", "spiritually wealthy", and had "need of nothing". Truly, we can see that the world church today in general is wealthy. There never has been such a show of wealth today as compared with other past generations. Our beautiful sanctuaries are multiplied in number as never before. The various denominations vie with each other to see who can build the biggest and the loveliest. They build education centers worth unestimated millions, yet those buildings are used only an hour or two a week. Money has poured into the church until different denominations own stocks and bonds, factories, oil wells, and insurance companies. They have poured money into welfare and retirement funds. But it has become a snare to the ministers, for if they decide to leave their group for **more light** or the love of God, their pensions are lost to them.

Religion today is known to be a big business. It is an absolute fact that they are placing business managers in the churches to take care of finances. There are radio programs, television programs, and numerous church endeavors that are costing millions and millions of dollars. Wealth pours and pours into the church, the membership increases along with the money, yet the work is not being done as it was done when there was no money, but men rested solely on the ability given them by the Holy Ghost. There are paid preachers, paid assistants, paid ministers of music and education, paid choirs, paid custodians, programs, and entertainment - all costing great sums, but for all that, the power is decreasing. Yes, the church is rich, but the power is not there. God moves by His Spirit, not by the amount of money or talent in the church." (WMB, 342-5 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH AGE BOOK CPT.9)

Yet God saw our age otherwise. He said, "You don't know this, but you are *wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked*." When a people are that way, especially naked and don't know it, there has to be something awfully wrong.

Reverend **William Marrion Branham** further described our age as follows:

"This age boasts of its tremendous stores of worldly goods, but the people are less happy than ever. This age boasts of its spiritual attainments, but the people are less sure of themselves than ever. This age boasts of better moral values and it is more corrupt than any age since the flood. It talks about its knowledge and science, but it is fighting a losing battle in all fields, for the human mind and soul and spirit cannot comprehend or keep abreast with all the changes that have come upon the earth. In one generation we have gone all the way from the horse and buggy age to the space age, and we are proud and boastful about it; but inside is a dark void cavern that is crying out in torment, and WITHOUT A KNOWN REASON men's hearts are failing for fear and the world is so darkened that this age could well be called the age of neurotics. It boasts, but it cannot back it up. It cries peace, and there is no peace. It cries that it has a great amplitude of all things, but it keeps burning with desire like an unsatisfied fire! "There is no peace," saith my God to the wicked. TWhat God saw was entirely different from what our age is proclaiming.

The whole world's in neurotic condition. The world has become so neurotic that even the psychiatrists themselves are having nervous breakdowns. The great men of science don't know what is taking place. They are staggering under the evil influences of war nerves that is taking place in the universe. Every city, every farm, every street, and every place, you encounter the same evil atmosphere of darkness that is relentlessly enveloping the earth. But the Spirit-filled child of God is aware of what is going on. He knows the answer - the Lord is coming soon. And the Word of God is fulfilling itself with such rapidity that only the true born-again Spirit-filled, Spirit-led Christian can keep up and above board in this hour.

It is strange; but in this age of plenty and opportunity, when everyone has so much and there is so much more to be had, what with all the inventions to do our work and so many things to give us pleasure, SUDDENLY, we find mental illness taking such a toll as to alarm the nation. When everybody ought to be happy, with really nothing to be unhappy about, millions are taking sedatives at night, pep pills in the morning, rushing to doctors, entering institutions, and trying to drown out unknown fears by alcohol.

The world is dilly-dallying along, knowing something is wrong but seeing no solution because they have no light to lead them to a solution. So they rock and roll it out in one grand time in order to forget and to escape the nervous tensions that encumber them. Rather than praying to God to remove the evil that plagues the world and be free of it, they

would rather endorse relaxing and watching TV, have suppers and sewing parties, run to swimming beaches and places of worldly gatherings, preach sermons on flowers and bluebirds, and totally lay aside the real issues and the blessings of God - that He can heal and perform miracles and raise the dead, and all other truths they have stopped preaching.”

(SOURCE: As the Eagle Stirreth Her Nest & The Laodicean Church Age)

Our age is also described in **Zechariah 14:6-7** as a gloomy and dismal day - “*And it shall come to pass in that day, [that] the light shall not be clear, [nor] dark: But it shall be one day that shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.*”

“The prophet Zechariah promised that there'd be a day come, that it wouldn't be neither night nor day, be a dismal. But said, “*In the evening time, it shall be Light.*” What happened? Geographically, the sun raises in the east and sets in the west. Civilization has traveled with the sun. And the Holy Spirit, the Son of God, His goodness fell on the Eastern people first. That's the rising of the sun. Now, there's been a day that's passed over, that it's not dark; it's dismal. We've had enough knowledge of the Word in God to get people saved, join the church, so forth. But it said, “*In the evening time it shall be Light, on the Western people*, just like it was on the Eastern people. The same sun that raises in the east, sets in the west. We're at the closing of the Gentile age. This is a Western people. And the same Holy Ghost that came in a Man called Jesus Christ, and performed miracles, promised that at the setting of the sun, that He would return back, and would do the very same things that He did when He was here with the Eastern people. And the same Son of God that manifested and appeared in the east is appearing in the **west** now at the evening time, evening Light to the Church that's called out and filled with the Holy Spirit. He's done come through justification, Luther Age, Sanctification, Wesley Age, Pentecostal Age, done placed His gifts into the church, and now, appeared to us in our flesh as Jesus said He would.” (WMB; AS THE EAGLE STIRRETH.UP.HER.NEST;59-0815 /FORGOTTEN.BEATTITUDE; 61-0425E)

PERILOUS TIMES

The last days are also characterized by Apostle Paul as “**perilous times**” because of the increasingly evil character of men and people who actively “resist the truth”. **II Timothy 3:1-5** tells us, “*This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.*”

For anyone who has watched television or has read today's newspapers, it is quite obvious that this prophecy has been truly fulfilled in our generation. Our leaders are often corrupt; our cities are filled with crimes of rape, kidnapping, murder, brutality, and our billboards and neon signs are proclaiming sinful and godless advertisements such as that of liquors, cigars, casinos and night clubs. We are truly living in Satan's eden. Satan is the god of this evil age, the “prince of the power of the air”.

ISRAEL AS A NATION

The most prominent sign of the end times, however, is the nation of Israel. All end time prophecies are centered around the nation of Israel. In **1948**, Israel was recognized as a sovereign state for the first time since 70 A.D. The nation of Israel did not exist before

except as a dispersed people throughout the nations. The soon return of the Lord could never happen if they will remain scattered throughout all the world. Since their founding, this last generation has seen the final restoration of Jacob, as her people begin to return to their promised land. This generation that sees Israel become a nation, according to the Bible, shall not pass away until all things be fulfilled. The Bible points to Israel as the “fig tree”. **Mark 13:28-30**, “*Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near: So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, [even] at the doors. Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done.*” Isaiah spoke of a day when the nation of Israel would be born in one day.

Paul in **Romans 11:25-27** states, “*For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this [is] my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.*”

Having Israel as a nation in its own land, therefore, is of great significance in light of end-time prophecy since God's timeline for the world's kingdoms is based upon Israel's seventy weeks of Daniel (Read “70 Weeks of Daniel” in Chapter 36). Other sure signs connected with the nation of Israel would include a rebuilding of a Jewish temple in Jerusalem, increased hostility towards Israel (Isaac's lineage) by the Moslems and Arab nations (Ishmael's lineage), and a soon coming Judeo-Vatican-American covenant for a one-world religion and a one-world government.

THE NEW WORLD ORDER

Witnessing the founding of the **United Nations** and the founding of the **World Council of Churches** in **1948**, the same year when Israel became a nation, signalled the ending of the age. The creation of the World Trade Organization, International Criminal Court, UN peacekeeping/police force, numerous UN NGO's, and other global agencies, are but preliminary steps to the formation of a new world order. We now have the communications technology, transportation, and the pro-globalization media necessary to usher in the one world government which, according to the Bible, will be headed by the antiChrist. The increasing terrorist threat and the Middle East conflict will only speed up the formation of these governing bodies as fear and promises of better security make more people more willing to give up their national sovereignty for global governance. There will be an economic sabotage for “No man can buy or sell except he that has the Mark of the beast”. “Beast” signifies “power”; that will be the power of the ruling body of the soon coming one-world government.

The mission-vision of the New World Order is described by the Committee of 300 as follows: “**Global governance** aspires to provide to every person on earth security from threat of war, environmental degradation, and from the injustice of poverty, intolerance, and disease. The oppressed people of the world surely take great hope from such noble aspirations. The central theme of global governance is embodied in the concept of “sustainable development”: the integration of economic activity with social justice and environmental protection.”

KNOWLEDGE SHALL INCREASE

We can add three more other clues as stated in the Book of Daniel concerning this

last generation. First, there would be a population boom. Secondly, this generation would be the most traveled generation due to the advancement in transportation systems. And third, this generation would experience tremendous increase in knowledge due to the technological advancements in computers. **Daniel 12:4** states, *“But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, [even] to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.”*

In October of 1999, the world passed the 6 Billion mark for the world population of people living in this planet. At that moment, we exceeded the number that no one has ever imagined. We now have more people alive on the earth at this time than any other age that has ever existed upon this earth. At this moment in the history of earth, more than 50% of the people that have ever lived on it are alive at this time. Clearly, this generation (like no other) has so many people in it.

This generation has also seen travel increase exceeding anything ever dreamed of in the past generations. In 1969, we have put men on the moon and brought them back. People have gone to the North and South Pole many times. Men have climbed the highest mountain Mt. Everest. We have traveled internationally from nation to nation on a daily basis in a matter of hours due to supersonic airplanes. No other past generation can even approach us by comparison in this field alone.

Finally, this generation has seen the volume of world knowledge double more than seven times in our own time. The knowledge of the world didn't double the first time until 1958. According to Encyclopedia Britannica, they can't keep up with the ever increasing knowledge. They claim that the knowledge of the world is doubling every 22 months. Sociologists have characterized this generation alone as being the “Knowledge Age”. Only one generation has experienced these so many changes due to increased knowledge. The Bible says that the last generation will be characterized by this phenomena.

COMMERCIALISM & MORAL DECAY

Our age can also be well-characterized by its booming trade and commerce, marriage and divorce cases, and an increase in moral decay. The Bible types our age with that of the days of Noah and Lot. Noah's highly scientific age was finally destroyed by water. Lot's generation of Sodomites was finally destroyed by fire and brimstone.

LUKE 17:26-30 declares- *“ And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed [them] all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.”*

Here is one latest American Statistics:

- 60% of marriages in the United States end up in divorce.
- 40 million abortions have taken place in the U.S. since 1973.
- Number of hours per day that TV is on in an average U.S. home: 6 hours, 47 minutes
- Homosexuality was once a crime, now taking a stand against it, is considered the crime.
- It is currently estimated that about 10% of the population is homosexual. The U.S. Census 2000 reveals Households headed by unmarried partners

grew 72%.

- Sex is the number one reason adult Americans use the Internet. One-third of all visits are to sexually oriented Web sites, chat rooms and news groups
- 21 million Americans visit one of the more than 60,000 sex sites on the Web at least once a month.
- More than 4 out of 10 young women become pregnant at least once before they reach the age of 20—nearly one million a year.
- Eight in ten of these pregnancies are unintended and 80 percent are to unmarried teens. Nationwide, 40% of our ninth graders, 48% of our tenth graders, 57% of our eleventh graders and 72% of our twelfth graders have had sex.
- The average age at which American children first engage in sexual activity is currently 15 for American girls and 14 for American boys.
- Lotteries have become a multi-billion dollar industry throughout the U.S.
- Canada and California has approved marriages between homosexuals.

END-TIME APOSTASY

Aside from the seven major signs that Jesus made mention in the Books of Matthew 24 and Luke 21, the Apostle Paul also warned us that the last days would bring a marked increase in **false teaching**. He wrote in **1 Timothy 4:1**, *“In the latter times, some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils”. “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away [their] ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables” (II Timothy 4:3-4).*

In **II Thessalonians 2:3-4** Paul gives a stern warning, *“Let no man deceive you by any means: for [that day shall not come], except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.”*

“Falling away” in the above verses simply mean putting the Word of God aside in exchange for creed, dogmas and traditions. “Falling away” simply means having the Holy Spirit deposed for popes, bishops, presidents, and counselors, and the Saviour set aside for a works program, or church joining, or some type of conformity to a church system. This is what the word “apostasy” signifies. This kind of scenario in the end time has opened the door to the antiChrist, the man of sin, the son of perdition.

Reverend **William Branham** describes apostasy in the religious realms:

“The Roman Catholic Church calls herself today as the Mother church. She calls herself the first or original church. That is absolutely correct. She was the original First Church of Rome that backslid and went into sin. She was the first that organized. In her was found the deeds and then the doctrine of Nicolaitanism. No one will deny that she is a mother. She is a mother and has produced daughters. Now a daughter comes out of a woman. A woman robed in scarlet is sitting on the seven hills of Rome. She is a harlot and has borne daughters. Those daughters are the Protestant churches that came out of her and then went right back into organization and Nicolaitanism. This Mother of the daughter-churches is called a whore (Revelation 17). That is a woman who was untrue to her marriage vows. She was married to God and then went off fornicating with the devil and in her fornications she has brought forth daughters that are just like her. This mother and daughter combination is anti-Word, anti-Spirit and consequently anti-Christ. Yes, ANTICHRIST.”

(WMB, 200-5 PERGAMEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.5)

"You know we are living in the end time. It is in this age that the churches are going to come together. And as they are even now controlling world politics, they will soon control the finances of the world. Then, if you don't belong to the world organization of churches, you won't be able to buy or to sell." (WMB, 314-1 PHILADELPHIAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.8)

And they're going to bring a persecution on pretty soon and shut up all the churches. In the next few years, all organization religions will be forced to take a stand. And they will have a union of churches, and a great boycott will follow this union of churches. All denominations will be forced into it: all of them. If they don't, there'll be a horrible boycott. Nearly every one of them today has not knowingly joined that World Council of Churches, selling their birthrights: Protestant brethren with the mother Catholic of Rome. The Bible said that the tares would be bound, bundled first. They're bundling all in one great group now. And the Bible said they'd make an image unto the beast.

The ecumenical move that has started on what seems such a beautiful and blessed principle (fulfilling Christ's prayer that we all might be "one") becomes so strong politically that she will bear pressure upon the government to cause all to join with her either directly or through adherence to principles enacted into law so that no people will be recognized as actual churches unless under direct or indirect domination of this council. Little groups will lose charters, privileges, etc., until they lose all property and spiritual rights with the people. For example, right now unless the local ministerial association approves in many, if not most cities, one cannot rent a building for religious services. To become chaplains in the armed services, hospitals, etc., it is now almost mandatory to be recognized as acceptable to the **trinitarian** ecumenical groups. As this pressure increases, and it will, it will be harder to resist, for to resist is to lose privilege. And so many will be tempted to go along, for they will feel it is better to serve God publicly in the framework of this organization than not to serve God at all publicly. But they err. To believe the devil's lie is to serve Satan, even though you may want to call him Jehovah. But the elect will not be deceived. As this move becomes the "IMAGE ERECTED TO THE BEAST," the saints will be gone in the rapture.

For the church system of the Roman Catholic and the Protestant in coming together will control the whole wealth of the world system and force the whole earth into its religious trap, or will kill them, by refusing them the privilege of buying and selling whereby they would make a living. This will be accomplished simply, for the harlot's daughters are all but gone back to her. In the meantime, Rome has acquired nearly all the supplies of gold. The Jews have the bonds and all the paper. At the right time, the harlot will destroy the present day money system by calling in all the paper, and demanding gold. With no gold, the system falls. The Jews will be trapped and come into the alliance, and the harlot church will take over the whole world. (WMB, 314-1 PHILADELPHIAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.8)

RESTORATION OF THE BRIDE TREE

Despite all the negative scenarios we are seeing relative to the end of the world, God in this last age has a glorious plan for those who love His appearing. He will fully reveal Himself in this final age to the Bride of Jesus Christ to proclaim His glorious deliverance amongst His elected people, and to make a way of escape for them, out from the plagues that will soon engulf this earth. He will be sending His seventh angel-messenger to call out His elect out of denominationalism. His angel will be crying, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities" (Revelation 18:4-5).

There will be a "catching away" of the church before the Great Tribulation takes place upon this planet. "**For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thessalonians 4:16-17).**

Joel 2:23-26 says, "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. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil. **And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, My great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the Name of the Lord your God, That hath dealt wondrously with you: and My people shall never be ashamed.**"

The Book of Joel says that God is going to "restore". Why? It's because that the church of the last days has seemingly lost God's power. There have been some awful cold drafts blowing on the church in this generation, and her eyes have sort of frozen shut and she is blind to what God has in store for her. She needs some hot oil of the Spirit of God to open her eyes. Unless she receives the Spirit of God she will go on substituting **program** for **power** and **creed** for **Word**. She counts **numbers** for success, rather than to look for **fruit**. The doctors of theology have shut the door to faith and forbade all to enter. They neither go in, nor let anyone else go in. Their theology comes out of a text book on psychology written by some unbeliever. There is a text book on psychology, one we all need; it is the Bible. It is written by God and contains God's psychology. We don't need any doctor of divinity to explain it to us. Receive ye the Holy Spirit and let Him do the explaining. The Holy Spirit wrote the Book and He can tell you what is in it and what it means. That's the Message of restoration today, "Back to the Word; back to the Bible." (WMB, 352-4 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.9)

God will take the Church of the end time right back to original Pentecost, back to the original outpouring of the Holy Ghost. These insects in Joel 2 are but only one specie in four different stages: **locust, cankerworm, caterpillar and palmerworm**. They have eaten the life out of the original Bride Tree of Jesus Christ. These is the **antiChrist spirit** manifested in **organization, denomination and false doctrine** throughout the ages. And the poor little root and stalk of God's original Tree which started in Pentecost is going to be restored back by God for the final harvest. God isn't going to plant a new Church, but is going to bring His original planting back to original **seed**. What did these insects do? The first thing it did was, it took the **fruit** off, "**brotherly love**", off of the church. The next worm came around and eat off the joy, the **leaves**, the "**fellowship**". The next came along and it ate off the **bark**, the "**protection**". Then the last stage of the worm sucked the very **Life** right out of it, and made a conquer of the laity. It was the Nicolaitan system and Balaamism that cankered the church of God throughout all the ages. The **Nicolaitan** doctrine was "the corruption of the clergy as they sought political power amongst themselves". While "**Balaamism** is the subjection of the people to their system of creed and worship in order to hold them." And that very same spirit and doctrine is right amongst all Catholics and Protestants today, and it is called **DENOMINATION**. **Nicolaitanism** is "organization, humanizing the leadership of the church, and thereby deposing the Spirit". **Balaamism** is "denominationalism which takes the church manual instead of the Bible". God's hatred upon these systems is clearly stipulated in **Revelation 2:14-16** -" *But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. So hast thou*

also them that hold the doctrine of the **Nicolaitans**, which thing I hate. Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth."

ADMONITION TO LAODICEA

God's plan of deliverance for the lukewarm age of Laodicea is stipulated in **Revelation 3:18-22**,

*"I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and [that] the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: **be zealous therefore, and repent.** Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. **To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.**"*

God is saying to His own, "As many as I love, I REBUKE AND CHASTEN." To rebuke is to reprove. To reprove is to `expose with a view to correction.' Chasten does not mean to punish. It means to "discipline because the subject's amendment is in mind."

Many of God's children today are still in those false churches. They need to repent. They are those of whom it speaks in **Ephesians 5:14**, "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." To be asleep is not to be dead. These are sleeping amongst the dead. They are out there in the dead denominations. They are floating along with them. God cries out, "WAKE UP! Repent of your folly." There they are lending their influence, giving their time and their money, actually their very lives to these antiChrist organizations, and all the while thinking it is all right. They need to repent. They need to have a change of mind and turn toward truth.

ELIJAH MINISTRY AND GOD'S SEVENTH ANGEL

The call of God in this last age can well be summed-up as the "End-Time Message". It pertains to the revelation of the Seven-sealed Book mystery of the Bible which is to be made known to the Bride of Jesus Christ through God's end-time messenger. This book is also known as the "Book of Redemption", a book that's been sealed in the days of Daniel and yet was shown to John by an angel, as revealed in the succeeding Scriptures:

Revelation 5:1-10, "And I saw in the right hand of Him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four [and] twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of

odours, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."

True believers in this last age will receive a clear understanding of God's hidden mysteries as the Lord sends to them His end-time messenger who will be in the spirit of Elijah (Malachi 4:5-6). This messenger will turn back the hearts of the people to the Pentecostal blessings. And as the seventh angel himself, this same prophet will also reveal to us the mysteries behind the seven-sealed Book of Revelation and will manifest to us the "Son of Man ministry" as stipulated in **Luke 17:30**, "In the day when the Son of Man is revealed". It will be through healing and miracles (first pull), discernment and prophesy (second pull) and speaking things into existence (third pull) that He will proclaim and declare that Jesus Christ is "the same, yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

Two major scriptures play important roles in the end time as God sends down his end-time messenger for our age. These are **Malachi 4:5-6** and **Revelation 10:7**:

Malachi 4:2-6 : "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do [this], saith the LORD of hosts. Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, [with] the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."

Revelation 10:7 - "But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets."

The same prophet in the spirit of Elijah will also be God's seventh angel-messenger to Laodicea. It will be through this seventh angel's ministry that the mysteries of God will be revealed to the Bride of Jesus Christ to give them rapturing faith for the catching away of the church, as stated in I Thessalonians 4:16-17.

As Jesus authenticated John, and the Holy Ghost authenticated Jesus, we can well expect that this man will be authenticated by the Spirit working in his life in acts of power that are indisputable and found nowhere else. The very return of Christ will prove that this man indeed was the forerunner of His second coming. It will be too late then for those who have rejected him and his Message.

The church today has received its last sign before the whole world and the Gentile kingdoms are destroyed by the fire and wrath of God. A prophet is a sign to the people. When God send prophets, look out. Judgment is at hand!



The End-Time Messenger

INTRODUCTION

We find that in the sacred Scriptures all the way through, that just at the ending of the old age and a new one's coming in, God sends His messenger.

God's law is to receive a vindicated servant. John 13:20 states, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receives whosoever I send receives me; and he that receives me receives him that sent me."

We can only serve God as we do and believe the servants that God sends. You can only serve God on earth as God's servants that's sent on earth by Divine inspiration interprets the Word to you. In **I Corinthians 14:16**. Paul said, "You follow me as I follow Christ." Jesus said in **Luke 10:16**, "He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despises you despises me; and he that despises me despises him that sent me." That just proves that God speaks His message through His servants. He always has.

And as always, every time that a messenger comes, it's always a call back to the Word. Remember that the Bible is the complete revelation of Jesus Christ. There cannot be nothing added to It or taken away from It (Rev 22:18-19). The Bible is the complete revelation of Jesus Christ. And the only way that we can ever be sure on whether a message is right or wrong, is by comparing it with the Bible, which is God's Urim Thummin of today. If it is contrary to Biblical revelation, then it's wrong. It must be back to the Word, and always a calling back to the full Word.

THE WORD COMES TO THE PROPHET

Amos 3:7 states, "Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets." The reason that God sends prophets is because they have the Word of the Lord. The Word of the Lord comes to the prophets. A prophet himself is a sign. When God sends a prophet, look out, for judgment follows it. It always has, and it always will. And a true prophet never fails to stay right with "Thus Saith the Lord". Moses stayed with the Word of the Lord. He was a sign to Israel that their day of deliverance was at hand. He was also a sign to Egypt that their end was coming.

All prophets are predestinated. We know that gifts and callings are without repentance. God said to Jeremiah, "before you were even conceived in your mother's wombs, I knew you, and sanctified you and ordained you as a prophet to the nations." Jesus Christ was the woman's seed as spoken from the garden of Eden. John the Baptist, seven hundred and twelve years before he was born, Isaiah saw him and said, "He's the voice of one crying in the wilderness. Prepare the way of the Lord." Gifts and callings ain't laying hands on one another. Born from birth, those gifts are right in them when they're born.

God said, "If there be one among you, a prophet or spiritual, I'll speak to him, and

what he says comes to pass then hear it." That's the way the Bible. In the Old Testament, God said, "If they speak not according to the law and the prophets, it's because they have no Light in them." That's right. They have to speak according to the law and the prophets.

Prophecy, or anything else, must always be according to the Word. If it isn't, then it's wrong. In order to be a prophet, Moses had to meet God face to face and talk with Him. And another thing, what he said must come to pass or no one else would have believed him. So no man has a right to call himself a prophet until he has talked face to face with God himself.

God always deals with an individual messenger. He did in the days of Noah. He did in the days of Moses. He did in the days of Joshua. It's always been an individual, because two men are not alike. Everybody didn't have to be Moses. They just followed God's vindicated servant for their age. So it must be today.

God's end-time promise of the day has arrived. "As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be at the coming of the Son of Man". Malachi 4 states, "The righteous shall walk upon the ashes of the wicked." Yet before such things take place, we have a promise in **Malachi 4:5-6** that says, "**Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.**"

THE SPIRIT OF ELIJAH

Malachi 3 spoke of John the Baptist coming, as Jesus referred to him as "My messenger." But remember, there's another one coming in Malachi 4 where God said He'd burn the earth with heat, and the righteous would walk out upon the ashes of the wicked. We know that wasn't John because the burning never happened when John came. But that Elijah is prophesied to come in the end time.

The first Elijah of Malachi (John) was to turn the hearts of the fathers back to the children which was referring to the old Jewish Orthodox church being introduced to the new Gospel Message of grace at Pentecost. But there's a conjunction to tie the verse together, "and" the hearts of the children back to the fathers. This portion refers to the Elijah that was to come in the last days who will take the hearts of the children (new generation believers) back to the fathers (which is back to the Original Apostolic Faith Message of Pentecost again, as it started).

Jesus clearly spoke of John the Baptist as "Elijah" in **Matthew 17:12-13**, "But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist." But Jesus also made mention of another Elijah who was to restore all things as stated in **Matthew 17:11**-"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things." John never restored anything but only introduced repentance and water baptism, which is the first step to the New Birth (Acts 2:38). True restoration will only come through the ministry of the seventh angel-messenger of Revelation 10:7 when all the mysteries of God "should be finished". This seventh messenger will be an earthly prophet who is set to appear during the seventh church age of Laodicea.

When that seventh angel sounds out every mystery, it's over. All those things, like Rome being the whore, and all the Protestant churches denominating after her has become her harlots, and all those mysteries that the prophets spoke of will be revealed right here in

this last hour when this seventh angel rises in the Laodicean age and begins to sound forth the true trumpet. And because his teachings will be contrary to denominational creeds and traditions, nominal Christians won't believe it. But it'll be an inspired prophet from God. Men are still trying to figure out the trinity and go gray-headed. People still believe that Eve ate an apple. Truly, no one can explain these mysteries in the Bible except for God's vindicated prophet. It will have to be a Divine-led prophet who will be able to straighten these teachings for the Word of the Lord comes to him with the true interpretation thereof.

Once more God has revealed the truth of the Bible to us today as He did to Paul. In the days of the seventh messenger, in the days of the Laodicean Age, its messenger will reveal the mysteries of God as revealed to Paul. He will speak out, and those who receive that prophet in his own name will receive the beneficent effect of that prophet's ministry. And they that hear him will be blessed and become part of that Bride of the last day who are mentioned in **Revelation 22:17**, "*The Spirit and the bride say come.*" The corn of wheat (the Bride Wheat) that fell into the ground at Nicaea has come back to original Word Grain again. Listen to this authenticated prophet of God who appears in this last age. What he says from God, the Bride will say. The Spirit and the prophet and the Bride will be saying the same thing. And what they will say will have already been said in the Word. They are saying it now, "Come out from among her (harlot system) now and be ye separate." The cry has gone out. The cry is going out. How long will the voice cry? We do not know, but one thing we do know, it won't be long, for this is the last age. The church today has received its last sign before the whole world and the Gentile kingdoms are destroyed by fire and by the wrath of God. A prophet is a sign of judgment.

A TWENTIETH CENTURY PROPHET

William Marrion Branham was one of the most influential Bible ministers of our time, considered by many to be the **initiator of healing and charismatic revival that began in 1947**. End-time believers believe him to be God's seventh angel-messenger to the Laodicean church age and God's endtime Elijah who was to restore the hearts of the children back to the faith of the Pentecostal fathers.



From 1947 until the time of his passing in 1965, the powerful ministry of William Branham was well known and considered unparalleled in the history of gospel meetings. The impact of the supernatural ministry of this one man was felt not only in North America, but also around the world.

Untold thousands of verified cases of all manner of healing were manifested in the U.S.A., Canada, Africa, and all around the world through the prayers of William Branham. The blind received their sight, cancer patients were made well, the maimed, the crippled, and the halt were made fully whole. No disease stood in the way as God proved to millions, that He is still God today, the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8) in the ministry of His end-time messenger to our age.

But most significant of all, William Branham brought us an End Time Message which restored all the loose-ends of the Bible which, even if all the Bible scholars in the world were combined, would never be able to unveil to us. These teachings include the Mystery of the Godhead, the Truth on Water Baptism, the Original Sin, the mystery of Predestination, the Revelation of the Seven Seals, the New Birth, the Mark of the Beast,

Mystery Babylon, and more. These truths have now been restored to the church today in order to prepare the Bride of Jesus Christ from every nation to make ready for the Rapture, which is the Second Coming of the Lord.

THE LIFESTORY OF WILLIAM BRANHAM

The world knew him as **Reverend William Marrion Branham**. Those who loved him call him "Brother Branham". **As far as being a prophet - judge for yourself**. God didn't vindicate His servant in a closet, or some "secret chamber", but the world saw the proof, yet perceived it not. Newspapers and magazines around the world had proclaimed it, but not with understanding. Hundreds of thousands of eyewitnesses around the world bear record of who he was, though few realized the meaning of the evidence before their eyes.

CHILDHOOD DAYS

William Branham was born in the hills of Kentucky in a crude log cabin, April 6, 1906. Those present witnessed a strange hazy light hovering over him, although it was before daylight.

When he was 3 years old, he told his mother he heard a voice speak to him out of the woods, saying, "You will live near a town called New Albany." His mother laughed. But amazingly, over a year later, his family moved to Jeffersonville, Indiana, a town that's a few miles away from New Albany.

His **first vision** occurred when he was seven. While playing on the banks of the Ohio River, he suddenly beheld a bridge rise up and form across the water, as if under construction. As he watched, 16 men fell from that bridge and died in the river. Twenty-two years later, a bridge was built in that exact spot and 16 men fell from it, losing their lives during the construction.

There was no form of religion at all in the Branham family. William's early life was filled with much hardship and poverty because his father drank heavily. His father also bootlegged whiskey during the Prohibition. One time, he made his son carry water to his still. As William was passing under a poplar tree, he heard the sound of a wind. It puzzled him for the day was calm. Looking up, he saw a strange whirlwind in the branches and a voice spoke out of the whirlwind and said, "Don't ever drink, smoke or defile your body in any way, for when you get older there's work for you to do." It terrified him, and he never forgot that incident.

Several years later, his father called him sissy because he wouldn't take a drink. Determined to prove himself a "man", he raised the bottle of whiskey to his lips, but he heard that whirlwind again. Fear gripped him. He dropped the bottle and ran. In like manner, several years later, his friends called him a "sissy" because he wouldn't smoke. Angered, he grabbed the cigarette, but again that whirlwind stopped him short.

Yet, despite these and many more similar experiences, he has not yet known God intimately. While working for the gas company at the age of twenty, he was overcome with gas, became very ill, and had to have an operation. As he lay in the hospital, near death, he had a vision. He saw himself in the vision standing in a forest, and far away he heard the sound of wind rustling leaves - coming closer, and closer. He thought it was death. Then that voice said again, "*Never drink, smoke or defile your body in any way. I called you and you wouldn't go*" (as in Jonah 1:1-3). "Lord," cried William, "if that is You, let me go back to earth again and

I'll preach your Gospel from the house tops and street corners." The vision then faded. Miraculously, William recovered.

He made a promise and he set out to keep it. Yet he knew nothing about finding God. Realizing that God dwelt in nature, he wrote a note and tacked it to a tree so God would read it. When that didn't work, he entered a woodshed and, weeping for his sins, he prayed desperately, "God, I'm no good! Help me!" A cross of light appeared before him then. As he realized that his forgiveness lay in the Blood of Jesus Christ shed upon the cross, the joy of salvation flooded his soul.

THE COMMISSION FROM GOD

Because he was aware of a strange call on his life, he went into the ministry by preaching the Gospel. It was a hot day, **June 11, 1933**. He had just held his first revival and was down in **Ohio River** baptizing some 130 people in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. As he came to the 17th person, a blazing light appeared in the sky above him and a voice spoke to him from heaven saying, "**As John the Baptist was sent to forerun the first coming of Jesus Christ, so are you sent to forerun His Second Coming.**" There were 4,000 amazed, frightened witnesses to bear record of this.

Nor even Brother Branham understood then what it meant. Nor could he yet understand his peculiar life. All the ministers he knew told him the visions he so frequently saw were of the devil. However, when they were of a future event, the visions never failed to be fulfilled exactly the way he saw them and they always glorified God by helping God's children. To make things more confusing, every time William Branham came in contact with a devil-possessed person, such as astrologers or fortune tellers, they would tell him that they see a light following him, that he was born under a sign, and that there was a divine gift in his possession. These incidents troubled him greatly.

On May 7, 1946, as he was coming home from work, a mighty wind started in the top of a maple tree and came rushing down, nearly knocking Brother Branham over. Desperation struck him and he said to his wife, "For over 20 years, I've not been able to understand this ministry or myself. I can't go on like this. Is this of God? Honey, I'm going to go into the woods and seek God with my Bible and prayer and find out, or never come back!"

VISITATION OF AN ANGEL

In a cave in the woods, he cast himself down and cried all his heart out to God. At about 11 o' clock that night, a star of Light filled the cave. Fear gripped William's heart. He heard footsteps. A man, clothed in white, walked out of the Light and said, "**Fear not, I am sent from the presence of the Almighty God to tell you that your strange life and misunderstood ways have been to indicate that God has sent you take a gift of Divine Healing to the people of the world. If you will be sincere and can get the people to believe you, nothing shall stand before your prayer, not even cancer.**"

For half an hour, this angel explained to Brother Branham about the past and told him of his future. He explained why the ministers couldn't recognize a gift of God in William's life, yet the devil could. It was the same in Jesus' day: the religious leaders said Jesus had a devil, yet the devils at Gadara recognized Him (Mark 3:22; John 7:20). The angel also told Brother Branham that, even as Moses was given **two signs** to prove he was sent from God (Exodus 4:1-8), so he would be given two signs also. First, he would be able to diagnose diseases by their vibrations, which would cause his hand to swell. If the swelling went down after he prayed upon the person, he could say, "Thus saith the Lord, you are

healed." The angel said that time would come when Brother Branham would be able to discern the very secrets of men's hearts (Heb 4:12; John 2:24-25).

Millions of people bear record that the words of the angel were fulfilled exactly (as in Acts 27:21-25). As the sign in his hand was manifested, which when seen would raise the people's faith to be healed, his ministry grew nationwide, then worldwide. Then it came to where the Spirit of Christ would reveal to him the very thoughts of men's hearts, reveal their needs; reveal unconfessed sins that were not cleansed by the Blood of Jesus Christ; reveal things about their lives that Brother Branham himself couldn't possibly know. Not mindreading or psychology, but rather he would see a vision of it - the things actually enacted before his open eyes (Joel 2:28). And when he spoke under the anointing, out of hundreds of thousands of times all over the world, the words spoken to total strangers never failed to be exactly the truth. And the prophesies — of healing, of future events, small to great, thousands and thousands and thousands of times - not once was one even partly wrong! It was a literal, "THUS SAITH THE LORD!"

THE PILLAR OF FIRE



The photograph at the left with the PILLAR OF FIRE above Brother Branham's head was photographed at Houston, Texas, in January of 1950. This Light had accompanied Brother Branham since his birth in 1909. And during a 1933 baptismal service at the Ohio River at Jeffersonville, Indiana, this SUPERNATURAL BEING appeared before hundreds of people saying to him, "As John the Baptist forerun the first coming of Christ, you will forerun His second Coming." This picture is displayed today at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. and was examined and certified as genuine by **Mr. George Lacy**, a federal examiner of Questioned Documents in the U.S., to be the only authentic documentation of the supernatural in this generation.

TWO VINDICATED SIGNS

The angel also told Brother Branham that, even as Moses was given two signs to prove he was sent from God (Exodus 4:1-8), so he would be given two signs also. First, he would be able to diagnose diseases by their vibrations, which would cause his hand to swell. If the swelling went down after he prayed upon the person, he could say, "Thus saith the Lord, you are healed." The angel said that time would come when Brother Branham would be able to discern the very secrets of men's hearts (Heb 4:12; John 2:24-25).

Millions of people bear record that the words of the angel were fulfilled exactly (as in Acts 27:21-25). As the sign in his hand was manifested, which when seen would raise the people's faith to be healed, his ministry grew nationwide, then worldwide. Then it came to where the Spirit of Christ would reveal to him the very thoughts of men's hearts, reveal their needs; reveal unconfessed sins that were not cleansed by the Blood of Jesus Christ; reveal things about their lives that Brother Branham himself couldn't possibly know. Not mindreading or psychology, but rather he would see a vision of it - the things actually enacted before his open eyes (Joel 2:28). And when he spoke under the anointing, out of hundreds of thousands of times all over the world, the words spoken to total strangers never failed to be exactly the truth. And the prophesies — of healing, of future events, small to great, thousands and thousands and thousands of times - not once was one even partly wrong! It was a literal, "THUS SAITH THE LORD!"

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WORLDWIDE MINISTRY

Over the next ten years Brother Branham circled the globe seven times, holding some of the largest meetings in history. Some 100,000 people heard him in **Durban, South Africa**. Seven truckloads of crutches, wheelchairs, canes, etc.. were hauled away after the healing services. One healed was a poor deformed beggar, who had never in his life been able to walk erect, but walk all bent over on both hands and feet. This beggar was widely known, because those who cared for him exhibited him as a curiosity, putting a collar and chain on him and having him dance like an animal in the streets. Brother Branham saw a vision of this man standing upright, so he challenged the people and they agreed that if this man was healed in Jesus' Name, Jesus was indeed God. As soon as Brother Branham prayed, the man stood erect, (as in Luke 13:11-13). Is it any wonder that 30,000 people surrendered their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ that night?

Once, God showed Brother Branham a vision of a little boy being raised from the dead. Brother Branham told the vision to 2,000 of people, describing the scenes, and telling them to write it down for it was "Thus saith the LORD!" Two years later, while they were on a campaign in **Finland**, they came across a car accident in the mountains. And a little boy lay on the road, crushed, bloody, having been dead for half an hour. It was the boy of the vision. Brother Branham faced the crowd standing around and said, "If that little boy isn't on his feet in five minutes, you can run me out of Finland as a false prophet. But if he is, you owe me your lives to the Lord Jesus Christ!" As he prayed, life came back into that dead boy (as in Luke 7:11-16).

While preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in **Portland, Oregon**, a huge, demon-possessed man strode to the platform, calling Brother Branham a fake, an imposter, a deceiver, threatening to break every bone in his body. As the man drew near to execute his threats, Brother Branham said softly, "Satan, because you have challenged the servant of God - in the Name of Jesus Christ, you shall fall at my feet." The powerful man struggled to come nearer, but couldn't. He sank to the floor and had to be carried out by ushers because he fell on his face in front of God's vindicated servant.

In **Bombay, India**, where some 400,000 came to hear the Gospel, there was a blind beggar brought before Brother Branham for prayer. In a vision, Brother Branham saw who this beggar was, where he lived, and that he had become blind by staring at the sun, which he worshipped as God. Then Brother Branham challenged the various heathen Indian priests in turn saying, "If your god be God, then come up here at the platform and have him open this man's eyes and we'll fall down and worship your god." None moved. "But if my God, the Lord Jesus Christ, be God and opens this man's eyes, will you forsake your powerless gods and accept Jesus as your Saviour?" To this they agreed. The reason for this prophet's fearless confidence was because he had already seen the man healed in a vision, and the these visions never failed him. When the beggar's eyes came open that he could already see all the people in that meeting, pandemonium broke loose as those poor people strove just to touch Brother Branham to be healed.

It was in **Mexico** that the simple faith of a woman caused God to work a mighty miracle. The doctor wrote out a sworn statement that her baby had died at 9:00 in the

morning of pneumonia, but because she had seen God give a blind man back his sight in Brother Branham's meetings the night before, she carried her dead baby around all day, believing that if she could just get it to Brother Branham, God would raise it up. That night, where Brother Branham was having a meeting, he saw a vision of a Mexican baby being cuddled by her mother, alive. There he prayed in Jesus' Name and laid hands on the baby. Immediately the infant began to cry and was restored back to life. The news packed the article and the doctor who issued the death certificate could not believe what had transpired.

There was a time when Brother Branham stopped his sermon, looked at a man in a wheelchair and said, "Sir, I perceive you have faith to be healed. Rise up and walk," (as in Acts 3:2-10). And **Congressman Upshaw** who had been confined to a wheelchair for over 60 years, rose up and walked down the aisle praising Jesus Christ. Returning to Washington, D.C., Congressman Upshaw was not ashamed to declare William Branham to be a prophet of God to the 20th century.

PROPHETIC MINISTRY

These are but a few (and by no means the most outstanding) of the miracles God used to vindicate His servant. Space fails us to record the hundreds of thousands of times that "THUS SAITH THE LORD" has been manifested in our generation without one flaw! Did not Jesus say that, "*if you can't believe Me simply because the Words I speak are the truth, then believe Me for the very works' sake, because they testify of who I am.*" (John 10:37-38). The same is true of every prophet of God. Is not the same true of William Branham? He had to be sent of God, "for no man can do these miracles except God be with him" (John 3:2).

Why then is not William Branham widely acclaimed today? No true prophet was ever accepted by the majority of people in their day. Yet a true prophet strikes against the corruption of their day, and people don't like to change from their carnal ways. Only a few will know and believe, just as it was in the days of John the Baptist.

Notice this: as long as Jesus Christ (who was the God-Prophet) was healing the sick, multitudes swarmed to Him. But when he began to bring forth strong doctrine, rebuking the Saducees and Pharisees, the Bible records: "*From that time many of His disciples went back and walked no more with Him,*" (**John 6:48-68**). Likewise, as long as God used Brother Branham to heal the sick and afflicted, millions followed his ministry. But when God through His prophet began to restore the WORD, most people loved the miracles but hated the Word. Howbeit, that the Word had to be restored before Jesus Christ could take His Bride, for she must be a pure Word Bride, and the true meaning of the Word of God has been so distorted down through the centuries until today; as Jesus said, "*In vain do they worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men ... making the Word of God of none effect through your traditions*" (**Mark 7:6,7,13**).

SEVEN-SEALED BOOK REVEALED

On **December 22, 1962**, Brother Branham had a vision where he was standing near **Tucson, Arizona**, picking a sand burr out of his pants leg, when a tremendous explosion occurred. He told this vision to his congregation in Jeffersonville, Indiana on the 31st of December (the sermon was tape recorded).

Then he moved to Tucson, Arizona. Over a month later, on **February 28, 1963**, while out hunting, he noticed a sand burr in his trouser. As he reached to pull it off, a tremendous blast rocked the mountainside. Looking up, he saw **seven angels in the form of a pyramid** sweeping towards him, and for a time he seemed to be caught up in their midst. These seven angels represents the Seven Messengers to the Seven Church Ages as written in Revelations Chapter 2 and 3. Then a voice cried out, "Go back east," and Brother Branham knew it was time for the opening of the mysteries of the **Seven Seals** in the Book of Revelation (Daniel 12:4,8-9; Rev. 5,6 & 8).

The angels returned into the sky and formed a **cloud some 50 miles long and 30 miles wide**, which was visible for hundreds of miles around. Many pictures were taken of this peculiar Cloud, some appearing in **Life Magazine (May 17, 1963 issue)**; some in **Science Magazine (April 19, 1963 issue)**, along with a scientific report of how it was scientifically impossible for such a cloud to exist. The highest clouds form at about 10 miles, but this phenomenal cloud was 26 miles up, at which altitude water vapor does not exist.

THE MYSTERIOUS CLOUD



The original glossy prints of the Cloud reveal the full face of the Lord Jesus Christ as the picture is viewed from the right side angle "like unto the Son of Man, His head and His hairs were white like wool, as white as snow" (Rev.1:13).

Brother Branham returned to Jeffersonville, Indiana wherein for seven days, as he waited on God, the voice of God spoke out the Pillar of Fire, revealing the exact Truth of the Mysteries sealed up in Revelations 5 through 8; which revelation was contrary to what everyone (including Brother Branham) had previously supposed, yet was perfectly in line with the rest of God's Word.

As Brother Branham preached seven consecutive nights on these Seals (March 17-24, 1963) his sermons were tape-recorded: Thus the Scripture is fulfilled in our day saying, "But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to His servants the prophets" (Revelation 10:7).

William Branham died in December of 1965 when his car was hit by a drunken driver. It was a death which he had already anticipated by a vision. But the MESSAGE God used him to bring lives on and cannot die. There are over 1,100 different tape-recorded sermons of Brother Branham today and most of these have been printed out in book form circulating around the globe today, crying out against perversion, warning souls that Jesus Christ is coming very soon, mapping out the truth through God's Word, and preparing a Bride for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. It is the "voice of the seventh messenger" and the final Word-Message to our age.

HEBREWS 13:8

Think not that these things exalt a man, CHRIST ALONE IS EXALTED! Brother Branham of himself could do nothing (John 3:27). It was Jesus Christ performing

(through a humble prophet) the same works he did when He walked in human flesh upon this earth (Heb. 13:8). So look not at the man, but at the Message which he brought forth, for that Message will point you to the pure Jesus Christ, free from all denominational creeds and traditions. Did not the apostle Paul say, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ," (1 Cor. 11:1; 4:16).

When you obey **Paul**, you are not following a man, but the Holy Spirit speaking through him. "And today," as one man wrote, "this man, William Branham, has had literally thousands of manifested vindications from God, and with his life containing all the other factors that make up the prophetic office, he ought to be received for what he is - he must be received for what he is. "Thus saith the Lord" in his mouth by the Holy Ghost, is absolutely no different from the "Thus saith the Lord" in the mouth of Paul, for it is the same Holy Ghost."

But would you have recognized Paul had you lived in his day? Or if you had lived in the days of Noah? Or Elijah? or Jeremiah? Would you have recognized them as prophets and heeded their Message? How about if you had lived in a remote part of Palestine and heard reports about somebody called Jesus who was performing mighty miracles? Would you have recognized Him for who He was, or would you have been like the Pharisees, who believed what God did in the past, but could not accept what God was doing in their own day! They even called Jesus "Beelzebub, the prince of devils". "Woe unto you scribes and Pharisees," cried Jesus, "hypocrites! Because ye build the tombs of the prophets and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, and say, if we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets, wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets!" (Matt. 23:29-31).

So God has once again visited this last generation with a mighty prophet. A humble man, who desired neither fame nor wealth, who never failed to give every bit of the glory to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Briefly this essay have sketched his life, and briefly his vindication. Yet, this has not even touched yet on the Message which he brought forth, even though it is that Message that is most important. Now it is up to you to dig on these treasures. Books and tapes are available upon request, but you must be sincere to check it out, weigh the evidence, examine the Word, and then pray it through. If it is the Truth, God requires you to believe it.

SEVEN VISIONS

In the year 1933, God gave Brother Branham a continuous vision of seven major things that must transpire before the Lord Jesus Christ would come again.

The first (1) vision was that he saw a dictator rising up in Italy that would invade Ethiopia. He saw **Mussolini** and his shameful end where the people turned on him, before it ever transpired in actual event.

The second (2) vision was shown to him by God where he saw a young Austrian named **Adolf Hitler** who would gain power in Germany and would lead the world into war, but that Germany would be defeated and Hitler would come to a mysterious end.

In the third (3) vision, he saw three great ISM's in the world: **Fascism, Nazism and Communism**: but that the first two would be swallowed up into the third one -

Communism.

Then on the fourth (4) vision, he beheld the tremendous advances in **science** that would follow World War II. He saw an automobile looking like an egg that's being run not by humans but by remote control.

The fifth (5) vision showed him the horrible moral decay of the world, centering mostly around **women**. He saw women cutting her hair, smoking cigarettes, drinking, wearing pants and indecent clothing. (Remember these five things were shown to him in 1933, years before they occurred).

In the sixth (6) vision, he saw a **beautiful, yet cruel woman rise in America**, dominating the land with authority.

And in the last (7) vision, he saw the land of America in smoldering ruins. As far as the eye could see there was no life, only craters and smoking piles of debris. He also saw Los Angeles, **California sank beneath the ocean caused by a major earthquake**. Then these visions faded away.

Brother Branham testifies of his ministry in the following quotations:

"Not for one moment do I bring a message to the people that they may follow me, or join my church, or start some fellowship and organization. I have never done that and will not do that now. I have no interest in those things, but I do have an interest in the things of God and people, and if I can accomplish just one thing I will be satisfied. That one thing is to see established a true spiritual relationship between God and men, wherein men become new creations in Christ, filled with His Spirit and live according to His Word. I would invite, plead and warn all to hear His voice at this time, and yield your lives completely to Him, even as I trust my heart that I have given my all to Him. God bless you, and may His Coming rejoice your heart." -(381-3 RESUME.OF.THE.AGES - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.10)

"I know there's a lot of fanaticism in the world. I'm not responsible for other men's testimonies. I only have to answer for mine. I'm on the witness stand in a defense for God and His Word, that I know it's true. And His Word... When I heard Him tell me that, I would not have believed it if He hadn't showed me in the Bible that it's promised for this day." (COURT TRIAL. BIRMINGHAM.AL 64-0412)

"I was called when I was just a little boy. And in this was a visible, audible sign given me: a--a Pillar of Fire hanging in a bush, at seven years old, right here on the Utica Pike. My father was working for Mr. O. H. Wathen, that just recently died. And you've read the book; you know the story. And from that time... Down on the river then, It appeared visibly before the people, and now... It's had the picture taken many times, and it hangs in the Washington, D.C. as a copyright in the Religious Hall of Art as the only supernatural being that was ever scientifically proven to be photographed: same Pillar of Fire, exactly in the same look and every way, that brought Israel out of Egypt. I believe It's Jesus Christ in Spirit form in the Sonship of God." (MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE. JEFF.IN V-3 N-13 65-0221M)

"Scientific world testifies of it. That George J. Lacy said, "I often said it was psychology myself, Mr. Branham." But said, "I've had it under ultra-ray and every kind of infrared and everything that I could find. The light struck the lens, and this lens won't take psychology." So if I live or die, it's true anyhow. The church knows it's true. Science knows it's true. Now, what about you? Remember, it's not me; it's Him. It's not me. I'm nobody but just one of you all. It's Him. He has to get somebody. Nobody's worthy of it, but somebody has to do it. Remember, it's not a easy job. But it's a glorious job to know that your Lord is here, and

you can tell your brethren the truth. But it's hard when they won't believe it. But that, we all have to confront that." (COURT.TRIAL BIRMINGHAM.AL 64-0412)

" That great Angel of the Covenant, that One Who was with Moses in the wilderness, that One Who come to Paul on the road to Damascus, that same One permitted His picture to be taken with us; the same One that was in the picture in the "Life" magazine the other day, the same Word by the same God, through the same channels, by the same way, by the same promise: "Wherever two or three are gathered in My Name, I am there in their midst." Then He's here. The Angels of God are encamped about those who fear Him, that hangs only to His Word." (CHRIST IS.THE.MYSTERY. JEFF.IN V-3 N-7 63-0728)

"Oh, and I remember when He swept down there in that big Light, standing yonder at the bottom of the river, 1933, in June, when He said, "As--as John the Baptist was sent forth and forerun the first coming of Christ, I send you with a Message to the world to forerun the second coming of Christ." And around the world she's went, when revival fires had been built for fifteen years on nearly every mountain...?... Divine healing across the nations, and the power, and restoration... And now, I believe she's ready to strike that final climax yonder to bring forth a faith that'll rapture the Church into glory (It's the truth.), and She's laying in the Messages. We're really at the end time." (ABSOLUTE, THE. JEFF.IN V-3 N-18 62-1230M)

"We're at the end, friends. Soon it shall be time run out. Millions will lose their lives. Millions that now believe they are saved will be counted fodder for the atomic age. We are living at the last hour. By the grace of God, by His help we speak to His people that they might look forward to the soon appearing of Christ." (SEVENTH.SEAL.THE. JEFF.IN 63-0324E)

"People has called me a prophet. I don't call myself no prophet, because I'd be daresn't to say that. But I have say--I can say this, that the Lord has let me foresee things, tell things that has happened, will happen, is happening; and not one time has it ever failed in the tens of thousands of times. Everything that He said would happen, happened. We all know that. If there's a person in this visible audience this morning or anywhere could say one time it failed, you're at liberty to stand up and say so. But if everybody knows that every time, of the thousands of times it's been perfectly right, say, "Amen." [Congregation replies, "Amen."--Ed.] (MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE. JEFF.IN V-3 N-13 65-0221M)

"Now, look at today, brethren. See, we have a--we know we have a move of God. We know it's performing miracles. It's healing the sick. It's even raising the dead. It's casting out devils. It speaks with tongues and interprets tongues. It sends forth prophecies; they happen. He showed us dreams, interpretations, perfect, strictly. Then isn't it a strange thing that great leaders would say we was a bunch of crazy people when they're the leaders of the nation, the leaders of churches? That's a marvelous thing. What is it? It's still jealousy. The Spirit and power and Word of God in these last days is showing up their dogmas and creeds (that's all there is to it) that they got men blinded by." (TAKING SIDES.WITH.JESUS. JEFF.IN COD 62-0601)

"And so there He spoke to me and said, "The Seven Seals will be opened. The seven mysteries, sevenfold mystery of the Bible that's been closed up since the foundation of the world will be revealed." And we, yet a humble little group compared with all the world, we've enjoyed these blessings and hearing those mysteries: Marriage, Divorce, Serpent's Seed. All those different questions has been completely revealed to us, not by man but by God Himself, that's opened those seven mysteries of what the church was, how it was in Christ at the beginning, and how it would be revealed in the last day." (RISING.OF.THE.SUN. JEFF.IN V-3 N-12 65-0418M)

"I wasn't the One that appeared down on the river; I was only standing there when He appeared. I'm not the One that performs these things and foretells these things

that happens as perfect as they are; I'm only one that's near when He does it. I was only a voice that He used to say it. It wasn't what I knew; it's what I just surrendered myself to, that He spoke through. It isn't me. It wasn't the seventh angel, oh, no; it was a manifestation of the Son of man. It wasn't the angel, his Message; it was the mystery that God unfolded. It's not a man; it's God. The angel was not the Son of man; he was a messenger from the Son of man. The Son of man is Christ. He's the One that you're feeding on. You're not feeding on a man. A man, his words will fail, but you're feeding on the unfailing Body-Word of the Son of man." (ANOINTED.ONES.AT.END.TIME. JEFF.IN V-5 N-3 65-0725M)

"I'm not here for popularity. If I would, I'd have radio programs and television, have all this on televised and everything. They had to beg the people for their money and things like that; I don't want that stuff. I want favor with my God; that's all. I want to be, where if He sends me to where there's only five people in a church, and says, "Stay there for six months," I'll stay right there. I have nothing to tie me. That's right. If He sends me overseas to a hundred million people, I'd be right there. Some way He'll take care of it; He always has and He will." (SUPER.SIGN. GRASS.VALLEY.CA JJ 141 62-0708)

"When the Lord spoke to me down on the river that day, it spearheaded that revival around the world, from there come every one of those great evangelists. They went right back with their brethren (See?), those denominations in which they come out of. They come out here and hold this meeting, mixed up with the denominations, and go right back into them again. They got a lot of favor, big names on radio, papers, and everything. Everybody speaks well of them. But all men has forsaken me because I've took a true Word, and stood by the Word. I've stayed right here to what He said to me, preached the Word, not a denominational philosophy. "Preach the Word," that was my commission; "stay with the Word." And, brethren who's listening to this on tape, I was a great guy when I come among you just healing the sick, speaking of visions, and showing things. But when I went to tell you the Truth about the Word, what did you turn your back on me for? Do you realize it's just fulfilling what the Scripture said? Yeah, it does that way." (PRESENT.STAGE.OF.MY.MINISTRY. JEFF.IN V-11 N-2 62-0908)

"And some people have said, "You condemn organization." No, I don't. I--I condemn the system of organization, not the people in there, the group of people that makes the organization, you know; but the system they're governed by, that's what I condemn, Catholic and Protestant the same. And them people, a Catholic, or Jew or whatever it is, they're a human being off the same tree that we come from. See? That's right. They are--they are a people who love, and eat, and drink, and sleep and--just like anybody else. And so we mustn't never condemn individuals, no, no one. We mustn't condemn individuals, but as a minister, I have to strike that serpent out there that's biting into those people. But if a Catholic, Jew, or whatever he was, come here... If he was a Mohammedan, Greek, or orthodox, or whatever he might be, if he come here to be prayed for, I would pray just as sincerely for him as I would for my own. That's right. Certainly, because it's a human being. I've prayed for Buddhists, and Sikhs, Jains, Mohammedans, and--and every kind (You see?), like that. And I don't ask them no questions; I just pray for them because they're somebody, a human being, that wants to get well, and try to make life a little easier along the road for them." (FIFTH.SEAL.THE JEFF.IN 63-0322)

WITNESSES TO THE BRANHAM MINISTRY

The following are certified testimonies from well-known preachers and evangelists from around the world concerning the ministry of William Marrion Branham:

JAMES MORRIS - "It was Branham, more than any other evangelist, who started the post-World War-II fundamentalist healing revival following his encounter with an angel on May 7,

1946. Word radiated in every direction that all manner of diseases and afflictions were healed instantly by the little Indiana preacher. Even cases of raising the dead were published." (*-The Preachers*)

GORDON LINDSAY - "Never had we known of any preacher calling deaf, mutes and blind people to pray for, and then to see those people delivered on the spot... a ministry that was beyond any that we had before witnessed." (*-The House that the Lord Built*)

TOMMY OSBORN - "God has chosen diverse and mysterious ways to reveal Himself to His servants especially those called for dispensational purposes as was Brother Branham's call. In short, the man we know as William Branham was sent to demonstrate God again in flesh." (*-William Branham Memorial Service*)

JACK MOORE - "The most gifted of all the evangelists." (*-All Thingsare Possible by David Harell, Jr.*)

ORAL ROBERTS - "A humble devout man of God." (*-Healing Waters, July 1948*)

F.F. BOSWORTH - "When the gift is operating, Brother Branham is the most sensitive person to the presence and working of the Holy Spirit and to spiritual realities of any person I have known." (*-A Prophet Visits South Africa*)

GEORGE EKEROTH - "God called this humble man and anointed his ministry to a degree that within a few short years his name was known in the most remote jungle outstation. Wherever you would go in this world you would find that the name of this messenger has preceded you." (*-Introduction of Morris Cerullo's Book, Wind Over the 20th Century*)

DAVID EDWIN HARRELL JR. - "Most of the participants of the healing revival that erupted in 1947 looked upon Branham as its initiator. William Branham became a prophet to a generation. Night after night, before thousands of awed believers, he discerned the diseases of the sick and pronounced them healed. The power of a Branham service remains a legend unparalleled in the history of the Charismatic Movement." (*-All ThingsAre Possible*)

THOMAS R. NICKEL - "In Bible days, there were men of God who were prophets and seers. But in all the sacred records, none of these had a greater ministry than that of William Branham, a Prophet and Seer of God, whose photograph appears on the front cover of this issue of Full Gospel Men's Voice. Branham has been used by God, in the Name of Jesus, to raise the dead." (*-Full Gospel Men's Voice Magazine, February 1961*)

JOSEPH MATTSON-BOZE - "Sometimes I was scared because of the deep sense of holiness that penetrated the meeting, but I never failed to see the gift of God in operation through His servant and feel the warmth of love that flowed through his ministry." (*-The Herald of Faith, February 1966*)

WILLIAM BRANHAM RESOURCES

There are almost 1,100+ book-sermons and tape recordings of Rev. William Marrion Branham available today for anyone interested in the End Time Message. Books, Tapes and MP3 CD's of Brother Branham's sermons can be ordered from **Voice of God Recordings, P.O. Box 950, Jeffersonville, Indiana 47131 U.S.A. Website: www.branham.org**. Other websites that feature the ministry of Brother Branham are as follows: **www.endtimemessage.info**; **www.spiritualbuildingstones.info**; **www.bibleway.org**; **www.dewittabernacle.org**; **www.wmb1.com**; **www.nathan.co.za**; **www.inthedaysofthevoice.com**; **www.williambranham.com**; **www.spokenwordchurch.com**; **www.happyvalleychurch.com**.

An Exposition of the Seven Church Ages

Revelation 1:20 - "The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in My right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches."

THE SEVEN STARS AND THE SEVEN CANDLESTICKS

From the above prophetic verses, we can read that there are "seven stars" or seven angels that represent God's seven spirits sent forth by God to bring forth the light unto seven Gentile churches. Revelation 1:11: "Saying, I am

Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send [it] unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea."



John had seen this vision which was an event that was to transpire to seven Gentile churches in Asia Minor. The whole of the church ages is God dealing with the Gentiles, and calling out a "Gentile Bride" to Himself. That makes the "Church Ages" and the "Fulness of the Gentiles" one and the same thing.

This event was actually God, sending seven messengers to seven church ages, which was to transpire right after the Book of Acts until the second coming of the Lord. These Seven Gentile Church Ages were to last within a period of more or less 2000 years before Christ comes back for the literal rapture of the church. During this brief period, Jesus Christ is set to gather all His elected Gentile Bride from among all nations and denominations to prepare them for the "catching away" of the church as spoken of in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17.

After the Holy Spirit was poured out on the day of Pentecost, God then started to deal with the Gentiles for their day of salvation. The Gentile grace period started from A.D. 53 till this day. When the Spirit of God left the Jews on their own due to their rejection of the Messiah, He sent Apostle Paul to preach salvation unto the Gentiles. "Lo, we turn to the Gentiles"; were the words of Paul and Barnabas in Acts 13:44-48. And in Romans 11:25, Paul declared, -"For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in."

Endtime believers have witnessed the true fulfillment of this prophesy today as we have identified who these seven messengers are and what the exact dates of these seven Gentile church ages were. Most Bible scholars know for sure that it was Apostle Paul who paved the way to where God's Gospel ministry to the Gentiles was started. Apostle

Paul wrote most of the Epistles in the New Testament benchmarking the "Grace Dispensation". Here in this chapter, I wish to lay out the times of the seven church ages along with their corresponding messengers for the benefit of the readers, as preached to us by Reverend William Branham, God's messenger of the age.

THE EPHESIAN CHURCH AGE (A.D. 53 to A.D. 170) STAR-MESSENGER: SAINT PAUL

Revelation 2: 1-7 reads:

"Unto the angel of the Church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: and hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have [somewhat] against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."



Apostle Paul

The messenger (angel) to the church of Ephesus was the apostle Paul. That he was the messenger to the first age of the Gentile era cannot be denied. Though to Peter was granted the authority to open the doors to the Gentiles, it was given to Paul to be their apostle and prophet. He was the Prophet-Messenger to the Gentiles. His prophetic office, by which he received the full revelation of the Word for the Gentiles, authenticated him as their apostolic messenger.

Paul founded the church at Ephesus about the middle of the first century. This enables us to set the date of the beginning of the Ephesian Church Age about 53 A.D. Paul was absolutely true to the Word. He never deviated from it no matter what the cost (Galatians 1:8-9). His ministry was in the power of the Spirit (1 Cor 2:1-5). And he had the evident fruit of his God-given ministry (2 Cor 11:2). The death of Paul, before the Revelation was given to John, does not at all annul the fact that he was the messenger to the Ephesian Church Age, for the messenger to every age, regardless of when he appears or goes, is the one who influences that age for God by means of a Word-manifested ministry.

THE SMYRNEAN CHURCH AGE (A.D. 170 to A.D. 312) STAR MESSENGER: SAINT IRENAEUS

Revelation 2: 8-11 reads-" And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive; I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and [I know] the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but [are] the synagogue of Satan. Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast [some] of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the

churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.”



St. Ireneus

The name of the second church age was **Smyrna**, which means “bitterness or myrrh.” It was associated with death, because the Christians here were dying. A **persecuted church**, the church of Smyrna passed through the fiery furnace of tribulations, but was a sweet-smelling savor unto Christ. The **great ten days of tribulation** means “ten years of the bloodiest persecution” which happened in this era. It was the bloodiest one of all of the persecutions since **Nero** in 67 A.D. **Diocletian was the emperor** in this age, which reigned during the year 303 to 312 A.D.

Ireneaus was the star-messenger to Smyrna. He was God’s messenger because he was the one who swept the country, into France (Gaul), establishing churches, and every one of them were established upon the baptism of the Holy Ghost, in speaking in tongues, raising the dead, healing the sick, stopping the rains, and performing miracles daily. Ireneaus knew that the living God lived among His people.

THE PERGAMEAN CHURCH AGE (AD 312 to A.D. 606) STAR MESSENGER: SAINT MARTIN

Revelation 2: 12-17 reads: “*And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges; I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, [even] where Satan’s seat [is]; and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas [was] my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth. But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth [it].*”



St. Martin

The third church age is called **Pergamos**. And the date that this church existed was from **A.D. 312 to 606**. The age was the age of “**false doctrine, Satan lying, the foundation of papacy rule, and marriage of church and state**”. And the star, the angel of this church, was **Saint Martin**.

The life of Saint Martin is one of the greatest miracle-filled lives of anybody in the church ages. Martin was born in 315 in Hungary. However, his life work was in France where he labored in and around Tours as a bishop. He died in 399. This great saint was the uncle of another wonderful Christian, St. Patrick of Ireland. Saint Patrick was Saint Martin’s nephew; Saint Martin’s sister was the mother of Saint Patrick. He was a soldier to begin with. One day he was coming by and there was someone, a man laying cold and shivering, and all the people that was able to help the man just passed him by, like the priest and the Levites did in the Good Samaritan. But when Saint Martin come by, realizing his duty as a Christian believer, he had one coat, a cloak over his

shoulders; he cut it in two with his sword and gave half of it to the beggar; he took the other half. And that night began his career, for Jesus Christ appeared to him in a vision, wrapped in that same robe that he cut half in two; which fulfilled the Scripture, “*Insomuch as you have done unto these little ones, you have did it unto Me.*” St. Martin stayed with the Word, just like Paul did. He was the messenger to this church age.

A biographer wrote of Martin on this wise. “No one ever saw him angry, or disturbed, or grieving, or laughing. He was always one and the same, and seemed something beyond mortal, wearing on his countenance a sort of celestial joy. Never was anything on his lips but Christ, never anything in his heart but piety, peace and pity. Often did he weep for the sins even of those his detractors, who when he was quiet and absent attacked him with viperous lips and poisoned tongues. Many hated him for virtues they themselves did not possess and could not imitate; and alas! his bitterest assailants were bishops.”

THE THYATIREAN CHURCH AGE (A.D 606 to A.D. 1520) STAR MESSENGER: SAINT COLUMBA

Revelation 2: 18-19 states: “*And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet [are] like fine brass; I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last [to be] more than the first. Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things*



St. Columba

sacrificed unto idols. And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden. But that which ye have [already] hold fast till I come. And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. And I will give him the morning star. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”

The fourth church age, “Thyatira,” means “to be lax, loose, or hazy.” The star-messenger was **Columba**, from Ireland and Scotland, which was a nephew to Saint Martin. His ministry began about sixty years after Saint Patrick.

The word, **Thyatira**, means a “**Continual Sacrifice**” - a continual presentation of the sacrifice of Christ. It also means the continual sacrifice in lives and labors of the true believers of the Lord. **This age is called the “Dark Ages”** because it was indeed the darkest period of all history. It was the age of **Pope Innocent III** who claimed that he was the “**vicar of Christ —supreme sovereign over the church and the world,**” who instituted the **inquisition** which under his direction shed more blood than at any other time in history except in the Reformation.

Thyatira was also the age of Pornocracy, the rule of harlots. The popes were not only guilty of immoral sex acts (fathering scores of illegitimate children, committing sodomy etc.) but were guilty of selling priestly offices to the highest bidders. Those who

would not agree to the Roman Catholic Doctrine in this age were were fed to lions, burnt, tortured and persecuted. Surely these Thyatirean saints were the **“cream of the crop”**, full of the Holy Ghost and faith, created unto good works, showing forth His praise, holding not their lives dear unto themselves, but gladly giving their all as a sweet sacrifice unto the Lord.

Columba was born in County Donegal, North Ireland, to the royal family of Fergus. He became a brilliant, consecrated scholar, committing to memory most of the Scripture. God called him in an audible voice to be a missionary. After he had heard the voice of God, nothing could stop him, and his miraculous ministry has caused many historians to acclaim him next to the apostles. So great was his ministry with the supernatural signs following that some (especially students in Rome) have thought the accounts were exaggerated. Saint Columba was the founder of a great Bible school on the island of Hy (off the S.W. coast of Scotland). From this Bible-centered island went forth mighty scholars endowed with wisdom and the power of God.

THE SARDISEAN CHURCH AGE (A.D. 1520 to A.D. 1750) STAR-MESSENGER: MARTIN LUTHER

Revelation 3: 1-6 reads: *“And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and **strengthen the things which remain**, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”*

Sardisean church age began in 1520 and ended in 1750. It is the age of what we call **“Reformation Age”**. **Sardis means a “marriage”**, the **marriage age of church and state**.



Martin Luther

The messenger to the fifth church age was **Martin Luther**. His name is so familiar to the Bible scholar, or the teacher, or the laity of today. Martin Luther was a brilliant scholar of gentle disposition. He was ordained as an Augustinian priest at Erfurt. Luther saw the futility of the Roman church's imposed works that were to bring salvation. The Word of God struck home to his heart, and was convinced that **“The just shall live by faith.”** That was Luther's message - **justification by faith**. Luther was a mighty preacher and teacher of the Word, and insisted especially in his first years of public eminence, that the Word was the sole criterion. Thus he was against works as a means of salvation and baptism as a means of regeneration. He taught the mediation of Christ apart from man as was the original and Pentecostal concept. He was a man given to much prayer and had learned that the more work he had to do, and the more sorely he was pressed for time, the more of his time he gave to God in prayer in order to ensure satisfactory results. It is recorded of Dr. Martin Luther in Sauer's History Vol. 3, page 406 that he was, "a prophet, evangelist, speaker in tongues, interpreter, in one person, endowed with all nine gifts of the Spirit."

When Leo X become pope, and John Tetzel came to sell indulgences for sin in Luther's time, Luther had no choice but to rise up against this anti-Scriptural teaching. First, he thundered from the pulpit against it and then wrote his famous **95 theses** which on **October 31, 1517** he nailed to the door of Castle Church at Wittenberg, Germany, exposing and protesting the abuses of the Roman Catholic Church. From that date the Reformation set in; and the reformation fires begin to fly. He protested the abuses of the Catholic church and its **mass** saying, "Is this be the holy body of Christ? It's a wafer and a little wine." And whammy, he threwed it on the floor. Martin Luther spearheaded the Reformation Age by printing Bibles. This was also the time when Guterberg invented the printing press.

As Luther crystallized the doctrine of **justification** by faith in this age, the Catholic Church held on to works, penance, prayers and other unscriptural means. We see in this historical age that the pagan worship of Sardis was the worship of the woman. It is Cybele alone, not Cybele and Deoius. The mother has literally taken the place of the Son, endowed with the merits of Godhead. And as the freed Christians glorified the Son in this era, the Roman Catholics increased their deification of Mary.

THE PHILADELPHIAN CHURCH AGE (A.D. 1750 to A.D. 1906) STAR-MESSENGER: JOHN WESLEY

Revelation 3: 7-13 states: *“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: **behold, I have set before thee an open door**, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. **Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation**, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, [which is] new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and [I will write upon him] my new name. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”*



John Wesley

The sixth church age is called the **Philadelphian Church Age**. The Philadelphian Church Age lasted from 1750 to about 1906. This age, due to the meaning of the name of the city, has been called The Age of **Brotherly Love**, as Philadelphia means, "love of brethren". This age was a **great missionary age** and an **“open door age”**. And the reward for this age was a pillar, and the revelation of three Names: the Name of God, the Name of the City of God, and God's New name."

The star or the messenger to this church age, we believe, solemnly, with all of our heart, to be **John Wesley**. **John Wesley**, a little Anglican man from over in England, that belonged to the Anglican church, saw the light on the Gospel. It was the hour for that Philadelphian age to come forth. And when he did, **he preached the second works of grace, a sanctification by the Blood of Jesus**.

Christ.

John Wesley was born at Epworth, June 17, 1703 and was one of **nineteen**

children born to **Samuel and Susanna Wesley**. His father was a chaplain in the Church of England; but it is more than likely that the religious turn of John's mind was based more upon his mother's exemplary life than upon his father's theology. John was a brilliant scholar. He drew up a spiritual guide of works, such as giving to the poor, visiting the sick and the imprisoned. For this they were called **Methodists**, and other derisive titles. John Wesley traveled multiple thousands of miles as did his circuit riders who carried the Gospel near and far. In fact Wesley traveled 4500 miles per year by horse. He was a believer in the power of God and he prayed for the sick with great faith and wonderful results. Many of his meetings saw the manifestation of Spiritual gifts. Wesley never did desire to build a work upon a denominational or sectarian basis. Though he was an Arminian in his beliefs, he did not want to separate himself from brethren on the grounds of doctrine. He was a good candidate for James: He based his eternal life on faith and works, or the living of the life, rather than simply accepting a creed or a doctrinal statement.

THE LAODICEAN CHURCH AGE (A.D. 1906 - Rapture) STAR-MESSENGER: WILLIAM BRANHAM

Our age is the fulfillment of Revelation 3: 14-22: *“And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and [that] the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”*

The **Laodicean Age** began around the turn of the 20th Century, perhaps 1906. The name, **Laodicea**, means, "**people's rights**" or "**justice of the peoples.**" There never was an age like the 20th century wherein we see all nations rising up and demanding equality, socially and financially. Our age, the Laodicean church age, is an age of the communists where all men are supposedly equal, though it is only so in theory. This is the age of political parties who call themselves Christian Democrats, and Christian Socialists, Christian Commonwealth Federation, etc. and the age of labor unions, women's rights, gay rights, and other cause-oriented groups.

In every attribute, ancient Laodicea is found reborn in the 20th Laodicean Age. Historic Laodicea was a rich city, endowed by the wealthy. It was full of culture. Science abounded. How like today. The churches are rich. The worship is beautiful and formal, but cold and dead. Culture and education have taken the place of the Spirit-given Word, and faith has been superseded by science, so that man is a victim of materialism. Frequent earthquakes finally caused Laodicea's complete abandonment.

The messenger to the Laodicean Age, according to Scriptures, is going to be a prophet. He will have the prophetic ministry. It will be based solidly on the Word because



William Branham

when he prophesies or has a vision, it will always be "Word oriented" and it will ALWAYS come to pass. He will be vindicated as a prophet because of his accuracy. The proof that he is a prophet is found in **Revelation 10:7** *"But in the days of the voice of the seventh messenger when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished as He hath declared to His servants, the prophets."* This one here in Revelation 10:7 is the seventh age messenger and it is a man, and he is to bring a message from God, and his message and ministry is going to finish the mystery of God as declared to His servants, the prophets. That is what Paul was in the first age, and the last age has one, too. **Amos 3:6-7**, *"Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? Shall there be evil in a city, and the Lord hath not done it? Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but He revealeth His secrets unto His servants, the prophets."*

It was in the end-time period that the **seven thunders** of Jesus will come forth. **Revelation 10:3-4**, *"And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not."* What was in those thunders no one knows. **But we need to know.** And it will take a **prophet** to get the revelation because God has no other way of bringing out His Scriptural revelations except by a prophet. This messenger of **Malachi 4** and **Revelation 10:7** is going to do **two things**. One: According to Malachi 4 he will turn the hearts of the children to the fathers. Two: **He will reveal the mysteries of the seven thunders in Revelation 10** which are the **revelations contained in the seven seals**. It will be these Divinely revealed 'mystery-truths' that literally turn the hearts of the children to the Pentecostal fathers.

Not only do we see this messenger coming here in Revelation 10:7, but we find that the Word speaks of Elijah coming before Jesus returns. In **Matthew 17:10**, *"And His disciples asked Him saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?" And Jesus said, "Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things."* Before the coming of our Lord, Elijah must come back for a work of restoration in the church. This is what **Malachi 4:5** says, *"Behold I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord; and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."*

After an in-depth evaluation of all the men of God that has evangelized the world in our age, none of the rest can compare to the life and ministry of William Branham, a seer and a prophet of God to our generation. William Branham, this writer believes, is the angel-messenger to the Laodicean Church Age.

The **Full Gospel Men's Voice**, (now, Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship International), in its February 1961 issue wrote about William Branham: *"In Bible Days, there were men of God who were Prophets and Seers. But in all the Sacred Records, none of these had a greater ministry than that of William Branham, a Prophet and Seer of God, whose photograph appears on the front cover of this issue of Full Gospel Men's Voice. Branham has been used by God, in the Name of Jesus, to raise the dead!"*

One historian of that movement stated that **William Branham** was "a prophet to our generation", and a Pentecostal Historian wrote, "Branham filled the largest stadiums and meeting halls in the world." On **June 11, 1933**, while William Branham was baptizing the 17th person amongst hundreds of converts in the **Ohio River** near Jeffersonville, Indiana, a bright fiery Light suddenly appeared over him and a voice spoke out, **"As John the Baptist was sent to forerun the first coming of Jesus Christ, so are you sent to forerun His second coming!"**

The next edition of the Jeffersonville Evening News reported and published the incident with the subheading, "Mysterious Star Appears Over Minister While Baptizing".

In May of 1946, as William Branham prayed alone late one night, an angel of light appeared to him, saying, "Do not fear. I am sent from the presence of Almighty God to tell you that your peculiar birth and misunderstood life has been to indicate that you are to take a gift of Divine healing to the peoples of the world. If you will be sincere when you pray and can get the people to believe you, nothing shall stand before your prayer, not even cancer. You will go into many parts of the earth and will pray for kings and rulers and potentates. You will preach to multitudes the world over and thousands will come to you for counsel." This was literally fulfilled in the years that followed, for his ministry took him around the world seven times and many individuals of public influence, including Congressman Upshaw of the U.S.A. and King George VI of England, were healed as a result of his prayers.

To know more in-depthly about the Seven Church Ages, I advice you to read the Book entitled "AN EXPOSITION OF THE SEVEN CHURCH AGES," by William Marrison Branham.

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"Fear not; I am the first and the last: I [am] he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches." - Revelation 1:17-20

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CHAPTER FOUR

The Revelation of the Seven Seals

INTRODUCTION

We can read in the Bible that God has a book that's been sealed with SEVEN SEALS holding the seven hidden mysteries of God which were kept secret through the ages. What could be the significance of this Book to us, Christians?



Revelation 5:1, “And I saw in the right hand of Him that sat on the throne a **Book** written within and on the backside, sealed with **seven seals**.”

Revelation 6:1, “And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the **seals**, and I heard, as it were the noise of **thunder**, one of the four beasts saying, *Come and see.*”

The prophet Daniel of the Old Testament saw this Book in his visions but was asked to seal up the words thereof until the time of the end. The content of this Book was also seen and heard by John in the Book of Revelation Chapter 10.

Yet unknown to many today, these seven seals have already been loosed and the mysteries contained therein are already open to us. Yet only the predestinated people of God are qualified to understand the contents of the Book. It is hid from the unbeliever's eyes. Jesus clearly said it in **Matthew 11:25**: “*I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.*”

The reason why this book has been revealed today is to get the people of God ready for the second coming of the Lord. If your name is written on this Book, you will surely heed the end-time call today and will dig on these mysteries to make your “election and calling sure”.

THE SEVEN-SEALED BOOK

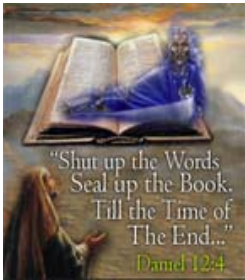
The seven-sealed Book is presented by John in **Revelation 5: 1- 7**, “And I saw in the right hand of Him that sat on the throne a **BOOK** written within and on the backside, **SEALED with SEVEN SEALS**. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, **WHO is worthy to OPEN the BOOK, and to LOOSE the SEALS thereof?** And **NO MAN** in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. **And I wept much**, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the **BOOK**, neither to look thereon.”

"And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, **the LION of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to OPEN the BOOK, and to LOOSE the SEVEN SEALS thereof.** And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a **LAMB** as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the **SEVEN Spirits of GOD sent forth into all the earth.** And **HE came and TOOK the BOOK out of the right hand of Him that sat upon the throne.**"

Amidst these symbolismisms, we can conclude that it is no other but our **Lord Jesus Christ** who is being referred to here as the **Bloody Lamb, the Root and Offspring of David,** and the **Lion of the Tribe of Judah,** who took the **BOOK** out from the Father's throne. **It is Jesus alone** who is worthy to take and claim this **BOOK** and to loose the seals thereof. "And they sung a new song, saying, **Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation**" (Rev. 5:9)

This **BOOK** was what Adam and Eve forfeited at the Garden of Eden when they chose to partake with the Tree of Knowledge of good and evil rather than staying with the Tree of Life. The **BOOK** contains the **names** of God's **elect** all through the ages, those who were **chosen and predestinated** in Christ before the foundation of the world according to Revelation 13:8 and which are the direct subjects of God's redemption. It is them also of which **Romans 8:29-30** speaks about: "For whom he did foreknow, he also did 'predestinate' [to be] conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did **predestinate,** them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified." This **BOOK** is also known as the "**Lamb's Book of Life**".

DANIEL'S VISION



The prophet **Daniel** saw the **BOOK** in a vision but was told of God to **seal it up until the time of the end,** as we read in the following verses:

"But thou, **O Daniel, SHUT up the words, and SEAL the BOOK,** [even] to the time of the **END:** many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what [shall be] the end of these [things]? And He said, Go thy way, Daniel: for **the WORDS [are] CLOSED up and SEALED till the TIME of the END.**" (Daniel 12:4,8,9)

JOHN AND THE MIGHTY ANGEL

John the beloved had seen and heard the messages in the **BOOK** in the form of the "**seven thunders**" and saw the **OPEN BOOK** being delivered down to the earth by the **Mighty Angel** of Revelation 10.

Revelations 10:1-4, "And I saw another **Mighty Angel** come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: And he had in his hand a **Little BOOK OPEN:** and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, And cried with a loud VOICE, as when a **LION** roareth: and when he had cried, "**SEVEN THUNDERS**" uttered their VOICES. And when the **SEVEN THUNDERS** had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a **VOICE** from heaven saying unto me, **SEAL UP those things which the SEVEN THUNDERS**

uttered, and **WRITE them NOT.**"

This event started to take place in the year 1963 during our time. On February 28, 1963, over in Arizona, U.S.A., the coming of this **Mighty Angel** transpired. A **Mystery Cloud,** showing the face of **Jesus Christ** formed from a constellation of seven angels, which were the seven spirits of God, which appeared to Reverend **William Marrion Branham** in the form of a ring shaped-Cloud. These seven angels came from the presence of God revealing to **William Branham** the hidden mysteries of the **SEVEN SEALS** which were sealed in the time of **Daniel** to inform the people of God of the perfect will of the Father in preparation for the oncoming millennial reign of **Jesus Christ** upon this earth.

It was as these seven angels left **Brother Branham** that they formed this mysterious cloud which **Life Magazine** had featured in their May 17, 1963 issue, and **Science Magazine** in their April 19, 1963 issue. The original glossy prints reveal the **full face of the Lord Jesus Christ** as the picture is viewed from the **right side angle** "like unto the Son of Man, His head and His hairs were white like wool, as white as snow" (Rev.1:13).

THE SEVENTH ANGEL-MESSENGER

If we continue reading in the succeeding verses of **Revelation 10:1-7,** we will notice that the **Mighty Angel,** which was **Michael,** delegated the revelation of these mysteries to the **seventh angel** which was the **messenger** to the **Laodicean Church Age.** This **seventh angel** is an earthly messenger who was commissioned by God to fulfill the final work of revealing these mysteries contained in these seven-seals to God's elect in these last days, as clearly stipulated in the 7th verse of Revelation 10:

Revelation 10:7 states, "**But in the days of the VOICE of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, ALL the MYSTERY of God should be FINISHED as he hath declared to His servants the prophets.**"

Jesus told **John** to send this **BOOK** to the seven churches in Asia (**Revelation 1:11**): "**What thou seest, write in a book, and send [it] unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.** I have discussed already in the previous chapter that these seven angels who were commissioned by God were seven men sent through the seven church ages to bring enlightenment to each of these age. The first angel or messenger to the church at Ephesus was Paul. The second angel to Smyrna was Irenaeus. The third angel to Pergamos was St. Martin. The fourth angel to Thyatira was Columba. The fifth angel to Sardis was Martin Luther. The sixth angel to the Philadelphian church age was John Wesley. The **seventh angel** to Laodicea is none other than **William Marrion Branham.**

Hear the **seventh angel's "VOICE"** today and learn of the hidden mysteries of God for you to be counted worthy to go in the rapture before this world is destroyed by the fire and by the wrath of God.

AN OPEN BOOK

To those who believe in the End Time Message, the unveiling of the Seven-sealed **BOOK** is already history to us. This mysterious book has been opened to us by a prophetic ministry which started the **THREE STAGES** of the coming of the Lord.

We have learned from **Brother Branham** that the **Rapture or second coming of**

the Lord comes in **three stages**: (1) There has to be a “**shout**”, which is a **Message**, calling the people of God out from Babylonian confusion (*Rev. 18:4 & Matthew 25:6*); (2) there has to be the **voice** of the “**archangel**”, and (3) there has to be a “**trumpet**” sounding. That’s according to **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**, “*For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a “shout”, with the “voice of the archangel”, and with the “trump” of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*”

WHAT THOSE SEALS CONTAINED

Here now is a brief summary of what the mysteries of the SEVEN SEALS contained as preached to us by Rev. William Branham.

THE FIRST SEAL - The WHITE HORSE RIDER

REVELATION 6:1-2 explains the opening and the contents of the **First Seal**:

“*And I saw when the Lamb OPENED one of the SEALS, and I HEARD, as it were the NOISE of THUNDER, one of the FOUR BEASTS saying, Come and SEE. And I saw, and behold a WHITE HORSE: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.*”



Please take note that the first **FOUR SEALS**, which involve events that transpire within the timeframe of **Pentecost until our current day**, are announced by the **FOUR spiritual CREATURES of God**. These creatures are (1)the **LION**, (2) the **CALF**, (3) the **FACE of a MAN**, and (4) the **FLYING EAGLE**.

Revelation 4:7 speaks of these beasts: “*And the first beast [was] like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast [was] like a flying eagle.*” God raised up these beasts to counteract the power of the four horse riders, which is Satan himself, riding through the seven church ages.

The **FIRST SEAL** talks about Satan’s **DECEPTION**. Yes, “**White Horse**” symbolizes an “**impersonation of Christianity**.” Many Bible theologians throughout the ages thought that this white horse rider symbolizes the Holy Spirit coming forth to the church. But the revelation to the seventh angel proves them wrong. The White horse rider is **Satan**, riding through with his false teachings in the early church through “*false prophets and false teachers to deceive the very elect if it were possible*” (Matthew 24:24).

Notice that this **rider** had a “**bow**”, but he had **no “arrow**”. It just goes to show that he is just a “**bluffer**”. He is a deceiver and a liar. Notice also that he was “**crowned**”. The “**crowning**” refers to the founding of the “**Deeds of the Nicolaitanes**”, a force that brought hybrid doctrines and creeds injected into the true church of God. “**Nicolaitan**” is a Greek word which was coined from “**Nikao**”, meaning to “**conquer**”, and “**Laus**”, meaning the “**laity**”. This transpired when **politics** started to pollute the church and propagated the “**man-over-man hierarchy**”, perverted men (*grievous wolves in sheep’s clothing*) invading the church of God by teaching “**man-made creeds and dogmas**”.

With the introduction of **Nicolaitanism**, the leadership of the Holy Spirit was superseded by human hierarchy. The pure Word of God and its free benefit to all men was deposed for creeds, dogmas, and church orders. The worship in the Spirit and Gifts of the Spirit and all that which pertains to true community fellowship of the saints was cast aside for liturgy and literal idol worship and pagan feasts. Men began to vie for the office of bishop with the result that this position was being given to the more educated and materially-progressive and politically-minded men. **Human knowledge and program began to take over Divine wisdom’s place** and the Holy Spirit no longer controlled. This was indeed a tragic evil, for the bishops began to maintain that it no longer required a transparent Christian character to minister either the Word or the rites in the church for it was the elements and the ceremony of the church that counted. This allowed evil men (seducers) to rend the flock.

God hated such a man-made system, as evident in His words in **Revelation 2:6**- “*But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate*”, and also in **Revelation 2:15**- “*So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.*”

As all Israel is NOT Israel, so all Christians are NOT Christians. Thus we learned that the church is made up of **two vines, the true and the false**. The two vines are motivated by two kinds of spirits; one has the Holy Spirit while the other is endowed with the spirit of antichrist. “**Just as the prophet showed us that ‘antichrist’ means ‘anti-Word’** so these false prophets come perverting the Word, giving it a meaning that fits their own devilish ends. Have you ever noticed how the people who lead others astray bind them closely to themselves by fear? They say that if the people don’t do what they say, or if they leave, then destruction will follow. They are false prophets, for a true prophet will always lead one to the Word and bind the people to Jesus Christ and he won’t tell the people to fear him or what he says, but to fear what the Word says.” (-WMB, Seven Church Ages Book)

The whole time frame of the **First Seal** refers to the ensuing ministry of **Apostle PAUL** when he started ministering unto the Gentiles, which then started the **Ephesian Church Age**. The **WHITE HORSE RIDER** is none other than the **ANTICHRIST** spirit, bringing an impersonation of the Truth, trying to deceive the elect if it were possible.

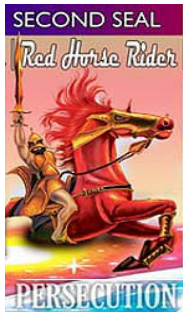
This evil force of the **White Horse Rider** was combatted by the **LION Spirit** from God. “**Lion**”, which was the first beast that announced the opening of the first seal, signified “**BOLDNESS of the preaching of the Gospel**”. This overpowering spirit was released through apostle **Paul**, to counteract the force of this white horse rider. It was evident that Paul was fearless in preaching the Gospel. He rebuked and reproved all those who were claiming to be Christians but were fake. This boldness of Paul was evident in his preaching such as that of **Galatians 1:8**- “*But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.*”

THE SECOND SEAL - The RED HORSE RIDER

Revelation 6:3-4 “*And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. And there went out another horse [that was] red: and [power] was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.*”

The **SECOND SEAL** revealed a **RED HORSE RIDER**. It was the same rider, **Satan** himself again, just changing horse from “**White**” to “**Red**”. This was the next stage of Satan’s trail. It was a fulfillment of prophesy wherein Christians will be persecuted for their

faith as it is written in **Matthew 24:9** which states, "Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake."



"RED" Horse symbolized **persecution and tribulation** leading to the Holy Inquisition of Rome. It was the time when the Roman Church began to persecute the Christians. Millions of Christians were burnt at stake, fed to the lions, and tortured to death by the Roman Catholic Church, which even included **Joan of Arc** and **St. Patrick**.

As recorded in history, from the time of **St. Augustine** in 300 AD until AD 1850, **68 million Protestants** have been killed by the Roman Catholic Church just because of disagreeing with their doctrine. This was the time when Satan rode the "Red Horse" to kill them all with the sword of affliction.

The Nicolaitane system moved on throughout this age. It ex-communicated the righteous teachers and burned the scrolls. The false church said, "It takes a special education to read and understand the Word. Why even Peter said that many things Paul wrote were hard to understand." **Having taken away the Word from the people, it soon came to the people listening only to what the priest had to say, and doing what he told them.** They called that God and His holy Word. **They took over the minds and lives of the people and made them the servants of a despotic priesthood.** Those who fought this terrible anti-Christ church were destroyed. Those who stayed with it found themselves the pawn of the church whether they be peasants or kings. Their lives were not their own, and neither were their lives Christ's, but they belonged body, soul, and spirit to the Church of Rome.



Millions of Christians were burnt at the stake, fed to the lions, and tortured to death by the Catholic Church during the Dark Ages in the great persecution known as the "Holy Inquisition".

The name, **Christian**, which originally brought persecution, now became the name of the persecutors. It was in this age that **Augustine of Hippo** (354-430) set forth the precept that the church ought and must use force if necessary to bring her children back into the fold, and that it was in harmony with the Word of God to kill the heretics and apostates. If you want to refer to the writing of Schmucker, the **Schmucker's "The Glorious Reformation,"** here's what it stated, that "From the time that Saint Augustine of Hippo passed this verdict to the Catholic church, it threw the doors wide open for them to kill anything they wanted to then, that denied that pagan church. And from the time of Saint Augustine, about three hundred years after Christ until 1850, the great **massacre of Ireland, there was eighty-six million Protestants killed by the Catholic church.**" That's recorded on the Roman martyrology.

Yet while Satan through the Roman Church was destroying the Christians during the Smyranean, Pergamean and Thyatirian ages, his evil power was then counteracted by God's higher standard – God's second BEAST, the **CALF** – which is the spirit of a "beast of burden, a beast of sacrifice". The saints during this time willingly gave their lives for the

Gospel no matter what the cost. It was given to the Christians in this age that they should bear the 'OX' spirit, to bear the "burden of sacrifice" till death. Though they were persecuted, tortured, burned at stake, fed to lions, they still were so courageous and were faithful until death, giving their lives gladly for the sake of the Word of God. Surely this RED HORSE is driven by a blood-hungry devil. **HEBREWS 11:36-38** talks about the saints in this age - "And others had trial of [cruel] mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword..."

THE THIRD SEAL - The BLACK HORSE RIDER



REVELATION 6:5-6 - "And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and [see] thou hurt not the oil and the wine."

The **THIRD SEAL** revealed the coming of a **BLACK HORSE RIDER**. Satan was not contented with just persecuting the Christians, here he changed his horse again from **Red to Black**. Introducing a new way of squeezing the lives of Christians during the succeeding ages - The **Sardisean** and the **Philadelphian** Ages.

"**BLACK**" is a color which signified the "greed and abuse" of the **Roman Catholic Church**. The Catholic Church began **charging money for novenas, and charging money to get souls out of Purgatory, when there's no such thing as a Purgatory in the Bible.** The Roman pope began to sell "indulgences" to rich individuals, offering positions in the church in exchange with properties, gold and land. These symbolized the "**PAIR OF BALANCES**" that the Black Horse Rider was holding in his hand.

The Roman church began acquiring properties from the people in exchange for spiritual favors. The whole thing explains the phrase "**A MEASURE OF WHEAT FOR A PENNY, and three measures of barley for a penny**". The Roman church started to weigh the goods that she can get from the people and made salvation an expensive "commodity". They turned religion into a big business and were teaching creeds and dogmas out of man's ideas instead of the pure Bible. They taught that people can only be saved by "works" and "obedience" to the tenets of the Catholic church, rather than by believing by faith in the Word.

The **wealthier of them found it a happy situation when Pope Leo X allowed them to buy indulgences** for sins not yet committed so that they with ease of conscience could plan their awful crimes and then proceed to carry them out, knowing that the pope had already remitted their sins. The Word of God was kept from them, so who was to know the truth! Since truth comes only from the Word, the people were shut up in a dungeon of the Roman Church, awaiting death, and after death the judgment. But the great **whore**, drunk with the blood of martyrs and with no thought of the judgment, reeled savagely on to kill men with both spiritual and physical death.

Yet in this age, God's people cannot be defeated. God raised up again the standards of the true Christians by giving them out the spirit of a "**MAN**". "**Man**" is gifted with "wisdom and knowledge". Man is "smart". And so, this age started the **AGE of the "REFORMERS"**. It was the "**Age of Reformation**". An **OPEN DOOR** was set by God before the Christians in

this age to evangelize the whole world with the truth of the Bible. **Revelation 3:8** states, "Behold, I have set before thee an **open door**, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my Name."

This was also the time when "**separation of church and state**" was finally enacted as a law. It made the way for the reformation of the church by men who were filled with the Holy Ghost. This was also the age when the "**Printing Press**" was invented in Germany by a man known as Gutenberg. It made way for Bibles to be printed again which made way for the truth to come out.

This age was the age of Martin Luther, a Catholic priest who protested the Roman Catholic Church by exposing the abuses of the papacy and its false teachings through his "**95 thesis**". He spearheaded the printing of the Bibles in this age. He introduced the doctrine of "**justification**", teaching the people that "**the just shall live by faith**".

This age was also the age of John Wesley, who introduced 'sanctification' or "holiness" to the church of the living God. Other well-known evangelists that appeared in this "MAN" age were **Knox, Calvin, Moody, Sankey, Finney**, along with many others. These men blasted out the injustices of the Catholic Church and exposed the follies of their teachings. Truly, "**touch not my anointed**" was the message which God has for the DEVIL. The verses "**hurt not the oil and the wine**" has a spiritual connotation - "**Oil**" signifies the "**anointing**" of the Holy Spirit which God gave these reformers, while "**wine**" signified the "**stimulation of revelation**" which these men experienced in knowing and delivering the truth for their age.

THE FOURTH SEAL - The PALE HORSE RIDER



REVELATION 6:7-8 - "And when he had opened the **fourth seal**, I heard the voice of the **fourth beast** say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a **pale horse**: and his name that sat on him was **Death**, and **Hell** followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to **kill with sword**, and with **hunger**, and with **death**, and with the **beasts** of the earth. "

The **Fourth Seal** revealed a **Pale Horse Rider**. This is the final ride of Satan during the seven Gentile church ages.

The color "**PALE**" is nothing but a **mixture** of "**white, red and black**". It is the **combined forces** of the power of Satan mixing **WHITE (deception)**, **RED (persecution)**, and **BLACK (spiritual famine)** into **ONE**. It's the **AntiChrist** turning into a false prophet, riding his last trail, his final stage of leading his people to the "**Mark of the Beast**" which is happening in our age right now.

Notice that "**Death and hell followed him**". This speaks of both natural and spiritual death. To receive her teachings, dogmas and creed, means death or "eternal separation" from God.

Sword, hunger, pestilence, and death are what Satan brings the people today in his final ride, a true fulfillment of **MATTHEW 24:7**- "*For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes,*

in divers places."

The **PALE HORSE RIDER** is riding in our our age right now, controlling politics, military, economics and religion. He is the "prince" of the power of the air." **EPHESIANS 6:12** states- "*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high [places].*" "High places" mean rulerships, governments, nations and kingdoms.

But God cannot be defeated by Satan. God in this last age, has raised His standards once again by giving his people the power to overcome the evils of the **PALE Horse Rider**. God gave the Christians of this age the power of the "**FLYING EAGLE**" – the spirit of "prophetic utterance", the spirit and capability given to today's believers to dig deep down on the revelations of God, to soar and understand the deep mysteries of the Bible, until one is filled with the Holy Ghost ready for the "catching away" in the rapture! This is our age, my friends, the **Eagle Age**.

THE FIFTH SEAL - SOULS UNDER THE ALTAR



REVELATION 6:11 - "*And when he had opened the **fifth seal**, I saw **under the altar** the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the **testimony** which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And **white robes** were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they [were], should be fulfilled.*"

The **FIFTH SEAL** revealed the **SOULS UNDER THE ALTAR**. These were the **Jews** that died under the cruelty of **Eichmann, Hitler, Stalin, and Mussolini** during the Jewish Holocaust. We can read in these verses that they were **asking for revenge** and were crying for vengeance against the cruelty which they received from these dictators when they were killed, tortured in gas chambers and in firing lines.

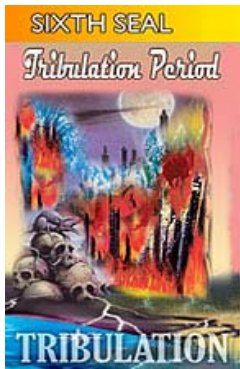


Yes, they held on to the "**Law of Moses**", which was the Word of God for them. And for the testimony which they held as being 'Jews', they were killed and martyred and here they are "the souls under the altar".

Brother Branham describes them as follows, "These souls that's been martyred down through here, real true Jews, they had their name on the Book of Life, they lived the right life, and done the right thing, lived Judaism to the dot; and they were martyred by Eichmann and many others. Honest people, millions of them down there and them Germans shot them to death, and murdered them, and killed them, and hung them on fences, and burned them up, and cremated them and everything else. That bloodless, blood-hearted hungry, Hitler and Stalin and Mussolini, and all them people that hated them Jews... God hardened the hearts of these dictators to kill these Jews, just like God hardened the heart of Pharaoh in the time of the great Exodus of the Jews. Why? It's because they had, in their

blindness before, martyred their very own Messiah, and here they were reaping what they've sown. They were guilty of murder, so they got murdered, too." We remember that these Jews cried out in the time of Jesus, "**Crucify Him! Let His blood be upon us and upon our children.**" And here they are, they reaped what they've claimed.

Yet it was promised unto them by God to wait for a little while for their TWO prophets - Moses and Elijah of Revelation chapter 11. These two prophets will call out their fellow brethren, the **144,000 Jews** that have to be summoned out from Judaism back to the true Gospel of Jesus Christ during the tribulation period, before God could avenge their blood against them that killed them. This final vengeance will take place during the Armageddon War when God shall fight for Israel and the remnant War against Gog and Magog - Russia, Iran, and the Arabs who will attack Israel, along with the great Whore and her daughters comes World War III (Revelation 19:11-16).



THE SIXTH SEAL - THE TRIBULATION PERIOD

REVELATION 6:12-17 - "And I beheld when he had opened the **sixth seal**, and, lo, there was a **great earthquake**; and the **sun became black as sackcloth of hair**, and the **moon became as blood**; and the **stars of heaven fell unto the earth**, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the **heaven departed as a scroll** when it is rolled together; and **every mountain and island were moved out of their places**. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief

captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: **For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?**"

The sixth seal is three-fold. First, it is the **TRIBULATION PERIOD**, the purging of nature. Earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, nuclear weapons, will purify the earth in preparation for the coming millennial reign of Jesus Christ.

II **Peter 3:10,12** - "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which **the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up... wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?** The "righteous shall walk upon the ashes of the wicked" after that.

Secondly, it will be a purging time for the **FOOLISH VIRGINS** of **Matthew 25**. The foolish virgins are those Christians who are left behind, missing the rapture. They missed to heed this End Time Message, and were devoid of the "OIL" or the baptism of the Holy Spirit that's why they were left behind, weeping, wailing and gnashing their teeth. They will be hunted down like dogs by the AniChrst and will be tortured to death during the Tribulation Period. They have to shed their blood in order to attain their salvation.

Thirdly, it will be the **CALLING** of the **144,000 Israelites** back to the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. When God is through with us Gentiles, He will turn back to the Jews and open their eyes to the true Gospel of salvation. God will send His two prophets, Moses and Elijah (the 2 olive trees of Revelation 11), to call upon the elect of Israel. Jesus will be

preached to them and they will accept Him as their Messiah. This event will be like that of Joseph revealing himself again to his brethren, yet in nail-scarred hands, while they wail in sackcloth with tears in their eyes, realizing that it was JESUS CHRIST really whom they crucified who was their real and true Messiah.

THE SEVENTH SEAL - The COMING OF THE LORD



REVELATION 8:1 - "And when he had opened the **seventh seal**, there was **silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.**"

Rev. Branham said this, "**The Seven-sealed Book is revealed at the time of the Seven Thunders of Revelations 10.**" (The Breach). Thus, we can say that Revelation 10 is the SEVENTH SEAL.

When the SEVENTH SEAL was unveiled, it revealed a **MIGHTY ANGEL** coming down with an **OPEN BOOK** (Read **Revelation 10:1-6**), and there was silence in heaven for half an hour. There was **HUSH** in heaven for there were no angels singing because Christ came down on earth during this time bringing the **OPEN BOOK** to God's seventh angel-messenger in Sunset Mountain. From a **bloody LAMB**, He shifted to a **LION** a-roaring, revealing the **mystery of the "seven thunders"** to His prophet.

Reverend Branham, gave us this information regarding what the "**THE SEVEN THUNDERS**" was about:

"**Now this messenger of Malachi 4 and Revelation 10:7 is going to do two things. One: According to Malachi 4 he will turn the hearts of the children to the fathers. Two: He will reveal the mysteries of the seven thunders in Revelation 10 which are the 'revelations contained in the seven seals'. It will be these Divinely revealed 'mystery-truths' that literally turn the hearts of the children to the Pentecostal fathers. Exactly so.**" - (LAODECIAN CHURCH AGE CHAPTER 9.) "**This seven-sealed Book is revealed at the time of the Seven Thunders of Revelations 10.**" (BREACH.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0317E)

The **seven thunders**, therefore, are the "**mystery-truths**" contained in the **SEVEN SEALS**. These are the "**mystery truths**" that will bring rapturing faith to the church. The seven seals were just coverings of the Book, but the inside contents within those seals were the seven thunders, as we have read them above.

We can now therefore conclude that the first "thunder-mystery" was the "White Horse Rider". Who was this white horse rider? Before, we thought it was the Holy Ghost. Now, after the seals were opened, we know that it was the AntiChrist spirit being crowned as a Nicolaitanes doctrine. That was the "mystery-truth" behind the first seal. The second thunder-mystery exposed who the "Red Horse Rider" was. Then, the third thunder-mystery revealed who the "Black Horse Rider" was. The fourth thunder-mystery revealed who the "Pale Horse Rider" was. The fifth thunder-mystery revealed who the "Souls Under the Altar" were. The sixth thunder-mystery revealed a "Tribulation Period". And the seventh thunder-mystery revealed the "coming of the Lord" in three stages: the **shout**, the **voice** and the **trumpet**". Spiritually knowing all these mysteries will surely give you the rapturing faith needed for the catching-away, as we obey and live out this manifested Word for our day.

In the Question and Answer series, Brother Branham concluded this (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0830E): **Q-395. "Have the SEVEN THUNDERS which**

EQUALS SEVEN MYSTERIES already been revealed? Were they revealed in the Seven Seals, but are yet—but are yet NOT known to us as the thunders yet?

Answer: No, **THEY WERE REVEALED IN THE SEVEN SEALS**; that's **WHAT the THUNDERS WAS ABOUT**. They was TO REVEAL... The SEVEN THUNDERS that had uttered their VOICES and no one could make out what it was... John **KNEW** what it was, but he was forbidden to write it. He said, "BUT the SEVENTH ANGEL, in the days of his sounding, the SEVEN MYSTERIES of the SEVEN THUNDERS would be REVEALED." And the SEVENTH angel is a "MESSENGER" of the SEVENTH church age. See?"

The Seventh Seal is also a time spoken of also in Luke 17:30, "In the days when the Son of man is revealed again". The SON of MAN came down to minister to His Bride on earth through the body of a prophet (This event has began to take place in 1963 and is continuing to transpire until now, for God is still looking for the last elected seed whose name is written in the Book of Redemption. As it was in the days before Sodom was destroyed with fire, God came down to Abraham through His theophany body - Melchisedec, to prepare him for the promised son, Isaac. Today, God has come down to Abraham's royal SEED through the body of a prophet to prepare them for the coming of the Promised Son, Jesus Christ. **Then and only then can the rapture take place when the last name on that Book is declared upon this earth.**



THE SEVEN SEALS IN RELATION TO THE SEVEN CHURCH AGES

1 SEAL WHITE HORSE (Rev. 6:1-2)	2 SEAL RED HORSE (Rev. 6:3-4)	3 SEAL BLACK HORSE (Rev. 6:5-6)	4 SEAL PALE HORSE (Rev. 6:7-8)	5 SEAL SOULS UNDER THE ALTAR	6 SEAL TRIBULATION PERIOD	7th SEAL THE COMING OF THE LORD SHOUT VOICE TRUMP
LION	CALF	FACE OF A MAN	FLYING EAGLE	Moses & Elijah calls out 144,000		
FOUR LIVING CREATURES						
STAR MESSENGERS (Revelations 1:20)						
PAUL AD 53-170	IRENAEUS 170-312	MARTIN 312-606	COLUMBA 606-1520	LUTHER 1520-1750	WESLEY 1750-1906	BRANHAM 1906-Rapture
EPHESUS	SMYRNA	PERGAMOS	THYATIRA	SARDIS	PHILADELPHIA	LAODECIA
SEVEN SEALS REVEALED February 28, 1963						
Missionary Age			Dark Ages		Reformer's Age	
Prophetic Age				ISRAEL became a nation in 1948.		
ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT ONE WORLD RELIGION				MARK OF THE BEAST		
1st Woe= 1914				2nd Woe=1940-45		3rd Woe= Armageddon War

ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT amongst the APOSTLES A.D. 33-53

THE CALLING-OUT OF THE "WISE VIRGINS" OF MATTHEW 25

REVELATION CHAPTER 6 * REVELATION CHAPTER 1,2,3* REV: 4:7

FOUR BEASTS - POWER OF GOD THROUGH THE AGES

LION	OX	MAN	EAGLE
ST. PAUL EPHESUS A.D. 53-170	IRENEAEUS SMYRNA A.D. 170-312	MARTIN PERGAMOS A.D. 312-606	COLUMBA THYATIRA A.D. 606-1520
LUTHER SARDIS A.D. 1520-1750	WESLEY PHILADELPHIA A.D. 1750-1906	BRANHAM LAODECIA A.D. 1906-Rapture	
WHITE HORSE RIDER	RED HORSE RIDER	BLACK HORSE RIDER	PALE HORSE RIDER

FOUR HORSE RIDERS - SATAN'S POWER THROUGH THE AGES

THE SEVEN CHURCH AGES AND THE SEVEN ANGEL-MESSENGERS

TIMELINE OF THE SEVEN SEALS

FIRST SEAL WHITE HORSE RIDER VERSUS THE "LION" ANOINTING	SECOND SEAL RED HORSE RIDER VERSUS THE "OX" ANOINTING	THIRD SEAL BLACK HORSE RIDER VERSUS THE "MAN" ANOINTING	FOURTH SEAL BLACK HORSE RIDER VERSUS THE "EAGLE" ANOINTING	5TH SEAL SOULS UNDER THE ALTAR + 144,000 (1941-Armageddon)	6TH SEAL TRIBULATION PERIOD 144,000 Jews called out Armageddon War	7TH SEAL "coming of the Lord" (1963-millennium)
AD 53 Ephesus Smyrna	Pergamos Thyatira	Sardis Philadelphia	1906 LAODECIA	1941-45	1941-45	1963
SEVEN CHURCH AGES						
SON OF MAN MINISTRY			SON OF DAVID MINISTRY		SON OF DAVID MINISTRY	
TRIBUTATION PERIOD						
MOSES & ELIJAH						
ARMAGEDDON						
RAPTURE						

CHAPTER FIVE

The Truth About Predestination

Did you know that God foreknew all things from the very beginning and that He foreknew each and everyone of us even before the foundation of the world?

Yes, the Bible said that God is infinite and omnipotent that He foreknew every gnat, every fly, every sparrow, and every man that will ever be born upon the face of the earth. And that included YOU and me. The Scriptures say that God can hear your prayers even before you open up your mouth; the hairs on your head hath He numbered; and that He hath engraved your name on the palm of His hand.

GOD'S FOREKNOWLEDGE

Ephesians 1:5-6 states that God hath "*predestinated us according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise and glory of His grace.*"

Romans 8:30 further emphasizes this election saying, "*Whom He did predestinate, THEM He also called; and whom He called, THEM He also justified; and whom He justified, THEM He also glorified*" (past tense). And "*their names were written in the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world*" (**Rev.13:8**)



If you are a true child of God, you are foreknown of God even before there ever was a star or moon in the entire universe. Jesus said, "*All that the Father has given Me will come to Me and NONE of THEM will be LOST.*" The Bible says, "*All things work together for good to them that love God*", and that "*the footsteps of the righteous are ordered by the Lord.*" Surely, you have to recognize yourself today whether you are God's predestinated or not, for if God has elected you to eternal life, "*nothing can pluck you from out of His hand.*"

THE FALL OF MAN: A PERMISSIVE WILL

Did you know that it was God's permissive will for SIN to come into this world? Strange, but true. He permitted sin in order for Him to display His great attributes of being a SAVIOUR and a REDEEMER. He allowed Adam and Eve, our first parent, to be deceived by the serpent in order to make way for His great redemptive plan of salvation. God Himself wanted to be glorified. He could not have been glorified as a Saviour if there was nobody to be saved in the first place. There had to be sinners first, before He could ever display His attributes of being a Saviour. In the same manner that He had to create sons and daughters in me and you first, so that He could become a Father. Man's existence and fall, therefore, had made God both Father and Saviour to us, and a Blessed Redeemer, too.

In order to be God, He knew from the very beginning who will be saved and who will not be saved. God was not willing that anyone should perish, but that all might come to repentance. But He, being infinite, knew the end from the beginning. And therefore, He knew who would accept and those who would not accept His provided way of salvation. He knew who would go to heaven and those who would go to hell. If He didn't, then He isn't God. But God is unlimited. He is infinite and He makes no mistakes. His works are perfect; and He knows all things. He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

JESUS DIED JUST FOR THE ELECT

God sent Jesus Christ for only one specific purpose : that's to save and redeem those who God foreknew will be saved; and not the rest of the world. Yes, sir. Notice Jesus in His prayer to the Father in **John 17:9-10**, "*I pray for them: I pray NOT for the world, but for THEM which Thou hast given Me; for they are Thine. And all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in THEM.*"

To "**REDEEM**" simply means to "**TAKE BACK**" what was originally God's own. Jesus, as a Redeemer, was to take back only those who once belonged originally to God but were trapped in sin by the natural birth. Jesus shed His precious Blood only for those who had been foreknown of God, and for those whose names were written in the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world. Jesus could never redeem the Devil's children, for they are not of God. They were simply predestinated unto eternal damnation, and were basically created for that purpose. Yes, though this might seem to be a hard saying, but the Scriptures support this truth.

HOW CAN THE POT SAY TO THE POTTER?

Don't you realize that even sinners and reprobates are predestinated by God? Yes, in **1 Peter 2:8** and it says, "*Even to them which stumble at the Word, being disobedient: whereunto they were appointed.*" **Jude 1:4** says it, too: "*Who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of God into lasciviousness.*"

Talk about Judas, Cain, Pharaoh and Balaam - all these men had played their significant part as God's adversary in God's greatest drama series, the Bible, without them even realizing it so. "*How can the POT say to the POTTER, 'Why hast Thou made me thus?' Hath not the Potter power over the clay to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?'*" (**Romans 9:21**), these words pertain to predestination. God raises evil to fulfill his glorious purpose of greater good. God said in **Isaiah 45:7**: "*I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.*"

THE GOSPEL IS HID TO THEM THAT ARE LOST

Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit (**Luke 10:21**) saying, "*I thank Thee Father, O Lord of heaven and earth, for Thou hast HID these things from the eyes of the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes; even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Thy sight.*" This blessed Gospel is, therefore, revealed only to His elected ones. God hid His truth from unbelievers.

Did you know also that one of God's permissive will has been to allow sickness to afflict mankind? Yes, He sometimes permit sickness and diseases in order for Him to manifest Himself as a Healer. **Exodus 16:26** states, "*For I am the Lord that healeth thee.*" **Isaiah 53:5** states this also: "*He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes, we are HEALED.*" Doctors simply make the stitches and give us prescriptions, but it's still God Who

does the real Healing, which is multiplication of new cells in the body, which is creation by nature. God truly foreordained all His godly attributes to be displayed unto men and all these attributes were finally fulfilled when God Himself became MAN through His Son Jesus Christ and took the penalty for our sins so that by believing in Him we may be justified and forgiven. Jesus said, *"I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father except by Me."*

Your salvation and my salvation, therefore, is truly dependent upon God's choosing and approval. **Romans 9:16** states, *"It is not him that willeth or him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy". For God saith unto Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."* God hath even declared, "Jacob have I loved, and Esau I have hated", even before the two children were born from their mother's womb, not having done neither good nor evil. That only proves God's election to us.

The apostle Paul finally concluded, **"But if our gospel be hid, it is HID to them that are lost" (2 Cor. 4:3)**. Truly, in this day, **"Many will be called, but only very few are chosen."** Sincerity and being just religious is not enough. The Pharisees and the Saducees were so sincerely wrong. They spent all their lives studying God in the synagogues yet when the very Messiah-God came to them, they dubbed Him as "Beelzebub" to the extent of crucifying Him on the cross.

NOT EVERYONE SHALL ENTER THE KINGDOM

"Not everyone that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven," saith Jesus in **Matthew 7:21**, *"but he that doeth the will of My Father."* The Bible says that we are not saved by any of our good works nor by any of our own personal merits. We are saved by faith alone in the finished atonement of Jesus Christ. *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: NOT of WORKS, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8,9)*.

Only God's ELECTED few will be able to receive the full understanding of these mysteries in the Scriptures. Others who are not, will simply continue to hold to man-made dogmas, creeds, rituals, and religious traditions to merit their own salvation. *"In vain you do worship Me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men"*. That's what Jesus told the Pharisees. *"There seemeth a way that's right to a man, but the end thereof is the ways of death."* It's always death to trust in the sinking sands of man's ideas. The elect will only walk in the way of God's Bible. The elect of God will hunger and thirst only for the fresh manna of the Word that's revealed in the age that they are living in. And this is that Word. Receive it.

BROTHER BRANHAM SPEAKS ON "PREDESTINATION"

"And **"predestination"** is a hard word among a congregation of people, because predestination... **Really "foreknowledge" is a better word. And predestination looks back to foreknowledge, and foreknowledge looks on to destiny.** That God, being infinite, in the beginning knew the end from the beginning, therefore He knew what people would do, so He could foretell what would take place, for He knew what would be. Therefore He... Before Esau or Jacob, either one was born, God could say, "Esau I've hated, and Jacob I've loved," because He foreknew what they could be. He never made Esau the way he was. He wasn't willing that Esau would be that way, but **Esau, by choice, God knew would take that way.** So that's how He knows us today. He knows your heart. You might be able to fool your neighbor; you might be able to fool your pastor; but you'll never be able to fool God, 'cause He knows your heart. (FAITH.OF.ABRAHAM.title SAN.FERNANDO.CA 55-1118)

"It's the elected who God, before the foundation of the world seen every one of them. And He sent Jesus to redeem that people, not the whole world. He wanted to, but He had to make a way for those. And the only way He could do, was to send Christ, that He might come the propitiation of our sins, that those who've been elected, He could bring to Him in glory...**Now, if God did that, predestinated us before the foundation of the world, and knew every one of us by name before the foundation of the world, and elected us to Eternal Life, and sent Jesus Christ to redeem us, that six thousand years ago He saw us, that we might appear to His praises in glory, how can you ever be lost?** Now, **if you're saved, you're saved.** If God saves you tonight knowing He's going to lose you ten years from today, He's defeating His own purpose. The infinite, almighty, eternal, everlasting wisdom God doesn't know enough then to know that, whether you will hold out or whether you won't. Then when He saves you, you say, "Well, I'll give Him a try; I'll see what He'd do," then He does not know the end from the beginning. God knows what He's doing; don't you never worry about that. It's you and I stumbling along. God knows what He's doing. And He knew we'd—whether we'd hold out, or what we would do." (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.6.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0908E)

"He came to die for those that God had ordained to Eternal Life. See, see? By His foreknowledge He saw them, not by His own will. His will was that none should perish, but by His foreknowledge He knew who would and who would not. Therefore as long as there was one name hadn't never yet been clared—declared in earth, Christ had to stay there as an Intercessor to take care of that name. But as soon as that final name had been splashed in that Clorox or bleach, then His intercessory days was over. "Let him that's filthy be filthy still. Let him that's holy, he's holy still." See? And he leaves the sanctuary, and then it becomes a judgment seat. Woe unto those outside of Christ then. (FIRST.SEAL.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0318)

"All these things is God's foreknowledge. When He spoke of them what would be, He foreknew it. Now, God, in order to be God, at the beginning He had to know the end or He wasn't the infinite God. God's not willing that any should perish, certainly not. He doesn't want anyone to perish. But at the beginning of—the beginning of the days, the—the world, God knew just exactly who would be saved and who would not be saved. He didn't want the people to be lost, "It's not His will that any should be lost, but it's His will to save everybody," but He knew from the beginning who would and who would not. That's the reason He could foresay, "This thing will happen. That thing will happen," or, "This will be that. This person will be that way." See? And I believe that God knew before the foundation of the world, chose His church in Christ, and slayed Christ before the foundation of the world. The Scripture said so, "He was the Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world." See? And Jesus said that He knew us before the foundation of the world. Paul said that, "He—He knew us and predestinated us unto the adoption of the children by Jesus Christ before the world was ever formed." That's God. That's our Father. See? So don't worry, the wheels are turning just right, everything's coming just in time. The only thing is, get in the turn. And that's the—that's the good part about it, then you know how to work when you're getting in the turn." (HOW.THE.ANGEL.CAME.TO.ME.title CHICAGO.IL FOOTPRINT.BOOK 55-0117)

"And if you're ordained to Eternal Life, Jesus said, "No man can come to Me anyhow except My Father draws him." That's right. **And if you're ordained to Eternal Life, to see and believe, you will. If you won't, it's just like pouring water on a duck's back. It'll do no good at all.** No matter how much you try to explain it, those who God has chosen before the foundation of the world... And if you are chose in God, you were chosen not here, you were chosen before the world began." (BEING.LED.OF.THE.HOLY.SPIRIT; MINNEAPOLIS.MN 56-0219)

"Now, remember Jesus came to be a witness as a Saviour of the world.

never even knowed nothing about it, went right on just like the world knowed nothing about it, but all the time, that was going on in the world. See? Why didn't He let them know? **He came and the ones that was predestinated to Eternal Life was the ones that received Him. It'd been no good to say anything to the rest of them, because He could not have redeemed them, because they wasn't even redeemable.**"

(QA.ON.THE.SEALS.title JEFF.IN 63-0324M)

"So has the Messenger, the Holy Ghost of God, in this last days, seeking out the Bride. He's had to deal with the church that calls itself **the mother, the Catholic;** and the **brother, the preacher.** That's exactly. He had to deal with those two. They was the one that kicked up a fuss about it. And today, if that Light of God, that Holy Spirit ever strikes a—a predestinated seed, whose name was put on the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world... The Bible says that. That's right. **The Light will shine. You can preach to some, and it seems like it's just like water on a duck's back, falls off. But let it once strike that seed, and watch what happens quickly, something's there right now.** Why? It's predestinated seed coming forth. It's got to come. And when that Light, the Gospel, strikes it, they get it. The rest of them will get up and walk away; it's not for them. **The Bible said that men were foreordained to condemnation: Book of Jude.** All Scripture's by inspiration. (SUPER.SIGN.title GRASS.VALLEY.CA JJ 141 62-0708)

"God hid it from the eyes of the wise and prudent and promised to reveal it to the sons of God in the last days, when the sons of God would be made manifest. When God's sons that rejoiced with Him before the foundation of the world, when the great revelation of the Godhead and things would be brought down in the last days, He would manifest these things to the sons of God. You know the Scripture teaches that. And here we are. That's the reason that God is opening these things to us. God is bringing His sons into manifestation." (SERPENT'S.SEED.title JEFF.IN V-2-N-4 58-0928E)

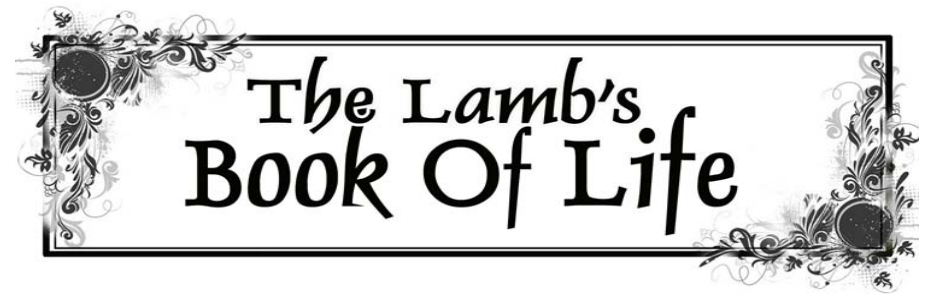
"Your prayers, your fastings, your repentances—no matter what you present to God—none of that will gain you the privilege of sitting in that throne. It will be granted only to the WORD Bride. As the throne of the king is shared with the queen because she is united to him, so only they who are of that Word even as He is of that Word will share that throne." (361-1 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.9)

"No. Nothing will be saved, only those whose names were put on the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world, Jew or Gentile. See? That's all; the Book holds that mystery, and the Book is only unfolding it now, not each one's name, but what the mystery of the Book is while it's calling those names. There might be thousands saved. I don't know. I hope everyone of them is saved (See?), but I don't know. But here's the way I want to believe it: **I'm that one. You believe the same for you.** If you don't, then there's something wrong with your faith. You're not sure what you're doing." (QA.ON.THE.SEALS.title JEFF.IN 63-0324M)

"There were two million people come out, sung, shouted, done everything.. and give God glory, and danced up and down the sea, and done everything that all the rest of them did. **But there were only two went into the promised land: Caleb and Joshua,** only two. **That's one out of a million.** It's one out of a million in natural birth. Everyone of them had the same blessing. Oh, you Pentecostals, I hope you don't wake up too late. **One out of a million.** Look, there's supposed to be five hundred million so-called Christians in the world today. If Jesus would come, there would only be five hundred go with Him then, if that statistic would run true." (INVISIBLE.UNION.OF.THE.BRIDE.title SHP.LA V-2-N-15 65-1125)

"You were in Christ before the foundation of the world. He came to redeem His own, His own that was in Him (Hallelujah.), His children, that was in Him. **He never came to save the devil's children. They never will know it. And they are so shrewd in the ways of their intellectual learning, that you can't compare with them at all. You can't out-talk them.** But by faith you see it." (KNOWETH.IT.NOT.title JEFF.IN V-2-N-10 65-0815)

CHAPTER SIX



A BOOK OF RECORDS

God is the Author of Life and Life is a sacred thing to God. Life, therefore, is recorded in a Book. God in heaven owns a Book which consists of two parts: one section is called the "**Book of Life**" and the other section is known as the "**Lamb's Book of Life**". Every person that was ever born and will ever be born upon this earth, man or woman, boy or girl, good or bad, rich or poor, righteous or wicked, are all written in the Book of Life, with the **exception** of the **reprobates** who are spoken of Revelation 13:8, "*And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him (the beast), whose names are not written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*"

All who are listed in the **Book of Life** will have to face judgment in the General Resurrection Day and will be judged according to the works that they've done in their body. **Hebrews 9:27** states, "*And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.*" **Revelation 20:12b** also makes it plain - "*And the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works*".

The names of people who are written in the Book of Life can remain in there or be blotted out depending on their attitude and subjection towards God's laws and statutes. Generally, the Book of Life is also called the "Book of Deeds" which is our old record, our old union with carnal nature, before we were ever born again by the Spirit of God.

EXODUS 32:33 - "*And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath **sinned** against me, him will I **blot out** of my **Book**.*"

REVELATION 3:5 - "*He that **overcometh**, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will **NOT BLOT** out his **NAME OUT** of the **BOOK of LIFE**, but I will confess his **NAME** before my Father, and before His angels.*"

REVELATION 20:11-15 - "*And I saw a **great white throne**, and Him that sat on it, from Whose face the earth and the heaven fled away: and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the **books were opened**: and another **book** was opened, which is the **Book of Life**: and the **dead** were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their **works**, And the **sea** gave up the dead which were in it: and **death** and **hell** delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were **judged** every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. **And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.**"*

THE LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE

On the other hand, the "**Lamb's Book of Life**" is a special section of the Book of Life. It contains the names of the **elect** of God, the **chosen ones**, the **predestinated seed**, the **Bride** of Jesus Christ, as spoken of in **Ephesians 1:4-5**, "*According as HE hath CHOSEN US in HIM BEFORE the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having PREDESTINATED us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.*"

These people are foreknown of God and are redeemed by the Blood of Jesus Christ who was the Lamb of God slain before the foundation of the world (Rev 13:8). **Romans 8:30**, "*Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified*" (past tense).

Romans 8:33 states- "*Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? [It is] God that justifieth.*" These people were ordained to eternal life and their names can never be blotted out of the Book because they were especially created to be the **Queen** of Jesus Christ, which is composed of a many-membered Body also known as the **Church**, the **Wife** of the King, who is destined to live with Christ in the Millennium and in the new heaven and earth. They were foreknown of God before the foundation of the world as evident in how God addresses his son Job in **Job 38:4,7** -"*Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if thou hast understanding...When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*"

Those that are written in the **Lamb's Book of Life** will undergo the New Birth in their appointed time on earth. They will be cleansed, regenerated and forgiven and justified, as **II Corinthians 5:17** states, "*Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*"

Those that are written in the **Lamb's Book of Life** are what the Bible calls the "**overcomers**" and are more than "**conquerors**" in Christ Jesus. Only those people that belong to this group are able to resist the devil and can never be deceived no matter what comes and goes. "*For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if [it were] possible, they shall deceive the very elect.*" (Matt. 24:24). The elect can never be deceived because their names are written in the **Lamb's Book of Life**. That is clearly stipulated in **Revelation 17:8**, "*The BEAST that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose NAMES were NOT written in the BOOK of LIFE from the foundation of the world...*" "*And ALL that dwell upon the earth shall worship him (the Beast), whose NAMES are NOT written in the BOOK of LIFE of the LAMB SLAIN from the FOUNDATION of the world*" (**Revelations 13:8**).

A RECORD OF NAMES

The following notations were extracted from the sermon SARDISEAN.CHURCH.CPT.7 by Rev. William Branham:

At the very start of this study, let it be known that there is NOT ONE Scripture that teaches that God is presently **compiling** a record of names. **This was all done before the foundation of the world.**

Also, it is not a question of simply involving ourselves with two groups of people both of whom had opportunity to receive eternal life, wherein one group received it and had their names placed on record while the others who refused did not have their names so placed. Brother Branham had shown us by Scripture that multitudes who were not even born again will go into eternal life. As strange as this may sound, it is certainly true. We will also show that there is a group of people whose names having been placed on that record before the foundation of the world, CANNOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE THOSE NAMES REMOVED; but will also show that another group WHOSE NAMES WERE ON THAT RECORD BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD WILL HAVE THEIR NAMES REMOVED.

The following is an account of the six different types of people in the records of God:

A. THE WORD-BRIDE: THE WISE VIRGINS

FIRST of all we know most assuredly that the purpose of God stands in ELECTION. It was purposed in Himself. It was God's purpose to bring forth a people like unto Himself that would be a **Word-Bride**. She was chosen before the foundation of the world IN HIM. She was foreknown and beloved before she was ever brought forth during the ages upon the earth. She was redeemed by His blood and can NEVER come into condemnation. She can never be in the judgment because sin cannot be imputed unto her. **Romans 4:8**, "*Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.*" But indeed she shall be with Him in His throne of judgment, judging the world and even angels. Her name (each of her members) was written in a section of the **Lamb's Book of Life** before the foundation of the world. (281-1 SARDISEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.7)

Brother Branham describes the Word-Bride follows:

"It's the Elected who God, before the foundation of the world, seen every one of them. And He sent Jesus to redeem that people, not the whole world... And then, Christ died to save those who God, by foreknowledge, elected to meet Him yonder without spot or wrinkle. Before the foundation of the world, He seen you in Glory. That's what the Bible said, Ephesians, the 1st chapter. 5th chapter, the 1st verse. God predestinated by foreknowledge. Now, if God did that, predestinated us before the foundation of the world; and knew every one of us by name, before the foundation of the world; and He Elected us to Eternal Life; and sent Jesus Christ to redeem us; that, six thousand years ago, He saw us, that we might appear to His praises in Glory! How can you ever be lost? Now, if you're saved, you're saved. If God saves you tonight, knowing He's going to lose you ten years from today, He is defeating His Own purpose; the infinite, Almighty, Eternal, everlasting wisdom, God, doesn't know enough then to know whether you will hold out or whether you won't. Then, when He saves you, you say, "Well, I'll give Him a try. I'll see what He do," then He does not know the end from the beginning. God knows what He's doing, don't you never worry about that. It's you and I stumbling along. God knows what He's doing. And He knew we... whether we'd hold out, or what we would do." (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.SIX.2_ JEFF.IN HEB SUNDAY_ 57-0908E)

The WORD-BRIDE will sit with CHRIST in JUDGMENT. I Corinthians 6:2-3, "*Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?*" **Revelation 3:21**, "*To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne.*"

See, the Bride is with Christ in the throne. As she is to judge the world she has to be sitting in the judgment with Him. That is exactly what Daniel saw. **Daniel 7:9-10**, "*I beheld*

till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, Whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head like the pure wool: His throne was like the fiery flame, and His wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him: thousand thousands ministered unto Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him: the judgment was set, and the **books** were opened."

See, it is the same scene, for the thousand thousands who are ministering to Him are the **Bride**, for who ministers to the husband but the wife? She is part of Him. She is in the throne. She can never be judged. Every one in the **Bride** is a member of Him and He loses none.

B. THE FOOLISH VIRGINS

Secondly, there is another class. Their names are also in the Book of Life and they will come up in the second resurrection. Such are the foolish virgins and the righteous as are spoken of in **Matthew 25**. In this class also are **those who do not worship the beast** or become involved in the antichrist system but **die for their faith** even though they are not in the bride, **not having been born again**. But they will come up in the second resurrection and go into eternal life.

"Virgin" means "purity." They were all good people, everyone of them virgin, sanctified vessels of God. But those who had oil in their lamps went in. And the others was left out. They were all virgins, everyone people that you couldn't put your finger on for anything wrong. They everyone believed in the coming of the Lord. They were ready to go meet Him, but some of them let their oil go out... Ten virgins went out to meet the Lord, all sanctified, all holy, every one of them sanctified. Five were dilatory and let their lights go out. Five had oil in their lamps. "And, behold the Bridegroom cometh." And the five that had oil in their lamps went into the wedding supper. And the others was left outside, where they were weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth. Be ready, for you don't know what minute the Lord comes. Have... What is the Oil represented in the Bible? Holy Spirit.

The FOOLISH VIRGIN didn't know until she come back and found the WISE VIRGINS GONE. Then she was LEFT for the tribulation period. No good teacher believes that the church, the BRIDE... **The church goes through the tribulation, but NOT the Bride.** The church goes through for purification, sure, under the sixth seal. Right. ISRAEL does the SAME thing, for the hundred and forty-four thousand, but NOT the Bride. There's... **The bride's forgiven. She goes STRAIGHT to glory in a rapture.** That's right. She's... My opinion, the last member will be caught up one of these days. It might come, and you wouldn't know nothing about it. Remember, it's a SECRET, secret catching away. He'll come an hour that you think NOT. You won't know nothing about it; she'll be gone, be too LATE then." (GOD HIDING HIMSELF IN SIMPLICITY.title ALBQ.NM 63-0412E)

"Now, if you were with us in the last teachings in Revelation, you find out there that those virgins, **the-five foolish virgins were not lost; but they were not permitted to go into the wedding supper, but they suffered persecution, and was martyred, and raised again at the general resurrection in the last day. Those are the people where He separated the sheep from the goats (See?);** they stood before judgment. You say, "Well, Brother Branham, don't we stand, the Church?" No, sir. We do not stand before the judgment. We are now standing before the Judgment. God put our sins upon Christ, and we... "He that heareth My Word (St. John 5:24) and believeth on Him that sent Me has Eternal Life, and shall not come into the judgment but has passed from death unto Life." No more judgment for the Church, it's took up in the rapture, and comes back to pass judgment upon the people who did not receive the Holy Spirit. Does not

Paul say that he dares any of us to take a-a matter to the court, to the unjust magistrate, when, "know ye not that the saints shall judge the earth?" We will set with Christ and judge, kings, and priests, and judge these people that we preached to and told them about the baptism of the Holy Ghost and they refused to receive It. Think of it. **No, they were not lost, but they will never be in the Bride. They were come in the second resurrection, but never be in the Bride, to be judged according to the way they treated the Light that they received.** Now, that part will be up to Christ. **They were not lost though.**" (QA.GOD.BEING.MISUNDERSTOOD.title JEFF COD 61-0723E)

The Foolish Virgins will have to go through the tribulation period. And the reason of it is, is because she has rejected the Atonement in Its fullness. She is a believer, a professed believer, but she will have to go through the tribulation period. **She's not the Bride**, but it's the church, the pure people that didn't have the opportunity, maybe, to receive the **end-time message**, or in some way that they were **blinded** by these false prophets, and they didn't get a chance, and yet they're really sincere in heart, and God knows their heart, and here they're purged during this time. (SEVENTH.SEAL.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0324E)

It is the second resurrection wherein the five foolish virgins come up. Notice that they were virgins. **They did not have the Holy Spirit** (oil) so they missed being in the Bride, while the five wise who had oil became a part of that bride. But these people, being a separated, God-loving people, and trying to abide in the Word, according to what they knew of it, and being a help in the work of the Lord will come up at the end of time. They will miss the millennium. (279-2 SARDISEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.7)

C. THE BORDERLINE BELIEVERS

Thirdly, there are the borderline Christians such as we saw in Israel coming out of Egypt. These had their names in the Book of Life and their works written in the books. These having failed to obey God and being void of the Spirit, though even the signs and wonders were amongst them, will have their **names removed from the Book of Life**. Amongst this group will be the ones like **Judas** who though entirely void of the Spirit, but are religious, will have manifestation in their lives, and though on the books were not the elected IN HIM. Such also as **Balaam** will be in that group. **Judas** was numbered with the twelve and actually had a part with them in the ministry previous to Pentecost. **Acts 1:16-17**, "*Men and brethren, this Scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus. For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.*" The part that Judas obtained amongst the twelve and then lost was neither inferior to the ministries of the other eleven, nor was it a devilish foreign ministry interjected amongst the ministries of the others. **Acts 1:25**, "*That he may take part of this ministry and apostle-ship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.*" **Judas**, a devil, lost a God-given Holy Ghost ministry, and killed himself and WENT TO HIS OWN PLACE. **His name was even in the Book of Life. But his name was blotted out.**

D. THE REPROBATES

Fourth are the ones whose names have never been or will ever be written on the books. Such are found in **Revelation 13:8** and **Revelation 17:8**, "*And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. The beast that thou sawest was, and is not: and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.*"

Jesus said that a certain group would accept one who came in his own name. That one is the **antichrist**. And that is exactly what it says of them in Revelation 13:8, and 17:8. **These were ordained of God but not unto election.** And with this group is such that are as **Pharaoh**. It says of him, "Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up. Vessels of wrath fitted for destruction." **Romans 9:17** and **22**. None of these would be placed on the records of life. I am not saying that there is no record of them. No doubt there is some kind of a record of them, but NOT IN THE RECORDS OF LIFE. Their purpose of existence has been dealt with slightly in the rest of this book but we can add four more Scriptures. **Proverbs 16:4**, "The Lord hath made the wicked for the day of evil." **Job 21:30**, "The wicked is reserved to the day of destruction, they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath." In **1 Peter 2:8** and it says, "Even to them which stumble at the Word, being disobedient: whereunto they were appointed." **Jude 1:4** says it, too: "Who were before of old **ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of God into lasciviousness**".

E. THE 144,000 ELECT JEWS

And out of that JEWISH bunch that's there now to be the **144,000**, God will call with these prophets... What is it? **The Spirit of Elijah off of this Gentile church will just continue right on into that Jewish church, go right on in and call Moses with him.** Hallelujah. You see it? And **he'll preach the same message of Pentecost to those Jews, that they rejected the Messiah.** Amen. You see it? It'll be the same Pentecostal message that these Jews will preach right over to them. And they'll hate those Jews so bad till they'll kill them. And they were hated by all nations, and in the midst of the week...

Because that they'd raised up a great powerful 144,000... They had the Holy Ghost, and brother, you talk about doing miracles; they did them. They stopped the heavens, and it didn't rain in the days of their prophecy, smote the earth with plagues as oft they wanted to. They give plagues and everything else. They'll give them Romans a hard way to go. But finally they'll be killed.

Now these 144,000 are NOT in the BRIDE. In **Revelation 14:4** they are called **virgins** and they follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. The fact that they have not defiled themselves with women shows that they are **EUNUCHS** (Matthew 19:12). **The eunuchs were the keepers of the bridal chambers. They were ATTENDANTS.** Notice that they do not sit in the throne but are before the throne. **No, they are not in the bride, but will be in the glorious millennial reign..**

Now getting back to **the story of Joseph** meeting his brethren. You recall that not all the brethren came. Joseph knew that and insisted that all the brethren appear before him, or he could not make himself known unto them. Finally they brought the one that was missing, little Benjamin. It was little Benjamin, the full brother of Joseph, that set his soul on fire. **And when our Joseph, even Jesus, will come to the people who have kept the commandments of God and who have gone back to Palestine, His soul will be set on fire.** Little Benjamin typifies the **144,000 Israelites from all over the earth who have gone back to Palestine for their redemption.** They will be standing there ready to receive Him, Whom to know aright is Life eternal. They will say, "This is our God for Whom we have waited." Then they will see Him Whom they have pierced. And they will cry out in dismay, "Where did these awful wounds come from? How did it happen?" And they will wail and cry, every family apart, everyone apart in the agony of sorrow.

When the Jews rejected Jesus there was a literal turning away of God from them to the Gentiles. **Acts 13:46-48**, "Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, it was necessary that the Word of God should first have been spoken to you: but

*seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, **lo, we turn to the Gentiles.** For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth. And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the Word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed."*

This is not to suggest that there will be no more names from the tribes of Israel remaining in the Book of Life, for many of these (but not multitudes) through the principle of election will be in the Gentile church age and come into the body of Jesus Christ, showing that their names did indeed remain in the Book of Life. Also, as we will show, according to the fifth seal multitudes of **martyred Jews** will be given white robes and eternal life by the Lord. Also **the hundred and forty-four thousand will be sealed at His coming**, proving that their names were not deleted either. But it is even as most accurately set forth in **Psalms 69** that it is the wicked or unrighteous rejecters of Christ and the destroyers of His people whose names are removed.

As Israel (chosen people of God) in majority forfeited their rights in the Book of Life by rejecting Jesus, so the majority of the Gentile church will also come into condemnation with the resultant removal of their names from the Book of Life by rejecting the Word and thereby entering into the **world ecumenical movement** which is the **Image erected unto the Beast.**

"We have a perfect type of Israel leaving Egypt. All Israel is NOT Israel. And all but a tiny minority had their names blotted out of the Book of Life. When Israel left Egypt, there was approximately two million people left at the same time. Every one of them heard the message of a prophet. Every one of them saw the Pillar of Fire. Every one of them was baptized to Moses in the Red Sea. Every one of them shouted in the Spirit, beat the tambourines, and run up-and-down the bank with Miriam, when Moses sang in the Spirit. They every one drank from the same spiritual Rock. They every one eat fresh Manna every night, every one of them. But there was two made the land: one out of a million. **ONLY TWO WERE TRUE OR REAL BELIEVERS.** That is correct because the Word tells us that the rest died because of unbelief; and because of unbelief they could not enter in (Hebrews 3:19). Then since that is so, and only **TWO ENTERED**, then the rest were not true believers. What made the difference? Two stayed with the Word."

When the hearts of the ten spies failed at Kadesh Barnea, **Joshua and Caleb** did not stagger for they believed the Word and said, "We are more than able to take the land." They knew they could because God had said, "I have given you the land." What was the test? the other ten came back and said, "We can't make it. The people are like... We're like grasshoppers to them, their great walled city. The opposition's too great." But Joshua and Caleb stilled the people. They said, "We're more than able to do it." Why? God said before they left the promised land, "I've given you the land. I've give it to you. It's yours."

F. THE RIGHTEOUS & THE WICKED - THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS

In the great White Throne judgment there will be a separation of people. The **Book of Life** will be opened and another book will be opened. **Matthew 25:31-46**, "When the **Son of Man** shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall **He sit upon the throne of His glory:** And before Him shall be gathered all nations; and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: and He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on His left. Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, **Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit**

the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungered, and ye gave Me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink; I was a stranger and ye took Me in: Naked and ye clothed Me: I was sick, and ye visited Me: I was in prison, and ye came unto Me. Then shall the righteous answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we Thee an hungered and fed Thee? or thirsty and gave Thee drink: When saw we Thee a stranger, and took Thee in? or naked, and clothed Thee? Or when saw we Thee sick, or in prison, and came unto Thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily, I say unto you, In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me. Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungered, and ye gave Me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave Me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took Me not in: Naked, and ye clothed Me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited Me not: Then shall they also answer Him saying, Lord, when saw we Thee an hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison and did not minister unto Thee? Then shall He answer them saying, **Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of the least of these, ye did it not unto Me.** And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."

THE SHEEP ARE THOSE WHO WERE GOOD TO THE BRIDE

To further clarify this, notice specifically the words of **Matthew 25:31-46**. It does not say that a shepherd is literally separating sheep from goats, but it is AS a shepherd dividing sheep from goats. These are not sheep in this particular area of time (White Throne Judgment). The sheep are in His fold, they heard His voice (Word) and they followed Him. THEY ALREADY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE AND CANNOT COME INTO THE JUDGMENT. **But these do NOT have eternal life, and they are in the judgment. They are allowed to GO INTO eternal life.** But upon what grounds do they enter into life eternal? Certainly not upon the fact that they already have His life as does the Bride, but **they receive it because they were kind to His brethren.** They are not His brethren: that would make them joint-heirs with Jesus. They are NOT heirs to anything but life. They share no throne, etc. with Him. THEIR NAMES MUST HAVE BEEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE AND NOT REMOVED. Now because of their love of the people of God they are recognized and saved. No doubt these served and helped the children of God. **Perhaps like Nicodemus and Gamaliel** they stood for the children in a time of trouble.

GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

The sovereignty of God which sets forth that GOD IS GOD, and because He is God, one cannot defeat His counsels or thwart His will and purpose. But He, being omnipotent, is ruling in ALL affairs and is doing whatever He will with all His creation because all were created for His good pleasure. Therefore, as Paul says, "*If God should take of one lump of clay and make of that same lump one vessel unto honor and another vessel unto dishonor, who can be offended and cry against Him?*" **That He has the right to do this on the grounds of creation alone,** we cannot deny. Yet He went even further, for according to **Romans 14:7-9**, we have the irrefutable proof that Jesus paid the purchase price of the whole world, and therefore He can do as He wills with His own. "**For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ both died and rose, and revived, that He might be Lord BOTH OF THE DEAD AND LIVING.**" (Ownership; NOT relationship is meant here.) This is also set forth in John 17:2, "As Thou hast given Him power OVER ALL FLESH, that He should give

eternal life to as many as Thou hast given Him."

GOD'S OMNISCIENCE

Now, if we impute omniscience to God, we must also accept that He is perfect in wisdom and righteousness. This plan of election and reprobation is the wisdom of God revealed in all ages even, as it says in **Ephesians 1:3-11**, "*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath blessed us with all Spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ, according as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him. In love having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the Beloved. In Whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace; wherein He hath abounded toward us in all WISDOM and prudence, Having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fulness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth, even in Him; In Whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him Who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will.*"

CONCLUSION

Thus, if God has so designed that there be those whose names are placed in a section of the Lamb's Book of Life and cannot be erased for they are the names of His **Bride**, then we must accept that. If it also states that there are those whose names were placed in the record of the Book of Life but in the foreknowledge of God they were to fall and have their names removed we must accept that. And if there are those whose names were NEVER placed upon a record of life, we must accept that, also.

And if there are those who will enter into life eternal after the White Throne judgment solely on the grounds of being **good and kind and just to the elect** of God who are His brethren, then we cannot but accept that. FOR WHO KNOWETH THE MIND OF THE LORD THAT HE SHOULD INSTRUCT HIM? Rather let us be subject in faith to Him Who is our Father and live. (Extracted from the sermon SARDISEAN.CHURCH. CPT.7 by Rev. William Branham)

THE "NEW BIRTH" PULLS OUT YOUR NAME FROM THE OLD BOOK

We, Christians, need the **New Birth** in order for us to be restored back to what we were in the beginning, the spotless, blameless, Bride of Jesus Christ. Only when we are born again can we rest assure that our names are truly written in the Lamb's Book of Life. The new birth frees us from God's wrath and judgment.

JOHN 3:3 – "*Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*"

"*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my Word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*" (**John 5:24**)

Brother Branham explained this whole process of the New Birth in the Message **INVISIBLE UNION OF THE BRIDE**, (1965-1125) :

“Your name of your first nature was born and put in a Book of Life, and all your deeds was wrote in it, too. Everything you done under that nature was put in a Book called the Book of Life. The first life or your first union, you were joined in at birth by nature. A natural act, a natural human being associated, man and woman together, associated together in sexual affair which brought your first life here, and that’s associated with sin and death. It was nature associated with death.

Your first husband that had rule over you was your nature by natural birth. Naturally, you love the world, because you are the world and part of the world. Is that right? Your desires was by nature to love the world which you’re a part of. You’re a part of nature. You believe that? And that’s your natural thing. That’s the reason you have to be born again (JOHN 3:3). You have to separate. You have to die to that first husband. You can’t live with it. You just can’t say, “Well, I’ll divorce him and hang him up here till the occasion.” No, sir, no writing of divorcement. He dies. The nature of the world has to die. Every speck of him has to die. You have to be reunited again with another nature.

You were separated from your first union by spiritual death. Now, you are born again or remarried again to the new spiritual union of, not your natural life of the things of the world, but of Eternal Life. That Germ that was in you at the beginning, found you. Now, your old book is gone with your old union. Now, your name has been transferred. Now, you say, “Do you mean to tell me, that my old book.” God put it in the sea of His forgetfulness. You stand perfectly before God. Now, your name is now in the new Book, not in the Book of Life, but the Lamb’s Book of Life. What the Lamb redeemed, not the old book of your natural union, but you’re new Bride. Hallelujah! Your new Life is in the Lamb’s Book of Life, your marriage certificate (Hallelujah.) where your true eternal germ from the beginning takes hold.

Now, you’re not only forgiven, but you’re justified. Glory! Justified: Romans 5:1 said, yeah, Romans 5:1 said, “Therefore being justified by faith...” Look up the word. The word don’t mean forgiven. The word means justified. It don’t mean you’re forgiven. But the word “justified,” as though you never done it. Amen. It’s not even regarded at all. How’s it done? In God’s Book of the sea of forgetfulness, your old book and marriage is divorced and dead and is not even in the memories of God. Amen. You are justified. Therefore being justified... You were accused; you never done it in the first place. The old union’s in the sea of God’s forgetfulness. You wasn’t married to it to begin with. He, the Bridegroom bore your shame Himself for you in your place. He took your place, for you were predestinated for Him to be in His Bride before the foundation of the world. The Bible said so. You are the predestinated Seed.

How did you come to do this? You were deceived into it by your first marriage, to your adulteress parent Eve. It’s no fault of your own. By your natural birth, you come after Eve, who committed adultery. That’s the reason you was born an adulterous. You were a sinner to begin with. That’s right. You was deceived into it. You had no... No, it ain’t your fault. You never did it, because that little Germ that was in you, was to be YOU before the foundation of the world. God put your name in the Lamb’s Book of Life.”

You’re standing completely. You never sinned in the first place. God don’t even know... It’s in the sea of forgetfulness. You never did it. You were accused of it by the accuser; but really from the beginning you were predestinated to be a

son or daughter of God. You’re standing there washed, and your old book of divorcement’s put away and is dead, absolutely out of existence even in the mind of God. You are the virtuous Bride of Christ, washed in the Blood of Christ: precious, virtuous, sinless, Son of God standing with a pure, unadulterated Bride Word that He washed by the Water of His own Blood that become flesh and manifested that He might take you, which were predestinated in the bosom of the Father before the beginning, the same as He was.

ADAM FORFEITED THE BOOK, THE “TITLE DEED” TO ETERNAL LIFE

Adam, in the beginning, was given power by God to have jurisdiction over all the earth. When God put Adam on earth, He gave him the jurisdiction over all nature, all animals, all life everywhere. Adam was an amateur god.

GENESIS 1:26-27 –“And God said, Let us make *man* in our image, after our likeness: and let them have *dominion* over the *fish of the sea*, and over the *fowl of the air*, and *over the cattle*, and over all the earth, and *over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth*. So God created man in his [own] image, in the image of God created he him; *male and female created he them.*”

GENESIS 2:19 -“And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought [them] unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that [was] the name thereof.”

But Adam, our father, forfeited it to Satan. Adam lost the rights of that Book. He forfeited it when he listened to his wife, and she listened to Satan’s reasoning in the stead of the Word of God. (REV.CHAP.5.PT1.BRUISED.SERPENT JEFF.IN ROJC 717-746 61-0611)

See, Adam lost his inheritance: the earth. Now, it passed from his hand to the one he sold out to: Satan. He sold his faith in God to Satan’s reasonings. Therefore, his Eternal Life, his right to the Tree of Life, his right to the earth belonged to him, and he forfeited it every bit to the hands of Satan. He passed it from his hand to Satan. (BREACH.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0317E)

Now, notice. What did we lose? Well, it was given to Adam to have Eternal Life, as long as he eat from the trees he had Eternal Life. And we notice again that Adam was the... He—he inherit the earth. He was like an amateur god over the earth. The earth was his. Everything was given unto his hand; he could do with it whatever he wanted to. He named it, and called it, and done whatever he wanted to. He was truly a son of God. Now, in the fall Adam forfeited the title deed to that. He forfeited it to Satan. Satan took the title deed. Adam was very slothful, and he did not redeem his right for he could not redeem his right. But Satan, which does not rightfully own it, but he possesses that, he is the god of this earth. The Bible said so. He possesses that. Not because that he really rightfully gets it, but he possesses it. Now, do you get it? Satan possesses that; he holds it into his hand. Death is in his hand; the earth is in his hand; the world belongs to him; every nation belongs to him; he governs and controls the whole world and everything in the world. Satan does.

The Title Deed to the earth and to Eternal Life, when Adam forfeited it, then Satan’s dirty hands could not take it; so it went back to its original Owner,

God Himself. The Title deed to Eternal Life, abstract title deed to Eternal Life, when Adam forfeited it for wisdom and instead of faith, **it went back to the hands of the Owner: Almighty God.** (BREACH.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0317E)

God made us to live forever. But sin brought on death. The sin of Adam and Eve brought sickness upon mankind. Without sin, there is no sickness, no death. The human race, as we're taught in the Scripture, didn't have any sickness before sin came in. Sickness was issued in as an attribute of sin, which had to bring death. **Sin is death.**

JESUS, THE SECOND ADAM, REDEEMS THE BOOK FOR HIS BRIDE

I Corinthians 15:22 - "*For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*"

ROMANS 5:14, 16-19, "*Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. And not as [it was] by one that sinned, [so is] the gift: for the judgment [was] by one to condemnation, but the free gift [is] of many offences unto justification. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. Therefore as by the offence of one [judgment came] upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one [the free gift came] upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.*"

I Corinthians 15:45, 47- "*And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam [was made] a quickening spirit.. The first man [is] of the earth, earthy: the second man [is] the Lord from heaven.*"

When Jesus died at Calvary, He settled the sin question for ever before the Father, because He was a perfect Sacrifice for our sin. He was our Kinsman Redeemer. Just like Boaz, he had to be a kinsman redeemer to redeem the lost estate of Ruth. And he had to make a public testimony. And then everything that Ruth had fell to him as he redeemed all of her possessions. When he redeemed Naomi, why, he got Ruth in, which is a type of the Gentile Bride, and so forth. But he was a kinsman redeemer. **Now, God, Who is in Spirit, in-veiled Himself in a body of flesh, which was His Son, Christ Jesus. And God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, and become kinfolks to human beings to suffer the penalty that He had put on the human Himself. And He became Kinfolks and a Redeemer. In other words, like this. We was put in the devil's pawnshop, and Jesus paid the price and brought us out. See? The price was already paid.** Now, when Jesus died at Calvary, He saved every sinner in the world that—or ever would be in the world, as far as God was concerned. Now, Jesus didn't come down and die just for me, or die just for you. **He settled the sin question.** But it'll never do us any good until we accept it. It's your accepting of Him as your personal Saviour. And it's by faith that you receive it and believe it. (MANIFESTATION.OF.THE.SPIRIT.title TOLEDO.OH 51-0717)

Jesus Christ pulled the stinger out of death and sin at Calvary. By His stripes we are healed. Jesus took the stinger out of sin. He has redeemed us from death. Eternal life has been restored unto us by Jesus Christ. God promised to resurrect the body of the believer in the last days. We rest in that assurance. Jesus possessed every gate. He conquered every sickness. He conquered every sin, He conquered every temptation. He

conquered death, He conquered hell, He conquered the grave. He took the keys of death and hell from Satan. And we in Him are more than conquerors now.

The devil put us in the pawn shop, but Jesus redeemed us. He's our kinsman Redeemer, God made flesh, kinfolks to us, in order to redeem us from the curse of sin and sickness, and tonight, has sent the Holy Spirit to dwell with the church, and show signs and wonders of healing and salvation, until He returns again. (GOD.PROVIDING.HEALING.title CHICAGO.IL 54-0719E)

THE LAMB WAS SLAIN BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD

"Where was Jesus slain at? At Calvary? No, sir. Jesus was slain before the foundation of the world. "*Behold the Lamb of God that was slain before the foundation of the world.*" God in the beginning when He saw the sin, He saw what was happen, He spoke the Word and Jesus was slain before the foundation of the world. **And every person was saved, was saved (according to the Bible) when the Lamb was slain in the mind of God before the foundation of the world; you were included in salvation then.** So what are you going to do about it?" (HEBREWS CHAPTER 7 PT 1.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0915E)

It's God. Blessed be the Name of the Lord. "*It's God that worketh; not him that willeth or him that runneth, but God showeth mercy.*" If Jesus was slain before the foundation of the world, it taken four thousand years before it actually happened. But when God spoke it back here, every Word of God is steadfast. It's immutable; It's impartable; It cannot fail. And when God slayed the Son before the foundation of the world, He was just as much slain then as He was at Calvary. **It's a finished product when God says so.**

And remember, when the Lamb was slain, your salvation was included in the Sacrifice, because the Bible said that your name was written on the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world. What about that? Then what are we going to do? It's God that showeth mercy. It's God that called you. **It's God that chose you in Christ before the foundation of the world.** Jesus said, "*You never chose Me; I chose you. And I knew you before the foundation of the world.*" There you are.

So, see, that takes the scare out of you. "Oh, I wonder; if I could keep holding on, I'll make it. Bless God, if I'll just keep holding on..." **It's not whether I hold on or not; it's whether He held on or not.** It's what He done. **Not what I done; it's what He did.**

And it's Christ that God looks at, not you. It's Christ. **So if there's no fault in Him, how can there be fault?** How can He find fault when you're dead and your life is hid in Christ through God, sealed by the Holy Ghost? "*They that are born of God does not commit sin, for he cannot sin.*" How can he sin when a perfect Sacrifice is laying in his place? **God never looks at me; He looks at Christ; because we're in Christ.**

Now, if I love Christ, I'll live with Him. He'd never brought me in 'less He knowed. **If God saved me today, knowing He was going to lose me six weeks from today, He's defeating His own purpose.** Right. He don't even know the future then, if He saved me knowing... What's He want to save me for, knowing He's going to lose me? God doesn't do things and then take it back and too weak to keep His promise. **When He saved you, it's for time and eternity.** (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.7.PT.1.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0915E)

Oh, isn't He wonderful? Now, with our confessions, our belief, our confession of our sins, believing that all of our sins is in the sea of forgetfulness. He that will confess his sins, God is just to omit them. See? They're in the sea of the Blood of Jesus Christ, never to be remembered no more. How many of you women know what bleach is? All of you. Now, let's just take a great big washtub full of **Clorox**; that's one bleach, a great big tub full of Clorox. And then you're going to take a little eyedropper, and you got one drop of black ink in that eyedropper; that's your sins. Stand right up over the tub, and squeeze it down, then look down in the tub and find it. What become of it? What become of the ink? When it struck that bleach, it was so powerful it just took the coloring right out of it; it can never be no more. What is it? It's gone, it's eternally lost. What is it? **The ink itself becomes Clorox. That's the Blood of Jesus Christ to every confessed sin.** What is it? **It's forgotten; it's done; it's finished; it's omitted; it's divorced; it's put away. It can never be remembered against you no more.** (POSSESSING.ALL.THINGS.title JEFF.IN V-10 N-4 62-0506)

Think of it. Before Jesus was ever born, four thousand years before He came on earth, and several thousand years before you come on earth, Jesus in God's mind died for the sins of the world, and the Book of Life was made; and your name was put on that Book of Life before the foundation of the world. That's the Bible truth. See? Your name was ordained of God and placed on the Book of Life before the foundation of the world. **You were there in His attributes. You don't remember it,** no, because you're just a part of His life. You are a part of God when you become a son or a daughter of God, just as you are a part of your earthly father. That's right. You are... The male carries the hemoglobin, the blood. And when that has gone in the egg, then you become a part of your father, and your mother is a part of your father also. So you're all a part of your father. Glory! (WHO.IS.THIS.MELCHISEDEC.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-10 65-0221E)

It's the elected who God, before the foundation of the world, He seen every one of them. And He sent Jesus to redeem that people, NOT the whole world. He wanted to, but He had to make a way for those. And the only way He could do, was to send Christ, that He might come the propitiation of our sins, that those who've been elected, He could bring to Him in glory. And then, Christ died to save those who God, by foreknowledge, elected to meet Him yonder without spot or wrinkle. Before the foundation of the world He seen you in glory. That's what the Bible said, Ephesians the 1st chapter, 5th verse. God predestinated by foreknowledge.

Now, if God did that, predestinated us before the foundation of the world, and knew every one of us by name before the foundation of the world, and elected us to Eternal Life, and sent Jesus Christ to redeem us, that six thousand years ago He saw us, that we might appear to His praises in glory, **how can you ever be lost?**

Now, if you're saved, you're saved. If God saves you tonight knowing He's going to lose you ten years from today, He's defeating His own purpose. The infinite, almighty, eternal, everlasting wisdom God doesn't know enough then to know that, whether you will hold out or whether you won't. Then when He saves you, you say, "Well, I'll give Him a try; I'll see what He'd do," then He does not know the end from the beginning. God knows what He's doing; **don't you never worry about that. It's you and I stumbling along.** God knows what He's doing. And He knew whether we'd hold out, or what we would do. (QUOTES EXTRACTED FROM THE MESSAGE "HEBREWS.CHAPTER.6.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0908E")

YOU WERE CHOSEN BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD

You see the Book actually was planned and written before the foundation of the world. This Book, the Bible was really written before the foundation of the world. And Christ, being the Lamb, was slain before the foundation of the world. And the members of His Bride, their names were put in the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world, but it's been sealed up. And now it's being revealed whose names were in there, all about it. (FIRST.SEAL.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0318)

He came to die for those that God had ordained to Eternal Life. See, see? By His foreknowledge He saw them, not by His own will. His will was that none should perish, but by His foreknowledge He knew who would and who would not. Therefore as long as there was one name hadn't never yet been declared in earth, Christ had to stay there as an Intercessor to take care of that name. But as soon as that final name had been splashed in that Clorox or bleach, then His intercessory days was over. *"Let him that's filthy be filthy still. Let him that's holy, he's holy still."* See? And He leaves the sanctuary, and then it becomes a judgment seat. Woe unto those outside of Christ then." (FIRST.SEAL.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0318)

Your name was put in God's **Book** before the Lamb was slain. When His program was laid out, the whole thing, you were recognized in that program because you got Eternal Life. **The word eternal, never did begin and neither can it end, and you are an attribute of God's thinking before the world was ever created.** That's the only way you can have Eternal Life. And that Life, that He was thinking of you, is in your now. There's no way to separate it. It's in there to stay. (GREATER.THAN.SOLOMON.title DALLAS.TX V-19 N-10 64-0306)

And God in the beginning knew every person that would ever be on the earth at the beginning. He knew every fly, every flea, everything that would ever be. He's infinite, and He knew everything. And so therefore, the day that our name's on the Lamb's Book of Life, they were placed there before the foundation of the world. Just think, of everyone of you in here today that's got your name on the Lamb's Book of Life, you never put it there; and your preacher never put it there; neither your church put it there; but God put it there. And when did God do it? It's written in the Blood of the Lamb. How many believes that? There isn't enough ink remover, or whatever it is, in the world to get it out of there. Look. God put your name on the Book of Life at the foundation of the world, the Bible said. We're just nothing. You never had nothing to do with it; I never had nothing to do with it; God, Himself, did it at the foundation of the world when He slew the Lamb. By foreknowledge He knew that Christ would be here, and He was called the Lamb of God, slain from the foundation of the world. And the beast will deceive all that dwells upon the earth whose names are not written in the Lamb's Book of Life from the foundation of the world.

And the Gospel to be preached is nothing in the world but the seining all of the fish out of the lake, as Jesus said. The Kingdom of heaven's like one that's cast the net in and pulled it. Now, there's so many fish in that lake, and when the last one's brought out, that's the end of it. Now, a preacher he just throws in the net; he pulls. In that great net, the Bible teaches, he brings in everything. He brings in water spiders, frogs, snakes, lizards, terrapins, tadpoles, and fish. Now, it's not for me to determine or to judge, to say which is fish and which is tadpoles. You watch a Gospel message go forth. Many will come up around the altar. Sure, the net's got them. Just a little bit they'll be an old Brother Terrapin will stick his head up to say, "I just didn't believe it in the beginning." He was

a terrapin to start with; that's all. And the snake will say, "You know, there's just something about that old holy-roller stuff I can't stand." Snake to begin with... That's right. And the old water spider starts plop, plop, plop, clung, clung, going back. It was that to start with. When the net went over them, they were that. That's exactly right. But the fish was fish when the net went over it too. We are seining for fish. God's the One to determine." (WHY SOME PEOPLE CAN'T KEEP VICTORY.title OAKLAND.CA 57-0324)

Brother Branham said, "**I different with our great famous Brother Billy Graham in his message the other day. He said that the antichrist has already deceived the elected. But I do not believe that, because it's not possible.** They were elected and their names put on the Book of Life before the foundation of the world when the Lamb was slain. Now, who it is, I don't know. See? But the Lamb was slain before the foundation of the world, and the antichrist will deceive all upon the earth who's names were not written in the Lamb's Book of Life from the foundation of the world. So you see, we're pulling and seining to try to find where those people are that their name was put in the Lamb's Book of Life. All that He foreknew He called, those that knew... called, He justified. Those who He justified, He has already glorified. (IT.WASN'T.SO.FROM.THE.BEGINNING.title BLOOMINGTON.IL61-0411)

And Noah in his great intellectual age, God came down to save the elected people. Do you believe God has an elected church? Certainly He does. And He comes to save that elected. The rest of them, it's just common cannon fodder. But He knows that there's going to be so many of them saved because He put their names on the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world. That's exactly according to the Scripture. And the antichrist in the last days will deceive every one whose names were not written on that book before the foundation of the world. The Bible said so. The antichrist, so close, it'll be Pentecost to the dot. See? But it'll deceive those whose names are not written on the Book of Life from the foundation of the world when the Lamb was slain. (GOD.HIDING.HIMSELF.IN.SIMPLICITY.title ALBQ.NM 63-0412E)

THE BOOK OF REDEMPTION

The Book of Revelation shows us that the Lamb's Book of Life has been sealed with seven seals, holding the hidden mysteries of God that needed to be revealed in these last days. Such a Book is the "Abstract Title Deed" to the earth and contains the NAMES of the Bride of Jesus Christ who needed to be called out in these last days by the seventh angel messenger of Revelation 10:7.

JOHN THE BELOVED HAD A PREVIEW OF THE BOOK

John the beloved has seen the Book which was claimed by the bloody Lamb from the One sitting on the throne.

Revelation 5:1-10 - "**And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a BOOK written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the BOOK, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the BOOK, neither to look thereon. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the BOOK, neither to look thereon. And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the LION of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to OPEN the BOOK, and to loose the seven seals thereof. And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the**

elders, stood a **LAMB** as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. **And HE came and took the BOOK out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. And when he had taken the BOOK, the four beasts and four [and] twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the BOOK, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."**

We can see that this Book was sealed with seven seals. But then a bloody Lamb claimed the Book from the One sitting on the throne. Now, that was our Kinsman Redeemer, Jesus Christ the Lamb of God. Unto Him is handed down the seven sealed Book of redemption from the original Owner, Almighty God. When we lost it at the garden of Eden, through Adam, it went back to the original Owner. But there's been a poacher on the land, a squatter; that's Satan. This earth don't belong to him; it belongs to God. But now the Title Deed is being handed back to us again by God. Jesus had defeated Satan and had confiscated from him the keys of death and hell.

This seven-sealed Book is our title deed to our redemption. It's the title deed and Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God breaks the seals, reveals, gives His inheritance back to His people. He gives the inheritance that He inherited by becoming Kinsman Redeemer, and freely gives it out to us. It all belonged to Him. He was the One Who redeemed it. But instead of keeping it to Himself, He gives it back to the people. That's His love for us. Its redemption means all legal possession to all that was lost by Adam and Eve are restored back unto us. Its legal possession to the abstract deed, title deed of Eternal Life means that you possess everything that Adam and Eve lost. That book is title deed to redemption of the whole heavens and earth.

THE MIGHTY ANGEL BRINGS DOWN THE OPEN BOOK UPON THE EARTH

In Revelation chapter 10, we then see a Mighty Angel carrying this OPEN BOOK upon the earth. This mighty angel delegated to the 7th angel of Revelation 10:7 to fulfill the final commission of revealing the mysteries contained in those seven-seals upon God's people.

REVELATION 10:1 -7 - ¶ *And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a CLOUD: and a rainbow [was] upon his head, and his face [was] as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: And he had in his hand a little BOOK OPEN: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and [his] left [foot] on the earth, And cried with a loud voice, as [when] a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. And when the SEVEN THUNDERS had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not. And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer."*

(See Chart Illustration "The Trail of the Book of Life" on page 214)

THE SEVENTH ANGEL'S VOICE DECLARES THE CONTENTS OF THE BOOK

Revelation 10:7 - "But in the days of the VOICE of the SEVENTH ANGEL, when he shall begin to sound, the MYSTERY of God should be FINISHED, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets."

This mysterious Book has now been opened to us by a prophetic ministry which transpired and was fulfilled in the life of William Marrion Branham, the seventh messenger to the Laodicean Age. This seven-sealed Book was revealed to Him by a constellation of angels in the Sunset Mountain of Arizona, USA, in February of 1963. Our Bible has become a New Bible because all the loose ends in It were perfectly dovetailed now when the seven-sealed mystery BOOK was finally opened. Salient doctrines such as the Godhead, the Original Sin, Water Baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ, and many, many more others were restored and corrected.

With this open Book, names of those people who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life are being called out one by one out of every nation, tongue, and race. When the MYSTERY of this End Time Message is supernaturally revealed to you and you accept it by faith and live for it, that just proves that your name is on the LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE. It's the Deep calling unto the deep. It's the Midnight CRY of Matthew 25 waking up the sleeping virgins. The New Birth is a clear understanding of the Message. This End Time Message brings us the OIL necessary for the Wise Virgins for her to be able to enter into that Wedding Supper of the Lamb. The prophet said that the evidence of being baptized with the Holy Ghost today is when you can receive the Message that was sent for the day in which you live.

"But thank God, at this moment, this age is not over. He is yet crying. And His cry is not only in the spiritual ears of men by His Spirit, but once again a prophet is in the land. Once more God will reveal the truth as He did to Paul. **In the days of the seventh messenger, in the days of the Laodicean Age, its messenger will reveal the mysteries of God as revealed to Paul.** He will speak out, and those who receive that prophet in his own name will receive the beneficent effect of that prophet's ministry. And they that hear him will be blessed and become part of that bride of the last day who are mentioned in Revelation 22:17, "The Spirit and the bride say come." The corn of wheat (the Bride Wheat) that fell into the ground at Nicaea has come back to original Word Grain again. Praise God forever. **Yes, listen to the authenticated prophet of God who appears in this last age. What he says from God, the bride will say. The Spirit and the prophet and the bride will be saying the same thing.** And what they will say will have already been said in the Word. They are saying it now, "Come out from among her now and be ye separate." The cry has gone out. The cry is going out. How long will the voice cry? We do not know, but one thing we do know, it won't be long, for this is the last age. (365-2 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.9)

THE BRIDE MUST EAT THE BOOK

Jesus, the Lamb of God, has done loosed the seals of the Book thereof and has revealed the contents to the Bride of Christ through His seventh-angel messenger. Now, that the seventh angel is gone, the BOOK has been delegated to the Bride of Jesus Christ to feast upon it, to nurture and to harness it, and to get rapturing faith out of It. **The Bride of Christ must "EAT" the BOOK.** She must digest the contents of the BOOK spiritually to bring her to the full stature of a Perfect Stature that's required of Christ.

That is the ministry of the Bride today. To be pregnated by the Word and to get ripened under the S-O-N, the WORD-MESSAGE-of-the-Hour.

Brother Branham told us that John types the Bride. When the seventh angel left the scene, John took the Book from the angel and ate the Book (Revelation 10:8-11). It was **sweet in His mouth** (just as the revealed mysteries are sweet to our spiritual taste buds), but It was **bitter in his belly** (just as the trials and persecutions that go along with receiving this Message is "bitter" in its strictest sense of the Word). But the Bride is commissioned to "**prophecy**" again unto all nations, tongues and kings.

To "**prophecy**" means to preach and to testify about the same Message that was preached to us by the seventh angel. That is our mission today. To propagate the Message unto all the ends of the earth... "Ye shall be My witnesses unto all the world", saith Jesus, "Preach the Gospel". That is the Word being fulfilled in our midst today before the rapture ever takes place. Brother Branham said that "there's no more future but the coming of the Lord".

THE MINISTRY OF THE BRIDE

These last verses of Revelation 10 is a continuation of the end time commission of the Son of Man Ministry (Luke 17:30) but it's for the Bride. "She has become Him." Brother Branham said that, "When the denominations failed, God raised up His Bride Tree and so it has gone on through the years until in this last day there is again another people in the land, **who under their messenger will be the final voice to the final age.**"



"Sure. That's what's going on right now. See? The Bride of Christ... Certainly. **It is the Message of the hour (See?), the Bride of Christ.** Sure, She's consist of apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, and pastors. Is that right? That's the Bride of Christ. Sure, She's got a ministry, **great ministry**; it's the ministry of the hour; it'll be so humble..."
(QA.ON.THE.SEALS.title JEFF.IN 63-0324M)

Since John types the Bride, **REVELATION 10:8-11** pertains to the ministry of the Bride, to declare the Message of the Hour unto all the world in these last days. The Bride has to continue with the ministry of Christ until every predestinated seed has heard the Gospel.

REVELATION 10:8-11, "And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go [and] take the little BOOK which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take [it], and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings."

"This ministry of the Christ Himself impersonated among His people with the very same things that He did when He was here on earth; in His Body, the Bride, which is part of Him, doing the same things, as Husband and Wife, or King and Queen, just before the marriage ceremony". (ONE.IN.A.MILLION LA.CA 65-0424M)

"It has to be, because a woman and her husband become one. They become one, and so does the Bride and Christ become One. The ministry of the Bride and the ministry of Christ is the same". (TOKEN.THE JEFF.IN. 63-0901)

"In the days of the seventh messenger, in the days of the Laodicean Age, its messenger will reveal the mysteries of God as revealed to Paul. He will speak out, and those who receive that prophet in his own name will receive the beneficent effect of that prophet's ministry. **And they that hear him will be blessed and become part of that bride of the last day who are mentioned in Revelation 22:17, "The Spirit and the bride say come."** The corn of wheat (the Bride Wheat) that fell into the ground at Nicaea has come back to original Word Grain again. Praise God forever. Yes, listen to the authenticated prophet of God who appears in this last age. What he says from God, the bride will say. The Spirit and the prophet and the bride will be saying the same thing. And what they will say will have already been said in the Word." (365-2 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.9)

"Those in the Bride do only His will. No one can make them do otherwise. **They have 'thus saith the Lord'** or they keep still. **They know that it has to be God in them doing the works,** fulfilling His own Word. **He did not complete all His work while in His earthly ministry so now He works in and through the Bride.** She knows that, for it was not yet time for Him to do certain things that He must now do. **But He will now fulfill through the Bride that work which He left for this specific time".** (172-4 PERGAMEAN .CHURCHAGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.5)

"And if it does something different from the Groom, it isn't the Bride, because **She's flesh of His flesh, bone of His bone, Life of His Life, power of His power. She is Him.** As man and woman are one, and woman taken from his side, She has taken His Spirit (the feminine Spirit from Him), the flesh from His side, made both mechanics and Dynamics, the Wife--the Spirit of Him and the flesh of Him and put it together and made mechanics and Dynamics." (RISING.OF.THE.SUN.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-12 65-0418M)

"It's called the **eagle age** in the Bible. God calls His prophets... Eagle age... We realize over in the Bible, we find in Malachi 4, that we're promised that in the last days. Now, He likes His prophets to eagles. He calls Himself eagle. He's the great Jehovah-eagle.**He's able to achieve to Himself a Bride. He's going to in the last days be able to get a Bride, that with a ministry that's so exactly that...** Like a man and his wife becomes one. And when Jehovah gets His people like Him, then He lives in His people. They are one. **It fulfills the Scripture, exactly what He said in St. John 14:12,** "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he also." It also fulfills what Jesus said would take place, "As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man." (COUNTDOWN.title BAKF.CA V-22 N-9 64-0209)

"The Church is ready. She's sealed in, ready to come. There will be a big outpouring of the Spirit, yes, sir, to grab that Church and take her into the skies. Exactly. Because see, the Church, the Word, the Bride... And, **Christ, His ministry is in His Bride, which is His Body, the celestial Body,** or I mean to say, the--the **supernatural Body** of His here on--the spiritual body on earth, His Spirit is in there living His Life right out, until Him and the Church becomes one in the wedding. See, they become one. He takes them, just a little **minority** in the last days." (WORLD.AGAIN.FALLING.APART.title SHP.LA V-17 N-4 63-1127)

CHAPTER SEVEN

The Truth About The Godhead

INTRODUCTION

The doctrine of the “Godhead” is a central theme of the Bible, both for the Old Testament and the New Testament. The classic expression of the doctrine of “One God” is found in **Deuteronomy 6:4**. “Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God is one LORD.” This belief in only one God is called **monotheism**, which comes from two Greek words: **monos**, meaning alone, single, one; and **theos**, meaning God. Anyone who does not accept monotheism can be classified as any one of the following: an **atheist** who denies the existence of God; an **agnostic** - one who asserts that the existence of God is unknown and probably unknowable; a **pantheist** - one who equates God with nature or the forces of the universe; or a **polytheist** - one who believes in more than one God. **Ditheism**, the belief in two gods, is a form of polytheism, and so is **tritheism** or **trinitarianism**, the belief in three gods. Among the major religions of the world, three are monotheistic: Judaism, Islam, and Christianity.

THREE MAJOR BELIEFS



The three most common beliefs on the Godhead, however, are (1) **Trinitarianism**, (2) **Unitarianism**, and (3) **Dualism**.

TRINITARIANISM

The **premise** of the **Trinity Doctrine** is that there are **Three PERSONS in ONE GOD**, sharing the same powers, occupying three thrones in heaven. Trinitarians use the diagram of a triangle to explain that the three corners represent the three members of the Trinity, while the complete triangle represents God as the whole trinity. The Discrepancy, however, in the Trinity doctrine is that **THREE PERSONALITIES equals THREE GODS**. This belief breaks the very **First** Commandment of God that says, “Thou shalt have **no other gods** before Me”. Revelation 4:2 states that there is only “**one throne**” in heaven. How can three persons be one God?

UNITARIANISM / ONENESS

The **premise** of the **Oneness Doctrine** is that **JESUS, THE MAN, IS ALL THREE (Father, Son and Holy Ghost)**. The Discrepancy, however, in the Oneness doctrine is that Jesus cannot be his own Father. If Jesus was the Father, why did Jesus pray to the Father if He is already His own Father? Why did He cry at the cross, “My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?” Was Jesus just acting it out? Obviously not.

DUALISM / TWONESS

The premise of the Twoness Doctrine is that there are **TWO GODS: THE ETERNAL FATHER & THE ETERNAL SON**; making the **HOLY SPIRIT** just a **POWER** and **MESSENGER OF THE TWO**. The Discrepancy, however, in the TWONESS doctrine is that a 'SON' is 'BEGOTTEN'. The word "SONSHIP" signifies a 'BEGINNING'. There is no such thing as an "eternal son". The word "ETERNAL" means no beginning and no end".

THE CORRECT UNDERSTANDING ON THE GODHEAD

God, all throughout the Old Testament did not have a body, but appeared to the people in different forms, such as the Burning Bush to Moses, the Cloud by day, and the Pillar of Fire by night, to the children of Israel. Though He sent His angels to many who appeared as men, but no one ever saw God in **physical** form until Jesus Christ was born. **John 1:18** says, "**No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him**".

GOD IS A SPIRIT

The Scripture states that, "*God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him, must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth*" (**John 4:24**). In **Isaiah 43 and 45**, we can read that God the Father said that He alone is God... "*And [there is] no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; [there is] none beside Me.*" (**Isa. 45:21**) "*Before Me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me. I, [even] I, [am] the LORD; and beside me [there is] No Saviour.*" (**Isa. 43:10-11**)

In these Scriptures, we can clearly see that there is only one God, (not two or three) for in His very First Commandment, Elohim (the self-existing One) solemnly said that "*Thou shalt have NO other gods before Me...*" (**Exodus 20:3**)

GOD'S THOUGHTS AND ATTRIBUTES

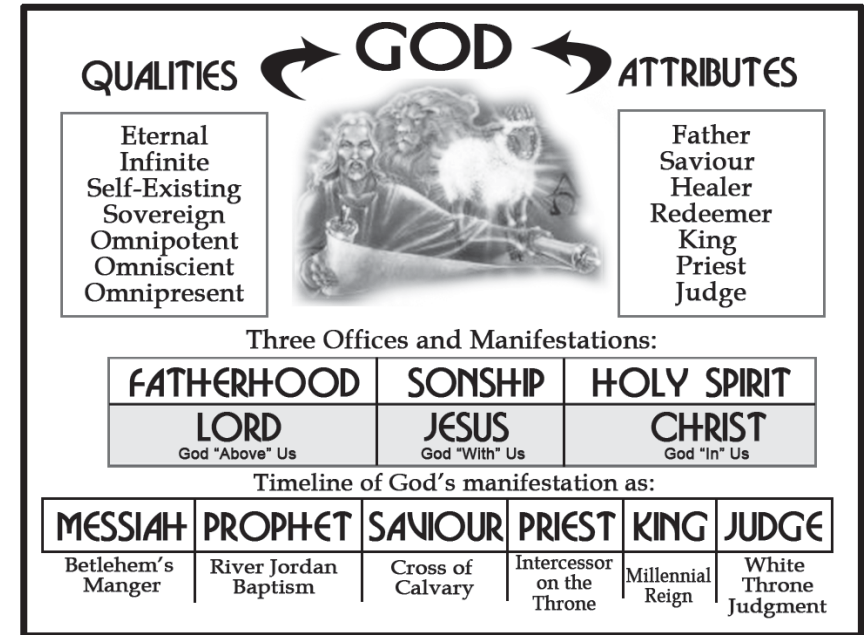
Way back in eternity, before there ever was a star, a moon, or a galaxy, Elohim has eternal thoughts and attributes that He wanted to express and manifest for His own pleasure and glorification. He hath seen all things from the beginning, for He is infinite and all-knowing.

Elohim wanted to be **God**. The word "**God**" means "**an object of worship**". But there was no one that worships Him at that time and so He then created the angels first, so that He as God is worshipped and is proclaimed as the Almighty.

Elohim also wanted to become a **Father**. Yet how can He be called a "Father" when He Himself has no children? **And so in God's mind He wanted to create sons and daughters unto Himself so that He could become their Father**. Thus, we know that this plan of God was fulfilled and manifested later on. He created Adam and from him He took Eve. It's a type of the church which was taken from the body of Christ, for the Bible says, "we are flesh of His flesh, and bones of His bones."

Elohim wanted to become a **Saviour**. But you see, how can He become a Saviour when there's no one to be saved in the first place? **There has to be a fallen entity first before He could ever display his attributes as a Saviour**. We can therefore conclude from this case that God hath foreseen the fall of man and He permitted man to fall from grace in order for God to fulfill His majestic plan of saving them. Man was

placed as a "free moral agency" to choose for himself between good and evil. Adam and Eve fell for the wrong choice. But God prepared the solution for sin even before the foundation of the world. Revelation 13:8 tells us that the "Lamb was slain "before" the foundation of the world" to act as an atonement for sin. And God wrote our names (God's elected seed) in the Lamb's Book of Life even before man could ever commit sin. Christ came to redeem these predestinated seed.



Elohim wanted to be a **Healer**, too. Yet how can He become a Healer when there's nobody that's sick? **There has to be a sickness first before He could become a Healer**. Which was first, the sickness or the Healer? We can then conclude from here that sicknesses and afflictions are part of God's permissive will unto men in order to show and manifest to mankind His attributes of being a Healer. **Psalms 103:2-3** states, "*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth ALL thy diseases.*" Consider the afflictions of Job, blind Bartimaeus, the woman with the blood issue, and more. Through their affliction, they have declared the glory and healing power of God and served as testimonials of God's grace through their generations.

God also wanted to manifest Himself as a **King**, as a **Priest**, and as a **Judge**. **So there has to be a kingdom set-up, a holy tabernacle set-up, and a judgment bar set up**. These are His eternal thoughts and intentions before the foundation of the world, to get glory unto Himself.

Yet God knew that as a Spirit He will never be able to fulfill these plans of his without having a "body" that will act out His plans. For example, it is written in His Law that "**Almost all things are by the Law purged with blood; and without the shedding of blood is no remission**" (**Hebrews 9:22**). Redemption requires death. Can a Spirit bleed and die?

It takes BLOOD, therefore, to pay the penalty for sin. Yet no man's blood, no angel, no priest, no animal's blood, was ever worthy to redeem man in his fallen estate. God must do it Himself, for there is no Saviour but Him alone. He must do it in order to show that He alone is the ONLY Redeemer. In **Isaiah 45:22**, God said, "Look unto Me, and be ye saved, for I AM God, and there is none else." "Thou shalt know no God but Me; for there is NO SAVIOUR BESIDE ME". (**Hosea 13:4**).

God, therefore, is the only Saviour there is. The key to the whole mystery of the Godhead is this: God knew that He, as God, could not die and bleed in the Spirit, for a Spirit has no flesh and bones. But His own law required blood for an atonement. So in order for God to fulfill His plan of redeeming mankind, He had to put on a veil of flesh, in order to taste death and pay the penalty for His own law, to justify the ungodly. That is to fulfill **Romans 3:28**, "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (**Eph.2:8,9**).

GOD'S THOUGHTS EXPRESSED INTO "WORD" (LOGOS)

God, then began to express Himself from eternity, by His spoken Word. Time began when God started speaking. This great Fountain of Spirit which had no beginning or no end, began to express His attributes by the Spoken Word. Out of the existence of the Father went out the "Logos", which was the Word, which was God's "Theophany". It was a visible body of the great Jehovah God going forth in the beginning. It was called the "Logos", which in the original Greek, means "something spoken; which includes the thoughts of the Speaker".

That Logos was God's "express image". It was God Himself made into Word. That Logos that went out from the great eternal Spirit was called the "Son" of God. It was the only visible form that this Spirit had. And It was a "theophany", which means a celestial body, and that body was like a "man".

Time, then, began when that "Logos" came out of God, as evident in the succeeding scripture. **John 1:1-3**, "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made" ..And the Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us." (**John 1:1-3,14**).

From that "theophany" is where man was also created by God, after His own image, which was a "spirit-man":

"And God said, Let US make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his [own] image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."(**Genesis 1:26,27**).

The "Let US make man in OUR own image" in the above verses refer to God the Father (the great Spirit) talking, speaking to His Theophany Body, which was His begotten Son. We can see here that man was created from that pattern, with both spirit and body realms. We were never created in the image of angels.

Rev. Branham taught us this: "You will never be an Angel. God made Angels, but God made man. And what God does is off of God, which is as eternal as God is. And man's just as eternal as his Creator, because he was made from eternity. (HEBREWS CHAPTER 5 AND 6, JEFF, IN 57-0908M).

"Brother, I'm telling you; I believe in the resurrection. God will speak one of these days, and we'll come forth in His image and in His likeness, men and women, not angels, but men and women. God made Angels; we'll never be Angels. We wasn't made for Angels. Men are made men. God made man. He intends him to be man. It's God's pattern." (EL.SHADDAI.title LA.CA 59-0416)

The "theophany", which was the Son, is also what's spoken of in **Colossians 1:15-17**, which reads: "Who is the IMAGE of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether [they be] thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: and He is before all things, and by him all things consist."

That theophany of God was then made FLESH on earth later on in the Person of Jesus Christ through the womb of Mary.

In the following paragraphs, Brother Branham relates to us about the mystery of the Godhead in the Message LAODICEAN CHURCH AGE - CPT.9, 336-2:

"Revelation 3:14 speaks of Jesus as the "Beginning of the Creation of God". That is Who the Lord Jesus says He is. But those words don't mean exactly as they sound to us. Just taking them the way they sound has made some people (in fact multitudes of people) get the idea that Jesus was the first creation of God, making Him lower than Godhead. Then this first creation created all the rest of the universe and whatsoever it contains. But that is NOT right. You know that doesn't line up with the rest of the Bible. The words are, "He is the BEGINNER or AUTHOR of the creation of God."

Now we know for a surety that Jesus is God, very God. He is the Creator. **John 1:3** "All things were made by Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made." He is the One of Whom it is said, **Genesis 1:1** "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth". Also it says in Exodus 20:11, "For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day." See, there is no doubt that He is the Creator. He was the Creator of a FINISHED PHYSICAL CREATION. Surely we can see what these words mean now. To have any other interpretation would mean that God created God. How could God be created when He, Himself, is the Creator?" (WMB, 336-4 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.9)

GOD MANIFESTED IN FLESH

And thus, God fulfilled His plan of salvation, the fulfillment which is written in **1 Timothy 3:16** which states: "And without controversy, great is the mystery of Godliness, God was manifest in the flesh."

When did God manifest in flesh? It was when Jesus Christ was born through a woman; without any resulting sexual act but it was God Himself making both hemoglobin and egg cells in the womb of Mary, God Himself taking the form of a man.

Jesus Christ was the FLESH of God, none other than God Himself creating a BODY of His own. That fleshly BODY was called the "SON", while the SPIRIT indwelling that body was the "FATHER". Not two Gods now, but God veiling Himself in FLESH. That's the reason Jesus said "I and My Father are one." (**John 10:30**). Philip, the apostle, one time said to Jesus (**John 14:8-9**), "Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us." And Jesus answered him saying, "Have I been with you so long and

yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? **He that hath seen me hath seen the Father.**"

The name "Jesus" means "Jehovah has become our Saviour". Jesus was also called "Emmanuel", meaning, "God WITH us", God dwelling with men.

When the Father decided to come down as our Saviour, He put on a robe of flesh and planted Himself, as a seed, in the womb of Mary. This seed was to produce the flesh and blood of the Body He would dwell in as the Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus is God becoming man, to redeem man back to Himself. **God could not die in the Spirit because He's eternal. But He had to put on a MASK and ACT the part of death. He did die, but He couldn't do it in His God form. He had to do it in SON form, as a Son of Man on earth.** (UNVEILING.OF.GOD.title JEFF.IN V-9 N-1 64-0614M)

JESUS, THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD

The Apostle Paul says this about Jesus in **Collosians 2:9-10**: "For in HIM all the FULLNESS of the GODHEAD dwells BODILY, and ye are complete in Him, which is the Head of all principality and power"...*"In Whom we have REDEMPTION through His BLOOD, even the forgiveness of sins : Who is the IMAGE of the INVISIBLE GOD... And He is before all things, and by Him all things consists"* (**Collosians 1:14,15,17**).

JESUS, therefore, is the EXPRESS IMAGE of the unseen God, God creating a FLESH-BODY of His own. Men could have never seen God except through Jesus Christ, the FLESH of God.

THREE DISPENSATION OF THE ONE GOD

"**God ABOVE Us**" - that's how God was known in the Old Testament, in the Fatherhood dispensation. God dwelling in the heavenlies, where no man could ever touch Him.

When the the time for the Sonship dispensation came, fulfilling the prophesy of **Isaiah 9:6** which says, "For to us a child is born, for to us a SON is given: the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty GOD, and everlasting FATHER, Prince of Peace", these all pertain to the FLESH of God - JESUS, being God Himself becoming Emmanuel, which being interpreted "**God WITH us**" - God Who can now be touched by the feeling of our infirmities.

It was God also fulfilling **Isaiah 53:5**, "But He (God) was WOUNDED for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him: and by His stripes we are healed" - all fulfilled and completed at the Cross of Calvary.

In these last days, after Jesus has been resurrected and glorified, God has sent us back His Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to indwell every believer. Thus, we are now living in the HOLY GHOST Dispensation - "**God IN Us**". As **1 Cor. 6:19-20** states, "What? Know ye not that your body is the TEMPLE of the Holy Ghost which is IN YOU, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify GOD IN YOUR BODY, and in your spirit which are God's."

THE SPIRIT OF JESUS IN THE CHURCH

JESUS is that self-same Holy Spirit; as He has attested in **John 14:18**, saying, "I will not leave you comfortless, "I" (Personal Pronoun) WILL COME TO YOU." "I will be with

you, even IN YOU until the end of the world." **Galatians 4:6** states this, too, "And because ye are sons, God has sent forth the SPIRIT of His SON into your hearts, crying Abba, Father." FOREVERMORE!" Who was that? That was the same God Who also said, " I have power to lay my life down, and raise it up again" (**John 10:18**).

Jesus' own Spirit is now "**God IN Us**", the "**Hope of Glory**" (**Colossians 1:27**). It is the SELF-SAME GOD all the time, never changing His power, just changed His form from the heavenly to the earthly, and then back again as the Great Spirit, after having fulfilled His great redemptive story.

He was "**GOD ABOVE US**" in His Fatherhood dispensation; "**GOD WITH US**" in His Sonship dispensation; and now "**GOD IN US**" in the Holy Spirit dispensation.

Jesus said, " I AM ALPHA AND OMEGA, the Beginning and the Ending, saith the Lord, Which IS, WHICH WAS, and WHICH IS TO COME, THE ALMIGHTY" (**Rev.1:8**) **Not three persons in One God but ONE GOD in three dispensations, in three manifestations.**

JESUS IS BOTH MAN AND GOD

Jesus, talking to the Jews one day, said, "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he was glad." Then said the Jews unto Him, "thou art not yet fifty years old and hast thou seen Abraham?" Jesus said unto them, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, before Abraham was, I AM" (John 8:56-58).

Who was the great "I AM"? Remember the burning fire that talked with Moses on the holy mountain? That was the "I AM", the self-same Jesus speaking to the Jews. They could not see that Jesus was their own God VEILED IN FLESH.

"The Jews answered him saying, "For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that Thou, being man, makest Thyself God" (**John 10:33**). They really failed to see that He was the Emmanuel - both MAN and GOD. Jesus also is the WORD that became FLESH and dwelt amongst us (**John 1:1,14**).

JESUS certainly was a man weeping at the grave of Lazarus. But when He shouted, "Lazarus, come forth!", and a dead man, four days and stinking, arose and lived again - that was more than a MAN! Who can raise the dead but God alone.

He was a man hungry that night looking on a tree for something to eat. But when He took five bread and two fishes and feed five thousand - that was more than a man. That was the creator, JEHOVAH!

He was a man laying on the ship that night, tired and asleep, while the waves come up. But once he arose and rebuked the winds and the waves and said, "Peace be still!". That was more than a man. That was God Who can control all nature.

It was a man crying for mercy at the cross, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" But on Easter morning, when He broke the seals of death, hell and grave, and rose up again and said, "I AM HE that was dead, and behold, I AM ALIVE



OREVERMORE!" Who was that? That was the same God Who also said, "I have power to lay my life down, and raise it up again" (John 10:18).

JESUS, BACK TO A "PILLAR OF FIRE"

Let us remember that after Jesus' death, burial and resurrection, Jesus ascended up into the heavens. And when SAUL of Tarsus was on His road to Damascus to persecute the Christians (Read Acts 9:1-5), a BIG LIGHT, a PILLAR OF FIRE struck him, and he asked, "LORD, who are You?" SAUL knew that It was the same Pillar of FIRE that appeared to Moses, but that Pillar of FIRE answered him, saying, "**I AM JESUS, whom thou persecutest.**" See, He had TURNED BACK, exactly back to THE SAME FORM before He took on a tabernacle of FLESH - the Pillar of FIRE that met Moses in the wilderness.

Remember, It was the SAME Pillar of Fire that came to PETER that night and loosed him out of the prison cell (Read Acts 12:5-7).

That SAME Pillar of Fire (Cloven Tongues of Fire) appeared on the Day of PENTECOST and set on each of those at the upper room, dividing Himself, giving part of His Spirit among His church (Acts 2).

Peter declared in Acts 2:36, "Let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God hath made that SAME JESUS, whom ye have crucified, BOTH LORD AND CHRIST". **There He is - LORD (Fatherhood), JESUS (Sonship), CHRIST (Anointed Holy Ghost) - The LORD JESUS CHRIST, the complete manifestation of the ONE TRUE GOD.**

Finally, consider this: Who was the FATHER of Jesus? Matthew 1:18 says, "She (Mary) was found with child of the HOLY GHOST." But Jesus Himself claimed that GOD was His FATHER. Therefore, God the Father and God the Holy Ghost make the Father and the Spirit ONE, OR ELSE JESUS HAD TWO FATHERS. But notice also that Jesus said that "I and My FATHER ARE ONE", NOT TWO. That makes ONE GOD, NOT THREE.

The entire Bible does not say a thing about a First or Second or Third Person in a ONE GOD. The mystery is found in 1 Timothy 3:16: "And without controversy, great is the MYSTERY of Godliness, GOD was manifest in the FLESH, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles; believed on in the world, received up into glory". **The ONE TRUE GOD was manifest in the FLESH. That's how SIMPLE it is. GOD CAME IN A HUMAN FORM. That didn't make Him another God. He was GOD, THE SAME GOD.**

If you cannot accept this TRUTH of the Godhead, but refute it, Jesus said that you are still living in SIN; for He said in John 8:24, "For if ye believe NOT that I AM HE (God), ye shall die in your sins". "He that believeth not the SON shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36).

JESUS IS JEHOVAH MADE FLESH

JEHOVAH of the Old Testament is JESUS of the New Testament. That is the great MYSTERY of the Godhead. NOT THREE GODS, but THREE DISPENSATIONS and three OFFICES of the same ONE GOD. Never can we find any Scripture that declares that there are THREE GODS in the Holy Writ. If you do, you are breaking the First Commandment which says, "I alone am GOD, thou shalt have no other Gods before Me." GOD Himself declared in Isaiah 45:21 that, "There is NO GOD BESIDE ME; a just God and Saviour, THERE IS NONE BESIDE ME."

JESUS confirmed this truth in Mark 12:29 saying, "The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is ONE LORD".

The whole thing was JEHOVAH GOD condescending Himself from His heavenly estate to an earthly body He called JESUS, fulfilling His sovereign purpose of becoming Saviour, Redeemer and Healer by shedding His OWN BLOOD as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. "Of Whom as concerning the FLESH, CHRIST came, Who is OVER ALL, GOD Blessed Forever" (Romans 9:5). AMEN.

Here are some Scriptures that tell us that JESUS, THE MAN, ACCEPTED WORSHIP : (See Scriptures: Matt. 8:2, 9:18, 14:33, 15:25, 28:9, 28:17; Mark 5:6; Luke 24:52; John 9:38)

MATTHEW 8:2-3, "And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth [his] hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed."

MATTHEW 9:18, "While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live."

MATTHEW 14:32-33, "And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God."

MATTHEW 15:25-27, "Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast [it] to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

MATTHEW 28:9-10, "And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me."

MATTHEW 28:16-17, "Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted."

MARK 5:6-7, "But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, [thou] Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not."

LUKE 24:51-52- "And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy."

JOHN 9:35-38, "Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him."

WHAT BROTHER BRANHAM TAUGHT REGARDING THE GODHEAD DOCTRINE

1. Brother Branham believed that Jesus Christ is God Himself made man:

“JESUS was GOD in the form of a man. That’s hard for people to swallow.. He wasn’t nothing less than God. He was GOD manifested in FLESH. He was the Creator in His own creation.” (God’s Gift Always Find Their Places/63-1222)

“I believe HIM to be GOD: Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever. That He wasn’t just a prophet, that He wasn’t just a man, that He wasn’t just a teacher or a good man, HE was the DIVINE JEHOVAH GOD living in a BODY of Flesh.” (Who Is This?/59-1004)

“The Beginning Of The Creation Of God.” That is Who the Lord Jesus says He is. But those words don’t mean exactly as they sound to us. Just taking them the way they sound has made some people (in fact multitudes of people) get the idea that Jesus was the first creation of God, making Him lower than Godhead. Then this first creation created all the rest of the universe and whatsoever it contains. But that is not right. You know that doesn’t line up with the rest of the Bible. The words are, “He is the BEGINNER or AUTHOR of the creation of God.” Now we know for a surety that Jesus is God, very God. He is the Creator. (336-2 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - FATHER CREATED a BODY which was GOD THE SON, and LIVED in the SON. See?) (A Court Trial / pp. 31)

John 1:3-”All things were made by Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made.” He is the One of Whom it is said, Gen. 1:1 - “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth”. Also it says in Ex. 20:11, “For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day.” See, there is no doubt that He is the Creator. He was the Creator of a FINISHED PHYSICAL CREATION. Surely we can see what these words mean now. To have any other interpretation would mean that God created God. How could God be created when He, Himself, is the Creator? (336-2 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.9)

2. Brother Branham believed that the BODY of JESUS was GOD’s own flesh:

“That’s exactly what HE was. “We handled God,” the Bible said. 1 Timothy 3:16, “Without controversy, great is the MYSTERY of Godliness, GOD was manifest in the FLESH.” We handled HIM with our hands. That body was God. Certainly was. He was God all over, in the form of a human being.” (The Token/64-0308)

“It wasn’t the blood of a Jew. It was the Blood of God that saved us, not the blood of a Jew. He wasn’t no man’s Blood. He was the creative Blood of Jehovah God, Who created the Blood cell. He wasn’t neither Jew nor Gentile by Blood. He was God. God’s Blood saved us.” (WITNESSES_ PHOENIX.AZ.WEDNESDAY_54-0303)

“And there, God, the Creator, wrapped around Himself and created a Blood cell, the virgin not knowing any man. If you don’t believe that, you’re still in sin. She had nothing to do with a man. God, Himself... Christ was not a Jew. His Blood wasn’t a Jew, neither was it a Gentile. It was God’s Blood. The Blood cell come from the Male, and the Male was God. The Bible said we’re saved through the Blood of God, no sex into it at all. There it is.” (CHRIST_ PHOENIX.AZ.MONDAY_55-0221) come down from glory, revealed Himself.” (God’s Gift Always Find Their Places/63-1222)

“And you Catholic people, not to disagree with you, but call her, “Mary, mother of God,” how could God have a mother? She was an incubator. You say, “Well, the—the egg come from the woman.” But the egg didn’t come from Mary. If the egg come from Mary, then there had to be a sensation. Look where you put God. God created both egg and blood cell. He was neither Jew nor Gentile. He was God, nothing less.” (ZACCHAEUS.THE.BUSINESSMAN_TUCSON.AZ.MONDAY_63-0121)

“And God came down in the image of man, in the Man Christ Jesus, to suffer pain. God could not suffer pain in the Spirit. How could He suffer physical pain in the Spirit? He couldn’t do it. So God unfolded Himself and was made in the image of man, to redeem the man that was lost. See? And then God suffered in the flesh. 1 Timothy 3:16, “Without controversy (that’s argument), great is the mystery of godliness; for God was manifested in the flesh.” (QA.ON.GENESIS.title JEFF.IN.COD.53-0729)

“God could not suffer in Spirit. He had to become flesh to feel the pain of sickness, to feel the temptation of lust, to feel the temptation of want, to feel the temptation of hunger, to feel the power of death, that He might take it upon Himself to stand in the Presence of the great Spirit Jehovah (the Spirit, not the man, the Spirit), to make intercessions to this life. And Jesus took that in order to make intercessions for us, for He knows how it feels. When you get sick, He knows how you feel. When you’re tempted, He knows how you feel.” (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.2.PART.3.title JEFF.IN.HEB.57-0828)

3. Brother Branham believed that JESUS is the very PERSON of GOD:

“So you see, JESUS was GOD. He was not NO third person, fourth person, second person, HE was THE PERSON, HE was GOD, see? He was GOD Immanuel, God come down from glory, revealed Himself.” (God’s Gift Always Find Their Places/63-1222)

4. Brother Branham believed that GOD DIED in His SONSHIP FORM:

“GOD veiled in JESUS to do the work of REDEMPTION at the cross... GOD could NOT DIE in the SPIRIT; He’s ETERNAL. But HE had to put on a MASK and ACT the part of death. HE DID DIE, but He couldn’t do it in His God FORM. He had to do it in SON form, as a Son of Man on earth.” (Unveiling of God/64-0614m)

“Your BODY has to LIVE by DEAD SUBSTANCE for natural life, then you’ve got to have something DIE SPIRITUALLY to SAVE your SPIRITUAL LIFE. And GOD BECAME MATERIAL, FLESH, and DIED that WE MIGHT LIVE.” (Sir, We Would See Jesus / 62-0724)

“And then God became material in a Man called Jesus Christ which was His Son. This Son gave His Life that He might bring other sons, that God might become tangible, working in all in all. “In that day you’ll know that I’m in the Father, the Father in Me, I in you and you in Me.” (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN.COD.64-0823E)

Scripture: 1 JOHN 3:16 - “Hereby perceive we the LOVE [of GOD], because HE laid down HIS LIFE for us.”

5. Brother Branham believed that GOD had NO BODY until HE became JESUS:

“GOD is a SPIRIT. He had no hands till He become JESUS. He had no feet, arms, legs and so forth, till He become JESUS... HE come to a stable, born over a manure pile. And Little JEHOVAH crying in a manger, little JEHOVAH playing as a boy, little JEHOVAH toiling as a man, He crossed His cast with us. GOD BECAME HUMAN. When JESUS CHRIST was born, GOD was HUMAN on earth... He toiled and labored and felt for the teen-ager. HE went through every temptation that we go through. GOD DID IT, that He might do His own

CHRIST, and when HE met Abraham, He fed Abraham the COMMUNION and blessed him.. WHO WAS THIS PRIEST? NONE OTHER THAN THE INCARNATED LORD JESUS CHRIST. In His magnificent power He was the same ONE a LITTLE LATER ON, after HE met Abraham, and gave him, as being a COVENANT PEOPLE, the COMMUNION.” (Melchisedec the Great Prince/ 55-0109m)

“When Jesus was manifested in the Old Testament in a theophany, in the Person of Melchisedec, not a priesthood, but the Person, the Man... See? For this Man **Jesus** had yet not been born, but He was in a **theophany** so He had no father, no mother. **He was God Himself**. He was manifested in the form of a Man called King of Peace and King of Righteousness. See King of Salem, which is? He was Melchisedec. He had neither father nor mother, beginning of days of ending of life. See? **It was Jesus in a theophany in the form of a man.**” (CHRIST.REVEALED.IN.HIS.OWN.WORD V-4 N-10 65-0822M)

11. Brother Branham said that GOD in His “FATHERHOOD” office was the indwelling Spirit; while the “SONSHIP” office was His human flesh, Jesus.

“Jesus said that God was with Him, “I and My Father are One. My Father dwells in Me.” Not Jesus, and being one with God; but God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself. And you **Oneness** brethren, **many of you get off the wrong track when you try to think that God is one like your finger is one. He can't be His Own Father. He can't be.**” (Palmerworm Locust Caterpillar 59-0823 140)

“Now, it's many times it's been said that no man can see God at anytime, the Bible said so. But the only begotten of the Father has declared Him. Philip, here was very inquisitive; he wanted to see the Father. Says here He said, “I've been so long with you, Philip, and you don't know Me?” Said, “When you see Me you see My Father.” In other words, you see **the Father express Hisself through the Son**. Him and the Father were one in the sense that His Father was dwelling in Him, not Him doing the works; He was a Son, Himself, the immortal, virgin born, Son of God. And then in Him was dwelling the God the Father, expressing Hisself to the world, His attitude towards the people. See? Well, that's how Christ and God were one. **God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself**. Now, He said, “When you see Me, you see the Father, and why do you say, ‘Show us the Father?’” (SHOW US THE FATHER IT'LL SATISFY 56-0422 E-36)

“That's the reason people couldn't understand Him. Sometime it was Christ speaking... or was the **Son** speaking. Other times it was the Father speaking. **He was a dual Person. He was one Man, the Son. God was in, which was tabernacling in Him**. But what did He do? Did He go around saying, “I'm the Healer.” Very contrary, He said, “I'm not the Healer.” He said, “It isn't Me that doth the works; it's My Father that dwelleth in Me.” (JEHOVAH JIREH 56-0429 053).

12. Brother Branham was neither Oneness, Twoness nor Trinitarian:

“Now, some people have said, “Brother Branham, you are a 'Jesus Only.'” I want to say that that is in error. **I am not a "Jesus Only."** Somebody says, “Brother Branham, are you a trinitarian?” **No, sir. I am not a trinitarian;** I'm a Christian. See? The word “trinitarian” don't even mention in the Bible--the word “trinity.” And I do not believe that there is three individual gods. **I believe there is one God in three offices: Father, Son, Holy Ghost.** That's exactly why we were commissioned to baptize in the Name of Father, Son, Holy Ghost. I believe that it's God condescending, coming down.” (GODHEAD.EXPLAINED.title CHICAGO.IL V-2 N-24 61-0425B)

“Now, the Oneness took it, the oneness group of people, and try to make Father, Son, Holy Ghost, just one office and one place, and like your finger, one. **That's wrong.** God could not... Jesus could not been His own Father. If He was, then

He was a... **Well, how could He been His own Father?”** (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.4.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0901E)

“And you **Oneness** brethren, **many of you get off the wrong track** when you try to think that **God is one like your finger is one. He can't be His Own Father.** He can't be. **But He is God. God is Jehovah, the Spirit; Christ was the House that He dwelt in.**” (PALMERWORM LOCUST.CATERPILLAR.title JEFF.IN V-14 N-1 59-0823)

“Now, when I come into Pentecost, the Pentecostal people, I found one was a **Oneness**, and one was a **Twoness**, and one was a **Threeness**, and one's baptized this a way and that way, and one was this, and one was that; they were broke up in one Assembly, and one United, and one this. And you know what I did? **I didn't join with any of them. I stayed free from their denominations** and stayed between them so I could love them all the same time and bring them together. That's right. See?” (MINISTRY.EXPLAINED.title CHICAGO.IL 56-1001)

“And when you Catholic people say, “**Eternal sonship,**” where do you get such a word? It doesn't make sense to me. **How can He be eternal and be a son? A son's something that's begotten of.** How can it be eternal? Eternal never did begin; it never does end, so how could it be eternal sonship? (CALLING.JESUS.ON.THE.SCENE.title CHICAGO.IL V-21 N-8 63-0804E)

13. Brother Branham said that if people can't believe the true REVELATION of the GODHEAD, they wont be able to understand the mysteries of the Bible:

“If people **CAN'T SEE the TRUTH of the GODHEAD, but FIGHT it;** they can't ever see the rest of the TRUTH because **the REVELATION is JESUS CHRIST in HIS CHURCH** and His works in the MIDST of the Church Ages.” (Seven Church Age Book/ pp. 309)

CONCLUSION

Brother Branham never taught us **TWO OR THREE PERSONS** in a one **ONE GOD**. God's prophet taught us that there are **THREE “MANIFESTATIONS” OR “THREE OFFICES”** of the **ONE GOD**, but not **TWO** or **THREE PERSONS** in a **ONE GOD**. The “Fatherhood” is an office, the “Sonship” is an office, and the “Holy Ghost” is an “office”. Yet God is all of them. You can't cut God in **TWO** or **THREE PIECES** and give Him to a Jew. The Jews always believed in only One God as was stated in the First Commandment that was given to them by God through their prophet Moses. Yet they missed seeing that that One God came down and manifested Himself in a human flesh. That's why they could not believe in Jesus when He said, “I and My Father are ONE.”

The teaching of multiple gods came from Pagan Greek and Pagan Roman Empire (Zeus, Jupiter, Hermes, Venus, Mercury, etc) and was adopted by the Roman Catholic Church, and by most of the Protestant churches today.

Yet **God** is not **ONE** like your finger one, as the **ONENESS** GROUP of people teaches it. The **ONENESS** denomination makes **Jesus** the MAN as the **Father** also. Brother Branham said it could not be. **JESUS** was the BODY-FLESH of GOD called the SON, while the **FATHER** was the indwelling SPIRIT dwelling inside that Body. God could not die in the **Spirit**, so he created a **BODY** for Himself in order to redeem us from our sins. “For without the shedding of BLOOD, there is no remission of sins.” A Spirit could not die, so God made Himself a human body and wrapped Himself into it. That's the mystery of the Godhead. Yet that does not mean that Jesus the flesh is NOT God just because He died. Jesus was both God and man. He was the first of His kind. But we will be like Him after this corruptible body has put on incorruption and this mortality has put on immortality, for Jesus is the firstborn amongst many brethren. The mystery of Godliness is this, “*For without controversy, God was manifested in FLESH*” (1 Tim 3:16).

Man needs to get the exact revelation about the Godhead or else he will fall into serving a God he personally does not know.

CHAPTER EIGHT



Unto what Name were you baptized? Were you baptized using the Titles of Father, Son and Holy Ghost or using the Name of Jesus Christ? Is there any difference between the two?

INTRODUCTION

WATER BAPTISM is a basic requirement to a Christian's salvation. **MARK 16:16** states, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be **SAVED**; but he that believeth **NOT** shall be damned." **1 Peter 3:21** also reads, "The like figure whereunto [even] baptism doth also now **SAVE** us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

A series of questions usually arise in Water Baptism: "What is the Biblical way of doing it?" Is baptism performed by sprinkling? Or is it by immersion in water? Is it using the TITLES of Father, Son and Holy Ghost (Matt. 28:19), or using the NAME of the Lord Jesus Christ? (Acts 2:38)?



John the Baptist baptizes Jesus at the age of thirty at the River Jordan. The sacrificial Lamb had to be washed before being offered up to die at the Cross.

The Bible cannot contradict itself for it is the Word of God. What we need today is a revelation from Almighty God in order to for us to understand and dovetail every word in it correctly. Let us therefore take a closer look upon this all-time controversial issue.

The word "baptize" originated from the Greek Word "**baptizo**" which means to "**IMMERSE**" in water. For the first thirteen hundred years from the death of Christ, baptism was always performed by **IMMERSION** of the person **UNDER WATER**. **Acts 8:39** states this, "And they went both **DOWN INTO** the WATER, both Philip and the Eunuch; and he baptized him". **John 3:23** also states, "John also was baptizing at Aeneon because there was **MUCH WATER**

there". "They came up **OUT OF THE WATER**" (**Acts 8:39**).

It is therefore evident from these very scriptures that Water Baptism was originally performed by "immersion" of the individual person underwater.

TITLES OR NAME ?

In Matthew 28:19 we can read Jesus' great commission unto His disciples saying, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, **BAPTIZING** them in the **NAME** of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

Now, Jesus Christ, the Author and Finisher of our faith, never told us to baptize in the **NAMES**, but in the **N-A-M-E**, (singular). The clue here is to find what **NAME** the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost possess. Take note that the word "**Father**" is **not** a **NAME**. "**Son**" is **not** a **NAME** either; **neither** is the **Holy Ghost** a **NAME**. These are but **TITLES** of the **ONE** true **GOD**.

If we trace God's Name back in the **Old Testament**, we will find that God the **FATHER** was always called the "**LORD**", capital "L-O-R-D".

In the **New Testament**, we find that "**JESUS**" was the name given to the **SON** of God.

In this our age, the dispensation of **grace**, when the Holy Ghost was given since the Day of Pentecost, He is called the "**CHRIST**" or the "Anointing" of God.

We can now therefore conclude from these basis that the **TITLES** of "**Father, Son and Holy Ghost**" refer to **only one compound NAME**, which is the only Name which was given on earth whereby man must be saved (Acts 4:12) - and that NAME is nothing else but the NAME of the "**LORD JESUS CHRIST**", the complete NAME of **GOD**.

TITLES	FATHER	SON	HOLY SPIRIT
NAME	LORD	JESUS	CHRIST
MANIFESTATION	God "Above" Us	God "With" Us	God "In" Us

We can read all throughout the Bible that **ALL** of Jesus' disciples used His **NAME** in Water Baptism (References: **Acts 2:38; Acts 19:1-5; Acts 10:46-48; Acts 8:14**).

NEVER can we find in the entire pages of the Bible where anybody was ever baptized using the **TITLES** of Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Look it up for yourself and you'll **NEVER** find one. There's a million dollar reward today for anyone who can find one verse that states just that.

The apostles understood that baptism in those **TITLES** was not a **LITERAL** command, just as when Jesus told them, "Except you **EAT** My **FLESH** and **DRINK** my **BLOOD**, you have **NO** Life in you". Nowhere in the Bible can we find that they literally **ATE** the flesh of Jesus nor **DRANK** his blood. Literally eating Jesus' **FLESH** and literally **DRINKING** His **BLOOD** would make them cannibals and vampires if such command was followed to the letter. But the thing is that it was revealed unto them that eating His Body means "partaking of His Word" and drinking his Blood meant "receiving His Atoning sacrifice" into their lives. In Water Baptism, It was revealed also unto them **WHO** really was the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, and what the **NAME** of God really was. "Lord Jesus Christ", that's the complete Name of God.

THE APOSTLES HAD A CORRECT REVELATION

Apostle **PETER**, having been given the keys to the Kingdom, commanded the **JEW**s, saying, "**REPENT** everyone of you and **BE BAPTIZED** in the **NAME OF JESUS CHRIST** for the remission of sins" (**Acts 2:38**) "and you shall receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit."

The same **FORMULA** was used by Saint **PAUL**. Paul himself **REBAPTIZED** the disciples

of John the Baptist (Acts 19:1-5) in this same manner, saying, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost SINCE you believed? They said, 'We know not whether there be any Holy Ghost.' Paul said, "How was you baptized?" They said, 'We've been baptized unto John.' Then said Paul, "John verily baptized with baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him that should come after him, that is on CHRIST JESUS." WHEN THEY HEARD THIS, they were baptized in the NAME of the LORD JESUS". PETER AND JOHN did the same to the SAMARITANS as well in Acts 10:48," And he commanded them to be BAPTIZED in the NAME of the LORD JESUS".

The GENTILES who were in the house of Cornelius who first received the Gospel were also baptized in this same manner (Acts 10:46-48) , "For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnified God. Then answered PETER, "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? AND HE COMMANDED them to be BAPTIZED in the NAME of the LORD JESUS" (NIV).

ALL true believers in the Bible, both Jews, Gentiles and Samaritans, were ALL baptized in the NAME of JESUS CHRIST, for that is the genuine and Biblical way of doing it. What about you?

It was the Roman Catholic Church that brought forth such false baptism of sprinkling, and changed it from the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ to Father, Son, Holy Ghost after the year 325 A.D. Majority of her daughters, the Protestant churches, had taken the same dogma till this day and are observing blindly the same formula without realizing it so. (Read historical facts at the end of this chapter).

WERE ST. PETER AND PAUL WRONG?

No. These apostles knew what most religious leaders of today FAIL to recognize.

First: That the NAME of the Lord Jesus Christ is the FAMILY NAME of all Christians both in heaven and on earth (Read Eph.3:15). Second: There is NO OTHER NAME under heaven whereby we must be SAVED only in the Name of JESUS (Acts 4:12). Third: That the FULLNESS of the Godhead dwelleth BODILY in CHRIST (Col. 2:9). And fourth: That BAPTISM must be performed in the NAME of the CRUCIFIED (Read 1 Cor. 1:13).

The Bible tells us that "Whatever you DO in word or in DEED, do ALL in the NAME of the LORD JESUS CHRIST" (Col. 3:17). JESUS even taught us that "REPENTANCE and REMISSION of sins should be preached in HIS NAME, beginning at Jerusalem, unto the uttermost parts of the world" (Luke 24:47).

THREE TITLES TO ONE NAME

Father, Son and Holy Ghost are THREE TITLES. Yet there is only ONE NAME. It was revealed unto the apostles that salvation alone goes in the NAME of JESUS CHRIST (Acts 4:12).

The Bible teaches that there is NO salvation in any other name, title or places, ONLY in the NAME of JESUS CHRIST (Acts 4:12). Yet He is the "Rose of Sharon", "Lily of the Valley", "Morning Star", "Alpha and Omega" - HE IS ALL THESE THINGS, yet there's NO SALVATION in any of these titles; ONLY IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST.

God has so many TITLES: "Our Righteousness", "Our Peace", "Ever-Present", "Our Father", "Our King", "Prince of Peace", "Son", and "Holy Ghost". BUT He has ONLY ONE HUMAN NAME, and that NAME is JESUS - by which Name every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that He is King of kings and Lord of lords.

Everyone, therefore, that is BAPTIZED with the TITLES of Father, Son and Holy Ghost is baptized in NO NAME AT ALL. They are TITLES like Minister, Reverend, Doctor, whatevermore, Father, Son, Daughter, Wife - TITLES. You may say it does not make a difference. Then try putting your TITLE on your check and not your NAME, and see whether the BANK would encash it - say, "I sign this check in the name of the Husband"... That just make sense as it would to disbelieve God's Word when the revelation is laying right here before your eyes.

That NAME is the Password to heaven. It is also the KEY to all the heavenly blessings and supernatural gifts that God has given to the church. "In my NAME you shall cast our devils, In My NAME you shall speak with new tongues, in My NAME you shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover" (Mark 16:17-18). "If ye shall ask any thing in my NAME, I will do [it]." (John 14:14).

WHAT ABOUT MATTHEWS 28:19?

The above-given Scriptures (Book of Acts) are not given to refute Matthew 28:19 where Jesus told the apostles to baptize in the NAME of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. They merely show HOW the command was interpreted and obeyed by the disciples in the entire Bible.

A SOLEMN INVITATION

If you have not been baptized in the NAME of the LORD JESUS CHRIST yet, YOUR BAPTISM IS WRONG. You have to be REBAPTIZED AGAIN in the NAME of Jesus Christ in order for you to receive the Spirit of God.

Acts 2:38 plainly says, "REPENT, everyone of you, and BE BAPTIZED in the NAME of JESUS CHRIST for (What?) the REMISSION OF SINS - (You are still in your sins if you are not baptized in the NAME of the LORD JESUS CHRIST for no other Name is given whereby we must be saved), "AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST".

If you are God's predestinated seed, you will not wait long until you are baptized in the NAME of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. Get right with God now while mercy and grace is upon your reach. "Obedience is better than sacrifice" (1 Samuel 15:22).

HISTORICAL FACTS AND RECORDS

BRITANNICA ENCYCLOPEDIA - "Everywhere in the oldest sources, it states that baptism took place in the Name of Jesus Christ." (11th Edition/Vol.3/p.82)

CANNY ENCYCLOPEDIA OF RELIGION - "The Early Church always baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus until the development of the Trinity Doctrine in the 3rd Century." (Pp. 53).

HASTINGS ENCYCLOPEDIA OF RELIGION - "Christian Baptism was administered using the words "In the Name of Jesus". The use of a Trinity formula of any sort was not suggested in the early church history. Baptism was always in the Name of the Lord Jesus until the time of Justin Maryr when triune formula was used." (Volume 2/PP. 377-378).

THE TRUTH ABOUT INFANT BAPTISM

Most Christian churches today baptize babies by sprinkling water on them and calling it “infant baptism”. But nowhere in the Bible can we find where the Apostles of Jesus ever baptized babies. Infant Baptism is not a Biblical teaching; it is a dogma of the Roman Catholic Church. There's nobody ever sprinkled in the Bible.

In the Old Testament, we will find that the the high priest **circumcised the babies** on the 8th day. **Leviticus 12:2-3**, *“Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a woman have conceived seed, and born a man child: then she shall be unclean seven days; according to the days of the separation for her infirmity shall she be unclean. And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.”*

But in the New Testament, the only way the apostles **dedicated the babies** unto God is by bringing the little ones to the Lord Jesus. Jesus lifted them up in His hands, and blessed them, saying, *“Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the Kingdom.”* (**Matt. 19:13-15; Luke 18: 15-17**). Thus, this is the correct Biblical formula for **dedicating babies** unto the Lord.

Water Baptism is a confession that an inward work of grace has been done. Yet little infants has no knowledge of sin. Of course, the baby is born in sin, shaped in iniquity, comes to the world speaking lies, and they're sinners by nature. But when Jesus died at the cross, He died to take away the sins of the world. And when a baby becomes a human being and is born into this world, they have no sin of their own. The Blood of Jesus Christ already atones for the baby's sin. And therefore they have no repentance to be done and no water baptism is required of them, not until they reach the age of accountability. The baby comes to the age of accountability between the age of 12 to 13 years old. During such age, the child knows already what's right and wrong. Therefore, it's the proper time for him or her to repent for what he/she has done. And when he/she repents, then's that's the time to undergo water baptism (Acts 2:38 - *“Repent and be baptized.”*) by immersion.

Brother Branham explains it to us this way: “A little child, no matter what kind of a parent it's got, how sinful they are, that wouldn't make any difference, for the Blood of Jesus Christ cleanses its sin. That baby cannot repent. It doesn't know how to repent. It has no reasons of being here of its own. It can't tell you why it's here. But God sent it here. And the Blood of Jesus Christ cleanses it the very moment that it comes into the world, and it's until it's the age of accountability, and then it knows right and wrong. And then what it does, it's got to repent for what it knows that it's done wrong. And then the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses and makes an atonement for that child. If it dies, he perfectly goes right into the Presence of God. And if it was born from the most sinful parents in the world, until it's the age of accountability where it knows right and wrong, and then what it does from then on, it's got to be forgiven for that. It's got to ask its own repentance from then on.” (WMB, ENTICING SPIRITS, 55-0724)

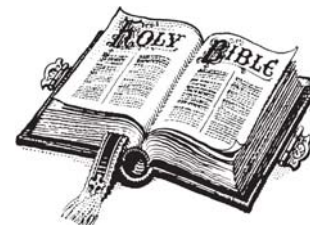
“And now, because a baby is, far as sin, it has none. Jesus died to take the away the sins of world, and the baby has done no sin. Only it was--it's a sinner. It's born in sin. But, when Christ died at Calvary, He took away the sins of the world, and the baby is not responsible until it becomes the age of accountability. And any little baby, no matter how sinful the parents are, as soon as it dies, it goes straight to the arms of Christ. See? Because He paid the price. No matter if it was a baby born in sin, and by adultery, or whatever it is. Makes no difference at all. That baby is safe with Christ, because He died to take away the sins of the world. And, when it gets old enough now that it's done personal sin, then it has to repent for what it has done. But it has no personal sin until it's old enough to commit sin, to know which is right and wrong.” (JOSEPH.MEETING.HIS.BRETHREN JEFF.IN 56-1230)

CHAPTER NINE

The BIBLE As Our Absolute

INTRODUCTION

There is no other book in the world, ancient or modern, that tells us where we came from, where we are going, and where we are now in God's plan, like the Holy Bible. The Bible is a collection of sixty-six books written by forty different authors over a period of 2,000 years, yet it is clearly one Book with perfect unity and consistency all throughout. The individual writers, at the time of writing, had no idea that their message was eventually to be incorporated into such a Book, but each nevertheless fits perfectly into place and serves its own unique purpose as a component of the whole Scripture. Men of old, inspired by the Holy Ghost, wrote the Bible.



II Peter 1:20-21, "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake [as they were] moved by the Holy Ghost."

The one consistent theme of the Bible, developing in grandeur from Genesis to Revelation, is God's great work in the creation and redemption of all things, through His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus said in **John 5:39** - "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." **Matthew 24:35** - "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

Anyone who diligently studies the Bible will continually find remarkable structural and mathematical patterns woven throughout its fabric, with an intricacy and symmetry incapable of explanation by chance or by human wisdom. The Bible is God's Word recorded throughout all generations: **II Timothy 3:16-17**, "All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." **Matthew 4:4** - "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

The Bible include books of **law**, such as Leviticus and Deuteronomy; **historical books**, such as Ezra and Acts; books of **poetry**, such as Psalms and Ecclesiastes; books of **prophecy**, such as Daniel, Isaiah and Revelation; **biographies**, such as Matthew and John; and **epistles** (formal letters to the churches) such as Titus and Hebrews.

The Old Testament has **39** books; 929 chapters; 23,214 verses; 593,493

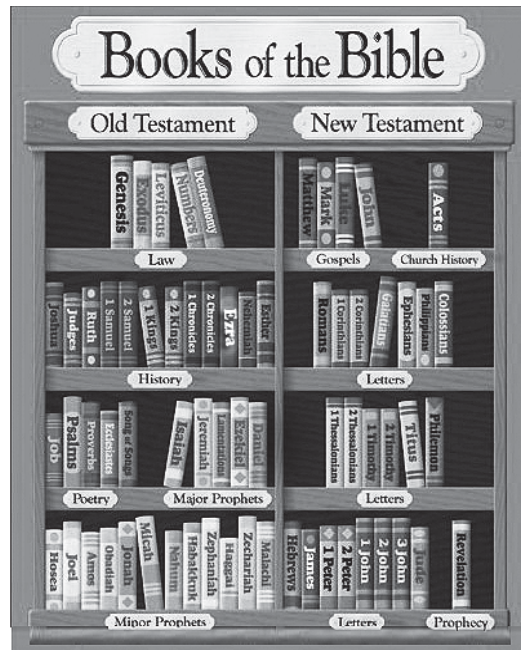
words, while the **New Testament** has 27 books; 260 chapters; 7,959 verses; 181,253 words.

The Bible's **books can be arranged by type**, rather than chronologically. There are the books of **Moses** and the **Law**, also known as the **Pentateuch**: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. Then the **History** books, which talks about God's chosen people - **Israel** : Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther.

There are also the **Wisdom** Books namely, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon. Then the Book of the **Prophets** - Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

The **Gospels** pertain to Jesus' life and ministry and the way of salvation - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The History of the New Testament **Church** are written in the Book of **Acts**. Paul's letters or epistles are: Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, and Hebrews. Other letters are that of James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1,2 &3 John, and Jude. The last chapter is about apocalypse called the Book of Revelation.



THE BIBLE AS AN ULTIMATE

Brother Branham, God's prophet and messenger of this age, has always stayed true to the Bible teaching and has never departed from true Scriptural foundations in all of his sermons. Never at one time did he ever deviate from what the Holy Scriptures teach us in delivering the Message of the Hour to us. Through God's revelation to him, he has made clear to us all the loose ends of the Bible which theologians and Bible seminaries have messed up in their man-made interpretation of the Holy Script throughout the ages.

In the succeeding quotes, you will find a list of nuggets wherein Brother Branham evidently pointed us back to the Bible as his absolute and must be our absolute, too.

“That’s all I know to tell you, that this Bible I believe with all my heart, if I know my heart, to be the perfect unadulterated Word of God. By this I live. By this I stand. And if I had ten thousand lives, I’d like to give every bit of it for this Word, for it’s the

Word of Jesus Christ. And I don’t care how much they can try to disprove It, how much science tries to say It—It isn’t trustworthy, and so forth, **to me It’s the only thing in the world I can trust is this Word.**” (SATAN’S.EDEN.title JEFF.IN V-2 N-20 65-0829)

“How you going to know what’s right and wrong? Give it the Word test. That’s the way to tell whether it’s right or wrong. That’s it; just—just give it the Word test. See what it says about the Word. Any spirit, see what it says about the Word. **If it denies the Word, it’s not of God. See? No matter what it is, if it denies the Word, it’s not of God.** Look, give it the Word test and see what happens. Jesus warned us of these things: Matthew the 24th chapter and the 35th verse. heavens and earth shall pass away, but My Word shall not pass away. (See?)” (SPOKEN.WORD.ORIGINAL.SEED.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-1 62-0318M)

“I don’t care if I have to stand alone, with nobody but God alone, I’ll preach the truth of God’s Bible and stand for it. If I die, I’ll still stand for the truth. Certainly. We want truth. I’ll measure up not according to the church, but according to the Word of God I want to measure up.” (DECEIVED.CHURCH.BY.THE.WORLD.title JEFF.IN CH 67 59-0628M)

“Now, the only way that a church can be built, the only way that a man can have faith is not by his denomination, not by his affiliation; but his faith rests, not upon the theology of some man’s ideas, ‘cause it’s more or less, altogether, man... **But the only way faith can find its solemn resting place is upon the immovable and unchangeable Word of God.** “Faith cometh by hearing, hearing the Word.” (HEBREWS CHAPTER 6 AND 7..title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0915M)

“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches of each age.” In every age it was the same cry. Hear what the Spirit says. **If you are a Christian, you will get back to what the Spirit is teaching, that is, the Word of this age. Every messenger to every age will preach that Word.** Every fresh and true revival will be because men have gotten back to the Word for their age. The cry of every age is the rebuke, “You have left the Word of God. Repent, and come back to the Word.” **From the first book in the Bible (Genesis) to the last book (Revelation) there is only one reason for God’s displeasure—leaving the Word; and there is only one remedy to regain His favor—back to the Word.**” (157-2 SMYRAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH AGE.BOOK.CPT.4)

“I love the Word. The Holy Spirit feeds on the Word of God. Christians should always read the Bible, for the Holy Spirit feeds... Its food is the Word of God. “Man shall not live by bread alone (Amen. There it is.), but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.” That’s what the Christian lives on, the Word. And the Holy Spirit loves the Word, and He’s here tonight to receive the Word. And It’s in you. And as the Word comes forth, then the Holy Spirit takes the Word of God and reveals It.” (EXPECTATIONS.title CLEVELAND.OH 50-0810)

“Now, remember, the Word of God is what the Holy Spirit feeds on. It don’t feed on enthusiasm. It don’t feed on education. It doesn’t feed on church going. It doesn’t feed on theologies. There’s a lot of difference between an inspired something and a theological standpoint of it. (THIRST.title TUCSON.AZ V-16 N-6 65-09190)

“Now, sheep will only grow as you give them sheep food. Now, if you’d fry up a big hamburger and give it to a sheep, he couldn’t grow on that, ‘cause (See?), that’s not sheep food. See? And—and if I would fry up or be a—have a nice T-bone steak fixed up, give it over to a sheep, it—it’s not sheep food. He just couldn’t eat it, that’s all, because he’s a sheep. But sheep like sheep food. Well then, when you’re to feed the flock of God, **don’t**

feed them on some manmade theology; feed them on the Word; for that's where the sheep grow from. Feed the Word. (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 61-1015M)

"Now, we must prove all things by the Scripture. Not what... If it's contrary to my faith, and yet the Scripture says so, the Scripture's right and I'm wrong. See? The Scripture's always right; and the only way you can do anything, is come back to the Scripture." (ISRAEL.IN.EGYPT.title JEFF.IN IC 1-34 53-0325)

"Now, the entire Bible is set up on revelation. Now, you'll never know the Bible just by some cold hearted reading It. You've got to read the Bible in the Spirit. You've got to be in the mood of reading. You've got to love to read It. **And the Bible is written so that the wise, smart, educated, will never understand It.** Jesus thanked God and said, "Father, I thank Thee that Thou has hid these things from the wise and the prudent, and will reveal them to babes such as will learn." Oh, I'm so glad of that. You don't have to be somebody in this world to know God. You just have to have a willing heart, and God will go to dealing with that willing heart, if you are willing." (LAMB.AND.THE.DOVE.title OAKLAND.CA 57-0325)

THUS SAITH THE LORD

"The only thing you can put your trust in is THUS SAITH THE LORD from the Bible. Now, Church, that is exactly where I have tried to keep you, my children. And if something happens to me and God takes me out of this earth, don't you never fail. Remember this with all your heart: stay with that Word. Don't you leave that Word. Anything contrary to It, leave it alone, no matter what it is. Then you know It's right. See?" (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0823E)

"God's Word comes only by the Bible. God's Bible is the printed form of the Son of God, because the Bible said that it is the revelation of Jesus Christ. It's God revealing Himself through Christ, and Christ is the Word. And it takes the Light of God

to shine upon that Word to vindicate It, to prove that God still speaks Life—Eternal Life, He speaks." (MAN THAT CAN TURN ON LIGHT.title JEFF.IN V-6 N-1 63-1229M)

"Stay with God's Word; It's THUS SAITH THE LORD. Stay with His Word. To separate from It is breaking your fellowship with God, God's oneness by the Holy Spirit. **Then if you say you got the Holy Spirit and it's not in agree with the Word, then you're not oneness with God.** Now remember, the Devil takes a whole lot of that Word, pretty near ninety-nine and ninety-nine percent of It. Ninety-nine hundredths and ninety-nine percent of that hundredths, he'll make It just exactly right, but then he'll jump off here,



The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, Its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. It contains light to direct you, spiritual food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is a traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's character. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of Gods its end, It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it to be wise, believe it to be saved, and practice it to be holy,



and that's the one that causes death right there. That breaks the chain right in the middle; down you go. Every Word. What did Jesus say? "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word." **Not by a few of God's Words shall he live, not by ninety-nine and ninety-nine percent of God's Word. But by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God, man shall live by That.** (ONENESS.title JEFF.IN V-10 N-2 62-0211)

"The Bible is not a book of systems. No, sir. It is not a book of systems, nor a code of morals. The Bible is not a book of systems, so many systems and so forth. No, sir! It is not a book of morals. No, sir, It is not. **Nor is It a book of history altogether, or neither is It a book of theology, for It is the revelation of Jesus Christ.** So the Bible is the complete revelation of Jesus Christ, and It was wrote by prophets, **Hebrews 1:1, "In... God, Who in sundry times spake to the fathers by the prophets, in this last day speaks to us through His Son, Jesus Christ," which was the prophets, all of them put together.** Jesus was Malachi; Jesus was Jeremiah, Isaiah, Elijah. All that they were, were in Him. And all that you are, and all I am, is in Him: Words, witnesses of the Word. So It is not a book of systems, a code of moral ethics, neither is It a history book, or a book of theology. It is not. **But It's the revelation of Jesus Christ: God Himself revealed from Word to flesh. That's what It is.** The Bible is the Word, and God is the flesh. God in... **God is the Word, rather, and Jesus being the flesh,** It's a revelation how God, the Word, was manifested in human flesh and revealed to us. It was written by forty different writers. **Forty men wrote the Bible over a space of sixteen hundred years apart and at different times,** predicting the most important events that ever happened in world's history, and many times hundreds of years before it happened. **And there is not one error in the entire sixty-six Books. Oh, my. No author but God Himself could be so accurate. Not one word contradicts the other.** Remember, sixteen hundred years apart, the Bible was wrote, from Moses to—to the death of—of John at Isle—or the Isle of Patmos: sixteen hundred years. And was wrote by forty different authors. One didn't even know the other one, and they never had It as the Word. Some of them never even seen the Word. But when they wrote It, and was understood to be prophets, then when they put their prophecies together, each one of them dovetailed one to the other." (CHRIST REVEALED IN HIS OWN.WORD.title JEFF.IN V-4 N-10 65-0822M)

"And a borned again Christian is tied to Christ, and the Bible is the Anchor. It's the thing we're tied to. Let the organizations, let the different thing, let the science, let the educators say anything they want. As long as that Word says it and promise it, we're tied to That. There's something won't let us move from it. That's right. A real born Christian, they stay with that Word. If It says a certain thing to do, and a way to do it, that's the way we must do it. No matter what anybody else says, that's what God said. We are tied to That, a Christ-centered life." (ABSOLUTE.AN.title SHREVEPORT.LA V-17 N-10 63-1201M)

THE WORD IS GOD

"And remember, the Word is God. God is no more than His Word. And we're no more than our word, and if we make... 'Course, now, you and I in a different stance—sense, 'cause we can—we can say, "Oh, I'll do a certain thing." We mean that in our heart, but circumstances can arise that we can't—we can't do that what we said we would do. **But God can't do that, because He's infinite, and He knows everything, and everything that ever was, will be, or... So He can't make a statement 'less He knows He can back it up."** (CHURCH.AND.ITS.CONDITION.title JEFF.IN CH 1-34 56-0805)

"When God first set the human race in—on earth, He told them they live by His Word. Now, the Word of God is like a chain, you're passing across hell with It; and its chain is only its best at its weakest link, and God wants us to keep every Word of It. Now,

that was the first of the Bible; **just to break one Word, plunged the human race into a darkness of death.** Jesus came in the middle of the Bible, and He said that, **“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word.” Not just part of the Words, or ninety-nine out of a hundred; but every Word,** just like Eve and Adam was. And in the last of the Bible, Revelation 22:18s, He said that, **“Whosoever shall take a Word out of This, or add one Word to It...”** So why do we need to inject in Here somebody’s ideas of things, when this is God’s own Idea about it? We want to take what He said. And it’s also written, **“Let every man’s word be a lie, and Mine be the Truth.”** (BROKEN.CISTERNs.title PHOENIX.AZ V-19 N-4 65-0123)

“God wrote three Bibles. One of them was the Zodiac in the skies. That’s the first Bible. Man was to look up to realize that God is from above. Follow the Zodiac; did you ever study it? It even gives every age, even the cancer age. It gives the beginning, the birth—the birth of Christ. **What is the first figure in the Zodiac? The virgin. What’s the last figure? Leo the lion. The first coming and the second coming of Christ,** all of it is written in there. **Then the next Bible was written, was in stone, called pyramid.** God wrote in the pyramids. If you study them, watch the ancient histories and wars, how they were built before the antediluvian destruction. **The third was wrote on paper, the Bible, for the great, smart intellectual world to come.** Now, as God has moved down through the age, we’re at Leo the lion. We’re at the capping of the pyramid. We’re in the Book of the Revelations at the last chapter. Science says we’re three minutes before midnight.” (ADOPTION.OR.PLACING.title JEFF.IN AD.PT.4 60-0522E)

“This world was made by the Word of God. It’s framed together by the Word of God. That’s the only thing that’ll ever keep it together, is the Word of God, for Hebrews said, **“We understand that the world was framed by the Word of God.”** People doubt the Word of God, and the very dirt that you’re setting on is the Word of God made manifest. The very seats that you’re setting in is the Word of God made manifest. God speaks it, and it has to happen, because it’s the—the Word of God.” (WORLD.IS.FALLING.APART.title NY.NY V-18 N-10 63-1115)

“All the Word that God has spoken, It must be fulfilled.” God cannot say anything without having it fulfilled. When He has spoken It, it is a finished work. It’s already finished when God speaks It. God never speaks until He’s ready for it to be; and, when He speaks, it’s just as well as already happened. Now, if that wouldn’t give us a basis to put our faith on this morning. When God speaks a Word, it’s already finished. And what about His promises that He’s given to us? Everything that He has said, it’s already a finished work. So therefore, when we receive His Word into our heart, it’s—it’s already done, it’s completed.” (IT.BECOMETH.US.TO.FULFILL.title JEFF.IN V-15 N-4 61-1001M)

“Now, II Timothy 3:16. Let’s see what it says in 3:16. **“All Scripture... (Yeah)... is given by inspiration of... (Prophets? No. Inspiration of what?)... God, and is profitable for doctrine, and reproof, and correction, and instruction in righteousness. That the man of God may stand perfect, thoroughly furnished to all good works.”** All right then, **all Scripture is wrote by inspiration.** Jesus here on the earth said that heavens and earth would pass away but His Word wouldn’t. He said all Scripture must be fulfilled. **So then, the Book is not a book of man’s writings; It’s a Books of God’s writings.”** (CHRIST REVEALED IN HIS OWN WORD; JEFF.IN V-4 N-10 65-0822M)

“God wants rugged Christians who takes God’s Word live or die. It’s the same thing. Amen. **“God said so.”** That’s Abraham’s Seed, born of the Spirit and the Word of God. That’s what stands. **“Heavens and earth will pass away, but My Word shall never pass.”** That’s it. What God promised, God’s able to do. God don’t fail. He can’t fail, There’s one thing God can’t do, and that’s fail. He cannot fail; that’s the only thing He can’t do. But He can’t fail. **When God promised it, it’s the Truth. It’s there forever. It’s completely settled**

forever. When God speaks a Word, it’s already settled. This world was made by just a Word of God. He just said, **“Let there be,”** and there was. Amen. The very dirt that you’re setting over tonight, the very wood that you’re setting on, is nothing but the Word of God made manifest. Hallelujah. (JEHOVAH.JIREH.PT.1.title GRASS.VALLEY.CA JJ 37-72 62-0705)

“One little deviation from that Word was a step away from Christ. People say they love God, they go to church, they even shout and rejoice and sing and have a great emotional time. **But when it is all over, watch and see if they are in that WORD, walking in it, living in it. If they go through all the other and then don’t walk in that Word, they can say they love God but their lives tell another story.** I wonder if John didn’t see a lot of that before he died; people saying they loved God but not obeying His Word.” (89-3 EPHESIAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.3)

“While the Lord of the harvest is going by, He ain’t looking to big buildings, big steeples, well trained choirs. He’s looking for individuals: men and women who are dedicated and made a clean-cut for Christ, consecrated themselves to His service, “God, I believe It, every Word of It. When Your Word says anything, I stay right with It. That’s Your Word. I believe It, every Word.” That’s what He’s looking for, the Lord of the harvest. That’s what He wants, to give the Holy Spirit to those who are hungering and thirsting. **“Blessed are ye that hunger and thirst, for ye shall be filled.”** He’s trying to find that church today.” (KINSMAN.REDEEMER.title JEFF.IN V-6 N-8 60-1002)

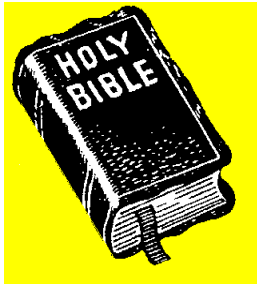
“We want what the—God said at the beginning, and anything added to it or taken away from it, even your name will be taken off the Book of Life, to add one word to It or take one word away from It... We want what He said, not what the church said, what Dr. Jones said, what somebody else said; we want what THUS SAITH THE LORD said, what the Word said. .. We cast down reasonings; we believe God, no matter what anything else says; we believe God. We don’t reason what God says. You can’t reason with It. You have to accept It by faith. And anything that you know, you don’t have to reason anymore. I don’t know how He does it; I just believe He does it. I don’t know how He’s going to keep that promise, but He said He’d do it; I believe it. **I accept it on the basis that I believe that it’s the Word of God.”** (DOES.GOD.CHANGE.HIS.MIND.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-9 65-0418E)

“Just believing the Word just the way It’s wrote. Don’t take any hearsay, what this guy says It’s this way, and this guy says It’s that way. You believe It just the way It’s wrote. If He has got to judge you by the way It’s wrote, then why take somebody else’s interpretation for It, ‘cause that’s the way it’s going to be judged, just That; **That’s His standard.** He’s watched over His Word. There’s nothing wrong with it. That’s just exactly the Word. That’s what we’ll be judged by, and This is God’s Word. **“And if ye abide in Me,”** that’s the faith, **“My Word abide in you,”** ‘cause He is the Word, **“then ask what you will.”** (PARADOX.A.title CHICAGO.IL V-21 N-3 63-0801)

“I said, “God is the Word. And if the church is contrary to the Word, then I don’t believe the church.” I let every man’s word be a lie, whether he be priest, pope, whatever he might be, and God’s Word be true. (GOD.OF.THIS.EVIL.AGE.title JEFF.IN V-4 N-9 65-0801M)

“But we find out God gave His children His Word for their Defense. Their... We have no other Defense than the Word of God. That is our Defense. There’s no bombs, no shelters, no hiding places, no Arizona’s, or California’s, or wherever it is; there’s only one Defense we have, and that is the Word. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, which is Christ Jesus; He is our only Defense. Being in Him we are safe.” (SEED.OF.DISCREPANCY.title PHOENIX.AZ V-12 N-5 65-0118)

“There’s only one place that spiritual death cannot strike; that’s the Word. Death can’t strike the Word, because It’s a living Word of God. **But when you put creeds with It, the Word moves out to Itself. It’ll separate like water from oil. You cannot mix it together.** Therefore you see, when the creed comes into a denomination, they all go after the creed, and the Word dies out and goes on with somebody else and increases It more, picks up a momentum as It go from justification, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost, and on out into the grain. Do you see the path God has trod, bringing His Name all the time right down the same way, because He is the Word. Church, wherever you are, what you belong to, makes me no difference. But there’s one thing you must know. You’ve got to be in Christ or you’re dead. You can’t live outside of Him. **Your church might be all right as a building; your fellowship might be all right as men; but when you deny the Body, the Blood, the Word of Jesus Christ, you’re dead the minute you do it.** It’s God’s chosen place of worship. There’s where His Name is exactly. There’s where He chose to put His Name, not in the church, but in the Son Jesus Christ.” (GOD’S CHOSEN PLACE WORSHIP JEFF.IN V-5 N-7 65-0220)



“But remember, the Bride will be a called-out, separated, and different, filled, Holy Ghost born, washed in the Blood of the Lamb; She’ll abstain from everything that’s filthy around her Husband. She’s a chaste virgin, pure by the Word. The Word and her are the same as a man and his wife becomes one in union. So does the real genuine Church of God. When it becomes in Christ, **the Bible is punctuated with an “Amen,” every promise.** Don’t make

any difference what the denomination says, **the soul that’s in the believer punctuate it, because it is the Word in him speaking out.** The Word’s sharper than a two-edged sword, a Discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. The Bible said so. That’s how it’s vindicated and known.” (SCRIPTURAL.SIGNS.OF.THE.TIME.title BIRMINGHAM.AL 64-0410)

GOD’S SOLE STANDARD

“God’s got to judge the church by something. God’s got to judge the world by some standard. You believe that? Well, if He’s going judge it by the church, which church? If He judges it by the Roman Catholic, the Greek’s gone. If He judges it by the Greek, the Roman’s gone. If He judges it by the Methodists, the Baptist is gone. If He judges it by the Baptists, the Methodist is gone, vice versa. If He judges it by the oneness, the twoness is gone. If He judges it by the twoness, the threeness is gone. If He judges it by the threeness, they’re both gone. There you are. If God judges the world by the Catholic church, the Protestant’s lost. If He joins it by—by the Protestants, which one? If He judge by the Catholic church... It’s many different fears of the—spheres of the Catholic church. So which one is it going to be? You see, a person would be confused; you wouldn’t know what to do. **But here’s what God will judge them by: the Word. That’s the standard. “Heavens and earth will pass away but My Word shall never fail.” Upon this I take my stand. All other grounds is sinking sand,** all other grounds is sinking sand. On Christ the solid rock I stand. All other grounds is sinking sand.” (CONFERENCES.title TUCSON.AZ 63-0608)

“Now, He’s got to judge the church someday. And if He judges it by the Catholic church, which they say He will, then which one of the Catholic churches will He judge it by? They different one from the other. If He judges it by the Methodist’s, you Baptists are gone. If He judges it by the Pentecostal’s, the rest of you is gone. But He won’t judge it by the church. The Bible said He’ll judge the world by Jesus Christ, and Christ is the Word. So you see we’re without excuse; it’s

the Word of God that He judges; so no matter how small, one word significance to This, said Revelation 22:18...First, I’ll begin in Genesis. **God gave the human race His Word to fortify themselves from death, sin, and sorrow, or any disaster: a chain, of His Word.** “Thou shalt not touch this certain tree, for the day you eat thereof, that day you die.” And a chain is only its best at its weakest link. And our souls are pulled over hell, holding to this chain; break one of them, that’s all you have to do. **Eve never broke a sentence; she broke a Word, by Satan.** That was the first of the Book. **In the middle of the Book come Jesus and said, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word,” not part of them, just one here and there, but every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God...** And then on the 22nd chapter, the last chapter, the 18th verse, He said, **“Whosoever shall take one Word out of this Book, or add one word to It, his part will be taken from the Book of Life.”** See? So we believe that man lives by every Word of God. I believe it and I know it’s true. How little, it doesn’t matter. **It just takes one word to do it.**” (DOORS.IN.DOOR.title FLAGSTAFF.AZ V-17 N-3 65-0206)

“The church can’t give you Eternal Life, not your neighbor, not your pastor, not your priest, not your creed; only Jesus Christ Himself can give you Eternal Life. See? No—no matter how good you are, what you quit doing, what you start doing; you’ve got to accept the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. **And then when you do that, He is the Word, and then your life fits right in the Word and it manifests itself to this age that you’re living in. Jesus alone can lead you to that Eternal Life.** There’s no church, no denomination, no preacher, no priest, no nothing else can lead you to It; you must be led by Him, the only One that can lead you. **Could you imagine Him leading you out of His Word, which that’s Him? And if He is the Word, and you’re a part of Him, won’t you be a part of the Word?**” (LEADERSHIP.title COVINA.CA V-7 N-7 65-1207)

“But not one word in the Bible contradicts the other. Not one prophet ever contradicted the other one. They was every one perfect, and when one come in and did prophesy, that real prophet raised up and called him down. Then it was made manifest. See, see, see? **So the Bible is the Word of God to all true believers.**” (CHRIST REVEALED IN HIS OWN WORD.title JEFF.IN V-4 N-10 65-0822M)

“God in sundry times and divers manners spake to the fathers through the prophets. And He said on this writing, that not one jot or tittle shall ever pass away until It’s fulfilled, and then It’s manifested. Then It will pass, because It’s manifested, and It can’t pass then. **But just the Word Itself is made flesh. “Jot” means “small word.” “Tittle” means “small mark.” Not even one punctuation, one expression, anything shall ever fail in the Word of God. It can’t fail, because It’s God, God manifested in the form of a human flesh. For it’s God Himself in letter form, prophet form, manifested in flesh.** Now, that’s the reason Jesus could say, “The ones who spoke to you, you call them gods, who spoke to you by the Word of God,” said; “and they were gods.” **Those prophets when they were anointed with the Spirit of God and brought exactly the Word of God, then they were gods.** It was God’s Word speaking through them.” (CHRIST.REVEALED.IN.HIS.OWN.WORD.title JEFF.IN V-4 N-10 65-0822M)

“God never does one thing this way, and another way do something else a different way. See, His first decision is perfect because He’s God. See? His Word cannot be altered. He—He—He didn’t learn more in these six thousand years that we have of human history. He never learned more than He did back there, because He’s infinite to begin with. See? And He never changes His—His—His—His Word. He must...He chose to save man by the shed Blood of an innocent one. **We’ve tried to educate them; we’ve tried to denominate them; we’ve tried everything in the world, and social life, and it’s every bit failed, and will continue to fail till we come back under the Blood.** That’s the only place there’s fellowship.” (SIGN.OF.THIS.TIME.title NY.NY V-18 N-8 63-1113)

“You have to depend on the Holy Spirit because this Bible is wrote in riddles. You just can’t set down and read it like a newspaper. It’s hid. Yes, sir. How would you ever justify God when He told Moses up there, said, “Now, don’t you make any engraven images,” in His commandments, “don’t you make anything like heaven, any—any Angel, or anything else; don’t make any engraven images,” and yet on the same day told him to mold two Angels out of brass and put them right at the mercy seat, where mercy’s at? See? You have to know God and His Nature before you can understand His Word. He—He—He has the key to that Word Himself, and He—He’s the only One can—can handle It and open It, and so He’s the One has to reveal It.” (WARNING.THEN.JUDGMENT.title JEFF.IN V-8 N-3 63-0724)

“He said, “My words are Spirit and Life.” Jesus said that. Again, “The Word is the Seed that a sower sowed.” We know what that’s true. It’s God in Word form, and It can only be interpreted by Himself. The human mind is not capable to interpret the mind of God. How can the little—a little finite mind interpret the infinite Mind, when we can’t even interpret one another’s mind. And you notice, He is the only One can interpret It, and He interprets It to whom He will. It didn’t say “Mortals of old as they strode across the earth in sundry times and divers manners.” God in sundry times and divers manners revealed Himself to His prophets. See? And notice. To whom He will reveal It... **And He so designed that He could hide Himself in the Scriptures to the smartest theologian there is.** Oh, my. He can just hide Himself, set right there in the Scripture, and you look all day long and never see it, look a lifetime and never see it. He can just hide Himself setting there. Now, please, everywhere, let that soak in, that God in the Word can hide Himself so in the Word, that there isn’t a theologian or a school in the world could ever find Him. And yet He’s setting right there. You say, “Is that right, Brother Branham?” **How about the Pharisees and Sadducees? How about in every age? He’s done it.** Sure. He’s done so in every age. Now, we could check that. Let’s think about the days of Noah, smart, intellectual age, how He hid Himself in His promised word; in the days of Moses how He hid Himself; in the days of Elijah how He hid Himself; in the days of Jesus how He hid Himself. “He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came to His own; His own received Him not.” See? He hides Himself from the smartest, intellectual man there is on the earth.” (CHRIST REVEALED IN HIS OWN.WORD.title JEFF.IN V-4 N-10 65-0822M)

“Oh, God, if Christians of today could only see that. “I’ll take my way with the Lord’s despised few. I’ve started in with Jesus, O Lord, take me through.” Under trial, troubles, heartache, death, sickness, sorrow, I’ll still cast my lot on Jesus Christ to take my stand. **“On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand, all other grounds is sinking sand.” Everything else is sinking. Kingdoms will fall, and nations will break, and denominations will scatter, and theologians will die, but God’s Word will ever remain the same.**” (IT.BECOMETH.US.TO.FULFILL.title JEFF.IN V-15 N-4 61-1001M)

“He was the Word, and they rejected the Word. That’s one point I want you not to miss, I want you not to miss. He was the Word, and **when they rejected Him, they rejected the Word. And when they did reject Him, they finally crucified Him.** And that’s what they’ve done today: reject the Word of God, and accepted their creeds, and has crucified publicly before their congregations, the working of the Holy Spirit. And they’re guilty, and I indict them in the Name of Jesus Christ.” (INDICTMENT.THE.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-19 63-0707)

“And the only one way we can come by the Word, is by the Blood. Only place that anybody ever worshipped God, had to come under the Blood. There’s no other preparation at all. You can’t come under the name of Methodist; you can’t come under the name of Pentecost; you can’t come under the name of Catholic. There’s dozens of Catholic churches different—different from one another, the Orthodox, and Greek, and Roman, and they’re as broke up as bad as the Protestant. The Protestants, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Catholic, oh, every, they’re all different kinds. And there they are. See? But there’s

one ground for fellowship, that’s under the Blood. **And the Blood is the Life, and it’ll always agree with the Word, always with the Word.**”(JEHOVAH.JIREH.PT.1.title GRASS.VALLEY.CA JJ37-72 62-0705)

WISDOM AND REASONING AGAINST THE WORD

“The only way you can ever be a sinner is to deny God’s Word. What is sin? Unbelief. Unbelief in what? God’s Word. See? You have to deny the Word first. Jesus said that man lives by the—every Word, every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Who said that? Jesus. Is that right? He said, **“If any other man said anything different, let him be a liar, His Word be true. heavens and earth will pass away, but My Word shall not.”** There you are.” (WISDOM.VERSUS.FAITH.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-17 62-0401)

“If wisdom is with the Word, and proves to be with the Word, and the Word produces Itself by the same thing, then it is the Word. But if wisdom is against the Word, and not with the Word, but trying to find something to add to It or take from It, it’s of the devil...” “And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die”: See what it presents? What is it? Trying to make the Word say something that It doesn’t say. See? God said, “You shall die!” Wisdom, as Satan was presenting to her, said, “You shall not surely die!” See? **It’s trying to make the Word say something that It isn’t so.** That’s what wisdom is today. Oh, brother, how we’d tarry on that. **Seminaries, schools of theology, that’s their very nest; that’s their grass roots, is trying to make God’s Word say something that It doesn’t say.** I challenge anybody to show me the Apostles’ Creed in the Bible. I challenge anybody to show me “communion of saints” in the Bible. Both Protestant and Catholic believe it. I challenge you to show me any of those things in the Bible. See? It’s the grass roots of wisdom trying to reason.” (WISDOM.VERSUS.FAITH.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-17 62-0401)

“Death come by a crossbreeding. Death can’t come by God’s Word. Death comes by crossbreeding It to denominations and creed. Instead of Christ, dogma, instead of the Word. It doesn’t come by the Word. The Word is Life. Jesus said, “My words are Life,” and the Spirit quickens that Word and makes It Life. **To crossbreed It, there’s where the death comes from.** And when the church of Jesus Christ was perverted in the time of Rome, after her virgin birth, and was given to Christ at Pentecost, she... What did she do? She crossed herself with Roman dogma. And the Protestant church has done the very same thing. She can’t wait. that’s what’s the matter with the people today. They can’t wait for the real Holy Spirit to take the church in position. They’ve got to manufacture something, work up something: initial evidence, speaking in tongues to get more members in the church, all these kind of tommyrot instead of waiting upon the Lord for the real manifestation of the resurrection of Christ making Himself known among the people. She can’t wait. What did she do? **She went out and become pregated with denominationalism.** First was the Assemblies of God; then come the Oneness, then come whatmore after that. Now, the so-called bride is pregated with all kinds of tommyrot, disgrace. The women won’t pay a bit more attention to what God’s Word says than nothing in the world, neither will the men, or even the preachers. Then call that a bride... What is it? She’s pregated. Christ’s bride has become pregnant with the world: dressing like the world, acting like the world, big churches, fine... What... It shows what she is. She’s of the devil. That’s what Satan done at the first place, was try to build a big beautiful kingdom in the heaven and was kicked out for it, excommunicated from heaven. That’s what Christ’s modern bride is; she’s kicked out, because she’s excommunicated from God, because she is a whore and not a virgin. It’s deep, but I hope you get it.” (SPOKEN WORD ORIGINAL SEED.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-2 62-0318E)

“Notice, through that brought death, through trying to take the Word of

God and mix some wisdom with It. See? You're not supposed to do that. Whether you believe it's—got wisdom to explain it, just say, **"God said it, and that settles it"** **And God said so, and that's all there is to it.** If you can't explain it, leave it alone, but just say it's so because God said so. See, just say, "God said it." Now, notice. Now, it will not mix. **It must not be tampered with; God will punish the one that does it;** and It will not hybrid to nothing else. It's God's Word alone. **God don't need your word with His. We're not supposed to speak our own word; we're supposed to preach His Word, God's Word.**" (SPOKEN.WORD.ORIGINAL.SEED.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-1 62-0318M)

"Besides, any teaching of any church, let it be Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, Pentecostal, or whatever it may be that don't stay letter by letter with this Bible is wrong. .. You try to make the Word of God say something to fit your organization, you're taking the jewels out of the great King's Body and making a image of dog, or a fox, or a hog, or something, out of it. And you deceive the ignorant of the Word. Where It said, "Baptize in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ," they make "Father, Son, Holy Ghost," three gods out of It. They take all kinds of dogmas and make up all kinds of things, and sprinkling instead of immersing: everything. Make some kind of a manmade wallow out of it instead of putting it in the Jewel in the great King, Christ. Oh, hallelujah. That's God incarnate: Christ. They corrupt the ways of God, let the people come in the church, women with bobbed hair, wearing makeup, dresses on that looks scandalous: men so sissified, let a woman lead them around by the ear. Come to the church, and playing bunco and bingos, and all kinds of corruption things. And preachers and so forth out on banks with naked women dressed in bathing suits and going swimming, smoking cigarettes, and calling themselves servants of God, when this temple is a holy temple dedicated to God, not to filth of the world... What's the trouble today, they have so many revelations and false things. **It's prostrating themselves out there, and opening up their heart to devils instead of staying with God's Word.** That's where the trouble lays. That's what's the matter. People, honest, sincere, good people, but you can't tell them. "Why, we believe this as Pentecostal people." "We believe this, as Baptist people." **I believe This because It's the Word of God.** I challenge anybody to correct me in It. See? That's right. This is the Word. Stay with This. This is true." (CHRISTIANITY VERSUS IDOLATRY.title JEFF.IN V-8 N-2 61-1217)

"They want something; they want something how they could live anyway they want to. They... That's what the church world's a-looking for, somebody that—that they can go to the biggest church in the city where all the celebrity of the city belongs. They can have the highest spire on the building. They can have the best organ. They can have the—the pews. They can have a minister that won't say a word to them about the way they live: if they want to dance, they want to put on some kind of show, they want to wear shorts, they want to bob their hair, or they want to do these things; they can smoke cigarettes or just practice social drinking. That's practices in the churches: just modern drinking, just teach your children to drink, but not too much, not to be excessive with it; smoke, but not—not to the excessive. Wear anything you want to, but just—just try to keep yourself as decent as you know how or can. See? **Oh, that hypocrisy, that anointed devil, that thing called denomination, that thing called religion, it's of the devil. Back to Christ and His Word. Save yourself from this untoward generation. Repent, every one of you, before it's too late to repent.**" (FALLING.APART.OF.THE.WORLD.title JEFF.IN V-10 N-6 62-1216)

"Now, we have a sacred trust. You know what a trust is. And we have a inheritance, a heritage that we inherit as believing children. It's a sacred trust. **And that sacred trust and our sacred heritage is the Word of God that's been given to us, the full Word of God.** The Word Itself is the Vitamin, the Word Itself, God's Word. That's where, reason I'm so dogmatic, as I would call it, on standing on this Word. **No matter what anything else says, if it's not with the Word, then I don't believe it.** See? If

you want to believe it, it's all right. But to me it takes the Word, 'cause, "Heavens and earth will pass away, but My Words shall never fail." Therefore, it takes that Word. I live by the Word. Jesus said, "It's written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.'" And this is It. And **That is given to us as a heritage. It's our inheritance, the Word.** O God, let us think of It in the deepness of It. It's—it's our privilege. It's this sacred trust that God has put to His Church. God gave His Word to His Church. And that sacred heritage is ours. It's a gift from God, not to just compromise on this, and cut this out, and throw this out, and add this in to suit our own taste; but to preach the full Word, the whole Gospel. **We are duty bound as Christians to take It and believe It.** When we know, "If our hearts condemn us not, then we know we have favor with God." (COMFORTER.THE.title JEFF.IN V-15 N-5 61-1001E)

"It will not hybrid. Today is a great day of hybridizing animals, corn, wheat, making a better looking product, but it's no good. It's rotten, no life in it: dies, can't reproduce itself. It's dead because everything that we have on earth today in its original form is a spoken Word of God. That's why that a mule, a bastard-born animal with a crossbreeding cannot breed itself back again. **God made a horse and He made a donkey. You breed them two together, you got a mule. It's a hybrid;** therefore it can't breed itself back." (SPOKEN WORD ORIGINAL SEED.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-1 62-0318M)

"Just as we showed you that 'antichrist' means 'anti-Word' so these false prophets come perverting the Word, giving it a meaning that fits their own devilish ends. Have you ever noticed how the people who lead others astray bind them closely to themselves by fear? They say that if the people don't do what they say, or if they leave, then destruction will follow. They are false prophets, for a **true prophet will always lead one to the Word and bind the people to Jesus Christ and he won't tell the people to fear him or what he says, but to fear what the Word says.**" (331-1 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.9)

I don't care what they don't teach. If the Bible teaches it, the Holy Spirit in you, It'll feed on the Word. No matter how smart a man is and how he can try to explain it away, they can explain away. **A infidel can take the Bible and explain God away from you.** Therefore, no man has any right to preach the Gospel unless he's been like Moses, back yonder on that sacred sands where him and God alone stood, until a man's born again and stands there face to face with God, and knows. There's no infidel; there's no psychology; there's no explaining; there's no scholar in the world can take that away from you. You were there when it happened. Yes, sir. You know what taken place... **Eve just doubted one little Word, not all God said, just one little Word, and it caused every heartache and heartbreak, and death, and sin, and battles, and everything else, every grave, every ambulance ever screamed, every hospital was built for the sick. Her one little doubting one little Word of God caused all of this.**" (WHY AGAINST ORGANIZED RELIGION.title JEFF.IN V-12 N-1 62-1111E)

"Many people take the Bible and understand It intellectually perfect, but that's—that's not it. That's not what we're talking about. No matter how well you can explain It, **you've got to meet the Author of It personally.** Then's what brings faith, for the Author lives in you after you're borned of Him." (PERSEVERANT.title CHICAGO.IL V-21 N-4 63-0802)

"Follow the instructions, not the emotions; the instructions. If Moses would've followed the emotions of the people, they'd have been running all over the mountains, screaming, and Pharaoh's army would've got them. But they followed instructions. God said, "Stand still now and see the glory of God." Just stand still. You don't have to get excited; stand still and see the glory of God. "For this day God will fight, and you'll stand still." They just walked across the sea. Then the—the uncircumcised, them impersonators trying to do

so, drowned in the sea.” (REVELATION.BOOK.OF.SYMBOLS.title JEFF.IN V-13 N-6 56-0617)

“What if your father told you... And you are a loyal son to your father, and he told you, “Son, don’t you go in that water out there, swimming, because there’s ‘gators in that water.” And a fellow comes back and says, “Surely, such pretty water as that, there’s no ‘gators in it.” Now, who are you going to listen to? **If you’re a genuine son, you’ll listen to your daddy. And a genuine son or daughter of God takes God’s Word first.** I don’t care what anybody else says about it; they take God’s Word first. There’s poison in the cup, and they believe it. Having faith in all His Word, His Seed, brought a Eden of holiness, love, and Eternal Life.” (SATAN’S.EDEN.title JEFF.IN V-2 N-20 65-0829)

“Remember, them people of Israel, the Bible said after he had called the people out and saved them out of Egypt, He destroyed them because they didn’t follow the Message. See? They eat manna out of heaven. They eat manna that God rained on the earth for them to eat, and stood in the presence of the messenger, and seen the Pillar of Fire, and heard the voice of God, and seen it confirmed, and then because they wanted to believe Korah: “There could be more holy men. There can be this, that, or the other. We got to be holy too. We got to do all this. All the people’s holy.” God said, “Separate yourself. Get away from there.” Moses said, “All that’s on the Lord’s side, come with me.” That’s right. See? And He just opened up the earth and swallowed them up. See? They were good people too. Sure they were. **They were fine people. Yes, sir, but that didn’t do it.** Not all that saith, “Lord, Lord, but the one that doeth the will of My Father.” (SOULS.IN.PRISON.NOW.title JEFF.IN V-2 N-22 63-1110M)

“There’s no reasoning to it at all; it just takes the—the Word and holds on to It. Now, if this is the Word of God (you believe it?), then why doubt any word of It, any promise of It? **How can you say that this is part, and this is no good, and this is that; pick out what you want? You can’t do it. It’s either all good, or It’s none of It good.** That’s right! So as soon as you see that It’s the Truth, take ahold of It. Don’t turn It loose, no matter what circumstances, how they try to reason, “Why, you can’t...” Don’t, don’t do that at all. Stay right with It; God promised it.” (WISDOM.VERSUS.FAITH.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-17 62-0401)

“And if you’re taking it on tapes or anything, then you **stay right with that tape teaching. Don’t say nothing but what that tape says.** Just say just exactly what the tape says (See?), now because some of those things... We’re going to understand a whole lot about this now, why it’s misunderstood. See? And you be sure to say just what the tape says. Don’t say nothing else (See?), ‘cause... **I don’t say that of my own. It’s Him that says it.** You see? And... So many times confusion, people will raise up and say, “Well, so-and-so said it meant so-and-so.” Let’s just leave it just the way it is. See, that’s the way we want the Bible. Just the way the Bible says it, that’s the way we want it, just—just like that. Don’t put own--no interpretation to it. It’s already interpreted.” (GOD.IN.SIMPLICITY.title JEFF.IN 63-0317M)

“People have it all. They know it all. They cannot be taught. If a point of truth from the Word comes up and a man tries to explain his view to one with an opposing view, the listener is not at all listening that he might learn, but is listening only to refute what is being said. Now I want to ask a fair question. **Can Scripture fight Scripture? Does the Bible contradict the Bible? Can there be two doctrines of truth in the Word that say the opposite or oppose the other? NO. IT CANNOT BE SO.** Yet how many of God’s people have their eyes open to that truth? Not even one percent, as far as I know, have learned that **ALL Scripture is given by God and ALL is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, etc. If all Scripture is thusly given, then every verse will dovetail if given a chance.** But how many believe in predestination unto election and reprobation unto destruction? Those who don’t, will they listen? No, they will not. Yet both are in the Word, and nothing will change it.” (348-1 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.9)

“And the greatest robbery that was ever done to the church of Jesus Christ is done by false light, a glare of some other age, and rejecting the Light that’s predicted for this age. Amen. False light, a glare of yesterday, don’t walk in the glare of yesterday. Walk in the warmth of the Son today. Don’t pull yourself down into a denominational shade, saying, “The days of miracles is passed.” Jesus said, “These signs shall follow them that believe: in My Name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues. These signs shall follow them.” They say, “It’s all right for the apostles, not for us.” **That’s a glare.** Jesus said, “These signs shall follow them that believe to all the world.” Yes, sir.” (TURN.ON.THE.LIGHT.title PHOENIX.AZ V-22 N-3 64-0125)

“But to the elected, God’s calling. To the elected, they know it. Calling the virtuous Bride, the Word, the last day church, the elected Lady of our Lord Jesus Christ, Word. If Jesus is the Word... How many believes that? All right. then the Bride is always part of the Bridegroom. **So the Bride will not be a denomination; it’ll have to be the Word manifested to be the Bride of Christ.** He promised to do it.” (INVISIBLE.UNION.OF.THE.BRIDE.title SHP.LA V-2 N-15 65-1125)

“He built It upon the revelation of Who He was. He said, “Blessed art thou, Simon, son of Jonas, flesh and blood never revealed this to you, but My Father which is in heaven has revealed this to you.” **Not by knowledge, you didn’t learn it by books. You didn’t learn it by joining church. You didn’t learn it in the shops.** You didn’t. But the Holy Ghost Itself has brought the Person of Jesus Christ to you then, “Upon this Rock I’ll build My church, and the gates of hell can’t prevail against It.” (THIRST.title TUCSON.AZ V-16 N-6 65-0919)

“Look, Christ in you makes Him the center of Life of the revelation. See? Christ’s Life in you makes Him the center of the revelation. **Christ in the Bible, makes the Bible a complete revelation of Christ. Christ in you makes you the complete revelation of the whole thing.**” (CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-7 63-0728)

“God is known by simplicity and of revelation of Jesus Christ in the most illiterate person. See? Not your theology; it’s a revelation of Jesus Christ. “Upon this rock, I’ll build My Church.” No other rock’s accepted; no other thing’s accepted; no other Roman rock; no other Protestant rock; no other school; no other nothing; but on exactly the revelation of Jesus Christ in a new birth. He born in there and injects His own Life, and your life is gone, and the Life of Christ is projecting Itself through you with the preeminences to the people that they see the very Life, and works, and signs and wonders that He did is doing the same thing through you. Outside of that, the rest of it’s not even called to at all.” (CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-7 63-0728)

CREEDS AND DOGMAS

“What was it that bound the people to the nominal church and thereby destroyed them? It was the creeds and dogmas formed into church tenets. It was the doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church. They were not given the true food, the Word. They were given the food that came from idol worship, Babylonian paganism wrapped up in Christian terminology. And that very same spirit and doctrine is right amongst all Protestants and it is called DENOMINATION. **Nicolaitanism is organization, humanizing the leadership of the church, and thereby deposing the Spirit. Balaamism is denominationalism which takes the church manual instead of the Bible.** And right to this hour, many of God’s people are caught in the snare of denominationalism and God is crying to them, “Come out of her My people, lest ye be partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not her plagues.” You see they are ignorant. But if the rapture should take place at this moment, ignorance would be no court of appeal from the judgment of God for being in the wrong ranks. **For the clergy to organize themselves with one rank over another**

until they are finally headed up by a president is a manifestation of the antichrist spirit, regardless of how wonderful and necessary it may seem. It is nothing but human reasoning taking the place of the Word. And any person who is in the organized denominations is right in the midst of an antichrist system. Now let me say this and make it very plain. I AM NOT AGAINST THE PEOPLE. I AM AGAINST THE SYSTEM." (372-1 RESUME.OF.THE.AGES - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.10)

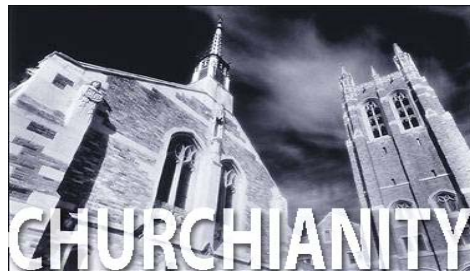
"Them denominations added dogma. And to do this, to add dogma, the only way that any church, the only way that any denomination can ever get away from the Word of God, is to add dogma instead of the sacred Scriptures, is to try to make your tradition or the doctrine of your church, though it be contrary to the Scriptures. Dogmas is a lie to begin with. And when you accept a denomination, you've already got a dogma, because it's something added. It's not in the Scripture. It's not in the Scripture." (WHY.AGAINST.ORGANIZED.RELIGION.title JEFF.IN V-12 N-1 62-1111E)

"And that is what the church has constantly done through the ages. She has left the Word of God and taken her own creeds and dogmas; she has organized and joined herself to the world. Thus is she naked, and God is judging her lewdness. The only way she can get out of this dread situation is by obeying the Lord to come back to His Word. Revelation 18:4, "Come out of her My people." II Corinthians 6:14-18. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing: and I will receive you. And I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." There is a price to pay for those garments, and that is the price of separation." (352-3 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.9)

"What is a whore? Same thing as a harlot. It's a woman that lives untrue to her marriage vow. And any church that claims to be the Church of Christ, and denies God's Word, she's untrue to her marriage vow. Then she commits adultery by adding dogma, whoredom with the world and her wisdom, instead of accepting Christ and the power of His resurrection by the Holy Ghost." (WHY AGAINST ORGANIZED RELIGION.title JEFF.IN V-12 N-1 62-1111E)

DENOMINATIONALISM

"And the Bible never speaks of a denomination. The denominations come from the Catholic church. She is the first mother of denomination and each denomination has come right down... But I--I want you to see that denominations wasn't borned or ordained of God; it was ordained of the Devil. God's church is a... We are not divided; all one body we. One hope and doctrine, one in charity. That's the Church of the living God. Regardless of what they, them things, we're one together. That's right. Whether he's Methodist or Baptist, brother, if he's borned again and filled with the Holy Ghost, he's my brother, we're walking shoulder to shoulder. Right. Yes, sir. Don't make any difference." (WHY ARE WE NOT A DENOMINATION?.title JEFF.IN V-11 N-7 58-0927)



"Denominations are not of God. They never have been and never will be. It's a wrong spirit that separates the people of God into hierarchy and laity; and it's, therefore, a wrong spirit that separates the people from the people. That's what organization and denominations do. In organizing they separate themselves from the Word of God, and bring themselves into spiritual adultery." (206-6 PERGAMEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.5)

"The minute the church moved toward form and ceremony, and toward priesthood by organizing the ministers into a group that decided leadership apart from the Holy Spirit and His Word, that very moment death entered and she started to get sick, and as she got sick she changed to a powerless group of people whose only weapon was argument. She could produce nothing in the Spirit, for her hopes were built on program and not on faith in His Word. They sowed program so they reaped program. They sowed perversion so they reaped perverted children." (127-1 SMYRAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.4)

"Now, the Spirit is not active in any denomination. It's not interested in making organization, because the Spirit itself is contrary to the organization. The organization are looking for worldly things, the mind of the world, and they make big temples and polished things, and great polished organizations, and polished preachers, and so forth like that, and the best class in the city. Where the Spirit is trying to find honest hearts where the Spirit is anxious to manifest and prove that every Word of God is Truth. How can you... How can the Spirit work in an organization when it's denying, taking creeds instead of the Word? Can't do it. So, you see, it's dead. God don't go to them kind of places to find His, a--a group of men to work for Him, 'cause they're already dead. They're unbelievers in the Word or they wouldn't be in there. See? Now, we are active in the things from above. Now, the Spirit minds the Word. Now, that's right, 'cause the Spirit gives the Word Life. See? "The letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth Life." (WHY.AGAINST.ORGANIZED.RELIGION.title JEFF.IN V-12 N-1 62-1111E)

"What is it that all these denominations are based upon?--the claim to originality, and that of God,--the claim that they are right. Now they ALL cannot be right. In fact NOT ONE of them is right. They are whited sepulchres, full of dead men's bones. They have no life. They have no vindication. God has never made Himself known in any organization. They say they are right because they are the ones that are saying it, but saying it does not make it so. They need the vindicated "Thus saith the Lord" of God, and they don't have it." (356-1 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.9)

"When any man turns from the Word of God and joins a church instead of receiving the Holy Spirit, that man dies. Dead! That is what he is. Don't join a church. Don't get into organization and get taken up with creeds and tradition or anything that takes the place of the Word and the Spirit or you're dead. It's all over. You're dead. Eternally separated from God!" (206-3 PERGAMEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.5)

"As long as you hold to man's traditions of denominations, you are called in God's Word a adulterous. As long as you're a denominational creed-seeker, belonging to a denominational church that denies the Word, you are an adulterous. That's what the Bible said. Jesus said, "You cannot serve two gods at the same time. You either serve God or mammon. (Mammon's the world.) He that loves the world or the things of the world, the love of God's not even in him." The Seed of God can't be in him the same time." (INVISIBLE.UNION.OF.THE.BRIDE.title SHP.LA V-2 N-15 65-1125)

"Lucifer, at the beginning, wanted to build himself a kingdom which was greater and more beautiful than Michael's Kingdom, Christ. He want... That

was his ambitions to achieve something like that. And what did he get to do it by? He took fallen angels who had lost their first estate. He took that to do it with. And today Lucifer has got into the church, and taken away the Word, and injected denominations, and he's building a church, the ecumenical move that's going on now, to unite all the Protestants together, and altogether come into Catholic. And this pope they got in now, to do the same thing, exactly what the Scripture said it would do. And what's he doing it by? He's doing it by men of those great ecumenical moves, who does not know God; and the many of them in the Pentecostals, 'cause they're doing the same. What is it? He's doing it with fallen angels, fallen Lutherans, fallen Methodists, fallen Pentecostals, that lost their original estate from the Word of God, and going right back in to make a great big ecumenical move. Fallen messengers, messengers who once stayed with the Word, but sold out their birthrights and joined in with the world... The same thing, it's at the last day." (ONLY.ONE.WAY.PROVIDED.BY.GOD.title CHICAGO.IL V-21 N-2 63-0731)

"Cold denominations can never bring Life to the Word of God, because it brings life to the denomination. We've got more professed Christians right now... The church never did begin at Nicaea, Rome; it began at Pentecost. See? At Jerusalem is where the church begin." (MAN.THAT.CAN.TURN.ON.LIGHT.title JEFF.IN V-6 N-1 63-1229M)

"People say, "Now, you've got to belong to this or that," an organization, a certain organization. "If your name isn't on our book, you're lost." Now, that's cult. See? That's cult. See? There's only one way you can be saved, and that is not him that willeth or him that runneth, him that... That is God Who shows mercy. And God by His foreknowledge predestinated a Church to His glory, and that's the ones that's saved. That's right." (QA.ON.THE.SEALS.title JEFF.IN 63-0324M)

"We don't belong to the church. We belong to Him. His Word is law. Creeds, dogmas, by-laws and constitutions have no effect on us. Yes, it is Jesus ALONE Who walks in the midst of the churches. It is God in her, willing and doing of His good pleasure. Never forget that. **You have only one relationship to God and God has only one relationship to you--that is JESUS, and JESUS ALONE.**" (79-2 EPHESIAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.3)

"Many sincere persons go join an organization, or a group, or a cult of some sort, and there they die spiritually. You can't tell them nothing. They get that stuff drilled into them: "Why, these bishops said this, and this said this; this said this." You show them right here in the Word of God where it's THUS SAITH THE LORD, "But our pastor..." I don't care what your pastor says, don't care what I say, or anybody else says. If it's contrary to God's vindicated Word, the hour, the time, the Message, and so forth, forget it. Stay away from it. And I've got to stand before every one of you in the day of judgment, and you know that. And little would I say that, knowing I'm an old man now. I'll... It ain't that I know something, but He knows. I just follow what He says. **Look today at the big crusades that we've had across the land; it's proven that it's been in vain.** And didn't Jesus say here now, Luke 7:7, "In vain do they worship Me (In vain did David bring the ark up. In vain did Ahab train them prophets. In vain did Balaam take that money.), teaching for doctrine the commandments of men"? It's the commandments of God that counts. No matter how sincere..."Them people are really sincere." You hear that so much. **"They are so sincere." Well that don't mean nothing.** Jehovah Witness, Seventh Day Adventist, and all those cults get out here on the street and do things that one of us wouldn't do. Catholics stand on the corner and beg and so forth, those orders of it like that, and worth billions time billions times billions of dollars, still beg for it: sincere, no doubt. Churches go and--and preach and so forth, and ministers stand in the pulpit and do everything they can to get new members into their church; **but it's a new ark.** There's only one Ark to follow; that's the Word of God. Anything contrary to that Ark, stay away from it; it's on a new cart and not on the shoulders of God. (TRYING.TO.DO.GOD.A.SERVICE.title JEFF.IN V-4 N-8 65-0718M)

"I'm fully persuaded that the people are not getting to Christ. And I believe that it's the enemy that's thrown this hindrance, because... The reason I believe this, He is not the object that they had been pointed to. They have either been pointed to a dogma, or a doctrine, or a party, or experience, or a sensation, or something like that, instead of being pointed to Christ the Word. That's why I think that people are resting their eternal destination upon some dogma or some sensation, like some say, "I danced in the Spirit," or; "I spoke with tongues"; "I—I—I felt fire run over me." And do you know, all those things can be impersonated by the devil? There's just one thing that he cannot impersonate; that's the Word. In the debate between he and Jesus, each time Jesus defeated him, "It is written," the Word. **And I believe today that the reason that people are not coming to Christ, is because they're pointed, many of them, to a—a—a denomination. "You come join our church," or; "You read our catechism," or; "Believe our doctrine," or—or some system of some sort. They're pointed in the wrong way.** And their actions and the life that they live without Christ proves in their own life, is vindicated by that very thing." (GOING BEYOND THE CAMP JEFF.IN V-6 N-3 64-0719E)

"That's what's the matter today; it's membership. Yes. ... Members, big membership, big Sunday school classes, pay prizes for somebody can proselyte and bring somebody else from some other church over, who's got the most. You know, that's Phariseism. And then make a big brag about it, "We beat them last Sunday." **If you've got to a place where you have to make the Church of God a rat race, then it's time to close the doors and go home.**" (EVENING.MESSENGER.title MESA.AZ V-8 N-5 63-0116)

"Today they say, "Come, join the church, put your name on the book, or bow down and say, 'I confess Christ as the Son of God,' get up." The Devil does the same thing. Certainly. The Devil was baptized when Judas was baptized. The Devil went out and preached the Gospel when Judas went out and preached the Gospel. But the Devil didn't get the Holy Ghost. That's it." (DECEIVED.CHURCH.BY.THE.WORLD.title JEFF.IN CH 67 59-0628M)

"There's only one Church, and you don't join that. These are lodges. See? You join the Methodist lodge, the Baptist lodge, the Presbyterian lodge, the Pentecostal lodge, but you're borned into the Church. See? These all are lodges; they're not churches; they're lodges. No such a thing as Methodist church or Pentecostal church. No, there isn't such a thing. No, that's all wrong. See? They're... That's right. They--they're lodges that people join, but you're born into the Church of the living God, and that's the mystic body of Jesus Christ being formed." (GOD.IN.SIMPLICITY.title JEFF.IN 63-0317M)

"The church without spot or wrinkle," don't mean a denomination; it means the persons, the individuals without spot or wrinkle. "Be two in the bed, I'll take one and leave one; two in the field, I'll take one and leave one." (THIRST.title TUCSON.AZ V-16 N-6 65-0919)

"You Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Pentecostals, Assemblies of God, Oneness, Twoness, Threeness, whatever you are (See?); don't care... That don't matter nothing to me; I don't think it does to God. See, you're an individual; you're a unit. You'll never go to heaven as a church, a--a--a denomination. You'll go to heaven as one single person, between you and God. That's all. I don't care what church you belong to." (THIRST.title TUCSON.AZ V-16 N-6 65-0919)

"If you've only trusted in your church, there was nothing that could redeem you. If you trusted in the intercessions of some saint, you're still lost. If you have trusted in the works of your hands, something that you've done, good

works, you're lost. If you have trusted within the--within the prayer of your mother or the righteousness of your mother, your father, if you've trusted in that, you're lost. If you've trusted upon some sensation, some strange feeling, some emotion of speaking with tongues or dancing; if that's all you've trusted in and don't know the Lamb personally, don't know Him, then I charge you before God: make that thing right now with God. Down in your heart pray and just be simple, because God hides in simplicity." (BREACH.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0317E)

"Strait is the gate," said Jesus, "and narrow is the way." **And you that think millions, and all you Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterian, Pentecostals going in, you'll be fooled at the day.** Jesus said, "Many will come and set down in the Kingdom, say, 'I've a right to be here.'" He said, "But the children of the Kingdom shall cast them out. There'll be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth." It's better take inventory this morning, Christian. There'll be ten times millions times billions of professed Christians, stunched in their life, that'll miss the gate. Jesus said so." (STRAIT.IS.THE.GATE.title JEFF.IN CH 35-66 59-0301M)

"If a man is a Catholic, and he's depending on the Catholic church for salvation, he's lost. If he's a Baptist, depending on the Baptist church, he's lost. Or a Pentecostal, depending on the Pentecostal church to save him, he's lost. But... And any church... **But if that individual is solemnly resting upon faith in the finished works of Christ at Calvary, he's saved; I don't care what church he belongs to, "Because by faith are you saved, and that by grace."** (REVELATION.CHAPTER.ONE.title JEFF.IN ROJC 9-67 60-1204M)

"**Today a denominational preacher, though you show him in the Word the Truth, he don't know what to do. He's afraid he'll lose his meal ticket.** We need men and women today that's burly with the Gospel, somebody that'll stand and tell their convictions, point out what's right and what's wrong, whether the Word of God's right or whether the denomination's right." (GOING.BEYOND.THE.CAMP.title JEFF.IN V-6 N-3 64-0719E)

"**Churches today are trying to get more members into them, make their organization greater. Instead of accepting the revelations of God, they pull off and make a sectarian thing out of it. That's what's the trouble, any organization.** I am not against my brethren in organization. I love my brethren. But when an organization writes up their documents and signs it with a period... If they'd sign it with a comma, it would be all right. If you say, "I believe this, plus all that God will add to it," amen, that's good. But when you say, "We believe this, and this is it, and we won't--don't want nothing else into it," then you law God right out of the picture when you do that. That's right. Oh, a super denomination... They've tried to educate people. Education is a good thing, but it'll never take the place of salvation. It cannot. **God's program is not education, civilization; but salvation.** But man has tried to make a super church. The Baptists wants to be the biggest group. The Presbyterian wants to be the biggest group. The Pentecostal, the Oneness wants to be the biggest group. The Assemblies wants to be the biggest group. The rest of them wants to be the biggest group. Let's get that out of our head. There's only one group, and that's the Blood-washed saints of the living God, that's been predestinated since the foundation of the world. And no seed, I don't care what it is, if it's not germitized, it will not come up. **I don't care how many times you join church, how many denominations you belong to; unless that life of yours is germitized by the Holy Spirit, you'll never go in the rapture;** you'll never raise from that place that you go beneath the grave." (SUPER.SIGN.title GRASS.VALLEY.CA JJ 141 62-0708)

"**God has people in every organization there is; but He don't accept the organization. He accepts the individual in the organization.** And the--it doesn't take an organization; therefore, when people get so bound around organization, then they can't

see nothing else but just what that church says. You see? **And that makes disfellowshipping with others, and it's a system that God is not pleased with, and it's a worldly affair never ordained of God.**" (SEVENTH.SEAL.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0324E)

"**If the churches today believe what they're talking about, they would practice what they say. How could we be building great statues of buildings, and millions of dollars in buildings, and great spreading of organizations, and things like that, and preaching that Christ is coming at any time?** How could we continue look upon our congregations and see them separating from the power of God, and going into worldliness, and bringing it into the church, and mingling it together, and we permit it? Because of popularity, and because of popular opinion, and denominational differences, trying to outgrow the next organization, how could we practice what we preach? And the world sees that; they know that. So religion has become a thing of just a--like merely a belonging to some order or belonging to a society of something. Religion... The salvation of Christ is not a society; it isn't joining something; it's a living experience." (TRUE SIGN THAT'S OVERLOOKED.title JEFF.IN V-6 N-2 61-1112)

"**Do you know that religion today is known as big business? It is an absolute fact that they are placing business managers in the churches to take care of finances.** Is this what God desires? Did not His Word teach us in the Book of Acts that seven men full of the Holy Ghost and faith served the Lord in business matters? You can surely see why God said, "YOU say you are wealthy; I never said so." **There are radio programs, television programs, and numerous church endeavors that are costing millions and millions of dollars. Wealth pours and pours into the church, the membership increases along with the money, yet the work is not being done as it was done** when there was no money, but men rested solely on the ability given them by the Holy Ghost. There are paid preachers, paid assistants, paid ministers of music and education, paid choirs, paid custodians, programs, and entertainment--all costing great sums, but for all that, the power is decreasing. Yes, the church is rich, but the power is not there. God moves by His Spirit, not by the amount of money or talent in the church. Now I want to show you how diabolical this urge for money has become. The churches have gone all out to get a membership, especially of the wealthy. **Everywhere there is the cry to make religion so attractive and appealing that the rich and cultured and all who have worldly prestige will come in and be active in the church.** Can't they understand that if wealth is the criterion of spirituality, then the world already has God, has all of God, and the church has nothing?" (342-6 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.9)

"**The Baptists wants to outdo the Methodists. The Methodists wants to outdo the Lutheran. The Lutherans want to outdo the Catholic.** They're every one wants to outdo--outdo somebody. See, that's the... That's the spirit of the organization. Jesus said, "But few there'll be that will be saved. Strait is the gate and narrow is the way, but few there'll be that'll find it." Just a few. If He said few, that's the Word of God, that Seed, there'll be a few. Won't be no tens of billions and billions. It'll just be a few that'll find it. Them that's predestinated to it, they hear it." (SPOKEN.WORD.ORIGINAL.SEED.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-2 62-0318E)

"**You've got to have an ultimate somewhere.** Now, for instance, if I was a **Baptist** man, and you come down and told me I must—I must be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, it's in the Bible. Well, first thing you know, I'd say, "I'll ask my pastor." And I go to the pastor, and he says, "Oh, that's something back yonder. (See, see?) We Baptists; here's what we believe: We believe that we should be immersed in the titles of Father, Son, Holy Ghost. That's the way all the churches done it. Since John Smith founded it, that's the way it's done." Well, if that's your ultimate. "Heck with what that guy said." What if you're

a **Methodist**, and sprinkling is your system, and you're told you must be immersed? See what I mean? You go back to the Methodist pastor; he will write and ask the bishop, "So-and-so said, so-and-so about this." "But we, the Methodist church, which was founded three or four hundred years ago in England by John Wesley, and Whitfield, and all the rest of them there, and Asbury; we founded this document following John Wesley, that we are to be sprinkled, because it's just an outward form. And we think that sprinkling is just as good as it is the other way." If you're a real... If the Methodist church is your ultimatum, that's as far as you go. If you're **Catholic**... And I'll tell you, it's not in the Bible not to eat meat on Fridays and all these things like this, and the holy eucharist isn't a wafer, because it's a Spirit and so forth, and you go to your priest, and the priest say, "Here it is wrote right in our document." **And if the church is your ultimate, you don't give a hoot what anybody says. That's your ultimate.** Oh, God help this to sink in. **To me, the whole thing's wrong. God's Word is the ultimate. Whatever that Word says, then that's right.**" (KNOWETH.IT.NOT.title JEFF.IN V-2N-10 65-0815)

"And then if God's Word doesn't speak of a denomination, but speaks against the denomination, then we must speak with the Word. Regardless of what bishop, what anyone says, what anyone thinks, what a good man says, what anything says, if it's not according to God's Word, then it's wrong. See, it must be; the Word must be the last thing. God's Word must be the final Amen. "Now remember, I'm not unchristianizing anyone (you understand that) in denominations. There's tens of thousands of precious souls in all those denominations, who are God's children. But to separate them and segregate them, I'm against it. **And God's Word's against it.**" (WHY.ARE.WE.NOT.A.DENOMINATION?.title JEFF.IN V-11 N-7 58-0927)

"Revelations 17:3. Now, listen. And he conducted me, in the Spirit, into a desert; and I saw a woman setting upon a scarlet colored beast--beast, **full of blasphemous names**...That's a lot different from "names of blasphemy" to "blasphemous names." **What is it? Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, and all, calling themselves Churches of God: blasphemous names.** It's those blasphemous names that call themselves Churches of God, and Churches of Christ, and churches of Methodist, and churches of... It's lodges, not churches. One Church, that's the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. And what is it? The mystical Body of Jesus Christ in operation on earth, made up of a member of any of these congregations, that would be a member of Christ's Body. You have to be born into It, not joined into It. And to--to join in it is blasphemous names. They are not churches; they are lodges; people join them. But you cannot join the Church of the living God. You're borned into It by the baptism of the Holy Ghost. And when you're baptized with the Holy Ghost, these virtues are sealed in you by the Holy Ghost; and therefore, "He that's born of God does not commit sin." (BLASPHEMOUS.NAMES.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-21 62-1104M)

"And some people have said, "You condemn organization." No, I don't. I-I condemn the system of organization, not the people in there, the group of people that makes the organization, you know; but the system they're governed by, that's what I condemn, Catholic and Protestant the same... And them people, a Catholic, or Jew or whatever it is, they're a human being off the same tree that we come from. See? That's right. They are--they are a people who love, and eat, and drink, and sleep and--just like anybody else. And so we mustn't never condemn individuals, no, no one. See? But... **But as a minister, I have to strike that serpent out there that's biting into those people**... Just me in myself, I wouldn't do that if it wasn't a commission from God that I'm duty bound to do it (See?), and I must hold that true and faithful. But if a Catholic, Jew, or whatever he was, come here... **If he was a Mohammedan, Greek, or orthodox, or whatever he might be, if he come here to be prayed for, I would pray just as sincerely for him as I would for my own.** That's right. Certainly, because it's a human being. I've prayed for Buddhists, and Sikhs, Jains, Mohammedans, and--and every kind (You see?), like that. And I don't ask them no

questions; I just pray for them because they're somebody, a human being, that wants to get well, and try to make life a little easier along the road for them." (FIFTH SEAL.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0322)

"I might disagree with your organization, not you, but the system of your organization. I do not disagree with the Catholic people. I do not say that I don't like Catholic people; I don't like organization people; that isn't it. I love all people, but I disagree with that system that's keeping you bound down. That's what, the system of it. That's it. I wasn't against Germany; it was the Nazism. I wasn't against the Italians; it was against the--the Fascism." (SEVENTY.WEEKS.OF.DANIEL.title JEFF.IN DA89-141 61-0806)

"There's nothing against the Lutheran, Baptist, Methodist, ever what you are, Catholic. I'm not against those things. I'm not against those people. It's the system that holds them, is what I speak against. Nothing against the individual, they're all human beings which Christ died for: Catholic, Jew, whatever he may be. It's the system. Like the Mohammedan, Sikhs, Jain, or whatever it might be; it's the system. Buddha is a system. See? Not the people that--that worships Buddha; it's the system that draws them off. That's the same thing. Jesus wasn't against the people. He died for them. But was those systems that was keeping Him away, keeping them away from Him... That's the thing now." (JEHOVAH.JIREH.PART.3.title GRASS.VALLEY.CA JJ 107-140 62-0707)

"And now, when you hear me sometimes under the time of anointing kinda rake down the curtain on organization, I--I don't mean that against your pastor or against any brother, sister in church, because after all, God has people in every organization there is; but He don't accept the organization. He accepts the individual in the organization. And the--it doesn't take an organization; therefore, when people get so bound around organization, then they can't see nothing else but just what that church says. You see? **And that makes disfellowshipping with others, and it's a system that God is not pleased with, and it's a worldly affair never ordained of God.**" (SEVENTH.SEAL.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0324E)

"We believe that all churches ought to be fellowshiping together, not segregated away, the Methodists to their group, and the Baptists to theirs, and the oneness, and the trinitarians, and what we have, all separated out. We believe that it should be together as one great, united group of the Body of Jesus Christ waiting for that glorious coming. They should not be separated at all. And what separates it, there's bound to be some basic reason that we're not together. In studying it, I realize in studying it, it's not the colors of our skin; because yellow, black, brown, and white all separate in different organizations. It's not the kind of food we eat; we all eat the same food; we wear the same kind of clothes, and so forth. But I see where it basically it's at: is men who's got off the beaten path of the teaching of the Gospel. Each man... And there ought to be some way to definitely show which is right and wrong. And the only way you'll ever do it, is not put any interpretation to the Word, just read It the way It is, and believe It that way. Each man putting his only--own interpretation makes It say something different... **And we all claim to be the Bride of Christ, and yet so untrue. What would make the untruthness? By living contrary to the--the discipline that God has laid out for His Bride to live by** (That's my own opinion.), **the Bible. And It is the infallible Word of God, I believe.**" (INDICTMENT.THE.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-19 63-0707)

GOD'S CHOSEN PLACE OF WORSHIP

Brother Branham preached the following in his sermon "God's Chosen Place of Worship", February 20, 1965:

"God chose to meet man was not in a church, not in a denomination, not in a creed, but in Christ. That's the only place that God will meet a man and he can

worship God, is in Christ. That's the only place. No matter if you're Methodist, Baptist, Catholic, Protestant, whatever you might be, there's only one place that you can correctly worship God; that's in Christ. Romans 8:1 said, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, that walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." That's the Gospel. We can differ upon creeds; we can differ upon manmade theories. You can go to a Methodist church, you have to be a Methodist; a Baptist, a Baptist; the Catholic, a Catholic; but when once you're baptized into Christ and become a member of His Body, there's no differences. The middle walls of partition is tore down and you're free because you're in Christ Jesus; and you worship God in Spirit and in Truth when you are in Christ Jesus. It's God's plan for you to worship Him in Christ Jesus."

"God refuses any other place besides in Jesus Christ. You cannot worship Him anywhere. He said, "In vain they do worship Me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men." Today we have creeds, dogmas, and everything that teaches, "This is the way," and "That is the way," and Jesus said; "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and no man can come to God except by Me." In other words, "I am the Door to the sheepfold. All without are thieves." **He is the only approach. He's the Door; He's the Way, the Truth, the Life, all that there is, the only Entrance, the only Place, the only Worship, the only Name.** Everything is tied to Jesus Christ. All the Old Testament is tied to Him, the New Testament tied to Him and the church today is tied to Him by the Word of His Commandment. There's not another place or another Name, or anywhere where God ever promised to meet a man, only in Jesus Christ, His chosen Place of worship."

"There is not another Name given under heaven for salvation, but the Name of Jesus Christ. Acts the 2nd chapter says that: "For be it known unto you, there's not another Name given under heaven whereby a man must be saved," only in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen. I hope you get it. The Name of Jesus Christ, every highest heaven is named Him. All the family in heaven is named Jesus, the Bible said. **And all the family on earth is named Jesus. So that's God's chosen Name and where He's put it. That's His place of worship, is in Jesus Christ.** Now, we know that to be so. No other place to worship but in Him. There's no another name under heaven given among men whereby they must be saved. His is God's Name of redemption. God has a name called Jehovah-jireh, Jehovah-rapha, Jehovah-jireh, "the Lord forgives all thy sins," Jehovah-rapha, "the Lord heals all thy diseases." He had many titles, but He's got one Name of Redemption that belongs to the human race, and that is the Name of Jesus. That's His Name He chose to put... Where did He put it? He put it in Christ. **All the other church names, creeds, titles, is death to trust them.** You're trusting in the Methodist church to take you to heaven, you're lost. If you're trusting in the Pentecostals, the Pentecostal church to take you to heaven, you're lost: in the Baptist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Catholic, any other church, you're trusting in their name, or their title, or their creed, you are lost, because you can't even worship until first you come into the Place of worship. Amen. That's the only place God meets the worshipper is the place He chose to put His Name. All others, you trust in them, you'll die."

"My friends, I don't want to hurt feelings, but I'm responsible for a Message, and that Message is **"Come out of this mess."** And if I asked you to come out, where am I going to take you to? Would I take you to the Branham Tabernacle? It's as much fault as any of the rest of them. **But there's one Place I can take you to, where you're safe and protected from death, that's in Jesus Christ, God's Place of worship.** That's the Place I'm introducing to you tonight, where God put His Name, where He promised He'd meet every person that come in there; He'd worship with him and feast with him; that's in Christ. Not in no church, no tabernacle, but in Christ, He is God's Tabernacle. He is the place that God came Him into Himself and dwelt in Him: **"This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am pleased to dwell in."** There's where God tabernacled, brought His Name, and placed It

upon, Jesus Christ.

Therefore, His Name was put in a Man, His Son, Jesus Christ, in which He tabernacled Himself. And in that Tabernacle, where in a type, the old Jerusalem, the old feasts, the old temple was a type, when the smoke come in, the day that the ark went in, of the Covenant, and settled down, and the Voice of God was heard from it. So did the Voice of God be heard coming into the Tabernacle Jesus Christ, which the old natural was a type and a shadow of the new. And when He come into Christ, He said, "This is My Beloved Son, in Whom I'm pleased to dwell in. And I'll choose the place where I'll put My Name, and where I will meet men, and where I will worship at." **God chose the place, not in no church denomination, but in Jesus Christ.** Yes, sir.

God's Name ain't Methodist. God's Name ain't Pentecostal. God's Name ain't Baptist. God's Name ain't Catholic. Stay out of the doors then. See, see? See? "But in a place where I choose to put My Name..." Now, there's not another place in the Bible given where that God ever put His Name, only in Jesus Christ; for He is the Son of God taking the Name of God, and God's human Name. "And there's not another name given under heaven whereby you must be saved." I don't care, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, catechisms, or whatever you want to do; only through the Name of Jesus Christ where every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess to it, Him being Lord. There's how you come in."

"And that's the way the Word of God is in the church, what makes the church the Bride. Not a denomination, that's of the Devil, every one of them. I ain't calling the people in there that; there are poor deceived people, like Jesus said, "Blind leading the blind." And He could not call them out. Oh, church, oh, people, sinner friend, don't trust in nothing else but Jesus Christ. Don't trust in any preacher. Don't trust in anybody else to save you. Trust not in any church, any creed, any denomination; trust only in Jesus Christ, for He is the Light of the hour."

"Pity the poor people who are in this last day ecumenical move, for they call it the move of God, when it is of Satan. Pity those who do not know the curse of organization. Pity those who have so many beautiful churches, such lovely parsonages, such grandly trained choirs, such a show of wealth and such a sedate and reverent form of worship. Pity them, don't envy them. Back to the old store buildings, back to the dimly-lit rooms, back to the cellars, back to less of the world and more of God. Pity those who make their great claims, and talk about their gifts. Feel for them as objects of pity, for soon they will be objects of wrath." (347-1 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.9)

"Salvation alone goes in the Name of Jesus Christ. 'Whatever you do in word or deed, do it all in the Name of Jesus Christ.' There's not another name, no church, no hierarchy, no titles, or nothing else; yet He is the Rose of Sharon, Lily of the Valley, Morning Star, Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end, Jehovah-jireh, rapha, Manasseh, all these. He's all these things, but yet He--there's not no salvation in any of those titles: Jehovah, no salvation; Rose of Sharon (yet He is), no salvation; Father, Son, or Holy Ghost, no salvation; only the Name of Jesus Christ. And then the Bible says that repentance and remission of sin must be taught in His Name, beginning at Jerusalem, and to the uttermost parts of the earth." (RISING.OF.THE.SUN.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-12 65-0418M)

"God is unchangeable. Malachi 3 said, "I am God, and I change not." God's first way of doing anything, that's God's ever way of doing anything. **God decided He would save man by the shed blood of an innocent one in the garden of Eden, and He has never changed it since, and cannot change it.** We try by education, by buildings, by systems, by denominations, by ethics, and everything else, and it's all failed. But there's only

one place that God meets man; that's under the shed blood of the innocent. Only by the blood, that was His first decision." (FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-16 64-0719M)

"**Those Jewish rabbis**, oh, they thought... They were starch, and they was D.D.'s and Ph.D.'s. They thought they had it all sewed up in a bag, **but they was the worst of sinners**. Oh, they might... You couldn't put a hand on--on their life; they were clean, moral, and just, that way. **But they were disbelievers**... There's only two factions; that is, a believer or an unbeliever. That's a justified person or a sinner. That's all. If you're an unbeliever, you're a sinner. No matter how good you are, how much you go to church, or even if you're a preacher, you're still an unbeliever. **Those Pharisees were preachers, and they were unbelievers, and in hell today for it**. Just as religious as they could be, and pious, but they didn't believe Him. And they called Him a devil, and disputed His Word." (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.7.PT.2.CHURCH.ORDER.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0922)

"**Why did they do this? They were jealous of Him**. That was what's the reason they tried to belittle Him. **They were jealous of His ministry. And that's the reason they were trying to belittle**. But He had the ministry of God and they knew that, but it was contrary to their creeds, so they were trying to belittle Him... So, the people tried, them Pharisees, and Sadducees, and hypocrites, and Herodians, and all tried to cast a shadow on Jesus; but them true believers, that was predestinated to hear that Message, heard It and seen no fault in It at all. Same now, those who believe Him love Him, those who believe Him see no fault in Him. They don't see any heresy; they don't see anything wrong; they don't see anything wrong with His Word; they don't see anything wrong with His people; they just see Jesus and that's all. They're--they're--they're predestinated to Eternal Life, so they just take sides with Jesus and stay there." (TAKING.SIDES.WITH.JESUS.title JEFF.IN COD 62-0601)

"**As all Israel is NOT Israel, so all Christians are NOT Christians**. Thus we learned that the church is made up of two vines, the true and the false. The two vines are motivated by two kinds of spirits; one has the Holy Spirit while the other is endued with the spirit of antichrist. Both claim to know and be known of God. Both purport to speak for God. Both believe certain very basic truths and differ on others. But since both bear the name of the Lord, being called Christ-ians, and by such name-bearing obviously claim a relationship to Him (God calls it marriage), God now holds them both responsible to Him and therefore speaks to each." (366-3 RESUME.OF.THE.AGES - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.10)

"Very strange thing to think that, that in a evil age like this that God then would be calling His Bride. Did you notice? He said a people, not a church. Why? Yet it's called the church, but He would call a people. **Now, a church is a gathering of many people of all different makeups. But God is calling one here**. He didn't say, "I'll call the Methodist, Baptist, Pentecostal"; He said He'd call a people, what for? His Name (See?), a people. One from the Methodist, one from the Baptist, one from the Lutheran, one from the Catholic (See?), but **He's calling not a church group, but a people for His Name, that receives His Name, engaged in His Name, going to a wedding to be married to Him**, to become part of Him (See?) by predestination." (GOD.OF.THIS.EVIL.AGE.title JEFF.IN V-4 N-9 65-0801M)

"And I'd liken that generation to this today when we got millions joining churches, we've got tens of thousands. And God comes down to live in His church again, and to do the same things that He did there to make Himself the same yesterday, today, and forever, and people turn their backs from it constantly, some to be popular, some to keep from making a choice. It's forced to the people. **You have to make a choice. You can't stand neutral**. You've got to say "yes" or "no"... Let me warn you this morning, church, be careful. It takes time today in our self-righteous, **self-sufficient generation of hypocrisy** that we're living in, an hour that when men and women stand in the churches and in the pews, and sing the anthems of God, and walk out of that church, and smoke cigarettes, and drink whiskey,

and go to dances, and--and live for the world, and tell dirty, smutty jokes, and call themselves Christians. And men and women can walk from the pulpit or from the church, and from the place of the power of the resurrection, where that same Messianic sign is a-moving among them, and not be a new creature in Christ, there's something wrong. When the papers can blast it; and from coast to coast, back and forth, from the frozen regions of the north to the tropical jungles of the south, God sends it, and people constantly turn their back upon it. Then what can we say? What can we do? We turn back to the Scriptures where He said, "Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, and but few there'll be that'll find it." (STRAIT.IS.THE.GATE.title JEFF.IN CH 35-66 59-0301M)

THE TRUE CHURCH

"**The very word "church" means "called out of."** **As Moses called a nation out of a nation, the Holy Spirit is calling a Bride out of a church**. A church out of a church, members from every denomination making up a Bride, Bride Tree, it's in the--in the tape, the Bride Tree, a Bride coming out called... And that's the one that the Bride Tree is the--the Bride, rather, is the one that's going to be in the rapture, that alone, nothing but the Bride, the elected one foreknown by God from the beginning, the Father's spiritual gene." (RAPTURE.THE.title YUMA.AZ V-5 N-14 65-1204)

"**That original church was not organized by men**. It was led by the Holy Ghost. It wasn't very big. It was hated and despised. It was oppressed. It was persecuted unto death. But it was true to God. It stayed with the original Word pattern." (68-1 EPHESIAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.3)

"**God's church is free**. God's church is bound by no boundaries, because from sea to sea is God's; every human being under the earth belongs to Him. Whether he's been Catholic, Protestant, or whatever he is, God seeks those with an honest heart. And we're saved by faith, believing Him. That's the church. Now, you see, the church is not an organization. **And every time you see organization, just remember, "antichrist" is wrote over it.**" (FIVE.IDENTIFICATIONS.title JEFF.IN V-9 N-5 60-0911E)

"**The church without spot or wrinkle," don't mean a denomination; it means the persons, the individuals without spot or wrinkle**. "Be two in the bed, I'll take one and leave one; two in the field, I'll take one and leave one." (THIRST.title TUCSON.AZ V-16 N-6 65-0919) "**The character of the church that Jesus looks for; not whether it's big buildings; whether it's great denominations; whether it's big membership**. He promised to meet with wherever two or three are gathered together. Truly. That's where the true believer rests his hopes, is upon that Word of God being vindicated in truth, what it is. Choose by His Word. Not a worldly loving group, they hate that." (CHOOSING.OF.A.BRIDE.title LA.CA V-2 N-28 65-0429E)

"**These last days, true church Bride comes to the Headstone, will be the super church, a super race**. As they near the great Headstone they will be much like--so much like Him, even they will be in His very image in the order to be united with Him. They will be One. **They will be the very manifestation of the Word of the living God**. Denominations can never produce this. This will be... They will produce their creeds and dogmas mixed with the Word and--and brings a hybrid product." (SPOKEN.WORD.ORIGINAL.SEED.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-2 62-0318E)

"**That little church has been always in the minority**, the Pentecostal. Now, I am not meaning the denominational Pentecostals; I'm not meaning... And--but the people with the Pentecostal experience... **Pentecost is not an organization, Pentecost is an experience** that goes to whosoever will: Catholic, Jew, Proselyte, Methodists, Baptists, whosoever will, let him come. It's an experience that the individual... God doesn't deal with

a denomination, neither does He deal in the Gentiles as a--a race or a people; **He deals with individuals.** Whosoever will, let him be white, black, yellow, brown, Methodist, Baptist, Protestant, Catholic, whatever he is, let him come, whosoever." (REVELATION.CHAPTER.ONE.title JEFF.IN ROJC 9-67 60-1204M) "Well, you know when **Aquila and Priscilla**, that great revival that **Apollos** was having over there, there was only about **six or eight men and women in that bunch. That whole church meant six or eight.** You got five or six, seven times as many here tonight as they had then. You know, **Jesus only had twelve apostles.** We always thinking for something big, but **God don't deal in them big numbers. It's in these little groups is where He gets it.** You see? Look all down through the age, at any time He ever met with men, it was in small groups (See?) and spoke with them and ordained them. It's God's good pleasure to do that, that's the way He likes to do it. And now, we just want to keep God in our midst and go do these things." (TAKING.SIDES.WITH.JESUS.title JEFF.IN COD 62-0601) "**And the true church was in the minority,** always was and always has been. I'm just going to wait a minute, let that soak real deep. See? Remember, the true church has always been the little bitty group that's been pushed out of the other churches. **The true church never was organized,** because it's not an organism; it is the mystical Body of Jesus Christ living on earth, the Holy Spirit moving in these members. So you can't organize Christ, you can't do it." (PERGAMEAN.CHURCH.AGE.title JEFF.IN ROJC 229-285 60-1207)

"One of the greatest curses on the full gospel church, is not positionally knowing what they are in Christ Jesus. I've always said, **"I meet two classes of people. And one of them is the full gospel, and the other is the fundamental."** Fundamental knows where he's standing positionally, only he's never been borned again, just the fundamental teaching alone, so he doesn't have any faith. And the full gospel has been borned again but don't know where he stands. So it's just, if I could ever get **full gospel pentecostal faith and fundamental believers,** or either fundamental believer--fundamental doctrine in the pentecostal faith, we'd have it made. It's like a man that can write a check, but he hasn't have any money in the bank. The other one can write--can't write it, and when they can write a check, hasn't got no money in the bank. The man that can't write a check has money, but he don't know how to write the check. That's the way it is. What's he going to do? **One's got money in the bank, but he can't write a check. The other one can write a check, and ain't got no money in the bank. Then what can he do? You got to get those two together.**" (JEHOVAH.JIREH.title PHOENIX.AZ 55-0222)

"Not long ago a man said to me that the Roman Catholic church had to be the true church as it had been true to what it believed over all the years, and kept on growing and not changing. That isn't so at all. **Any church with the government behind it, and with its own creed which isn't the Word at all, and with no manifested ministry to cause the devil to get aroused, could surely carry on. That was not a criterion.** But when you think of that little group whose members were sawn asunder, fed to lions, persecuted and driven from pillar to post and yet stayed true to the Word--now definitely that would have to be God. How they survived their battle of faith and carried on still: THAT is a miracle." (59-3 PATMOS.VISION - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.2)

"We believe, as the Church, that the Gospel has been just about completed. We believe that the great messengers through the ages has, in these last days, last several hundred years, has fought for these great things; the justification by faith, Luther; sanctification by Wesley; the baptism of the Holy Ghost by the Pentecostals. We believe that those elements goes to make up the complete body, like the natural and the spiritual." (EVENING.MESSENGER.title MESA.AZ V-8 N-5 63-0116)

"The church doesn't make you a Christian. The church only helps you to be a Christian, helps you to remain what you've been borned into, helps you to contain your experience, while you're fellowshipping together with brethren of like precious faith." (ONCOMING.STORM.title PHOENIX.AZ V-15 N-2 60-0229)

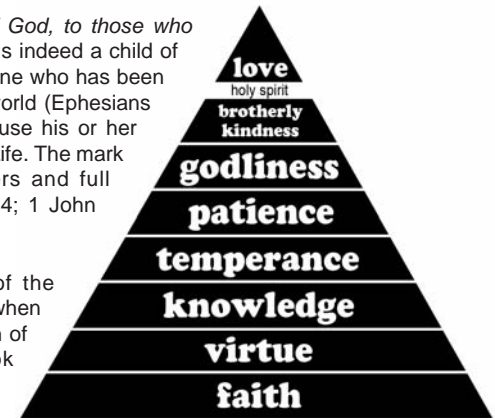
The Ways Of A Christian Life

INTRODUCTION

The word **Christian** is used three times in New Testament (Acts 11:26; Acts 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16). Followers of Jesus Christ were first called “Christians” in Antioch (Acts 11:26) because their behavior, activity, and speech were like Christ. A true Christian is a person who has put his or her faith and trust in the person of Jesus Christ and believes that He died on the cross as payment for sins and rose again on the third day to obtain victory over death and to give eternal life to all who believe in Him.

John 1:12 tells us: “*But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.*” A true Christian is indeed a child of God, a part of God’s true family, and one who has been elected before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1) and has received eternal life because his or her name is written in the Lamb’s Book of Life. The mark of a true Christian is love for others and full obedience to God’s Word (1 John 2:4; 1 John 2:10).

Stature of a Perfect Man



2 Peter 1:1-8

As born-again believers of the Message, our whole attitude changes when we come in contact with the revelation of the God’s Word. Our whole outlook changes from earthly to heavenly. We no longer live for this world. We now live for God and for His kingdom. We now love to serve Him, to seek His perfect will, and to fellowship with God’s people. We have learned to love to go to church and to fellowship with other believers. By faith, we begin to overcome the things of the world. The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, these things are dead to the true believer. Jesus said, “*If you love Me, obey my commandments*” (John 14:15). He gave us the greatest commandment of all, saying, “*Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, with all thy mind, and with all they strength: this is the first commandment*” (Mark 12:30).

The Apostle Paul admonished us, “*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord*” (1 Corinthians 15:58). Romans 13:11-14, “*And that, knowing the time, that now [it is] high time to awake out of sleep: for now [is] our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in*

the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to [fulfil] the lusts [thereof].” Drugs, drinking, parties, dirty movies, even defiling our body with alcohol and cigarettes, all these have become repulsive to a true Christian. Illicit sex, lying of any kind, cursing, jealousy, rumor-mongering, and other fruits of darkness and unbelief, we endtime believers have grown to hate these things.

Brother Branham, God’s prophet to this age, has restored to us some important issues concerning the Christian way of life. This chapter deals with what is most significant to every true end-time believer.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE IS A “MUST”

Brother Branham admonished us in the following quotations regarding church attendance:



“We feel that every person is duty bound to attend some church and belong to some church as a Christian. Many people say, “Oh, I stay home and read my Bible. I’m just as well off.” **No,** the Bible said we shouldn’t forsake to

assemble ourselves together. We’ve got to do that; we’ve got to stand together, and all the churches.” (WHAT VISION ARE; SPINDALE.NC 56-0421)

“A man that’s borned of the Spirit of God loves to go to church, better than he loves to eat his dinner when he’s hungry. The spiritual man on the inside has got to be fed. If that man isn’t fed, he will die. The outward man isn’t fed, he will die. And so will the inward man. He’s got to be fed on...” (I.WILL.RESTORE.title DES.MOINES.IA 54-0620A)

“We so love all of our activities. We can go out a-riding. We can go shopping. We can go hunting and fishing, or whatever we might do in pleasures, but oh, when the church opens, we want to meet our Lord. That’s greatest of all things.” (HOW.CAN.I.OVERCOME.title JEFF.IN V-4 N-12 63-0825M)

“Every man ought to have a church home. You ought to have a place, not just to float about from pillar to post, but have somewhere that you go to church and you call it your church, somewhere you pay your tithe, and somewhere that you help support the cause. Take your choice, but then don’t never disfellowship the other man because he don’t belong with your group. See? Discern his spirit and see if he’s got the same purpose in heart, then you got fellowship one with another. You’re working for one great cause. That’s the cause of Christ. I think that that is absolutely true.” (DISCERNMENT.OF.SPIRIT.title PHOENIX.AZ)

“Don’t stay home. If God is in your heart, you can’t hardly wait for them doors to open out yonder to get in here to fellowship with your brothers. If you don’t—don’t feel that way, then I tell you, it’s time you got to praying, ‘cause we’re in the last days where the Bible exalted us—exhorted us to—to much more as we see that day approaching, to love one another with Christian love and Divine love, to assemble ourselves together in heavenly places in—in Christ Jesus and love one another. “This will all men know you’re My disciples when you have love one for the other.” (CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-7 63-0728)

People say, **“I can stay at home, be just as good a Christian as I can at church.” You can’t. The Bible said, “Not forsake our assemble ourselves together, and that much more as we see the time coming.”** If you’re a Christian, you long to go where other Christians are, and fellowship with other Christians. So you cannot stay away from church and live the same life. You—you can’t do it, because it’s like, “I’m hungry, but I’ll never go to a table. I just... I’ll never eat. I just—I ain’t going to do it.” See? **You’ve got to go and feed on the Word of God, and fellowship one with another. We need one another more now than we ever did need each other, is now.** When you get yourself singled out from the rest of them making yourself just a little different, you don’t want to associate with them because they believe this, and don’t want to associate with that, **you’re getting on dangerous ground,** right then, keeping away from church. Find the one of your choice, and remain there, and be a Christian brother to all of them. That’s the way to be a real Christian. Then we’ve got fellowship, protection; people love you and pray for you. (CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-7 63-0728)

You say “You have to love the Lord; you ought to go to church.” You don’t have to tell them people that. They go anyhow. **They’ll walk through rain.** They’ll go to... **They’ll go through death to go to church. Sure. They love it.** They just got to get there. That’s all there is to it. **It’s their life.** If they don’t, they—they feel like their perishing. Sure. Yes, sir. You just got to get there. (GOD.KEEPS.HIS.WORD.title JEFF.IN 57-0407M)

“Oh, I know there’s many rise up, and go out, and say, “Oh, I don’t need to go to church anymore. Praise God, the Holy Ghost has come; He’s the teacher.” When you get that idea, you’re just wrong. For why did the Holy Ghost set teachers in the church if He was going to be the teacher? See? There are first apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, and pastors. The Holy Spirit set teachers in the church, so He could teach through that teacher. And if there’s—it isn’t according to the Word, God doesn’t confirm it, then it isn’t the right kind of teaching. It must compare with the entire Bible, and be just as alive today as it was then. There’s the real thing made manifest.” (HEBREWS CHAPTER 5.AND.6.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0908M)

“You go to church. Don’t sit at home, go hunting, fishing and so forth on Sunday, dishonoring the resurrection of Jesus Christ... Go to church wherever the Church door opens, you take off as hard as you can go. Don’t join, go on down there.” (QUESTION AND ANSWER, 08-23-64M)

“We must love in our hearts to come to church. If we don’t love church, love God, coming together... What we call “church” is coming together to worship. See? If we love Christ, we worship together.” (ORDINATION.title JEFF.IN 62-1104E)

“It’s a joy to go to church, under any circumstance. Whether it’s hot, cold, indifferent, whether the people are fussing, growling, whatever they’re doing, it’s still a joy to hear the Word of the Lord. Then you’re in love then with Christ (See?); you love to go to church. (EVER.PRESENT.WATER.title JEFF.IN V-14 N-6 61-0723M)

“Love, not a duty; Christ is not a duty to serve Christ; it’s a love that serves Christ. It strains you, constrains you, till every pulsation of your life beats with Him.” (STRAIT.IS.THE.GATE.title JEFF.IN CH 35-66 59-0301M)

“God wants you to go to church, and He wants to manifest something to you through His Word, through some move that He’s making. You fail to go, you’ll miss seeing something.” (HEAR.YE.HIM.title CHICAGO.IL 56-0930)

“God must have first place in your heart, first place in your life, first

place in everything that you do or what you are. God must be first. He doesn't want the second place. He doesn't deserve the second place. He deserves the best, and the first, and all that we got. He deserves it. Blessed be His holy Name. Oh, we need to seek the will of God, not the favor of your neighbor, not the favor of your children, not the favor of your husband or your wife; but seek the will of God. **You do that first. Then everything else, the will of the wife and the will of the children, will fall right in with it. But place God first.**" (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.2.PART.2.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0825E)

"A real born again man or a woman that's got discernment of the Holy Ghost will find his place in church, worshipping, and crying out and doing all that's in his life to try to bring sinners. Certainly." (DISCERNING.BODY.OF.LORD.title CHATAUQUA.OH V-2 N-25 59-0812)

"I'd rather you belong to church and be a sinner, than to not go to church at all. You're doing well with what you're doing. But now, why not come and be a real Christian? Why not get that real Love of God in your heart, that drives you to the—to the post of duty." (HEAR.YE.HIM.title YAKIMA.WA 60-0806)

"For if you love God, you can't—you couldn't wile you away from church. They couldn't chain you away from it. They can't hide a believer from God." (ABRAHAM.AND.HIS.SEED.AFTER.HIM.title CHICAGO.IL 61-0423)

"But if a man loves God, he will fill his seat of the church every time. He can't stay away from it. That's right." (INVASION.OF.THE.USA.title JEFF.IN V-26 N-1 54-0509)

"Today we have to beg and plead, and pat and beg, and persuade and promise Christians to come to church, "If they come to church, we'll do so-and-so." Jesus, when He was on earth, He had too many with Him. He looked around and seen the congregation; He wanted to get rid of them, He said, "Except you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink His Blood, you have no Life in you." Could you imagine a doctor setting out there? "Why," said, "this man wants us to be a human vampire. Drink his blood? Nonsense. All you people walk away and leave that crazy man alone." They walked away. He never explained it. He didn't have to explain it. He shakes your faith sometime to see what you'll do. And He's doing the same thing in this day. Yes, let it seem spooky to you a little bit to see where you stand, whether you really believe." (GOD.IDENTIFIED.BY.CHARACTERISTICS.title BEAUMONT.TX V-13 N-1 64-0311)

"Don't profess a Christian and live something else; you're the biggest stumbling block the world's ever had. If you're a sinner, admit it and go on, get right with God. If you're a Christian, hold fast your confession; stay there." (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.4.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0901E)

CHURCH ORDER AND CONDUCT

"The first place, if you want Scripture, the people are supposed to come to the house of God for one purpose; that is to worship, to sing songs, and to worship God. That's the way God expects it. He doesn't expect us to come into the house of God to talk about our—or something else, or talk about one another, or talk about what we got to do through the week; He expects us to come to worship Him. It's a house of worship. "And everything should be done decently and in order," said Paul in the Bible. Everything's supposed to be right. **There's supposed to be message.**" (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS; JEFF.IN COD 54-0103E)

"We don't come to church to occupy a pew. We do not come to church to hear a **good sermon or good music,** though they all have their place. But what we

better do is come to church to check up with God and our **soul's salvation,** for the day of redemption is here. **The church had better be examining themselves by the Word.** It is time we took **inventory of our purity, loyalty and devotion."** (SECOND.COMING.OF.THE.LORD. JEFF.IN V-9 N-2 57-0417)

"This is worship. We don't come to church just to hear a message. We come to worship. Just forget the person next to you. Just worship Him. Oh, how beautiful, how wonderful. Just tell Him in your... You don't have to tell Him loud. Just tell Him in your heart, "I love You, Lord. Forgive me of my sins." Oh, my. " (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.3.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0901M)

"The beauty of the church is the character of the people. By a consecrated life is the only way we can do it. **We should never buy or sell in the house of the Lord.** It should be a place of worship, holy, consecrated for that purpose. **It's not a place to visit, it's a place of worship. We should never murmur a word inside of here, outside of worship,** to one another unless it's absolutely necessary. We should never rally around. We should never run through the building or let our children run through the building.

We do not come into the sanctuary of the Lord to meet each other, we come here to worship God. This sanctuary is dedicated to worship. Stand outside; talk anything you wish to as long as it's right and holy. Go to one another's home. Visit one another's place. **But when you enter that door, keep quiet.**

If you desired to, silently you come to the altar and pray silently. You walk back to your seat, open up your Bible. What your neighbor done, that was up to him. You had nothing to say. If you want to talk to him, say "I'll see him outside. I'm in here to worship the Lord."

Of course, somebody worshipping the Lord, that's expected. That's what it should be. That's what you are here for, is to worship the Lord. **Yes, if you feel like praising God, or shouting, just go right on, because that's what you're here for, is to worship the Lord in your own way of worshipping.** As soon as the service is dismissed, leave the auditorium. If you've got something to talk with somebody, to see them, why, you go with them to their home or whatever it is, but don't do it in the auditorium. Let's dedicate this to God. This is His meeting place where we meet Him. And the law goes forth from the sanctuary of course. And I believe that would be pleasing our heavenly Father." (GOD IN SIMPLICITY, March 17, 1963, pp. 3-8.)

WORKS VERSUS GRACE

EPHESIANS 2:8-9, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

ROMANS 3:23-24, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

ROMANS 11:6, "And if by grace, then [is it] no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if [it be] of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work."

GALATIANS 2:16, "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be

justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."

JAMES 2:17-18, *"Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works."*

"Grace is what God did for me; works is what I do for God. Now, they'll make a doctrine out of it; they think that works is what wins your merits. If it is, it isn't a free gift. **Grace is what God did for you; by grace you're saved. And works is what you do in appreciation of the grace that He showed to you.** And if you love Him, you like to do the works of the Lord, certainly, because then, you—you love Him." (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.6.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0908E)

"Now works are fine, but they don't save you. They don't make you perfect. It is Christ or perish. And it is not even Christ AND works. It is Christ alone. This age began the years of Arminianism that does not believe in Christ as the REALITY. It does not sing of "Nothing but the Blood," for it sings of "Nothing but the blood AND my own conduct". Now I believe in good conduct. If you are saved you will do righteously. We have already gone over that. But let me tell you now, **salvation is NOT Jesus PLUS. It is Jesus ALONE. SALVATION IS OF THE LORD. From start to finish it is all GOD."** (294-1 PHILADELPHIAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.8)

"Now works will never take the place of faith in God for our salvation. But works will show forth our faith already placed in Him. Good works won't save you, but they will come forth out of a saved life as fruit unto the Lord. I believe in good works. Even if a man is not saved, he ought to do good works and do the best he can. Yes sir, if you are a Christian you are going to do what is right. Your works will show that your heart is right. **And it won't be something that you put on, for you will do His will when no one but God sees you, and you will do His will even if it costs you your life."** (222-3 THYATIREAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.6)

"Not eating meats, and doing this, and perfecting the body, you'll never have it. And you've got to quit this, and do this, and do this, and do this, that's law. That's legalist. We don't believe in the legal forms of salvation. We believe it "by grace are we saved." And it's not you; you have nothing to do with it; it's God's election that does it. "No man can come to Me except My Father draws him." That's right. And He... All Jesus come to do was to get these that the Father foreknew and predestinated them before the foundation of the world to become sons and daughters of God. Amen. **"Not him that runneth or him that willeth, but God that showeth mercy."** **It's God that does it. You can't brag at all.** There's not a thing that you did; God, by grace, saved you, not you, yourself. If you do, you got something to brag about. But you haven't nothing to brag. All praises goes to Him. It's Him. Then He's give you this sure hope, swore by an oath, the impossibility for His children to ever be lost." (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.6.AND.7..title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0915M)

"So don't you see, brother, sister, the whole thing is grace. All of it is grace. It's not what you do anyhow. It's what He's already done for you. Now, you can't do one thing to merit your salvation. Your salvation is a gift. Christ became sin that you might become righteous. And He's the right kind of a Chief Captain for our salvation, because He suffered just like we suffered. He's been tempted just like we're tempted. And He's not ashamed to be called our Brother, because He knows what we go through with. Oh, blessed be His Name. And that's the reason that Christ, God, had to become kinfolks to us. And He come down and was a man. And He suffered temptation. And He was laughed at, and made fun of, and persecuted, and ignored, and called Beelzebub, and—and scoffed

at, and suffered death under capital punishment. See, He had to be kinfolks to us. He had to be falsely accused, because you're falsely accused. He had to bear sickness, because you're sick. **He had to bear sins because it was your sins.** And He had to become kinfolks. That the reason He become this, that He might be sympathetic with you who are—have your ups-and-downs and your little ins-and-outs, and your temptations get so great you can't hardly stand it. He knows how to sympathize with you. He sets there to make intercessions. He sets there to love you. And though you go astray, He won't forsake you. He'll still come after you and knock at your heart. There's not a backslider in the building but what know that God knocks at his heart daily. And He will do it as long as you're a mortal on this earth, for He's loved you. He redeemed you." (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.2.PART.2.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0825E)

"If you profess to be a Christian and have not been that kind, you're still a sinner, no matter what life you--you've done or how you try to make yourself. What you do is not accepted. It's what He done. Your own righteousness won't be accepted. If you quit smoking just because you said, "Well, I better quit smoking because I profess Christianity," God don't accept it. If you quit lusting after women just because that you're making yourself do it, God don't accept it. That's something you do; that's works. It's grace that saves you. Has God come to you and taken the whole thing out of you? That's the next thing." (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.4.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0901E)

"The law, the legalist (See?), "Aw, you have to do this. If you don't do this, you're not a Christian. And if you don't keep the sabbath. If you don't... If you eat meat. If you do these things," all these legal ideas. "You've got to go to church. If you don't, you pay a penalty for it. You have to do a novena." That stuff is nonsense. You're saved by the grace of God, by the foreknowledge of God, by His predestination. God called Abraham by predestination, by foreknowledge. He called... He hated Esau and loved Jacob before either one was born. That's right. It's—it's God's foreknowledge that knows these things. **You say then, "What's the use of preaching the Gospel?"** Now, I'll say to you this: Paul answered that, or Jesus did, rather. Here's Jesus; He said, **"The Kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that went to this—a—a pond or a lake and throwed in the net.** He pulled in. Out of there he had **turtles**; he had **terrapins**; he had **serpents**; he had **lizards**; he had **frogs**; he had **spiders**; he had scavengers; he had—he had **fish**." Now, the man's just seining. That's like the Gospel. Here it is now. I'm preaching the Gospel. I just throw the net out. I pull it; I say, "All that will, whosoever, let him come." Here come some up at the altar; they all hang around the altar; they pray; they cry. I don't know one from the other; it's not my business; I wasn't sent to judge. But there's some in there that's **frogs**. There's some that's **lizards**. There's some that's **snakes**. It's some's that's **turtles**. And there's some that's **fish**. **It's not my business to judge.** I say, "Father, here's what I pulled out." (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.7.PT.1.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0915E)

"If you want to find how great you are, put your finger down in a pool of water, or a bucket of water, then pull your finger out and try to find where you put your finger. You're nothing. God can do without you, He can do without me, but we can't do without Him. We've got to have Him, for He is Life, and He alone. Not to know His Book, not to know this, or know that, or know the creed, but to know Him is Life, know Him as the Person, Christ in you, the Word made flesh in you. That's knowing Him. When He--you and He became--becomes one, like I said last night in "The Super Sign." He's got to come in you: you. God and man must come one. You're conscious of your littleness." (INFLUENCE.title SHREVEPORT.LA V-17-N-8 63-1130B)

THE GENUINE CHRISTIAN

“Christians are known by the fruits of the Holy Spirit. That’s what dominates a Christian’s life, proves what he is. And the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, faith, long-suffering, goodness, gentleness.. patience in the Holy Spirit. Those fruits manifest themselves through Christians.” (END.TIME.SIGN.SEED TIFTON.GA 62-0319)

“That’s the way it is with every born again Christian, when he really gets into God, he watches his life with God’s Word and he realizes he’s lined up with every bit of it. He’s got long-suffering, gentleness, quietness, meekness, power, faith, love, joy, peace. He ain’t tossed about like a troubled seas. He ain’t worrying about every little thing. He ain’t jumping here and there like a bottle stopper on a windy ocean. He’s set. His heart’s pure. His thoughts is pure. His intentions are pure. His alternative’s right. And he knows he lines up with the Word of God. All hell can’t move him. He’s lined with the Word of God. He’s got Divine love, purity in his heart for every man and woman. He’s got his... He’s abstained from the things of the world. They’re dead to him. He don’t want them no more.” (ENTICING.SPIRITS.title JEFF.IN DE 79-112 55-0724)

“Your life will bear witness. I don’t know what your testimony is, but your life speaks so loud, your voice can’t be heard. What your—your living, your every day life will testify what you are. God bears witness. Yes, the Holy Spirit is a Seal, and a seal takes both sides of the paper. They see you standing here and see you when you go away, not only in church but at every day work. You’re sealed on both sides: inside and outside. By the joy that you have and by the Life that you live, you’re sealed in and outside. But you know you’re saved, and the world knows you’re saved by the life that you live, for God bears witness. Blessed be His Holy Name.” (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.2.PART.1.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0825M)

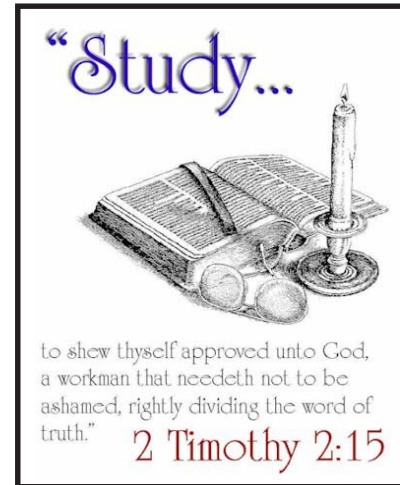
“Christianity ain’t what you say; it’s what you live, what you do; it’s an example...You’re the salt of the earth. People are watching you; people won’t go to church, but they’ll read you, see what you do.” (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0830M)

“Lust for money, lust for big things, lust for popularity, these things are dead to the believer. We don’t care; a tent or a cottage, why should I care? Live or die, sink or drown, this is the thing that I’m interested in: the Kingdom of God. Whether I maintain my home, whether I maintain my family, whether I maintain whatever it is, let me maintain Christ, the hope of glory.” (STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN.title JEFF.IN V-2 N-18 62-1014M)

“We profess to be Christians. Let us be like Christians then; not by feeding and things like that. That has very little; that’s—that’s... The ordinary good-hearted person will do that. That’s religion; that’s not salvation. So many people gets religion and salvation mixed up. Religion is to feed the widows and poor and so forth; that’s religion. But salvation is the new birth, being born again. That’s different. Religion, Mohammedan is a religion. There’s many religions. I say, “Are you a Christian?” To be a Christian you must be Christ-like, tabernacling deity in you, with the Holy Ghost like fell on the day of Pentecost. Not some emotion, but I mean a real Pentecost. See? That’s right.” (TRUE.SIGN.THAT’S.OVERLOOKED.title JEFF.IN V-6 N-2 61-1112)

“And this life means nothing but a tabernacle to preach the Gospel through. I say this with all sincerity, with these two Bibles laying open before me: if my God was through with me preaching the Gospel, and I could do no more for Him, my children was old enough to take care of themselves, and He wants to take me right now, “Amen.” That settles it. Yes, sir. **What difference does it make if I’m eighty or if I’m twenty?** I’m only here for one thing: to serve the Lord. That’s all. If I can still preach the Gospel like I do now when I’m eighty, **what difference does it make whether I’m forty or eighty?** There’s a many man eighty years old tonight. And there’s a lot of children will die, when an eighty-year old man will outlive a-many one of them. What difference does it make? **It’s your motives, your principles, and we’re here to serve the Lord Jesus (That’s all.)** knowing this, that this life is a vapor that a man speaks about, that once was, and then is not. But if we have Eternal Life, God’s promised He’ll raise us up again. And we’ll take the

communion with Him when the days are over, and when He say, “Enter into the joys of the Lord that’s been prepared for you since the foundation of the world.” (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.7.PT.1.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0915E)



“If you are a Christian you are going to do what is right. Your works will show that your heart is right. And it won’t be something that you put on, for you will do His will when no one but God sees you, and you will do His will even if it costs you your life.” (222-3 THYATIREAN.CHURCH.AGE CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.6)

“For by Christian, you are a sheep; and a sheep forfeits its rights. It lays still and lets you take away from it all the rights it has. **But a goat will kick up a storm about it.** That’s right. But a sheep forfeits its rights. **And a Christian always forfeits their national rights if it’s contrary to your Christian rights.”**

(JEHOVAH.JIREH.PART.3.title GRASS.VALLEY.CA JJ 107-140 62-0707)

People say, “Are you a Christian?” “I’m a Baptist.” That don’t answer the question at all. “Am I a Christian? I’m Pentecost.” That don’t answer the question. **If you are a Christian, you are a borned again creature. You are in a mystic Kingdom of God. Your eyes are not on things of this world, but on things above. And that’s when you’re in the church. That is the church. It is not an organization; it can never be an organization.** Take me on record. The church of the living God can never be any certain group. It cannot be an organization. It has to be a mystical Body, the Holy Spirit.” (FIVE.IDENTIFICATIONS.title JEFF.IN V-9 N-5 60-0911E)

“And I think any borned again Christian is kind of an oddball to—to the world, because you’ve been changed. You’re from another world. Your spirit’s from across the chasm, and this thing here is such a messed up thing. You’re—you’re not different, there’s something wrong. You’re still too earthbound. You ought to be heavenly minded. Heaven lives by the Word.” (FOURTH.SEAL.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0321)

“Jesus lived in a world that no one knowed about; He was a odd Person. He lived in a world of perfect faith in the perfect God, in which He was. If we lived

in a perfect faith of a Christian, to what we are, we'd be a mystic to the world; the people wouldn't understand you. You'd walk in the Spirit. What the Spirit said, you would do. What It forbid, you'd not do. Then the people begin to say... They... And you'd be a--a mystic person to them. **That's the way it is to all believers; they're a mystics. The people don't understand, because they live in a world to themselves. Jesus lived in a world that nobody else could touch.** The disciples couldn't understand Him. When He spoke to them, they say this. And then they said, "Why, You--You talk in riddles. We--we don't understand this. How can this be?" See, they wasn't in the world that He lived in. See, they couldn't understand Him; nobody could understand Him. **"And so when a man lives by faith and walks by faith, I mean substance faith, he is isolated from the entire world and becomes a new creature in Christ. There, now you're getting into Bride material. You see, see? You're getting into rapturing condition now. That means for each one of us, not just the pastor, deacons, trustees; that means for the laity, every individual walks in a world with God alone.** You're baptized into this Kingdom, and there's nobody in there but you and God. See? He gives the orders, and you pack them out. Whatever He says, there's not a shadow of doubt nowhere; you walk right on. If the Lord says this, there's nobody in the world can talk you out of it; you go right on just the same. Now, you're coming into perfect faith, perfect perfection that cannot fail. That faith never fails. **Yes, He was a mystic to them with His perfect faith; and so is it now with those who have perfect faith are a mystic to others.**" (PERFECT.FAITH.title JEFF.IN V-6N-11 63-0825E)

I said, "The mystical Body of Jesus Christ. By one Spirit we're baptized into this Body, borned of His Spirit, then we belong to a Kingdom. **And our lives are not Americans; we're not Germans; we're not nothing; we're Christians.** We are settled and walk in the Spirit, a love slave from the things of the world. And our rights to the world we sold out and bought this Pearl of great Price, and walk and let the Holy Spirit manifest Itself. That's what His real Church is. That's what you are, or what I am, if we'll let ourselves go and serve God by His Word and not by what some creed says." (CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.title JEFF.IN V-3N-7 63-0728)

"We are made partakers of His holiness. We, in His image, we are living images of a living God. Then dead to self, raised with Him (Now, listen, listen to this.), His Word made flesh again in us. (O Brother Neville...) Look. What is it? Not the mythical, imaginary god setting out there, but the living God... **What is the living God? The Word in you making Itself real.** Whew. Glory to God. Oh, I know you think I'm a holy-roller. Maybe I am. But, oh, brother, do you see it? Triumph over every denomination, triumph over all paganism, a living God made manifest in a living temple. And the Word of God, which is God, is made flesh in you. Why? **You're seated in heavenly places, triumphed over all things in Christ Jesus.** Amen. Oh, I just love It." (CHRISTIANITY.VERSUS.IDOLATRY.title JEFF.IN V-8 N-2 61-1217)

"We are then perfect through Christ. And we are free from judgment through Christ. We shall never die through Christ. We have lost death and found Life through Christ; not through any church, not through any denomination, not through any fantastic, not through speaking with tongues, not through shouting, not through shaking, not through dancing in the Spirit, but by grace. God calls who He will. **And it's all by election;** we find out. We find out that it's not him that wants to be saved, not him that willeth or him that runneth, it's God that showeth mercy. And no man can come to Jesus except God draws him first. So what you got to do with it anyhow? You haven't got nothing to do with it. You're out of the picture altogether." (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.6.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0908E)

"Now, here He is among His church today, made flesh in His church, certainly, Elohim. Now, oh, if you could only realize that you men, you were made to be an amateur god. You're a son of God. You're an heir of God, and you have a

domain. Genesis 1:26, He give him dominion over everything in the earth. He made him a god over the earth. That's right. He give him a domain. **He's a king, god.** And where he got his fall. He could speak to the trees, "Be changed, be plucked up and set over here," to the winds and waves, "Be still," and it'd stopped. He was god, a amateur god, a son of God, like you're a son of your father. And all the world is groaning, waiting for the manifestations of the sons of God, waiting for the church to get back in its place again, sons of God to be made manifest, waiting for that hour. Hope that don't hurt, but I just had to say it. See? The church is so far away from its place. It needs to be back to be sons of God again: rulers, governors of the earth, under the spiritual reign it will be someday, when the chief One comes, Jesus Christ, the great millennium. Nature's groaning for that day." (FAITHFUL.ABRAHAM.title RICHMOND.VA 61-0312)

"Remember, we are not on a picnic, but we're in a battlefield. Many people just think that when they become a Christian that that's all they need to do, that that settles it forever, **as they are a Christian and everything's going to come easy. Don't never get that in your head.** For I become a Christian to fight, fight the good fight of faith. I become a Christian to get in the battle line. We are Christian soldiers, and we got to be trained, and brought up, and know all the techniques of the enemy, to know how to fortify, to know how to—to fight the fight. And we can only do that as the Holy Spirit will reveal it to us." (DECEIVED.CHURCH.BY.THE.WORLD.title JEFF.IN CH 67 59-0628M)

"Our Armor is Jesus Christ. Yes, sir. All devils slide their brakes when they see that. When they see that full armor of God, the true baptism of the Holy Ghost (Amen.), that seen It coming straight from the throne of God, dressed in the full armor of His resurrection... Amen. Not that you're strong, you're nothing. But it's What's behind you. Why? **You are dead. You joined the army. You've joined the police force. You're going to keep law and control of these devils. That's right. You're on the police force; the whole thing's behind you.** See, you're reckoned dead. You're nothing. You couldn't stop nothing. But your authority that's been given you, because you are raised and setting in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, the Devil recognizes that. Everything slides its brakes when them hands goes up." (CHRISTIANITY.VERSUS.IDOLATRY.title JEFF.IN V-8 N-2 61-1217)

"There is no halfway Christians. There's no drunk-sober man, no black-white birds, no, no, no sinner-saints. No, you're either a sinner or a saint. See? There's just no in-between. You're either born again or you're not borned again. You're either filled with the Holy Spirit or you're not filled with the Holy Spirit. No matter how many sensations you had, if you ain't filled with the Holy Spirit, you're not filled with It. See? And if you had been filled with It, your life shows It. Goes right up to it. See? Nobody has to tell anybody about it; they see it (See?), 'cause it's a seal." (SIXTH.SEAL.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0323)

"God is a God of variety. Did you know that? Why does He make red flowers, blue flowers, pink flowers, all different kinds of flowers? Didn't... Why didn't He just make them all white or all red? Why'd He make big mountains, little mountains, palm trees, oak trees? Why did He do it? Because He likes variety. You know what I mean? He likes variety. Why did He make the mountains, then the plains, the real dry desert, then the wet sea? **He's a God of variety. But He wants it all to harmonize. That's why He made me with ears, nose, mouth, you the same way. It all harmonizes for one body.** That's the way we can do, harmonize. Our different opinions, we still harmonize because we are... The taste has nothing to do with it. **We are God's people, all marching together with one great purpose: to win souls for Christ.** He's got big mountains, little mountains, white flowers, pink flowers, yellow flowers. He's a God of variety. He has little men, big men. He has a black head, redhead, blonds, and all different kinds. He has deserts. He has—He has lakes. He has seas. See? He's a God of variety. And that's the same way it is here today. **We're all God's servants. And after all, brethren, is it all... A rainbow**

represents a covenant. That's right. We're in God's covenant. That's right. Together as brothers we stand." (BEHOLD.A.GREATER.THAN.ALL.IS.HERE.title SPOKANE.WA 62-0715)

"You won't have to tell anybody you're a Christian, if you are one; they just see it and know it as you talk. You're sealed inside and out." (CHURCH AND ITS.CONDITION.title JEFF.IN CH 1-34 56-0805)

"If you've got the Token, you create a spirit around you of power, that when you walk, people know that you're a Christian. They love for you to say something to them. They believe your word; what you say, they hold on to it. See? That is it." (TOKEN.THE.title JEFF.IN. V-2 N-19 63-0901M)

"And redemption has two different parts: "come out of" and "entering into." First, you have to come out. Some people wants to bring the world in with them; but you got to come out of the world to enter into Christ. You have to come out of unbelief to enter into faith. There cannot be one thing in your way. **To really have genuine faith, you must absolutely leave everything that's contrary to the Word of God behind to enter into faith.**" (GOD.WHO.IS.RICH.IN.MERCY.title PHOENIX.AZ V-19 N-2 65-0119)

"No matter how much teaching you got, you can drum that into you. God's not in big words; God's in a honest heart. You might sing or speak big words, like I don't know what; that doesn't bring you closer to God. You can stand and practice how to repeat your sermon and say these things; that don't get you closer to God. You could learn dictionaries till you sleep with one, and it still wouldn't get you closer to God. A humble, submitted heart, in the simplicity, is what brings you to God. That's true. Amen. **A humble heart, God loves. Now, no matter if you don't know your abc's, that don't make any difference. Just a humble heart, God dwells in a humble heart, not in education, it's not in schools, not in theology, seminaries, not in all these other different places, not in big words, or not in classical places. God dwells in human hearts. And the lower you can break yourself down, the more simple, you can become greater in the sight of God.** Let me give you something. I see your fields are full of wheat out here. **A full head of wheat always bows.** A little old sprig sticks up there, and flopping around like it knows everything, it ain't got it in the head. That's the way with a lot of these guys that think they got a whole lot in their head, and nothing in their heart. **A holy head will bow to the power, recognize Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and believe His works.**" (DEMONOLOGY.2.RELIGIOUS.title CON.IN DE 41-78 53-0609)

"I think, character, as measured by man, not by the muscles on his arm or by the callouses in his hands, but the bag in the knees of his trousers where he's prayed. I think that's what makes men." (POWER.OF.TRANSFORMATION. PRESCOTT.AZ V-17 N-1 65-1031M)

"How wishy-washy, that's what. Too many Christians today are so soft-soaped and everything until they think all they do is join a church, go in somewhere, put their name on a book, or do a little something, jump up-and-down, shout or—or something like that and call it Christianity. **Christianity's a everyday, rugged life living for God in the—this present world. It's a constant burning of the fire and love of God in the heart that sets you afire and puts you out yonder with the people and making converts to Christ.**" (MAN.RUNNING.FROM.PRESENCE.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-8 65-0217)

"Great material things don't always rest in God's will. God makes the rain to fall on the just and the unjust. But what the world needs today is not a bluff of faith, to try to bluff yourself into something and call it spiritual. **Sometimes faith will do great miracles and still doesn't come from a spiritual heart.** Did not our Lord say, "Many

will come to Me that day and say, 'Have not I did this and that in Your Name?' and I will confess to them, "Depart from Me, you workers of iniquity." What is iniquity? It's something that you know to do right and don't do it. "I never knew you," He will say. And we're living in that day. What we need today is not a lot of material things; we have that. **We don't need greater churches; we don't need greater congregations. We don't need more on radio and on television.** We don't need so many more of these things. But what we need today to be spiritual, is a person that will humble themselves before God if they haven't got a penny, and will pray till that spirit within them is satisfied with the goodness of God, and a revival take place on the inside of their heart that changes their attitudes and atmosphere that they live in. You might not have a pair of shoes on your feet. You might be dressed in rags, but something in your heart singing the melodies of God. I'd rather have it than all the money in the world." (BE.CERTAIN.OF.GOD.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-12 59-0125)

"Oh, now we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us and give His life for us, being the royal Seed of Abraham with the same Spirit of God in us that was in Him. We are more than conquerors. Every gate has been conquered for us. The only thing we have to do is possess it. It's already conquered. Sickness is conquered; death is conquered; hell is conquered; the grave is conquered; everything is conquered, and we holds the keys by His grace. Are you afraid to stick them in the lock and say, "I come in the Name of Jesus Christ? Ask the Father anything in My Name. I love Him." (PATRIARCH.ABRAHAM.THE.title BAKF.CA V-22 N-7 64-0207)

"A messenger, you are a messenger this morning. You're—you are a messenger of good news or a messenger of bad news. Oh, isn't it beautiful to know that we are the ambassadors, that we are angels, the messengers of the resurrection. And we are God's messengers to the sinful world, that Christ lives; in our hearts He lives; in our spirits He lives. And He brings us from the low debauched life of sin and exalts us up, and gives us a "Hallelujah" in our soul, and makes us new creatures. We are messengers, angels of the covenant. How wonderful." (HEBREWS CHAPTER.2.PART.1.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0825M)

"And then if God has sent us to be His ambassadors, all the power that's in heaven, all that God is, all of His Angels and all of His power stands behind our word if we are correctly an ordained, sent messengers to the people. God has to honor the Word, for He has so solemnly written, that "Whatever you bind on earth, that will I bind in heaven. Whatever you loose on earth, that will I loose in heaven. And I give unto thee the keys to the Kingdom." Oh, such great promises He's given the church." (EPHESIANS.PARALLELS.JOSHUA.title JEFF.IN AD.1 60-0515E)

"How will people know Jesus Christ? When they—he sees Him in you, when they see Jesus in you. For He said, "The works that I do shall you do also. Greater than this shall you do, because I go to My Father." Is that right? That's how they, world knows. Not because that the Pentecostal Oneness is greater than the Pentecostal Twoness, or the Twoness is greater than the Threeness, or whatever you have; not because the Methodists is greater than the Baptists; or the Southern Baptist taking the prize this year for all the—all the Baptist churches, all the Protestants. They got more members this year than any of the rest of them, I understand, by the count. That doesn't make them any different. God doesn't know you by numbers. The heathen's got you outnumbered any time. The Catholics got you all. Mohammedanism got all them. See? **You are known when Jesus Christ lives in you by His Life and promised Word of this day reflects itself. See? When men see you living like Him, when he sees your character, your conduct with the Word just exactly like He was, the Word being manifested, then men will see Jesus Christ.** If Jesus would come today, would He take sides with the Methodists, with the Baptists, with the Adventists, Jehovah Witness, Christian Science,

Pentecostals, Presbyterians? No, sir. He certainly would not. **It's an individual affair: you and God.** There's no two men see eye to eye, together alike: no two thumbs alike. God deals with a individual. Now, how you know whether he's right or not? Then look back and see if he's with the Word. If he's with the Word, then God's dealing with him; if he isn't, something else is dealing with him." (SHALOM.title PHOENIX.AZ V-22 N-1 64-0119)

"When you're borned again of the Spirit of God, you actually love everybody. Now, you don't love their ways and things like that, don't want to partake of it. No, sir. Stay away from the things of the world, but you just keep yourself spotless." (YOU.MUST.BE.BORN.AGAIN.title JEFF.IN V-11 N-5 61-1231M)

"Now, when a man's been redeemed, he don't care anymore for scholarship. He don't care for anymore of the things of the world, the wisdom of the world. He don't want no choice at all. Christ has been his choice, and that's all of it; he's redeemed. He just no more wants to lead himself. He don't want nobody to talk him into where to go and what to do. He just waits and finds out the choice of his Maker. See? Then he goes in the Name of his Maker, when the Maker tells him to go." (BREACH.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0317E)

"And if there's still desire in your heart to sin, you have never been baptized into that body, because you are dead and your life is hid in Christ through God and sealed by the Holy Ghost. Christians don't sin. They make mistakes, but they don't sin. Amen. That's the reason they don't, for he cannot sin." (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 59-0628E)

"A man that's born of God, does not commit sin. He can't sin. For if you're borned again, the very Holy Spirit that lived in that Body, lives in you, and It can't sin. The sacrifice is laying before Him. Then if you willfully do it, shows that it's impossible for you to be into that Body. Amen. That's the Gospel. There it is." (HEBREWS CHAPTER 7 -PT.2.CHURCH.ORDER.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0922)

"I might be a sinner in your sight, but if I'm in Christ, God don't see it, because his sin's atoned, His Blood atoned for my sins there. See? I can't sin. "He that's born of God does not commit sin, for he cannot sin. The seed of God remains in him." See? He—he's willing to, if he makes a mistake, sure he's right then willing to confess it. If he's a real Christian, he will do it. If he holds it back, he shows he ain't got nothing in the first place. That's right. He hasn't got nothing to begin with." (DEMONOLOGY.1.PHYSICAL.title CON.IN DE 21-40 53-0608A)

THE "SIN" QUESTION

I JOHN 3:9, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."

I TIMOTHY 1:9-10, "Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for **sinners**, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

Read what God's prophet taught about "sin":

"What is sin? Sin is unbelief. Drinking, smoking, gambling, committing adultery, that isn't sin; that's the **attributes of sin. You do that because you're not a believer.**" (HAVE.FAITH.IN.GOD_ NEW.YORK.NY 54-0900)

"Sin is not a creation." There's nothing created but perfection. God created all things good. Sin is not a creation. Said, "Well, that's the very creation of sin." You've heard that. But that's an error, Sin... There's only one Creator; that's God. **God could not create sin, because He's holy and there's nothing in Him to make it. Sin is perversion,** not creation, but it's perversion. An **adultery** is the righteous act perverted. A **lie** is the truth told wrong. Any sin, any **sin is righteousness perverted.**" (POSITION.IN.CHRIST.title JEFF.IN AD.3 60-0522M)

"Sin is unbelief. Now, that's what sin is. There's no other sin but unbelief. It's not a sin to do things like drinking and—and smoking and gambling and—and prostitution. That's not sin. That's—that's the result of sin, that the reason you do that is because you are an unbeliever. See? That's the attributes of sin." (THE.INSIDE.MAN_ CHICAGO.IL SATURDAY_ 53-1212)

"There never was such a thing as a creation of sin. That didn't go down good, did it? Sin is not a creation. No, sir. **Sin is a perversion.** There's only one Creator; that's God. **Sin is righteousness perverted. What's an adultery? Righteousness perverted. What's a lie? The truth misrepresented.** Certainly. What's a curse word? It's God's blessings turned to a curse word, to God, instead of a blessing. Sin is not a creation. Sin is a perversion. So **Satan could not create sin; he only perverted what God had created.** That's exactly right. **Death is only a perversion of life.**" (MANIFESTED SONS.OF.GOD.title JEFF.IN AD.2 60-0518)

"Like I said the other night about the hog, about the sinner. You can't blame... A sinner's a sinner; don't try to reform him. Don't try to tell him this, that, or the other. **He's a sinner to begin with. He's a pig to begin with. He don't know no different.** If he goes to the movies, and he goes on Sunday, and he goes to ball games, and he does all these things; he's a sinner to begin with. His nature's like a hog. The old hog stick his nose down in the manure pile and eat all the grains out of it and everything. Well, that's—he is a hog. **You can't blame him; he's a hog. That's the way with sinners.** But when you go and call yourself a Christian and stick your nose in with him, then you're no better than he is; but you're worse, "Come out from among them." Let go of the world. Let go. Let God." (ENTICING.SPIRITS_ JEFF.IN DE 79-112 SUNDAY_ 55-0724)

"Remember, I said, "God does not condemn a sinner for sinning." He's a sinner to begin with. He condemns a Christian for sinning. And then because He has condemned him, Christ took our condemnation. So there's no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, that walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. And if you do anything wrong, it isn't willfully. You don't sin willfully. A man that sins willfully, goes out and willfully sins, never come into that Body yet. But a man that's once in there, he's dead, and his life is hid in God through Christ, sealed by the Holy Ghost, and the devil can't even find him; he's so far back in there. He would have to come out of there before the devil can ever get in, for you are dead. " (ADOPTION.4_ JEFF.IN AD.PT.4 SUNDAY_ 60-0522E)

"And I said that I don't condemn the drunkard for going out and getting drunk. He's all moody; he don't know. He gets up the morning; he's got the blues, a hangover; goes out and gets him two or three bottles of beer; goes out and gets him some whiskey, and all of that kind of stuff. Little old cigarette sucker sets back and smoke and

blow it through his nose like he was a freight train. That's all...?... I don't blame him; that's all the joy he knows; that's all he knows about. **He's a pig by nature.**" (ENTICING.SPIRITS_ JEFF.IN DE 79-112 SUNDAY_ 55-0724)

"A sinner doesn't sin, because he's a sinner. He's just a sinner to begin with and that's all. Here, take the—the back of this book; **it's black, how much of that is black? It's all black. There's just no white to it; it's black.** You say, "This much here." No, it ain't; it's the whole thing's black. It's all black. That's the way a sinner is. He's just condemned to start with. Well, you say, "What about if he commits adultery? What if he ravishes some woman? What if he—what if he—he gambles? What if he shoots somebody?" **That's none of our business. That's none of our business; we got laws down here to take care of that. We're not reformers; we're preachers of the Gospel.** We don't condemn him for what he done; we don't condemn him for committing adultery. We condemn him because he's a sinner. If he was a Christian, he wouldn't do it. That's right. If he's been changed, he won't do that. But because he is a sinner, that's what makes him do that." (POSITION.IN.CHRIST.title JEFF.IN AD.3 60-0522M)

"Those Jewish rabbis, oh, they thought... They were starch, and they was D.D.'s and Ph.D.'s. They thought they had it all sewed up in a bag, but they was the worst of sinners. Oh, they might... You couldn't put a hand on—on their life; they were clean, moral, and just, that way. **But they were disbelievers.** And you take the word "sin" and find out what it means. **The word "sin" means "unbelief."** **There's only two factions; that is, a believer or an unbeliever. That's a justified person or a sinner.** That's all. If you're an unbeliever, you're a sinner. No matter how good you are, how much you go to church, or even if you're a preacher, you're still an unbeliever. **Those Pharisees were preachers, and they were unbelievers, and in hell today for it.** Just as religious as they could be, and pious, but they didn't believe Him. And they called Him a devil, and disputed His Word." (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.7.PT.2.CHURCH.ORDER.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0922)

"And the greatest devil, and the chief of all devils is unbelief. That's the only sin there is. There's no other sin but unbelief. All these little morals and things: smoking, drinking, gambling, and committing adultery; that's just attributes. You do that because you don't believe. Unbeliever is what makes you do that. If you was a believer, you wouldn't do it. That's right." (DEMONOLOGY_ OWENSBORO.KY THURSDAY_ 53-1112)

"The church comes in and adopts other things. They have to have a little party where they all lay on the beach to have recreation: a card party to get-together for fellowship. That's right, have a dance sometime at one of the member's house, sometimes in the church basement. A dance, adopting, trying to get something to satisfy, what's the matter? They're a bunch of pigs anyhow. They're pigs to begin with. If it ever come in contact with Christ, they'd have so much joy those things would be deader than midnight to them. Gospel, drunk on the Spirit, joy unspeakable and full of glory... **Don't condemn the sinner. Have mercy on him. Let him go ahead and smoke his pipe. Let him drink his liquor. Let him have his card parties; that's his pleasure. Don't blame him.** Coming home and everything, tired and wore out, he wants some pleasure. **The thing for you to do is live such a godly life that you can prove to him that the Gospel holds ten thousand times more than that for him.** And if he dies in that state he'll go to hell on his liquor. **That's the devils intoxication. If he dies dragging on that old pipe,** God's his Judge. If he dies going out here dancing and running around with immoral clothes on, God's their Judge. But there's one thing, if you die under the anointing power of the Holy Ghost like Stephen did when he looked up in the face of God, said, "I see heavens opened and Jesus standing at the right hand." **You are heaven-bound like a martin to its box. Amen.**" (ENTICING.SPIRITS.title JEFF.IN DE 79-112 55-0724)

"Shame on you, who profess to be a Christian and rely on such things for joy when the Holy Ghost Gospel is nothing but one great big powerhouse of joy. The Holy Ghost Gospel is a perfect intoxication for every man that's got the blues. You'll take a drink of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, be filled with the Holy Ghost you're drunk until you leave this world. Amen. **Joy unspeakable and full of glory... There's a constant stimulation. It's a constant intoxication: drunk day and night.** Amen. That's the Word of God." (ENTICING.SPIRITS.title JEFF.IN DE 79-112 55-0724)

"There is no halfway Christians. There's no drunk-sober man, no black-white birds, no, no, no sinner-saints. No, you're either a sinner or a saint. See? There's just no in-between. You're either born again or you're not borned again. You're either filled with the Holy Spirit or you're not filled with the Holy Spirit. No matter how many sensations you had, if you ain't filled with the Holy Spirit, you're not filled with It. See? And if you had been filled with It, your life shows It. Goes right up to it. See? Nobody has to tell anybody about it; they see it (See?), 'cause it's a seal." (THE.SIXTH.SEAL_ JEFF.IN SATURDAY_ 63-0323)

"Then they that are borned of God does not commit sin, for he cannot sin. In the Old Testament each year there was a remembered of sin. But Christ, by one sacrifice He has perfected forever the worshipper. "The worshipper once purged (Hebrews 10)—the worshipper once purged has no more conscience of sin." So you take these people that run in the church and jump up-and-down, and shout, and speak with tongues, and act just exactly like a Christian, and run out, and the next year they got to come back again, next week. They've never come anywhere to begin with. They're only impersonating, for the Bible said that the Holy Spirit seals us into Christ until the day of our redemption. Hallelujah. That's what makes me rest assured, 'cause God promised it. No more sin, the sin question's settled. **That's the reason sin looks so dirty to a Christian. That's why women out here with these shorts on look so dirty to a Christian. That's why vulgarity; that's a lot of dirty things; that's why smoking, drinking, gambling, all these uncensored programs on television, all that stuff seems filth.** Why? You're of a different Kingdom. You're borned into the Kingdom of God and sealed by the Holy Ghost until the day of your redemption. **He that's borned of God commits no sin, for he can't sin. The seed of God is in him, and he cannot sin. As long as that Holy Ghost is in there, He takes every desire of sin away from you. Amen. You can't sin; there's no more desire.**" (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS' JEFF.IN CONDUCT ORDER AND DOCTRINE JUN 28th, 1959)

DO CHRISTIANS BACKSLIDE?

Read what the prophet preached about "BACKSLIDING":

"But on backsliding, remember, you backslide every day. There's no way at all for you to keep out of it. All right. But you backslide to the people in the church, but not before God... See? **You backslide on Christ, but you don't on God.** 'Cause, if you—when you sin, you're gone. But you're constantly falling. **Paul had to die every day.** Is that right? **He had to die every day, repent every day, and just constantly repenting all the time.** See? And if Paul had to do that, then I'm going to have to too. Aren't you?" (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 54-0103M)

"Backsliding's not lost; I want somebody to tell me where backsliding's lost, and prove it to the Bible. **Backslider's not lost; he's just out of fellowship.** Israel backslid but they never lost their covenant; they lost their—their praises and joy. **David lost the joy of his salvation when he took Bathsheba, Uriah's wife, but he never lost**

his salvation. He never said “restore to me my salvation”; he said, “Restore to me the joy of my salvation.” (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 62-0527)

“You’ll make mistakes; you’ll fall; you’ll willfully do wrong. You’ll go out sometime and do things; that don’t mean that you’re lost; that means that you’re going to get correction. My little boy, lots of times... My children will do things, your does too, that you—they know that’s against your—your rules. And they know what to expect when they do it: they’re going to get a whipping for it, sometimes a good one. But it’s still your child, certainly. It’s impossible for that man to ever be gone again, that’s once been born of Eternal Life. God’s not a Indian giver. “He that heareth My Words, and believeth on Him that sent Me, has Everlasting Life and shall never come to the judgment, but’s passed from death unto Life. And I’ll raise him up at the last days.” That’s God’s promise.” (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.6.AND.7..title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0915M)

“And every man that’s borned of God, you might backslide or fall out, but if you’re borned of God, you’re coming back to the ark sure as anything in the world.” (EARNESTLY.CONTENDING.FOR.THE.FAITH.title CONNERSVILLE.IN 53-0614A)

“And if your heart begins to stray around, you know there’s something that’s happened; go back to the altar and say, “Christ, renew my—the joy of my salvation. Give unto me that love that I once had; it’s leaking out, Lord. There’s something I’ve done; make me holy again.” Stand, “O Lord, nothing I could do; I can’t quit this and quit that. I’m looking to You to take it out of me, Lord, and I love You.” And walk away from that altar a new person in Christ Jesus. Then you won’t have to depend on your church, depend on your priest, depend on your pastor. **You’re depending on the shed Blood of the Lord Jesus, “By grace are you saved.”** (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.7.PT.1.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0915E)

“And you love the Lord with all your heart; you don’t have to worry about these things. If you make a mistake, you don’t sin willfully, you just done something wrong. See, you’ve slipped back.” (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 62-0527)

“Now, let me get this. See, temporarily, minor, every one of us backslide many times a day. We know that. We’re all guilty, every one of us; there’s none of us perfected. And as long as we’re in this body, we are still... No matter how much the people try to tell, “I’ve got sanctified; I can kiss this woman or do that,” he’s lying; he cannot. Now, that’s all. I don’t try to say, “Lord, let me see how close I can go.” It’s, “Lord, keep me as far away as I can get.” See? Just stay as far away as... Remember, you are still human beings. See? And... But now, if you make a mistake and do something wrong... You don’t willfully... **If you are a Christian, if you’re a borned again Christian, you don’t mean to do wrong. Your intentions and everything is right. But if you do, as she said here, make a mistake and do something wrong, will God let you just go on and go on and die like that and be lost, or will He bring you back to reconciliation? He will bring you back.** That’s right. He will bring you back. And if a—and then, if you do anything wrong, it don’t condemn you and you go on like that, on out, remember, you wasn’t saved at the beginning. That’s right. You—you wasn’t—you wasn’t saved; you just had a make-belief; you wasn’t saved. **But when you’re saved, you have a different spirit; you’re a different nature. You’re a new creature in Christ, and the old things has passed away, and they are dead and buried in the sea of forgetfulness.** You see? And... But being you’re living here in this world here, there’s traps set for you everywhere, and you’re walking with your eyes on Christ. **And remember, that when you make a mistake, a real Christian will always come back quickly for reconciliation.** (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 61-1015M)

“And you’re bound to be backsliding constantly, so it takes a constant prayer to God. Paul said, “I die daily.” And if Paul had to die daily, how much more am I going—I’m going to have to stay there dead all the time, if—if Paul had to die daily to stay right with God. And so, we’ll all have to do that, just die out to ourself. And that’s getting God’s way. Now, there’s only two ways of anything: That’s the right way and the wrong way. And them ways are your ways and God’s way. And you can’t be in your way and God’s way at the same time. You’ve got to forget your own way to get in God’s way. And you got to get out of your own way to get in God’s way. For as long as you’re in your own way, you’re out of His way. So forsake your way, forsake your thoughts, forsake everything, and just rely one thing, on THUS SAITH THE LORD. That’s all. Then you know you’re right.” (GOD’S.PROVIDED.WAY.title W.PALM.BEACH.FL 53-1201)

“Every man or woman that’s born of the Spirit of God, sure, you can backslide. But, brother, if you’re a child of God, you can’t stand the things of the world no more, ‘cause your digesting things has been changed.” (DIVINE.HEALING.title JEFF.IN V-26 N-10 54-1219M)

“Now, you say, “Well, can’t we backslide?” Absolutely. And when you backslide, you’re going to get it; don’t you worry. Abraham got it, and the rest of them got it, and you’ll get it. Don’t you think it gives you a right to sin; it doesn’t. You’ll pay for everything that you do. You’ll reap what you sow. You do one little sin, and you’ll reap a whole washtub full. That’s right. But, brother, that don’t mean to say that you’re lost. That’s exactly right. Abraham reaped exactly what he sowed. That’s right. But he was still saved.” (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.6.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0908E)

“You might backslide, but you can’t be lost. And if you stay in that state, it showed that you didn’t have It in the beginning. **But if you are a child of God, “The worshipper once purged has no more conscience of sin,” says Hebrews. That’s true.** So you can’t—you can’t be a Christian, you can’t have the Holy Ghost and run out and live in the world. “If you love the world and the things of the world, the love of God’s not in you.” So you’re just listening to a false sound somewhere; the Devil got you all puffed up. But if you examine your life by the Word of God, it shows you’re living right down that Bible pages, then **you got eternal security. And there’s nothing to be fearing about.** What God promised, God will do it. I challenge any person to take that. You just take that and walk with that Word, and watch what happens to you. Brother, It’ll bring to pass everything. God said so. Everything that God promised, it’ll happen.” (REV.CHAP.5.PART.2.title JEFF.IN ROJC 747-793 61-0618)

“And it’s Christ that God looks at, not you. It’s Christ. So if there’s no fault in Him, how can there be fault? How can He find fault when you’re dead and your life is hid in Christ through God, sealed by the Holy Ghost? **“They that are born of God does not commit sin, for he cannot sin.”** How can he sin when a perfect Sacrifice is laying in his place? **God never looks at me; He looks at Christ; because we’re in Christ.** Now, if I love Christ, I’ll live with Him. He’d never brought me in ‘less He knowed. If God saved me today, knowing He was going to lose me six weeks from today, He’s defeating His own purpose. Right. He don’t even know the future then, if He saved me knowing... What’s He want to save me for, knowing He’s going to lose me? **God doesn’t do things and then take it back and too weak to keep His promise. When He saved you, it’s for time and eternity.”** (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.7.PT.1.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0915E)

“The Bible said, “He that’s borned of God does not commit sin, for he cannot sin, for the seed of God remains in him, and he cannot sin.” How can I be called a sinner when there’s a Sacrifice laying there to take my place? How can I die, when death has been paid for me? How can I die when I got Eternal Life?

And how can I then, as after Christ has died for me and I become His righteousness, because of His grace and love to me, how can I sin when there's something laying between me and God, a Sacrifice? **I can't sin, can't do it. God never sees me; He sees Christ. He stands in my place; and when I do anything wrong, Christ takes my place.** I made my confession, "I'm wrong; He's right. Lord, You know my heart. You know whether I mean it or not. And I'm wrong, forgive me." **God never sees it; the Blood of Jesus got me covered all the time.** Then how can God ever see me? And how can sin be-counted to me, when He can't do it? **Just as soon as I do it, it's forgiven.** And that's right." (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.6.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0908E)

Remember, I said, "God does not condemn a sinner for sinning." He's a sinner to begin with. He condemns a Christian for sinning. And then because He has condemned him, **Christ took our condemnation. So there's no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, that walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. And if you do anything wrong, it isn't willfully. You don't sin willfully.** A man that sins willfully, goes out and willfully sins, never come into that Body yet. But a man that's once in there, he's dead, and his life is hid in God through Christ, sealed by the Holy Ghost, and the devil can't even find him; he's so far back in there. He would have to come out of there before the devil can ever get in, for you are dead." (ADOPTION OR PLACING.title JEFF.IN AD.PT.4 60-0522E)

"There's no need of trying. You're lost to begin with, as long as you look to what you've done. But don't look to what you've done, look what that day on Calvary did to you. It paid your price. It settled the question. Your sins be as scarlet, they're as white as snow: red like crimson, white like wool. Then you have no sin. **You are perfectly sinless. No matter what you done or what you do, you're still sinless. As long as you've accepted Jesus Christ as your Saviour, your sins are forgiven.** Anything that's forgiven is remitted and forgot about." (THAT.DAY.ON.CALVARY.title JEFF.IN V-2 N-5 60-0925)

"If the Church has been judged, and they have judged themselves, and have accepted the Blood, how can God judge a man that's perfectly, totally sinless? You say, "There's no such a person." **Every borned again believer, true believer, is perfectly, absolutely sinless before God.** He's not trusting in his works. In the Blood of Jesus that his confession's dropped into...The Bible says so. See? "He that--that is borned of God does not commit sin, for he cannot sin." **How can you make a man a sinner when the bleach of the Blood of Jesus Christ is between him and God,** that would scatter sin till there'd be nothing left of it. See? How can that pure Blood of Christ ever let a sin pass there? He cannot. Jesus said, **"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect."** And how could we even start the thought of being perfect, but **Jesus required it. And if Jesus required it, He's got to make a way for it; and He has: His own Blood.**" (FIRST.SEAL.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0318)

"And notice, not only is the Bride washed, forgiven, but she's justified. See? Did you ever try the word "justify" to see what it means? Now, for instance, if Brother Green heard that I'd been drinking, I'd been doing bad things, then he found out that I didn't do it, then he'd come, say, "I forgive you, Brother Branham." "You forgive me? I never done it. What are you forgiving me about?" See? But if I'm guilty, then I can be forgiven, but I'm still not just, because I did it. **But the word "justified" is "though you never done it at all": justified.** And then the Blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us so from sins, till it's put in the book of God's forgetfulness. He's the only One can do it. We can't. **We can forgive, but not forget.** I could forgive you, but I'll always remember you done these evil things. Then you're not just; you're forgiven. **But in the sight of God the Bride is justified. She never**

done it in the first place. Amen. Standing there married to the virtuous Son of God, never sinned in the first place. Why? She was foreordained; she was trapped into this. And now when she heard the Truth and come forth, **the Blood cleansed her. And She stands there virtuous. See? She's... No sin on Her at all."** (RAPTURE.THE.title YUMA.AZ V-5 N-14 65-1204)

"You are the pure, virtuous, sinless Bride of the Son of the living God. Every man and woman that's born of the Spirit of God, and washed in the Blood of Jesus Christ, and believes every Word of God, **stands as though you never sinned at the first place.** You're perfect. (INVISIBLE.UNION.OF.THE.BRIDE.title SHP.LA V-2 N-15 65-1125)

"What if you had committed a crime and you were going to be tried in a federal court, and you knowed that if they found you guilty, that you were going to die, you were going to the electric chair, or the gas chamber, or whatever public execution they were going to have for you: maybe hung or something, lynched, whatever the penalty was, and you knowed that you had--you were guilty... You know you were guilty, and you must die if you don't get some attorney to represent you that--who can get you out of the thing. And now, you'd want the best attorney that you could have. And then, getting an attorney that was a good, shrewd attorney, you'd feel that your case was a little; you could relax a little bit, because you had an attorney. But still there would be a question whether this attorney could change the judge's idea or change the jury. If this attorney with his shrewd speaking, and the knowing of the laws could change that, and could plead your case, and prove that you should live...But yet in all of his great authority and the great speech that he could make, and the impression he could put upon the jury or have with the judge, you'd--maybe you might get a relax for a few minutes; but still there'd be a question in your mind: "Can he do it?" **But in this case, the Judge Himself has becomes our Attorney. God became Man.** There was no attorney could do it. We couldn't find one. Moses and the law, the prophets, nothing could do it. **So the Judge become both Jury, Attorney, and Judge Himself and took the justice of His Law in His Own hands and paid the price of it Himself, how much more secure could we be?** and sent His own Life back upon us as a Witness that He's accepted it. How safely. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I'll fear no evil: for thou art with me..." **When He becomes both Judge, Jury, and--and--and Attorney, He pleaded our case. We, found guilty by His Own law, and He come and took the guilty person's place that was in the sanctuary. He took his sin. He took it upon Himself, and died, and paid the price, and shed His Blood, and give back His Own Token: His Own Life. Why, we are perfectly... The case is dismissed. There's no more sin to the believer.** Oh, God, have mercy. If the people can't see that--that there's no more case. **"He that heareth My words, and believeth on Him that sent Me, has Eternal Life, and shall not come to the judgment, but's passed from death unto Life."** There's the case. **Case dismissed;** no more case to it. Amen. Then safely--safely with the **Token** applied." (TOKEN.THE.title JEFF.IN. V-2 N-19 63-0901M)

"To think, that perfect love casts out all fear. You're not scared about nothing; you're just resting. You're not, "Oh, I may backslide tomorrow. I may backslide next week." I won't worry about that. I'm not trying to hold on. I--I... He held on for me. And He put a love in my heart that holds there. It's Him holding me, not me holding Him. If it was me holding Him, I'd probably turn loose. **But as long as He's holding me, He will never turn loose. He promised He wouldn't. "I'll never leave thee nor forsake thee." Amen.** Oh. "He that heareth My words, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath Everlasting Life, and shall not come into condemnation, but's passed

from death unto Life." I will rest my solemn soul upon that Word of God and stand and say, "As long as I know there's something in me, making me love the Lord Jesus so well I don't want to do wrong." I'm anchored. Amen." (LOVE.title SHREVEPORT.LA 56-0726)

ON LOVE & BROTHERLY KINDNESS

JOHN 13:34-35, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye **love** one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all [men] know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

I CORINTHIANS 13:1-8,13, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not **charity**, I am become [as] sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have [the gift of] prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not **charity**, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed [the poor], and though I give my body to be burned, and have not **charity**, it profiteth me nothing. **Charity** suffereth long, [and] is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether [there be] prophecies, they shall fail; whether [there be] tongues, they shall cease; whether [there be] knowledge, it shall vanish away...And now abideth **faith, hope, charity**, these three; but the greatest of these [is] **charity**."

II PETER 1:5-8, "And beside this, giving all diligence, **add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity**. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make [you that ye shall] neither [be] barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

"And when one member would talk against the other member; you know that's wrong. You're commanded to pray for one another, not to talk against one another, but to love one another. And if someone is down, let's pick him up, help him. Now, that makes us a—a—a unified group of believers. Now, when we don't obey that, then we don't obey God and we displease God. And therefore, our church, our people cannot prosper, the church cannot go on, is because we're disunified together. As Jesus said, "A little leaven leavens the lump." (TOTAL.DELIVERANCE.title JEFF.IN V-11 N-1 59-0712)

"Amongst a lot of people we find, where emotions and so forth, there becomes tattlings, and backbitings, and all kind of ungodly things. Brother, that's sulfuric acid in the church; it's demon power. Spirit of men and women who get among one another and try to push off and say, "This one's not right, and this one's not right, and that's not right." If you'll chase it down, nine times out of ten, it's the very person making the stir that's not right. Amen. God hates discord among brethren. Be reverent. Be holy. Love God. Stand by Him. And as long as you know your life is divvying up with the Bible with purity of heart, purity of thought, love towards your brother, trying your best to upbuild the Kingdom of God and doing those things, dressing right, living right, talking right, going to right places; then you can have all the emotions you want to, and everybody will believe it." (ENTICING.SPIRITS.title JEFF.IN DE 79-112 55-0724)

"Now, don't you listen to one foul thing the devil's got to say. See? If the devil shows you some, or tells you something evil about one of the members of the body of Christ, don't you believe it. For as soon as you believe it, you mar your experience. And if you see one of the members of the Body of Christ doing something evil, don't tell nobody else; but go to that member, and with love, and see if you can't bring them back to Christ again. And if you can't do it, then tell one person, or let them go with you. Do it the way the Scripture said. See? But don't... If somebody said, "Sister So-and-so, or Brother So-and-so," don't you believe one word of it. You just leave it go. Because, remember, it's the devil trying to tear you to pieces. Now, just look for him to come in, 'cause he'll do it." (SUPER.SENSE.title JEFF.IN V-20 N-7 59-1227E)

"If you can't respect the man, respect the office he holds in God. That's exactly right (See?); respect him. If a minister comes up, your pastor, always respect him. I've heard congregations talk about their pastor, how just talk about him, run him down, ridicule him. How is that pastor ever going to do anything for you? He can't do it. You--you don't--you don't re... I don't say this church, but I mean churches I have seen, that if you... You've got to love your pastor. You've got to know that he's a human being, but yet God has made him His pastor. The Holy Ghost has made him overseer; then you've got to respect him in that manner. And no matter what the pastor's done, if you respect him in your heart as God's servant, God will respect you for doing it." (RESPECTS.title JEFF.IN V-13 N-4 61-1015E)

"Any church member that'll side in with such stuff as that and call themselves a Christian, and go out here and live... And the women bobbing their hair and wearing clothes that the Bible says for them not to; men carrying on the way they're doing now with form of godliness, taking drinks, and smoking cigars, and married several times, and becoming deacons in the church, and even pastors and so forth; and the people that put up with such as that, that sort of life is not worthy of the Gospel. A woman that'll walk, and get on the telephone and tattle and start fusses in the church and things like that, that isn't a life worthy of the Gospel that we're trying to represent. Any person that'll break up a church and start a feud between the people and things like that, is not worthy of the Gospel that we preach. That's exactly. It's a form of godliness, denying the power thereof, the power of God that keeps you from such." (IS.YOUR.LIFE.WORTHY.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-5 63-0630E)

"When someone says evil about you, say something good. If you can't say something good about them, then don't say nothing. Just let it go. See? And then when you get to yourself, pray for them." (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 59-1223)

"Jesus never lived for Himself. His Life was spent for others. That's perfectly Eternal Life. When you say you go to church and you do good things, that's fine. But when you live your life to yourself, you haven't Eternal Life. **Eternal life is living for others**. It proved it when He come in the Lamb of God. He lived and had Eternal Life, because He did not live for Himself. He lived for others. And you receive Eternal Life by receiving that day, and you don't live for yourself no more. You live for others." (THAT.DAY.ON.CALVARY.title JEFF.IN V-2 N-5 60-0925)

"The hottest boiling thing there is to boil sin out of your life is love. And if you can't love one another, how you going to love God who you haven't seen? Love hides a multitude of sin. Get in love with God. Then you'll love one another. Then you'll love the church. You'll love the cause. You'll love everything that's godly and you'll keep away from the things of the world." (ENTICING.SPIRITS.title JEFF.IN DE 79-112 55-0724)

"THUS SAITH THE LORD, it'll take perfect love to put you in that place, for that's all there was there. No matter how many, how much religious

demonstrations, how many good deeds you done, or whatever you done, that won't count nothing on that day. It'll take perfect love. So whatever you do, you lay aside everything else, until you are just so filled with the love of God, till you can love those who hate you. I'm just, as I said this morning, I was made... My whole makeup is grace. A lot of people say, "Now, you scratch my back, and I'll scratch yours. Yeah, you do something for me, and I'll do something for you." That's not grace. Grace is, if your back is itching, I'll scratch it anyhow, whether you scratch mine or not; you slap me on the face, and say, "my back needs itching, needs scratching," I'll scratch it. See? That's it; do something. I don't believe in works; I believe that works is love. Works is—works is the manifestation that grace has taken place. I don't live true to my wife because I believe she'd divorce me if I didn't; I live true to her because I love her. I don't preach the Gospel, 'cause I think I'd go to hell if I didn't; I preach the Gospel because I love Him. Certainly." (ADOPTION.OR.PLACING.title JEFF.IN AD.PT.4 60-0522E)

"When you're riled upon, rile not back. Let Him be your Example. When they said, "If Thou be the Son of God, turn these stones into bread," He could've done it and show He was God; but He had temperance. When they called Him Beelzebub, He said, "I forgive you for it." Is that right? They pulled handfuls of beard out of His face, and spit in His face, and said, "Come down off the cross." He said, "Father forgive them; they don't even know what they're doing." .. If you still blow up and sass, and fuss, and stew, and carry on. Huh, uh. You ain't got no... You can't add that... But when you can really, with the sweetness from your heart forgive every man, hold your peace; let it be gone (See?), then it'll vulcanize. You can add that to your faith." (STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN.title JEFF.IN V-2 N-18 62-1014M)

"Live for that man who hates you. Live for that person who'd kill you if they could. That's what they done to Him. They killed Him, and He died that He might save them. That's Eternal Life. When you--that's in your bosom, you're facing heaven then. But you sacrifice your own things, give them up like the sheep gives its wool. You look on towards Calvary." (THAT.DAY.ON.CALVARY.title JEFF.IN V-2 N-5 60-0925)

"Today we got the wrong conception of power. Power is overcoming, returning good for evil, that's real power. That can love your enemy, do good to those that do evil to you. That's real power; that's God power. Yes. Maniacs can break chains. But it takes a real man to return good for evil, from his heart, not because of religious duty, but from his heart." (FROM.THAT.TIME.title DAWSON.CREEK.BC 61-0520)

ADMONITION TO THE CHURCH

"Love one another above everything. Love one another. Don't... **No matter what the devil tries to say...** Now, you're all one great, big, sweet group now, but remember my warning. See? **Satan won't let that stay that way.** No, sir. **He'll shoot everything, if he has to bring somebody in to make his target.** He'll bring some critic or unbeliever in, set him down, and cause him to fellowship with you under the quietness and things. Then he will shoot that guy with some kind of **poison stuff**, and he'll start through the church with it. **Don't you take sides with it. Don't you have nothing to do with anything else. You stay right loving and sweet and kind to one another.** Pray for that man that he'll be saved too, or that woman, ever who it is. **Just pray for them and stick one with another and stay with your pastor. See? He's the shepherd and you give him respects.** He'll lead you through, and—cause, he's ordained of God to do so. Now, do you remember that? **The enemy will come.** And when he does, just cling that much closer together. And the one that the Devil is using for an enemy will either get out or come in and be one of you. That's all. **Don't never clan among one an—or talk,**

make yourself clannish; we are one.

I couldn't say, "Left hand, I'm mad at you; I'm going to take you away 'cause you're not a right hand." He's my left hand. I want him to stay there. Even the little tip of my finger, I want it to stay right there, every little part of my body stay right there. **And God wants us as a Body of believers to stay right exactly with one another, right it with one another.**

And now, you've got tapes on that. You've got tapes on what we believe. You **got tapes on discipline in the church:** how we behave ourself in the church of God, how we got to come here together and set together in heavenly places. Don't stay home. If God is in your heart, you can't hardly wait for them doors to open out yonder to get in here to fellowship with your brothers. If you don't—don't feel that way, then I tell you, it's time you got to praying, 'cause we're in the last days where the Bible exalted us—exhorted us to—to much more as we see that day approaching, to love one another with Christian love and Divine love, to assemble ourselves together in heavenly places in—in Christ Jesus and love one another. **"This will all men know you're My disciples when you have love one for the other."**

That's right. Stay right together. **If the brother, you think he's a little wrong, or the sister, say, "Lord, don't let me ever have the root of bitterness spring up, 'cause it'll—it'll affect him, and it'll take the Christ right out of my life."** That **poison acids of malice, and jealousy, and hatred, that'll just take the Holy Spirit right away from you.** It'll run Him from the Tabernacle here. It'll kill the Spirit of God or drive it away from here, hurt your pastor; it'll do everything. See? Don't you do that. **You just wax that much closer together.** Draw up the... Take the buckle, as the brother testified (a minister here the other night) about having a buckle (seeing it in a vision). Just... That buckles on the whole armor of God; just put it on, tighten up, move right up close to one another. **Love one another anyhow. Talk nice about one another. Say nice things about one another, and then God will bless you."** (CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-7 63-0728)

"When a man possesses these kind of things, then the Holy Ghost comes upon him. No matter, you might speak with tongues; you might impersonate any gift that God's got. You might do that, but until these virtues here go into you, you're still off the real true foundation of faith. But when these virtues grow in, as you added that to that, then you are a living monument. **You are a living, moving idol...** Now, that is the house that God dwells in, not a building with a big bell on top of it and a high steeple (See?), but, **"a body has Thou prepared Me," a body that God can dwell in, God can walk in, God can see in, God can talk in, God can work in (Amen.), living instrumentality of God. God walking on two feet in you.** Glory. "The footsteps of the righteous is ordered of God," God walking in you, for ye are written epistles, read of all men. And if the Life that's in Christ be in you, you'll bear the Life that Christ bore." (STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN.title JEFF.IN V-2 N-18 62-1014M)

ON DISFELLOWSHIP & EXCOMMUNICATION

Reverend William Branham, God's prophet to this age, never disfellowshipped anybody. He drew bigger circles that included other people's little circles in his bigger circle. He's a friend to the Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal and all. Though he condemned the denominational systems that they are in, yet he never condemned the individual. He reached out to them and placed his hopes upon God that somewhere in these systems, God has got a Bride that he, Brother Branham, was sent for to bring back

to the fold of God's pure Word

Even our very own Lord Jesus Christ in His own words said, "whosoever will, let him come". Jesus never disfellowshipped the drunkard, nor the prostitutes, nor the tax collector because of them not recognizing His doctrine nor accepting Him as the Messiah. He came to sinners and He had always grace for them. He had longsuffering and patience, thinking that one day these people will give their lives to God in the perfect time allotted if they are really predestinated unto salvation.

God has also, according to the measure of faith, has given us our individual stages in our spiritual walk in life. We should not condemn a baby for stumbling here and there seeing that he or she is still learning how to walk. That should be the case for every Christian brother or sister, too. We ought to help one another instead of putting down the other person just because our level of faith and understanding may seem higher or greater than the other man. Apostle Paul was even given a thorn in the flesh so that he will not be puffed-up by the abundance of God's revelation that was given to him.

Here are some quotations taken from the sermons of Reverend William Branham pertaining to this issue of "disfellowshipping":

"I think that everyone ought to take their choice as American citizens to join any church that they want to. And I think that we ought not to *disfellowship* that person upon their convictions. I think we should all fellowship with one another, asking God's mercies on us all." (FROM.THAT.TIME.title PHOENIX.AZ 60-0302)

"Every man ought to have a church home. You ought to have a place, not just to float about from pillar to post, but have somewhere that you go to church and you call it your church, somewhere you pay your tithe, and somewhere that you help support the cause. **Take your choice, but then don't never *disfellowship* the other man because he don't belong with your group.** See? Discern his spirit and see if he's got the same purpose in heart, then you got fellowship one with another. You're working for one great cause. That's the cause of Christ. I think that that is absolutely true." (DISCERNMENT.OF.SPIRIT.title PHOENIX.AZ V-9 N-3 60-0308)

"In their wrong... Israel was wrong as wrong could be. They were so wrong, till God give them up, but Moses... I've always wondered how that ever come, but it was the Spirit of Christ in Moses. See. See, we're all wrong. He stood for all of us, when we was in our wrong. **No matter how wrong they are, let's not *disfellowship* or disassociate ourselves with anything. As long as we can win a soul, let's go in with "wise as serpent, as harmless as doves" (You see?), and try to win every soul that we can.**" (GREATEST.BATTLE.EVER.FOUGHT.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-11 62-0311)

"And we do not *disfellowship* any church, any member of any church: Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Catholic, whatever it might be. We believe that the Spirit of God deals with individual. And in every church there is Christians, throughout the whole church world, as so-called today. I believe there's Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterian, Lutherans who love God. And the only thing that they know about Him... They live as close as they can, as close as they know how, or are taught to live." (ORDINATION.title JEFF.IN 62-1104E)

"And I see the Word is the Absolute, and I'm tied to It, and determined I'll know nothing else but Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. He had a reason for it, and I'm determined to hold that reason. **No matter what anybody else says, I don't *disfellowship* them or**

discredit them, but I know what I'm tied to. He wanted me like this. He had me like this. I was made like that for a purpose. I had to be made up of all these qualities, and so forth, and all these no-accounts, so He could dig it out of me, put something in there, that was His Word. And I'm determined I'll know nothing else but Christ." (ABSOLUTE.AN.SHREVEPORT.LA 63-1201M)

"I got a brother that likes apple pie; I like cherry the best, but I ain't going to *disfellowship* him. He can eat his apple pie and I eat my cherry pie. And I put calf slobbers on top of mine. If he don't want it, why, he can have it. You know that... What is it? Whipped stuff they put on it, you know, whipped cream. I like it. Getting too old now to eat it, but it's a... But I—I—I... That's what I like. If he don't like it, he don't have to eat it. That's all right; I'll eat mine. But he's still my brother. That's right. And so I—I like that; I like a fellowship. But when we draw lines like this and say, "No, this is our denomination," and won't reach over and shake hands with the next man, and say, "Bless God, brother." My. That's when you call fellowship. If you don't, you get that root of bitterness just like the Smyrnaeans got back there, and you cause the same thing. All right, so their name was "bitter." (SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE.title JEFF.IN ROJC 185-227 60-1206)

GROUNDS FOR DISFELLOWSHIP

"I don't believe that any deacon board has a right to throw anybody out of church, or any trustee board, or any pastor has a right to do it. I think if anybody was to be *disfellowshipped*, would be because of immoral living, or something like that, that he wasn't a fit person, like a man coming in here **defiling our girls** or—or **insulting our women**, and things like that, and still professing to be one of us here... See? Now, if he's out somewhere else coming in, why, we have to do something about it, but, when it comes to a person like that, a **immoral person trying to make love to our wives**, or—or **insult our daughters**, or, you know, something another like that, or do something immorally around her, **or taking our little boys out and making perverts** out of them, or something, those things should be taken up, and then **that fellow should be excommunicated from the fellowship and not permitted to take communion with it**; because we're not supposed to do that. We're not. "If any eats unworthily, is guilty of the Blood and body of the Lord," on that person." (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 61-0112)

BEING "UNEQUALLY YOKED" WITH UNBELIEVERS

God's Word shows us that a believer is an abomination to an unbeliever and vice versa. **Proverbs 29:27** says, "An unjust man [is] an abomination to the just: and [he that is] upright in the way [is] abomination to the wicked." A born-again believer has nothing in common with an unbeliever. This is very clear and comes as a command in **II Corinthians 6:14-18** - "**Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.**"

God's Word is telling us not to have fellowship with unbelievers. We are not to be yoked with unbelievers; but we are to separate from all unbelievers. Paul, talks about an

unbeliever in **1 Corinthians 5:11**, “Now I have written unto you **not to keep company**, if any man that is called a brother, (note it didn’t say he was born-again, but rather professes to be or is called a brother) *be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such one no not to eat.*” **II Thessalonians 3:6** says, “Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye **withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.**”

A believer is to withdraw from fellowship with unbelievers and make-believers that do not obey the Gospel. **II Thessalonians 3:14,15** states, “*And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet count [him] not as an enemy, but admonish [him] as a brother.*” Correct this person, admonish him, and do it in meekness and in the fear of the Lord, the Bible tells us. God’s Word is always perfect and is profitable for correction.

Here are some related nuggets/quotes from Rev. William Branham’s sermons regarding this issue of being “unequally yoked” with unbelievers:

“**God had ordained that His people act different from the world. They are not of the world and they don’t look like the world and they don’t act like the world. They are crucified unto the world and the world is crucified unto them.** **II Corinthians 6:17-18**, “Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.” (123-2 SMYRAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.4)

“**God calls every man to separation, not one exception. Every man that comes to Christ must separate himself from the things of the world.** To have faith in God, you can’t walk around where people are, and be in people, and associate with people that’s in the wrong thing and expect to have faith. You can’t get around where Thomases is at and—and all of his children, and where they say, “Oh, the days of miracles is past, and there is no such thing as that.” The first thing you know, that spirit will get on you. **Come out from among them the Bible says. Separate yourself; be separated. “Touch not their unclean things and I will receive you, saith the Lord.” The trouble of it is we have got to much Hollywood preaching and not enough old time rough preaching.** I like the old time kind that really tears the hide off of you, brings it down to a place where it belongs. To much petting around, we need the old fashion Gospel (Amen.) preached in its power of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. That’s what the world needs today.” (JEHOVAH.JIREH_ INDIANAPOLIS.IN WEDNESDAY_ 57-0612)

“**When God said, "Separate yourself from everybody," the walk with Christ is an individual walk. You walk, you stand alone with you and God alone. Not you and the pastor, you and God alone.** Not you and the deacon. Sometimes you and your wife, you and your husband, but you and God alone. You stand alone on your convictions. Salvation is not a church affair. It’s an individual affair. Church is a gathering place where we come and on common grounds and worship God. But salvation isn’t because you’ve joined the church, it’s because you’ve believed on the Lord Jesus Christ and accepted Him as your personal Saviour, and then you have to do more than that now. It isn’t just a make-believe.” (ABRAHAM.title BROOKLYN.NY 56-1208)

“**Our text tonight takes us back to a little thing to our minds, not to mix with unbelievers. The Scripture says, “Don’t yoke yourself up among unbelievers.** Do not be unequally yoked together.” Many places of the Scripture teaches us that we should separate ourselves. The first thing that God required Abraham to do when He called

him, was to separate himself from his people, his kindred, and then He’d bless him. **Now, it doesn’t mean you have to leave home; it means just separate yourself from your worldly associates.**” (SEPARATION.FROM.UNBELIEF_ PHOENIX.AZ MONDAY_ 55-0228)

“**Abraham, it was becoming to Abraham to separate himself from unbelief. Becoming to any believer to separate yourself from unbelief. Abraham, it was becoming to him to walk in a land of his own, him and God alone, ‘cause he was a prophet.** The world didn’t understand why Abraham made such a choice. Why did he leave his home? Why did he leave his church? Why did he leave his people? Why did he do such a rashal thing to sojourn in a strange land where there’s no water or food? Why did he go into those bleak deserts where men had not went yet? But it was becoming to him, for he was a prophet, to separate himself from all unbelief and to walk alone with God. God said, “Separate yourself, and I’ll bless you.” **When you separate yourself from all unbelief, God will bless you.** And it’s becoming to every one of us, regardless of the price, to separate ourselves from the unbelieving world. “Come out from among them and be ye separate,” saith God, “I will receive you.” It’s becoming to us as men and women of God to take our stand in this dark hour that we’re living.” (IT.BECOMETH.US.TO.FULFILL.title JEFF.IN V-15 N-4 61-1001M)

“**God called Abraham, and He told him He wanted him to separate himself from all of his unbelieving kindred. And when God calls a man to work for Him, He calls you from total annihilation from all the things of the world, and the sins of the earth: separation. God never did bless Abraham till he fully obeyed Him.** He took his father. The old man was always a—a hair in the soup or... excuse that expression. But he was always wrong, and Abraham... And then he got Lot. And then he finally went down there. And after Lot separated himself, then God said to Abraham, “Rise and walk through the land. I’ve give it all to you. It’s all yours.” See? He never fully blessed him till Abraham fully obeyed. And you’ll never be able to get anything from God, and have favor with God, my brothers and sisters, wherever you are, until we fully obey the Word of God. You make yourself miserable by just half-heartedly approaching it. Yes.” (FROM.THAT.TIME_ SPOKANE.WA FRIDAY_ 62-0713)

“**God, when He calls people, He calls for total separation from all the things of the world: annihilation from the worldly things. Separate yourself, and God will bless you.** Come out from among them; be not partakers of their sins. Yoke yourself not up among unbelievers, but yoke yourself with believers, fellow citizens of the Kingdom.” (GOD.HAS.A.PROVIDED.WAY.title LVL.KY V-25 N-9 54-0404)

“**Now, the first place, the word “church,” itself, means “the called-out.”** Now, Israel was not the church of God as long as they were in Egypt; they were the people of God. And then when God called them out of Egypt, they become the church of God, because they were the called-out. Now, that still remains the same today. **The word “church” means “the called-out ones,” those that have been called out, separated, made different.**” (FIVE.IDENTIFICATIONS.title JEFF.IN V-9 N-5 60-0911E)

“**You separate your thing—yourself from sin, unbelief. There’s only one sin, and that’s unbelief. Committing adultery’s not a sin; drinking liquor is not a sin; telling lies is not a sin; that’s the attributes of unbelief. If you believe, you wouldn’t do those things.** Certainly. Jesus said in St. John 5:24, “He that heareth My Words and believeth on Him that sent Me, has Eternal Life”; that’s Zoe, Holy Spirit, because he believes. Correctly. Now, until you receive That, you’re make-belief; that’s in that group. **But when they really believe, separating themselves, then when you separate yourself from all your unbelief, and believe God, walk out strictly, carrying the**

commandments, doing everything that's right, then God will say, "Every promise in the Book is yours." Amen. "All's yours. Turn from It, from Genesis to Revelations, it's all yours." Amen. "If ye abide in Me and My Word in you, you can ask what you will, it'll be." What? You got to separate yourself first from your unbelief." (JEHOVAH.JIREH.1_ GRASS.VALLEY.CA JJ 37-72 THURSDAY_ 62-0705)

"God had ordained that His people act different from the world. They are not of the world and they don't look like the world and they don't act like the world. They are crucified unto the world and the world is crucified unto them. II Corinthians 6:17-18, Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." (FROM.THAT.TIME_ SPOKANE.WA FRIDAY_ 62-0713)

"You see the one difference between Israel and the rest of the nations was God. Put God to one side and Israel was like any other nation. When Samson cut off his hair he was like any other man. Put the leadership of the Holy Ghost aside and the church is NOTHING BUT THE WORLD WITH GOD'S NAME ATTACHED TO IT. The world and the church are all of the same lump, just like Jacob and Esau were of the same parents, but the Spirit of God makes the difference. It doesn't matter if you call yourself a Christian. Anyone can do that. The point is whether or not you have the Spirit of God in you, for without that Spirit you are reprobate; you are none of His. Amen." (SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4)

"And we've got to the place to think that because we're resting upon what our forefathers did, or what upon our great founders of our churches, what their great sacrifice was to God, which is all right and so much appreciated. But we cannot draw salvation from what they did. Salvation is an individual affair between every person and God. Not with our nation, with our church, but with ourselves before God we answer." (BE.CERTAIN.OF.GOD.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-12 59-0125)



THE PARABLE OF THE EAGLE

Brother Branham likened a true believer to an eagle. He talks about God as Jehovah Eagle Who feeds us with His Word. He narrates them in his sermon, "As the Eagle Stirreth Her Nest:

"The heritage of God is likened to a great eagle. I read that in Palestine alone, there's forty different types of eagles. The word "eagle" means "one feeding with the beak," which is a very beautiful type of how God feeds His children by His mouth with His Word. "Man shall not live by bread alone,

but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." God is the Eagle that feeds His little eaglets with His Word. The Bible speaks that the eagle renews its youth. It's been believed that the eagle every so often, would renew its youth, bring itself back young again, which the eagle, has a long life. We will notice that God often likened His prophets to eagles, and He also likened Himself to an Eagle. He is Jehovah Eagle, and we are His eaglets, His little ones. And does not He feed us with His own mouth? God feeds His eaglets with His

mouth, His Spoken Word.

In speaking of eagles, I'm reminded of a farmer out west who put an eagle's egg in with a setting of chicken eggs. When it hatched out it was the funniest looking thing. All the other chickens chirped, and he couldn't understand what they were chirping about because he spoke in a different language. I hope you know what I mean. He watched them and he didn't know what to do. They all picked on him because they said he was an odd fellow. The old hen would cluck and the little chicks would cluck. But the eagle didn't understand that cluck. He didn't come when the others did because he didn't know that clucking. He didn't even like the diet she was feeding him. He just didn't like that scratching in the barnyard; he didn't have nothing to do with that. He managed to make a living but he was pretty confused about it all. The old hen gets out in the barnyard on a manure pile, and she begins to scratch. Cluck, cluck, cluck, cluck. He don't know nothing about that. He's a eagle. So he's made fun of, with all the little chickens said, "Look at that holy-roller. He ain't like us.



Then one day, the old mother eagle knowed she had laid so many eggs, and there was one missing. She knew that that eagle was somewhere, so she starts out on the hunt for him. And she circled over the mountaintops, and down in the valleys, and over and everywhere, where he might be. Then the mother eagle happened to fly over that barnyard. As she flew by, Her great shadow swept over the barnyard. She looked down and saw her own child. She swooped down with tremendous speed and screamed at the top of her voice for him to fly up to meet her. And when she did, the little fellow turned his head and began to look upward. He had never heard an eagle cry, but when he heard that first scream something in him stirred and he longed to launch out toward it. But he was afraid to try.

When he looked up, She screamed at him, "Come, you're not a chicken, you don't belong there, you are Mine!" She called on him, "Just make the first big jump and flap your wings!" He screamed back that he was afraid. Again that mother screamed for him to arise in the wind and follow her. Once more she called out, screaming that he try. Then he made the first jump and flapped his wings. Again She said, "Son, come higher, give it another jump and I will carry you on My wings!" Beating his wings he hurled himself into the air, and answering the cry of his mother, he soared off into the blue skies. You see he always was an eagle. He acted like a chicken for a little while but he could not be satisfied. But when he heard the call of the great eagle he came to his own place.

In fact a lot of true Christians are like the story of the baby eagle that was hatched out under a hen. You know that the eagle is a type of the true believer. Though you were born under a denominational barnyard, yet you are an eagle to begin with. But a real-born again child of God doesn't behave like the people of the world. Others say they belong to a church, but you don't understand that cluck. You were born an eagle. And once a true son of God hears the cry of the Spirit by the Word, he too, will realize who he is and run to the Great Prophet Eagle and be with Him forever seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. If the Church only knew how to set its wings, its wings of faith, into the promise of God, and not beat from here, beat from there, and join the Methodists, join the Baptist, join the Presbyterian, join the Oneness, join

the Assemblies, every little 'ism comes along, to join it. That's not it. It's just set your wing in His promise and let the Holy Ghost just lift you up, lift you up, on, on, on.

What the church of the living God needs today is to jump away from the barriers of denominationalism, from all the isms, and to cut loose. Nest stirring time has come. But we need another jump. We have gotten so far as the barnyard post. But we need to get free and ride on His wings for a first solo flight. **If we could only take the wings of the Bible, God's written Word,** that God give His Church to fly away with, and have as much confidence in the Word of God, by the Holy Spirit, to furnish the breeze to pack us away... If we'd only had as much confidence as the eagle did in his wings... He knew that he could make one jump, and he'd be in that timberline, above that timber.

And when a man or woman has set under creeds and cold, formal religion, if he's ordained to be a son of God, and he sees the Word of God preached in Its power, and God vindicate It; he's an eagle to begin with, he'll run to It as sure as two twos is four. He can't help it, because his very nature loves the Word of God. **I don't care what anybody else says, when he sees the Word of God being made manifest, he flies to It because he is a little eagle.** "Where the carcass is, the eagles will gather." **It's eagle food. Eagles love eagle food.** Sheep love sheep food. And scavengers love scavenger's food. Buzzards eat buzzards food. And if you love the things of the world, that shows the love of God is not even in you.

Dear God, we see the handwriting on the wall. We're at the end time. We know that there's great things laying ahead; but yet somewhere, somewhere out in this mess out here, is still honest people that's been ordained to Life. It'd be impossible for one man or two men; but, God, all of us together, let us spread in every corner we can, the good news that Jesus is coming, and (See?), just spread a little Bread along, a little Word. **Wherever the eagles are, they'll follow that Food. Whether It comes by a tape, or whether It comes by a word or a testimony, eagles will follow It to Its headquarters.** For It is written, "Where the Carcass is, there the eagles will gather." (Luke 17:37)

Dear Jesus, we know that Thou art the Carcass that we eat. Thou art the Word, and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. We pray, God, that as we scatter the Word, that the true eagles will find It. Dear Jesus, we know that **Thou art the Carcass that we eat. Thou art the Word,** and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. We pray, God, that as we scatter the Word, that the true eagles will find It. Let us not be ashamed when we stand before people, wicked, indifferent people, religious, whatever it is. As Paul told Timothy, let's be instant in season, out of season; reproving and rebuking, with all long-suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they'll not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall heap for themselves together teachers, having itching ears, and will be turned from the truth to fables. (AS THE EAGLE STIRRETH HER.NEST57-0705)

"There's coming one with a message that's straight on the Bible, and quick work will circle the earth. The seeds will go in newspapers, reading material, until every predestinated seed of God has heard it."

(QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 62-0527)

CHAPTER ELEVEN



The 5-Fold Ministry

The Bible speaks of a true God-ordained five-fold ministry.

EPHESIANS 4:11-13- "And He gave some, *apostles*; and some, *prophets*; and some, *evangelists*; and some, *pastors* and *teachers*; For the : (1) *perfecting of the saints*, for the (2) *work of the ministry*, for the (3) *edifying of the body of Christ*: Till we all (4) *come in the unity of the faith*, and (5) *of the knowledge of the Son of God*, (6) *unto a perfect man*, (7) *unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ*.

Brother Branham ENDORSED the 5-Fold Ministry according to the following sermons:

"And God set some in the Church, first apostles, then prophets, teachers, evangelists, and pastors, all for the perfecting of the Church. How could we turn one down and say the other one isn't so? God does it Himself." (THEIR EYES WERE OPENED.title JEFF.IN ER 89-107 57-0421E)

"Would the Bride of Christ have a ministry before the rapture? Sure. That's what's going on right now. See? The Bride of Christ... Certainly. It is the Message of the hour (See?), the Bride of Christ. Sure, She's consist of apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, and pastors. Is that right? That's the Bride of Christ. Sure, She's got a ministry, great ministry; it's the ministry of the hour; it'll be so humble." (QA.ON.THE.SEALS.No.22 JEFF.IN 63-0324M)

"God never intended the church to be run by men. God runs His church, and He runs it through gifts of the Spirit. The gifts of the Spirit is in the church to correct the spirit. He's got five ministerial offices in His church. First of them is apostles, or, missionaries. Missionary is the highest calling there is, apostle. The word "missionary" means "one sent"; "apostle" means "one sent." Why they ever chose to be called a missionary, I don't know. But they are apostles. All right. Apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, pastors, now, that's the elected offices of God to His church. Then in each local church there's nine spiritual gifts that come among the people, that is, knowledge, wisdom, gifts of healing, working of miracles, speaking with tongues, interpretation of tongues. And all these things go in each local body. And every person in the church has an individual ministry, and that individual ministry goes together with the rest of the ministry to edify the Body of Jesus Christ." (SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE.title JEFF.IN ROJC 185-227 60-1206)

"God was predestinating by foreknowledge, set in the church these orders. They are of God. God speaks then and a vindicates and proves Himself by the preachers preaching the Word, by the prophets prophesying, by the seers, and so forth that's in the church, that God has placed, by the evangelists, pastors, all together to feed and to take care of His sheep." (HEAR.YE.HIM.title OAKLAND.CA 57-0322)

“Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, five spiritual gifts that’s predestinated, that by foreknowledge God set in the Church. That’s exactly right. **Gifts and callings are without repentance.** All those gifts are in the Church.” (JESUS.CHRIST.THE.SAME.title MIDDLETOWN.OH 58-0323)

“Now He set in the church, to keep the church in line with the Word, what? Apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, evangelists, offices of the church. **God-sent, not man-called;** God-sent, inspired men to keep the church lined up. Now, what is it? Gifts of the Spirit in the church, not a bunch of fanaticism, but truly gifts of the Spirit in the church.” (PERSEVERANCE.title JEFF.IN V-10 N-3 62-0218)

“**In His army... He presents His army in the form of five offices, first, apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, evangelists.** That’s His army; that’s His soldiers; that’s His commanding officers, all with the baptism of the Holy Ghost, waiting out there to meet the enemy on any grounds he comes upon; to meet the enemy with the Word of God (Amen.), **each one backing one another up,** with Him the Chief Captain, not out there in front, up here, above, back behind; but in them. That’s the army. Vindicating, vindicating what? His resurrection, by the proof of His works.” (TAKE ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD; SANTA.MARIA.CA 62-0701)

“**Now, His corporal body sets at the right hand of God.** You believe that, don’t you? **But the Holy Spirit is here working through His sanctified vessels.** And God has set in the church what? First apostles, then prophets, then teachers, then evangelists, then pastors (Is that right?), for the perfecting of the church. God has did it. **It’s not the preacher that preaches; it’s God preaching through him. It’s not the prophet that sees the vision; it’s God speaking through him.**” (JESUS.CHRIST.THE.SAME.title CHARLOTTE .NC 56-0426)

“**What is it? God dressed up in His church.** These offices is God’s dress-wear. When you see those offices, **pastors, teachers, evangelists,** what is that? That’s God’s dress-wear, God’s Presence, God’s Spirit and It’s working through man. And if that **office** denies any of this Word, then it’s not God-dressing. No, not that. **That’s that wolf in sheep’s clothing. Watch that fellow. Beware of Him.**” (PUTTING ON THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD; S.PINES.NC 62-0607)

KNOW YOUR CALLING

“**Now, everybody can’t be a preacher,** but you got a voice... **If you’re a preacher, you’re called to the pulpit to preach. If you’re not, you’re still a preacher, but live the people a sermon.** Let your sermon be lived, and it’s the voice of God that’ll bring reproach to them who reject it. See, **live your sermons. Don’t try to preach them if you’re NOT called to be a preacher; get all mixed up, anyhow, and messed up, and you’ll get people tangled up, and you won’t know... Well, you’ll—you’ll ruin them and yourself too.** Just live your sermon. The preacher’s called to preach his and to live it too. **If you can’t live it, then stop preaching it. But you’re supposed to live your sermons.**” (REV.CHAP.4.PT.3.THRONE.MERCY.title JEFF.IN ROJC 645-716 61-0108)

“It’s a gift. A gift ain’t to take, like a sword, and go, punch and jab and pull. That isn’t it. **A gift is just getting yourself out of the way so the Holy Spirit can work in a human body.** Don’t try to say, “Glory to God, I got a gift, hallelujah.” You’ll never get it. If you just know how to let yourself go...” (TRIAL.THE.title TOPEKA.KS V-20 N-6 64-0621)

CHURCH ORDER, CONDUCT AND DOCTRINE

“**Every man ought to have a church home. You ought to have a place, not just to float about from pillar to post, but have somewhere that you go to church and you call it your church, somewhere you pay your tithe, and somewhere that you help support the cause.** Take your choice, but then don’t never disfellowship the other man because he don’t belong with your group. See? Discern his spirit and see if he’s got the same purpose in heart, then you got fellowship one with another. You’re working for one great cause. That’s the cause of Christ. I think that that is absolutely true.” (DISCERNMENT OF SPIRIT; PHOENIX.AZ V-9 N-3 60-0308)

“There’s **something** about the—where you go, what church you go to, and what teacher teaches you. Do you know that? It—it’s got something to it. **Therefore, we ought to seek out the very best that we can find, so we’re getting the best;** not because it’s **sociable** and so forth, but the **real Bible teaching.**” (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.3.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0901M)

CHURCH SOVEREIGNTY

“**But I believe in the supreme authority of the local assembly. Yes, let each church be its own, choose its pastors, its deacons,** its whatever it is. And then, that way, **the man in there has no bishop over him.** The Holy Spirit wants to speak something to that church, **they don’t have to ask anybody about whether they could do this or do that.** It’s the **individual in contact with the Holy Spirit.** Show me by the Bible, what’s greater in the Bible than a local elder to a local church? That’s right. Yes, sir, the sovereignty of the local church, each church in itself... Now, brotherhood, that’s wonderful. **All churches ought to be in a brotherhood** like that together. But the **sovereignty of local church...**” (HEBREWS CHAPTER 5.AND.6. JEFF.IN HEB 57-0908M)

“**But the full and complete authority of the church is the pastor.** Read that in the Bible; see if that’s not Bible order. That’s exactly right. **There’s no one above the elder.** I have nothing to do with what Brother Neville does here. That’s up to you and Brother Neville. If Brother Neville wanted to preach Jehovah Witness doctrine, that’s up to him and you. See? If he wanted to preach anything he wanted to, that’s between you and him. That’s all. If the congregation votes for him in there to preach that, that’s all right. That’s up to him.” (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.7.PT.2.CHURCH.ORDER.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0922)

“**You all voted a hundred percent on it,** so we’ve held right to that. See? **The church is sovereign.** What the church says, that’s what... Trustees or nobody else... The trustees is just, each one, a vote. **The pastor is just one vote.** It’s the church, that it’s—the democracy of the church, the sovereignty of the church. **The church in whole, speaks.** That’s all. And we like that, because **we have NO bishops, or hierarchies, or overseers, or so forth to tell us this,** that, or the other. It’s the Holy Spirit in the church, does the speaking; I like that rule, and it’s very fine.” (KEY.TO.THE.DOOR.title JEFF.IN V-12 N-6 62-1007)

“**And this church is sovereign.** There ain’t no board of trustees or deacons going to tell you what to do. **This church in a whole vote tells you what to do.** That’s exactly right. If there’s a decision... If you don’t like your pastor, and there’s two or three people gets something against the pastor, they can’t raise up. If they’re deacons, trustees, they just... Or what officer they are here they just got one vote; that’s all. If he’s assistant pastor, he’s just got one vote. He’s just like the lay member sets back there. The whole vote of the church settles the matter. And that’s right; that’s—that’s right. **No deacon board put a pastor out, or no pastor put a deacon board out. The church does that in a**

general vote of the whole thing. It's sovereign in itself. **We have no bishops; we have no general overseers; we have Jesus. Amen. He's the Bishop. He's the General Overseer. He's the head Pastor. He's the King. He's the Lord.** He's the Healer. He's All and All. And we're just His subjects walking in the Light. Amen." (BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT; JEFF.IN V-5 N-2 58-0928M)

7 QUALIFICATIONS OF A TRUE MINISTER

A TRUE MINISTER MUST BE :

1. CALLED AND ELECTED (foreordained by God) and not by men. Meal ticket must never be an issue in preaching. II PETER 1:10, "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall."

2. SENT BY GOD (NOT BY SOME MAN-MADE ORGANIZATIONS) ROMANS 10:14-15, "And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

3. CHOSEN of GOD (NOT HANDPICKED BY MEN LIKE MATTHIAS). MATTHEW 22:14- "For many are called, but few [are] chosen."

4. GIFTED AND VINDICATED OF GOD (NOT JUST RUNNING WITH SOME SEMINARY EXPERIENCE OR WITH SOME BIBLE SCHOOL THEOLOGY; BUT BY THE DEMONSTRATION OF THE POWER OF THE HOLY GHOST) ROMANS 11:29 - "For the gifts and calling of God [are] without repentance." MATTHEW 10:7-8 - "And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give."

5. WALKING IN THE PRESENT TRUTH (NOT WITH DENOMINATIONAL HYBRID TEACHINGS) PSALMS 86:11, "Teach me Thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth.." II PETER 1:12 - "Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know [them], and be established in the present truth."

6. A HUMBLE SERVANT, NOT ONE THAT'S BEING SERVED

MATTHEW 20:25-28- "But Jesus called them, and said, "Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

"Sometimes great guys get together. You hear them say great So-and-so and great So-and-so, our great... Don't never do that. There's no great ones among us. There's only one great One, and that's God. We are brothers, sisters. I don't care if you're a pastor of a church that's got five people in it, that don't make you little; that makes you a brother (See?), if you're true to God's Word. I don't care what, how, you don't get little. God don't have little children and big children. He just has children, and they're all the same." (TRYING.TO.DO.GOD.A.SERVICE.title JEFF.IN V-4 N-8 65-0718M)

"And isn't that just the way that people get today? Let God just bless a fellow and put a little confidence in him, and he gets to be a know-it-all. He gets to

be... He's got to start an organization, or he's got to do something that's different. "Why art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer." It's... **God has a hard time trying to get somebody that He can deal with, that'll stay humble, and meek, and stay in the place** until God calls him to do something (you believe that? See?), **a man that God can bless and he'll still keep hisself a man, not be an angel or a god.** As soon as man gets blessed and has a little something given to him, he wants to become a god; he wants to become a—an angel. **He wants to become some great person. "What I do, what... Me and me and mine..."** all that. **That's the wrong attitude.** God's hunting for **somebody** who He could bless and pour out the blessings, and—and more He blessed, the **littler** the man will become. **And you'll never get more of God until you become nothing.** You've got to belittle yourself. **He that will exalt himself, God will bring abase.** He that will humble himself, God will exalt. **You've got to get little before you can get big.** And you'll never be big in your own self; **you'll only be as big as God will be big in you.** See?" (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 59-0628E)

7. NO COMPROMISER OF THE WORD - GALATIANS 1:8- "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." ROMANS 3:4- "Yea, let God be true, but every man a liar."

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION of the FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY

"A prophet isn't an evangelist, and an evangelist isn't a prophet. A pastor isn't an evangelist, and an evangelist isn't a pastor. But God has set in the church, first apostles, then prophets, then teachers, then pastors and so forth. God set them in the church and God gave them an office." (TAKING.SIDES.WITH.JESUS.title JEFF.IN COD 62-0601)

THE PROPHET

The prophet is a special man. A prophet is a man of whom the Word of the Lord comes to, because the prophet is so designed life that his sub-conscious and his first conscious is so close together that he doesn't go to sleep to dream his dream; he sees it when he's wide awake. See? Now, that's something God has to do. See, he sees what's going. A prophet foresees way off (See?) the things that is coming. He sees the cup of God's wrath, full, before it is filled. See? He can say, "THUS SAITH THE LORD." (WARNING.THEN.JUDGMENT.title JEFF.IN V-8 N-3 63-0724)

Prophets are foreordained. They're prophets. Now, there's a gift of prophecy in the church, that could be on one, then the next one, the next one, the next one, and so forth—of prophecy. Paul said you may all prophesy one by one. **But there's a lot of difference between a prophet and a prophecy.** A prophecy has to be judged by three witnesses (two or three) before it can be given or accepted in the church, according to the Scriptures. **But a prophet, like the Old Testament prophet, they had the Word of the Lord.** The translation was right to them. And they were known, because the Bible said, "If there be one among you spiritual or a prophet, I, the Lord, will make Myself known unto him, speak to him in visions, and reveal Myself in dreams. And if what this man says comes to pass, then hear him, for I'm am with him. If it doesn't, then don't hear him. I'm not with him. Don't fear him." (JESUS.CHRIST.THE.SAME.title TUCSON.AZ 61-0205E)

A SCRIPTURAL PROPHET

DEUTERONOMY 18:22- "When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that [is] the thing which the LORD hath not

spoken, [but] the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: **thou shalt not be afraid of him.**"

DEUTERONOMY 18:20- "But the **prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name**, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die."

A TRUE PROPHET IS : A (1) "SEER" OF VISIONS; (2) HAS "THUS SAITH THE LORD"; (3) HAS A GIFT OF DISCERNMENT; (4) CAN PROPHECY AND COMES TO PASS; (5) CAN INTERPRET DREAMS; (6) STAYS SOLIDLY IN THE WORD; (7) TAKES NO GLORY UPON HIMSELF

THE PASTOR

In the church there is the pastor, and that pastor is a special person. He's built to where he can--**he can put up with the fusses of the people.** He—he—he's a **burden-bearer**; he's **the ox of the team.** He—he's a man that can set down when the—somebody's got something against somebody else, and set down with them two families, and **take neither side**, and reason it out, and bring it right back into **sweetness.** See? He—he's a pastor; **he knows how to take care of things.** (WARNING.THEN.JUDGMENT.title JEFF.IN V-8 N-3 63-0724)

But the full and complete authority of the church is the pastor. Read that in the Bible; see if that's not Bible order. That's exactly right. **There's no one above the elder.** (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.7.PT.2.CHURCH.ORDER JEFF.IN HEB 57-0922)

Now the truth of the matter is the word "elder" signifies who the person is, while the word "bishop" signifies the office of the same man. The elder is the man. Bishop is the office of the man. `Elder' always has and always will refer simply to a man's chronological age in the Lord. **He is an elder, not because he is elected or ordained, etc., but because he is OLDER.** He is more seasoned, trained, not a novice, reliable because of experience and long standing proof of his Christian experience. (197-2 PERGANEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.5)

And it's very easy then for he pastor to find the Spirit of God (which is already in the meeting) on the Word of God, as he reads and starts preaching. The pastor then preach anything that the Holy Spirit would put on his heart, whatever he wishes to do, standing there. **But the congregation is to only... They can rejoice, as he is preaching, of course, or say "amen" when the Word comes forth. But, as far as getting up and giving a—a messages in tongues and interpretation, while the—the Holy Spirit is working through the pastor, the Scripture condemns that, and said, "The spirit of the prophet is subject to the prophet." The pastor then must call this individual down, and ask them to be reverent and to keep their place.** The pastor must be a man that has got a very humble way about him, but not too humble but what he could be like the Lord Jesus Christ when He seen wrong going on in the church, He platted ropes and ran them out of the church. And now the Church of God is the highest of judgment, and the pastor is the highest order in the Church. **The elder is the highest thing in the apostolic Church, outside of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit brings His Message straight to the elder, and the elder gives It to the people.** (CHURCH.ORDER.title JEFF.IN COD.SUPPLEMENT 58-1006)

QUALIFICATIONS OF A PASTOR

I TIMOTHY 3:1-7 - ¶ This [is] a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. 2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; 3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; 4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; 5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) 6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. 7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

THE EVANGELIST

The evangelist is a special man. He's a man that's **burning like a fireball.** He runs into a city and preaches his message, and gets out of there somewhere else. See, **he's a special man.** (WARNING.THEN.JUDGMENT.title JEFF.IN V-8 N-3 63-0724)

THE TEACHER

The teacher is a special man. He sets back under the anointing of the Spirit and is able to take the Words and put them together by the Holy Spirit, that the pastor or evangelist either one could not compare with him. (WARNING.THEN.JUDGMENT.title JEFF.IN V-8 N-3 63-0724)

Bible teaching is usually a little treacherous, a little, you know, kind of walking out on the thin ice; we call it. .. Now, **preaching usually catches the sinner, brings him under condemnation** by the Word. **But teaching places a man positionally what he is. And we can never rightly be able to have faith until positionally we know what we are.** (EPHESIANS.PARALLELS.JOSHUA.title JEFF.IN AD.1 60-0515E)

Now, in order to study the Scripture... **Paul told Timothy, "Study It, rightly dividing the Word of God which is Truth."** Then **there's three musts** in the Scripture. **In using God's Word there is three things that you must not do..** You must not do these things. We tell you all the time how you must do; now, I'm going to tell you what you must not do. Now, **you must not misinterpret the Word.** You say, "Well, I believe It means this." It means just what it says. It needs no interpreter. And **you must not misplace the Word.** And **you must not dislocate the Word.** And if we would do either of these, it throws the whole Bible in a **confusion** and in a **chaos.** (CHRIST.REVEALED.IN.HIS.OWN.WORD.title JEFF.IN V-4 N-10 65-0822M)

These three musts, must be: Must not misinterpret or mishandle It, misinterpret or dislocate It. It must be kept just exactly the way God said It was. (CHRIST REVEALED IN HIS OWN.WORD.title JEFF.IN V-4 N-10 65-0822M)

And the Scripture is of no private interpretation. It was wrote by the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit is the only One Who can reveal it, for it is hid from the eyes of the wise and prudent, and it's revealed to babes such as will learn. **So if you don't watch,** if you don't use the mind of the Holy Spirit to put it together, **you'll have your scene all mixed up, for instance, just like a cow picking grass in the top of a tree.** (HEAR.YE.HIM.title MIDDLETOWN.OH 58-0328)

But if you're reading between the lines and try to make It say something,

that in between the lines says something different than what the lines says, then it's wrong. But it's got to agree, all the way through it. **The Bible is just like a great jig-saw puzzle**, if you'll excuse the expression. And if you just try to put it together just the way you look at it, you've got to have something over here to look at. **If you don't, you'll ruin your scene.** You'll have a cow picking grass on top of a tree. So it won't be right. (JEHOVAH.JIREH.title LA.CA.59-0417)

Oh, I know there's many rise up, and go out, and say, "Oh, I don't need to go to church anymore. Praise God, the Holy Ghost has come; He's the teacher." When you get that idea, you're just wrong. For why did the Holy Ghost set teachers in the church if He was going to be the teacher? See? There are first apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, and pastors. **The Holy Spirit set teachers in the church, so He could teach through that teacher.** And if there's—it isn't according to the Word, God doesn't confirm it, then it isn't the right kind of teaching. It must compare with the entire Bible, and be just as alive today as It was then. There's the real thing made manifest. (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.5.AND.6.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0908M)

THE APOSTLE

And then we find out the apostle is a special man. He's a—he's a **setter-in-order**. He's a man that's sent from God to set the things in order. (WARNING.THEN.JUDGMENT.title JEFF.IN V-8 N-3 63-0724)

A word "apostle" means "one that's sent." I've often wondered why the missionary ever wanted to be called a missionary. **A missionary is an apostle.** The word "missionary" means "one sent." "Apostle" means "one sent." A missionary is an apostle. (POSITION.IN.CHRIST.title CHICAGO.IL.55-0116A)

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A TRUE MINISTER

1. HE MUST EDIFY AND UNIFY THE BODY OF CHRIST

EPHESIANS 4:12-13, "...For the **perfecting** of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the **edifying** of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the **unity** of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a **perfect man**, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

2. HE MUST NOT BRING DIVISION NOR CONTENTION(S) TO THE BODY OF CHRIST

I CORINTHIANS 1:10-13- "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that **ye all speak the same thing**, and [that] there be **no divisions** among you; but [that] **ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.** For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them [which are of the house] of Chloe, that there are **contentions** among you. Now this I say, that **every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?**"

3. HE MUST BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE THE POWER OF THE HOLY GHOST

I CORINTHIANS 2:4-5- "*And my speech and my preaching [was] not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in **demonstration of the Spirit and of power:** That your faith should NOT stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.*"

His preaching must be INSPIRED BY THE HOLY GHOST; It must come from the HEART, and NOT from an INTELLECTUAL POINT of VIEW. He must live what he preaches, and the REALITY of GOD in his life must be supported by TRUE-TO-LIFE EXPERIENCES. **He must be vindicated by the Scriptures.**

JOHN 14:12-14 - "*Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater [works] than these shall he do;** because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my Name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my Name, I will do [it].*"

LUKE 9:1-2- "*Then he called his **twelve disciples** together, and gave them **power and authority** over all devils, and to cure diseases. And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.*"

MARK 16:17-18 - "*And these **SIGNS** shall follow THEM that believe; In my Name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*"

"GREATER WORKS " means "MORE"

"You know the Bible says, same chapter, **John 14**, "*The works that I do, shall he do also*; even **more** than this shall he do, for I go to My Father." I know the **King James** puts it "**greater.**" It couldn't be no greater; **the original says "more.**" 'Cause He stopped nature; He raised the dead; well, it's just everything. **You could do no greater than He did. But the church would do MORE of it,** because while we're having a meeting here, they're having a meeting in Africa; they're having them in Brazil; they're all around the world (See?); 'cause it could be **more. God was manifested in one Person then,** His Son Jesus; now **He's manifested in His church universal,** but the same Spirit doing the same works." (LET.US.SEE.GOD.title SAN.JOSE.CA V-14 N-2 59-112)

Jesus said these words, "The works that I do shall he do also." Saint John, I believe it's 14:7. "The works that I do shall he do also; greater..." **The right translation is "more". You couldn't do any greater.** If He... **A greater in quantity, but not in quality...** He raised the dead, stopped nature. He just did everything. So it would more than this, because then the Holy Spirit would be working through the church throughout the universe. "**More of the same works will you do; because I go to the Father. And I'll come again, and be with, in you.**" (JESUS.CHRIST.THE.SAME.title SOUTH.BEND.IN 58-0207)

4. HE MUST BE ABLE TO LEAD THE CHURCH OF GOD UNTO PERFECTION

MATTHEW 5:48- "*Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.*"

PHILIPPIANS 4:8 - "*Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are **true**, whatsoever things [are] **honest**, whatsoever things [are] **just**, whatsoever things [are] **pure**, whatsoever things [are] **lovely**, whatsoever things [are] of **good report**; if [there be] any virtue, and if [there*

be] any praise, think on these things.”

There’s no negative at all in Christianity; it’s all positive. (HEAR.YE.HIM.title PARKERSBURG.WV 56-1215)

5. HE MUST LEAD THE CHURCH UNTO PERFECT LOVE

MATTHEW 5:43-47- “Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. **But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;** That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?”

6. HE MUST BRING CONVICTION TO SINNERS

II TIMOTHY 4:2-4- “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away [their] ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”

7. HE MUST BE ABLE TO SET THE CAPTIVES FREE

LUKE 4:18-19- “The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon me, because **he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.**”

8. HE MUST BRING HONOR & GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST ALONE (not to any man, group, system, nor denomination)

GALATIANS 6:14- “But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.”

I THESSALONIANS 2:6- “Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor [yet] of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.”

9. HE MUST WITNESS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER (HEBREWS 13:8)

A TRUE MINISTER SHOULD ATTEST TO THE TRUTH OF THE FIRST PULL- HEALING & MIRACLES; THE SECOND PULL- DISCERNMENT & PROPHECY; AND THE THIRD PULL- REVEALING OF THE WORD

10. HE MUST PREACH ONLY THE WORD OF GOD – THE REAL FOOD FOR THE SOUL (NOT MAN-MADE IDEAS)

MATTHEW 4:4- “But he answered and said, It is written, **Man shall not live by**

bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”

REVELATION 22:18-19 - “For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, **If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and [from] the things which are written in this book.”**

11. HIS PREACHING MUST FOCUS ON THE PRESENT TRUTH - THE MESSAGE-OF-THE-HOUR

II PETER 1:12 – “Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know [them], and be established in the **present truth.**”

12. HE MUST LEAD THE PEOPLE TO BECOME OVERCOMERS

HEBREWS 12:1-2- “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset [us], and let us run with patience the RACE that is set before us,** Looking unto **JESUS** the AUTHOR and FINISHER of [our] faith.”

I JOHN 2:15-16 – “Love **NOT** the world, neither the things [that are] in the world. If any man love the world, the LOVE of the Father is NOT in him. For ALL that [is] in the world, the **lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is NOT** of the Father, but is of the world.”

ROMANS 12:2- “And be **NOT** conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

II CORINTHIANS 10:5- “Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”

II CORINTHIANS 12:9- 10- “Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ’s sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.”

13. HE MUST PREPARE THE PEOPLE FOR THE RAPTURE

JOHN 14:1-3- “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father’s house are many mansions: if [it were] not [so], I would have told you. **I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also.**”

MATTHEW 6:19-21- “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: **But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**”

I CORINTHIANS 15:51-54- *“Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [must] put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.”*

I THESSALONIANS 4:15-18 - *“For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive [and] remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a SHOUT, with the VOICE of the archangel, and with the TRUMP of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”*

ORDAINING OF MINISTERS

“When we ordain these ministers by laying on of hands... Now, we realize that the Scriptural way of ordaining a minister is laying on of hands. I think that’s where our Latter Rain brethren, or the Battleford people, and so forth, got mixed up and—when they seen that laying on of hands to impart spiritual gifts. Now, we do not believe that gifts comes by laying on of hands. We believe that laying on of hands is a sanction to what we’ve already seen. See? It’s a “amen.” See? Now, when they laid hands upon Timothy and upon those brethren, they had noticed in them men was the gift. Remember, “*stir up that gift, which was in you, come from your grandmother Lois.*” And they seen this in Timothy; and therefore, the elders laid hands upon him, ordaining him, not put hands upon a man that nothing has ever been showed forth. You see? And they just asked the blessings, and we all believe that. So we don’t impart spiritual gifts; we only recognize them and lay hands upon them to sanction them, that we believe that God has done such things for the people.” (INDICTMENT.THE.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-19 63-0707)

TRAINING OF MINISTERS

“Now, I think this church... If you men would, when you build this church, make this like your headquarters and like Brother Neville here being like the senior elder among you. See? And sometimes you get a question that you can’t discuss out with your church out there, then bring it in here to Brother Neville and you all discuss it together. If there—you can’t come to any decision, I’ll be coming by pretty soon, then we’ll all come together with it. And then in there, get training in your own groups other ministers, men that you see that has a calling in their life for the ministry. Train them young men; bring them in here to the elder. All of you set together in a ministerial meeting and there teach the deeper things of God. Don’t go on the bad end. Keep someone who, can have confidence in to be kind of like a—leader for you. And then sometimes if you don’t see it just exactly the way he does, goes—that’s all right, you’re in the faith anyhow; just move along. Maybe when we come together then, all of us together, we’ll pray, the discernment of God come down, and He’ll give it just exactly what it is (You see?) and let us know just how to do it. And in there, churches can go hear. And training up a group of men. And if I’m in evangelistic work somewhere, there’s places I can place them worldwide.” (TAKING.SIDES.WITH.JESUS.title JEFF.IN COD 62-0601)

“Now, everybody can’t be a preacher, but you got a voice... If you’re a preacher, you’re called to the pulpit to preach. If you’re not, you’re still a preacher, but live the people a sermon. Let your sermon be lived, and it’s the voice of God that’ll

bring reproach to them who reject it. See, live your sermons. Don’t try to preach them if you’re NOT called to be a preacher; get all mixed up, anyhow, and messed up, and you’ll get people tangled up, and you won’t know... Well, you’ll—you’ll ruin them and yourself too. Just live your sermon. The preacher’s called to preach his and to live it too. If you can’t live it, then stop preaching it. But you’re supposed to live your sermons.” (REV.CHAP.4.PT.3.THURON.MERCY.title JEFF.IN ROJC 645-716 61-0108)

THE GOALS OF PREACHING

Preaching is the main work of the five-fold ministry. Preaching has to attain some goals and I personally categorize them as follows:

1. **INFORMATION** (Creating awareness in people about the Word; introducing the Message-of-the-Hour to the world)
2. **INSTRUCTION** (Acquisition of Knowledge by the people through a clear understanding the Mysteries of the Scriptures)
3. **ACCEPTANCE** (By faith, people must be lead to believe and obey the Word of god as their Absolute)
4. **MOTIVATION** (The building of inspiration amongst the people and offering them an invitation to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour)
5. **PERSUASION** (The assertion of Biblical truths and principles into people’s lives in order for them to be counted worthy to be called the “Bride” of the soon coming King.

MECHANICS OF GOSPEL PREACHING

(TEN BASIC GUIDELINES WHEN PREPARING TO PREACH)

The following tips and guidelines are not meant to replace the leading of the Holy Spirit in a preacher’s method of preaching. These tips are simply meant to serve as key reminders and are especially addressed to young ministers in their initial calling and practice of the great commission. I respect the dealings of God with each member of the 5-fold ministry. But these tips are just practical notes of mine which I wish to impart to all who might need them with in the goal of equipping God’s generals with some aids in their service to the Body of Christ.

1. **BE AWARE OF GOD’S PRESENCE** - The first approach to preaching is to seek God first of his Message for the Day – be prayerful and ask God to discern what His people needs. It may be helpful to go to a quiet place, and to read the Bible, until God leads you to a topical inspiration.
2. **PREACHING IS NOT A SHOW OR PERFORMANCE** - Remind yourself that preaching is not a “performance”. It isn’t about you nor about your ability to please a crowd into a spiritual frenzy. Any thought that parallels to “what do they think of me?” must be put out of your mind. Focus on God’s Word, not on whether the crowd is being entertained or bored. Don’t impress people by too long prayers. Be specific and be direct.

3. DO NOT OVER-PREPARE - Give some chance for the Holy Spirit to speak out of the "box" (your outline). Do not be tied up to your notes. The Spirit of God will let you sense what is occurring amongst the people. He may lead you to feel a burden, a yearning or to give an outstanding testimony. Merge them with your sermons as you see fit, for God's glory.

4. BE YOURSELF - Don't be something which you are not. Be honest. Be humble. Don't be a smart-aleck or a "know-it-all".

5. DON'T RUSH - Take time to clarify the context of your sermon. You may need to define a "word" or "phrase", or simply give a typology to a topic as in a parable. Don't forget to cite the importance of the topic you are discussing (i.e. New Birth) to the people. State some related facts, events, and experiences to build up your topic.

6. PROJECT YOUR VOICE - Don't mumble. Preaching may not be a performance but you need to be heard and be understood clearly and audibly. Try to emphasize significant points by raising the level of your voice, by shouting, or by simply pounding on the pulpit. (But be sure not to break the pulpit, or else you are under obligation to have it repaired.)

7. BE INTIMATE - Make your sermon personal as if you're talking to a very dear friend whom you love and care so much. Create and establish a personal relationship with your audience. Show concern to every one by telling them the love of Jesus, and that He died for their sins and is willing to forgive them of their iniquities.

8. ENCOURAGE GODLINESS & ZEAL - Uphold holiness. Set the people's heart on fire for God. Encourage the weak. Praise the work of those who are trying their best to serve the Lord. Build-up the faith of the people through the Revealed Word.

9. CONVICT PEOPLE OF THEIR SINS IN A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY - Love the sinner, but hate their sin. Expose the works of the flesh as against the works of the Spirit. Show the contrast of good and evil, and clarify the consequences of both (you reap what you sow). Enumerate Biblical characters that will outline the difference. Be a typologist.

10. OFFER A WAY BACK TO GOD - Win back people's souls to God through repentance and restitution. Always point out that "whatsoever a man soweth, that he shall also reap." Show them the way of salvation - what must they do to be saved, and how they can really be assured of their salvation. Show them that Jesus loves them and is longing to have fellowship with them (type them to the prodigal son).

A CHECKLIST IN PREACHING

Since the goal of preaching is to change lives, preaching is the ultimate tool for church growth. But how can you be effective in communication through preaching? Listed below are eight questions to ask about your preaching (*Courtesy of PreachIt.Org*).

1. WHO WILL I BE PREACHING TO?

Asking questions like, "What are their needs?", "What are their hurts?",

and, "What are their interests?", will help us focus on where the people are. Why ask? Because although there are three things that always get one's attention:

- **Things that threaten us.**
- **Things that are unusual.**
- **Things that we value.**

"A preacher can only consistently keep people's attention by focusing on what people value."

2. WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THEIR NEEDS?

Since the Bible is the Book of Life, it will have the answer to people's needs. The preacher's task is to show the Bible to be relevant for today's needs.

3. WHAT IS THE MOST PRACTICAL WAY TO SAY IT?

Application is the central task in preaching. So, preaching must be practical enough for people to know what to do. How to make preaching more practical?

- Always aim for action.
- Tell the people why.
- Show them how.

Exhortation without explanation leads to frustration. Too often people respond to a message with the expression, "Yes, but how?" In other words, I agree with what you're saying, but "how do I do it?"

4. WHAT IS THE MOST POSITIVE WAY TO SAY IT?

Jesus never tried to convert anyone with anger. Although the Scriptures clearly warn of judgment, negative preaching only produces negative people.

- Promote the positive alternatives to sin and preach humbly.

5. WHAT IS THE MOST ENCOURAGING WAY TO SAY IT?

Everyone has three fundamental needs:

- To have their faith reinforced,
- To have their hope renewed,
- To have their love restored.

The key to encouraging people is don't just tell it like it is, but also tell it like it could be.

6. WHAT IS THE SIMPLEST WAY TO SAY IT?

Jesus taught profound truth in simple ways. Since a person forgets 90 to 95% of what they hear in seventy-two hours, the sermon needs to be definable in a single thought. How do you simplify the sermon?

- Condense the message into a single sentence.
- Avoid using religious terms.
- Keep your outline simple.
- Make your application fit.
- Never make a point without a picture.

7. WHAT IS THE MOST PERSONAL WAY TO SAY IT?

People today are skeptical and resistant to sales pitches, so the message must be made personal “He’s preaching to me!” How do you preach with impact?

- Honestly share your struggles.
- Honestly share your progress.
- Share what you are learning.

8. WHAT IS THE MOST INTERESTING WAY TO SAY IT?

To the unchurched, dull preaching is unforgivable. Vary your delivery! Jesus told stories about people and He also used humor. Humor relaxes people, makes painful medicine easier to accept and creates positive emotions. In summary, good effective preaching is not just an accident. It should be thought through. Finally, the most effective key to preaching is simply LOVE PEOPLE.

10 BASIC ELEMENTS OF A SERMON

(Suggested Guidelines for Preachers - A Sample Module)

1. SCRIPTURE READING (Text– “John 3:3,” The New Birth, for example)

2. OPENING PRAYER (Dedication of the service to God) (Step 1 and 2 can be interchangeable)

3. TITLE AND DEFINITION OF CONTEXT (Definition of the “New Birth”)

4. SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TEXT (“Except a man be born again, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God”)

5. COMPONENTS OR PROCESSES (e.g. Three stages: Water, Blood, Spirit/ Justification, Sanctification, Baptism of the Holy Ghost)

6. EXAMPLES (Types and Shadows of the New Birth– to the Earth: Noah, Jesus, Armageddon; to the Wheat: tassel, stalk, shuck, grain)

7. RELATED EXPERIENCES (Birth pains; mess; lust of the flesh versus leading of the Holy Spirit)

8. CONCLUSION (“Except a man be born again, he cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven)

9. CLOSING PRAYER (consecration, benediction)

10. INVITATION (Altar Call for healing, invite people to come and receive Jesus, the Sabbath of their soul)

A SOLEMN WARNING AGAINST FALSE MINISTERS

Discerning and Identifying the Bogus 5-Fold Ministry

ROMANS 16:17 - “Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.”

II TIMOTHY 4:2-4- “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away [their] ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”

MATTHEW 24:24- “For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if [it were] possible, they shall deceive the very elect.”

MATTHEW 7:15 - “Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.”

ACTS 20:29-30 - “For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. “

REVELATION 2:6- “But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.”

REVELATION 2:15- “So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.”

We are cautioned in the Bible about false ministers who will come to rend the flock of God and become “grievous wolves” in “sheep’s clothings.” They will deceive the very elect if it were possible. They will try to impersonate the true church and the true ministers of God and will lead many astray. Who are these people? And how can we know those who belong to this false five-fold ministry? The messenger of the hour had exposed to us such systems clearly in what is known to be as the “Nicolaitanes doctrine” and the “Balaam” system of worship. I have gleaned some quotes below from the prophet of God regarding their schemes.

NICOLAITANISM & BALAAMISM

Nicolaitane, comes from two Greek words: Nikao which means “to conquer”, and Lao which means “the laity”. Nicolaitane means, “to conquer the laity”. “Now why is this such a terrible thing? It is terrible because God has never placed His church in the hands of an elected leadership which moves with political mindedness. He has placed His church in the care of God-ordained, Spirit-filled, Word-living men who lead the people through feeding them the Word. He has not separated the people into classes so that the masses are led by a holy priesthood. It is true that the leadership must be holy, but then so must be the whole congregation. Further, there is no place in the Word where priests or ministers or such mediate between God and the people, nor is there a place where they are separated in their worship of the Lord. God wants all to love and serve Him together. Nicolaitanism destroys those precepts and instead separates the ministers from the people and makes the leaders overlords instead of servants.” (197-2 PERGANEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.5)

CORRUPTION OF THE CLERGY

The Nicolaitane doctrine was “the corruption of the clergy as they sought political power amongst themselves”, while “Balaamism is the subjection of the

people to their system of creed and worship in order to hold them.”

Now watch this carefully. What was it that bound the people to the nominal church and thereby destroyed them? It was the creeds and dogmas formed into church tenets. It was the doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church. They were not given the true food, the Word. They were given the food that came from idol worship, Babylonian paganism wrapped up in Christian terminology.

And that very same spirit and doctrine is right amongst all Protestants and it is called DENOMINATION. Nicolaitanism is organization, humanizing the leadership of the church, and thereby deposing the Spirit. Balaamism is denominationalism which takes the church manual instead of the Bible. ((372-2 RESUME.OF.THE.AGES - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.10)

And right to this hour, many of God's people are caught in the snare of denominationalism and God is crying to them, “Come out of her My people, lest ye be partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not her plagues.” You see they are ignorant. But if the rapture should take place at this moment, ignorance would be no court of appeal from the judgment of God for being in the wrong ranks.

“For the clergy to organize themselves with one rank over another until they are finally headed up by a president is a manifestation of the antichrist spirit, regardless of how wonderful and necessary it may seem. It is nothing but human reasoning taking the place of the Word. And any person who is in the organized denominations is right in the midst of an antichrist system. Now let me say this and make it very plain. I AM NOT AGAINST THE PEOPLE. I AM AGAINST THE SYSTEM.” (372-2 RESUME.OF.THE.AGES - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.10)

DIVIDE AND CONQUER

“In order to clarify this even more, let me explain Nicolaitanism in this way. You recall that in Revelation 13:3 it says, “And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death: and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.” Now we know that the wounded head was the pagan Roman Empire, that great political world power. This head rose again as the “Roman Catholic spiritual empire”. Now watch this carefully. What did political pagan Rome do that was the basis of her success? She, “divided and conquered.” That was the seed of Rome—divide and conquer. Her iron teeth tore and devoured. Whom she tore and devoured could not rise again as when she destroyed Carthage and sowed her to salt. The same iron seed remained in her when she arose as the false church, and her policy has remained the same—divide and conquer. That is Nicolaitanism and God hates it.” (198-1 PERGANEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.5)

“The Roman Catholic Church calls herself the Mother church. She calls herself the first or original church. That is absolutely correct. She was the original First Church of Rome that backslid and went into sin. She was the first that organized. In her was found the deeds and then the doctrine of Nicolaitanism. No one will deny that she is a mother. She is a mother and has produced daughters. Now a daughter comes out of a woman. A woman robed in scarlet is sitting on the seven hills of Rome. She is a harlot and has borne daughters. Those daughters are the Protestant churches that came out of her and then went right back into organization and Nicolaitanism. This Mother of the daughter-churches is called a whore. That is a woman who was untrue to her marriage vows. She was married to God and then went off fornicating with the devil and in her

fornications she has brought forth daughters that are just like her. This mother and daughter combination is anti-Word, anti-Spirit and consequently anti-Christ. Yes, ANTICHRIST.” (200-5 PERGANEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.5)

MAN OVER MAN

“Where, oh where, are we spiritually? We are in a wilderness of darkness. How far we have wandered from the first church. Pentecost is nowhere in view and the Word cannot be found. Apostolic succession, which today abounds, is not found in the Word. It is a man-made device. It supersedes illegally the truth that GOD, NOT MAN, has set His leaders in the church. Peter was not even in Rome. Yet they lie and say he was. History proves he was not. There are people who read history, but shrug their shoulders and go back to believing a lie. Where can you find the ‘vicar of Christ’ in the Word? No one takes His place, yet it has been done and people accept it. Where can you find that ‘added revelation’ is accepted by God, especially revelation contrary to one already given? Yet they accept it and rest on it. Where do you find a ‘purgatory’? Where do you find a ‘mass’? Where do you find ‘paying money to get out of hell’? It is not in the Word, but men put it in their own book and by it took over the people, ruling them by fear. Where do you find that ‘man has the power to forgive us as though he were God’? “Grievous wolves,” is hardly strong enough to describe them. Nicolaitanism. Organization. Man over man.” (96-1 EPHESIAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.3)

“Then the church got stylish, and fashioned after the political speakers. And they had to give their preachers doctor's degree, everybody had to be a Doctor of Divinity. That was another cord to bind the church. Men go off and study, each seminary tries to produce a better scholar so that their churches can brag, “Our pastor is a Doctor of Divinity.” And what did they do, one try to have more knowledge than the other one. Well, that doesn't mean anything in the sight of God. And there's no need for any man to try to take his worldly knowledge and ever please God with it. It's an abomination in the sight of God. You'll never please God with the worldly ambitions and knowledge, because it's enmity to God, says the Scripture. He cannot do it.” (DECEIVED.CHURCH.BY.THE.WORLD.title JEFF.IN CH 67 59-0628M)

“But all these men go off to seminaries and they learn great education, how they must stand before the people, how they must present themselves, how they must dress, and how they must act; they should never use the wrong grammar. Now, that's all right for a political speech, but we're not after the enchanting words of men. Paul said, “The Gospel that I preach didn't come like that, but it come through the renewing of the--the Holy Ghost and the power of demonstration.” Doesn't come by a right formed speech, that your wisdom would be, or your trust would be in the wisdom of man. But it come through the demonstrations of the power of the risen Christ. That's the Gospel, “To know Him in the power of His resurrection.” (DECEIVED.CHURCH.BY.THE.WORLD.title JEFF.IN CH 67 59-0628M)

“Bishops still claim power to control men and deal with them as they desire, placing them where they so will in the ministry. This denies the leadership of the Holy Ghost Who said, “Separate Me Paul and Barnabas for the work where-unto I have called them” This is anti-Word and anti-Christ. Matthew 20:25-28, “But Jesus called them unto Him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you; but whosoever will be great among you, let him

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ANTI-WORD MEANS “ANTI-CHRIST”

I Timothy 4:1, “*Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.*” Now in every case you will notice that a false prophet is one who is outside the Word. “Just as we showed you that ‘antichrist’ means ‘anti-Word’ so these false prophets come perverting the Word, giving it a meaning that fits their own devilish ends.”

LEADING BY FEAR

“Have you ever noticed how the people who lead others astray bind them closely to themselves by fear? They say that if the people don’t do what they say, or if they leave, then destruction will follow. They are false prophets, for a true prophet will always lead one to the Word and bind the people to Jesus Christ and he won’t tell the people to fear him or what he says, but to fear what the Word says.” (331-1

LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.9)

MONEY-MAKING SCHEMES

“Notice how these people like Judas are out for money. They get you to sell all you have and give it to them and their schemes. They spend more time on offerings than the Word. Those who attempt to operate gifts will make use of a gift which has a margin of error in it and then ask for money, and neglect the Word and call it of God. And people will go to them, and bear with them, and support them, and believe them, not knowing it is the way of death. Yes, the land is full of carnal impersonators. In that last day they will try to imitate that prophet-messenger. The seven sons of Sceva tried to imitate Paul. Simon the sorcerer tried to imitate Peter. Their impersonations will be carnal. They won’t be able to produce what the true prophet produces. When he says the revival is over they will go around claiming a great revelation that what the people have is exactly right and God is going to do bigger and more wonderful things amongst the people. And the people will fall for it. These same false prophets will claim that the messenger of the last day is not a theologian, so he ought not to be heard. They won’t be able to produce what the messenger can; they won’t be vindicated by God as that last day prophet is, but with their great swelling words and with the weight of their world-wide notoriety they will warn the people not to hear that man (messenger) and they will say he teaches wrong. They are running exactly true to their fathers, the Pharisees, who were of the devil, for they claimed that both John and Jesus taught error. Now why do these false prophets come against the true prophet and discredit his teaching? Because they are running true to form as did their forefathers when in the days of Ahab they withstood Micaiah. There were four hundred of them and all of them were in agreement; and by them all saying the same thing, they fooled the people. But ONE prophet—just one—was right and all the rest wrong because God had committed the revelation to ONLY ONE. Beware of false prophets, for they are ravening wolves.” (331-1 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.9)

be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." **Matthew 23:8-9, "But be not ye called Rabbi: for One is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. And call no man your father upon the earth: for One is your Father, Which is in heaven."** (198-1 PERGANEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.5)

“The minute the church moved toward form and ceremony, and toward priesthood by organizing the ministers into a group that decided leadership apart from the Holy Spirit and His Word, that very moment death entered and she started to get sick, and as she got sick she changed to a powerless group of people whose only weapon was argument. She could produce nothing in the Spirit, for her hopes were built on program and not on faith in His Word. They sowed program so they reaped program. They sowed perversion so they reaped perverted children.” (127-1 SMYRAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.4)

“Now, I respect the order of men, and so forth; but when you make these organizations... Look at the Pharisees, would have nothing to do with the Sadducees, because the Sadducees didn’t believe in--in neither angel, or--or spirit, or resurrection, or anything, and the Pharisees possessed both, and they were at war with one another. Now, the oneness believes one thing; the trinity believes another, and the Methodist another, and the Presbyterian another, and you draw little lines. And what have you got? **A separation of brotherhood.**” (WHY.AGAINST.ORGANIZED.RELIGION.title JEFF.IN V-12 N-1 62-1111E)

“Nebuchadnezzar made a statue of a man. And if you’ve got a spiritual mind... (Now, listen to this revelation). That spirit, that man that he made a revelation of--or he made an image of by his revelation was Daniel--a religious man being worshipped (See it?), because he named him Belzar, wasn’t? Or Belteshazzar, which was the name of his god. And he made a image of that god, which was the image of Daniel, and Daniel refused to bow to his own image. See, see? And here it is again. See? Now watch. The Gentile kingdom was issued in in the days of Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar, a Gentile king, putting church and state together by taking a holy im--a image of a holy man and forcing worship to it. The Gentile kingdom ends in the feet with a handwriting on the wall by a political power that’s united church and state together to force kissing images again (You see?), same thing: image of a holy man. Sure.” (QA.ON.THE.SEALS.title JEFF.IN 63-0324M)

“It was Cain’s children that had that kind of wisdom, not Seth’s; they were humble sheepmen. But Seth’s children were godly people. But Cain’s children was always smart, high, science, doctors, and great men. That’s right. The Bible said so, you know, That teaches that. And very religious, but perished at the end. We become wise by going to school, taking scholarship, and so forth, we become very wise, smart, and can do things, and say things, and sometimes out-talk a man that’s Spirit-filled. Didn’t Jesus say, “The children of this world is wiser than the children of the Kingdom”? Sure, ‘cause they, by their intellects that they can--can talk, and outsmart, and out-talk, and take the Scriptures and twist It to make It say things that It doesn’t. “Oh, It doesn’t exactly mean that.” When a man says that, get away from him. See? God watches over His Word, you know, the Bible said. It’s wrote just the way It should be. See? Now, It’s put in such a way to deceive, or to make the wise stumble over It. It’s so simple; that’s the reason they stumble over It. See?” (WHY.AGAINST.ORGANIZED.RELIGION.title JEFF.IN V-12 N-1 62-1111E)

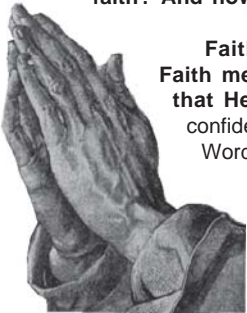
“A man without character can’t reign because power apart from character is Satanic. But power with character is fit to rule.” (117-2 SMYRAEAN CHURCH

CHAPTER TWELVE



INTRODUCTION

It has been said that “All things are possible to them that believe”. And faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. Ephesians 2:8-9 states, “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast”. How are we saved by faith? And how can we put faith into action?



Faith is a requirement for salvation. We are saved by faith. Faith means believing that God is what the Bible says He is and that He is able to do what His Word says He will do. Faith is a confident and implicit reliance upon God. It is counting Him true and His Word true, and putting that confidence into action in our lives.

Paul says, “Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith” (Hebrews 10:22). Faith works with assurance. He who has faith draws nigh to God with expectation. He knows that God is true and that His promise is for him. He lays hold upon the promise because the promise belongs to him and because God is pleased to have him claim his rights in the promise. When he takes hold upon the promise, he is sure of the result.

In Galatians 5:22, faith is said to be one of the fruits of the Spirit. We have a natural faculty of faith, the sixth sense, or the power to believe. And the Spirit of God, working upon this natural power, quickens our faith and turns it into channels that lead Godward, and thus God becomes the object of our faith, not upon any system of man or denomination. It naturally follows that the more spiritual a man becomes the stronger will be his faith and the more effective it will be in its action.

THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH

“The just shall live by faith” (Romans 1:17). The Christian graces flourish only in the soil of faith. Under the influence of doubt and unbelief, they droop and die. Hebrews 11:6-“ But without faith [it is] impossible to please [Him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him”. We should never trust in our works in order to maintain our righteousness. “We walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7). That inward, conscious, satisfying knowledge of being right with God can come only by faith in the finished atonement of the blood of Jesus Christ, giving us access to the throne of God.

Brother Branham said, “Remember, you are not saved by wisdom; you are not saved by your education; you are saved by faith in Jesus Christ. You’re not saved by any good works. You’re not saved by shouting. You’re not saved by dancing in the Spirit. You’re not saved by speaking in tongues. You’re not saved by keeping sabbaths. You’re not saved by meat-eating. You’re not saved by joining church. You’re not saved by water baptism. You are saved by faith. Through grace are you saved.” (UNPARDONABLE.SIN.title JEFF.IN V-26 N-8 54-1024)

“FAITH” IS A REVELATION

Let’s read more of what Brother Branham had to say about “faith”:

“Now, “faith” is a “revelation from God.” Now, “faith” is a “revelation.” There’s where I want to stay there just a moment. It’s a revelation. He has revealed it to you by His grace. It’s nothing you did. You didn’t work yourself up into faith. You never had faith; it’s give to you by the grace of God. And God reveals it to you; therefore, faith is a revelation. And the whole Church of God is built upon the revelation.” (WORKS.IS.FAITH.EXPRESSED.title SHREVEPORT.LAV-7 N-1 65-1126)

“But to the church, the Bride, the rapture is a revelation to her. It’s revealed to her, that the revelation, the true Bride of Christ will be waiting for that revelation of the rapture. Now, it is a revelation, for the revelation is faith. You cannot have a revelation without it being faith. Faith is a revelation, because it’s something that’s revealed to you. Faith is a revelation. Faith is something that has been revealed to you like it was to Abraham, that could call anything contrary to what had been revealed to him as though it wasn’t so. Now, faith... That’s what faith is, is the revelation of God. The church is built upon a revelation, the whole entire body.” (RAPTURE.THE.title YUMA.AZ V-5 N-14 65-1204)

“Faith isn’t something that’s imaginary thing. I want you to get it. Faith is a direct revelation. See, if you only accept Christ as your Saviour by an intellectual, you haven’t got it yet. You cannot say that Jesus is the Christ, until the Holy Spirit has revealed it to you.” (FAITH.ONCE.DELIVERED.TO.THE.SAINTS.title CHICAGO.IL 55-0501)

“To know Him is Life, the Person, Christ Himself, not comparing. It’s a revelation that God built His church upon. And if we don’t build upon that same church... The Bible said, “Abel, by faith...” And faith is a Divine revelation. See? Faith is a Divine revelation. All right. This whole Thing’s built upon the revelation then, and unless this is revealed to you... Jesus said, “I thank Thee, Father, that Thou has hid these things from the wise of this world, and revealed it to babes such as will learn.” See?” (THIRST.title TUCSON.AZ V-16 N-6 65-0919)

“I tell you, faith is a great big thing when it comes on the Word of God. He’s not afraid then. Faith’s got hairs on the chest, big muscles. It says, “Shut-up.” Everything else scoots to the corner (That’s right.) when God speaks. “If ye abide in Me and My Words in you, say what you will.” There you are. Oh, I like that. Um. Devils will tremble and sinners awake. Faith in Jehovah will anything shake.” (THY.SEED.SHALL.POSSESS.GATE.title PHOENIX.AZ 62-0121M)

“When Christ died, you know what He did? He gave you a checkbook when you become His child. And at the bottom of every check it’s got Jesus’ Name. Now, the only thing you have to do is co-sign this check with Him. Sure you’re not afraid He won’t keep His—He won’t keep His Word, the bank of heaven won’t honor it. “Ask the Father anything in My Name, I’ll do it.” Oh, my, what a promise. Are you—could you put

your name on the check with Him, tonight. **“By His stripes, I was healed.** I, William Branham, was healed, nineteen hundred years ago, by His stripes.” He’s got His Name signed in His own Blood at the bottom of it. **The Father will recognize that. You just try it once.** Don’t try it, just do it. Anybody can try it. It takes somebody who knows what they’re doing to do it. That’s right. It ain’t a try. We don’t go at trying. **If you got faith, you don’t try; you go do it, because you know you can.**” (JEHOVAH.JIREH.2.title YAKIMA.WA 60-0802)

“Jesus, when they come down off the mount, He says, “Who do men say I the Son of man am?” “Some say You’re Elijah; some say You’re of the prophets, and some say You’re this, that.” He said, “But Who do you say?” Peter said, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Watch. “Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona (the son of Jonas); **flesh and blood never revealed this to you.**” Amen. **See, it has to come spiritual revelation.** Flesh and blood never told Abel that he was wrong—or Cain, that he was wrong, never told Abel that Cain was wrong. But it was a revelation that Abel had. It was blood. We’re coming into that question in a few minutes. It was blood, not fruit, that took us from the garden of Eden. It was blood. And **Abel by spiritual revelation was revealed of God that it was blood.** “And he, **by faith,**” Hebrews 11:1 says, “he offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain.” Which God accepted his sacrifice. There you are. See? **He offered it by faith, by revelation.**” (QA.HEBREWS.PART.1.title JEFF.IN COD 57-0925)

YOU ARE SAVED BY FAITH

“By faith you’re saved.” How many knows that? Though many, how many good men prays over you, how many good preachers preaches to you, **you’ve got to have your own personal faith for salvation.** Is that right? It’s your own. I don’t care how many good sermons you hear, how many good churches you belong to; **it’s your own personal faith that saves you.** How loud you cry, how much you beg, how much you scream, how much you dance in the Spirit; **you’re only saved by your faith.** Is that right? **That’s the only way you’re healed.** (AS.I.WAS.WITH.MOSES.title JEFF.IN V-16 N-2 60-0911M)

“Remember, you can only be saved by your personal faith. You can only be healed by your personal faith. You believe this to be the Bible? God’s Word. You believe your pastor to be a man of God, whatever church you go to? If you don’t, you should leave it. Get to a man that is a man of God. Then if you believe him, believe he’s telling you the truth, then accept it. **Your own personal faith in Christ saves you. No matter how good your pastor is, how godly, saintly your mother is, how—how real the Word of God is, how much you cry, how much you pray; it’s your faith that saves you. By faith are you saved.**” (AS.I.WAS.WITH.MOSES.title JEFF.IN V-16 N-2 60-0911M)

“For no matter how much I would pray for you, if you yourself didn’t have the faith, it wouldn’t do any good. That’s right. It takes your faith. And no matter how much I preach to you and how well I brought the Gospel to you, if ye yourself... It’s your own personal faith in Christ that saves you. Is that right? I couldn’t save you, no matter how bad I’d want to. I’ve got brothers that’s not saved. And I’ve tried my best and persuaded, and cried, and begged, and tried to stand in the breach for them. But they’ve got to have their own faith in God. Many of you Christian people here has brothers, and sisters, and mothers, and fathers, and children, and everything, unsaved. Is that right? Raise your hand. Well, you can’t save them. You can’t do what Christ has already done. Christ has saved them. Now, **the only thing they have to do is accept that salvation, God’s free gift.**” (I PERCEIVE YOU.ARE.A.PROPHET.title CONNERSVILLE.IN 53-0614E)

It isn’t necessary to come up here and kneel down, and pray through until you—until you’re saved. **You’re saved already, but you have to accept it.** Your praying

doesn’t do it. **Your faith is what you’re saved by, not by prayer.** But by faith are you saved: same thing by healing. I’m sure we all understand that.” (PARADOX.A.title PHOENIX.AZ V-19 N-165-0117)

TRUE FAITH IS BUILT UPON THE WORD OF GOD

“The Bible said the Gospel came to us not in word only, but through the power, manifestations of the Holy Ghost. In other words, it’s the Holy Ghost taking the Word of God and making It manifest. See? And otherwise **the only way that the signs of Mark 16 can follow the believer is that the Holy Spirit Himself takes the Word of God and demonstrates it to the people.** That’s it. **Now, faith makes that Word live.** See, the Word is God. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” And then **Jesus said, “If ye abide in Me and My Word in you, ask what you will and it’ll be done for you.”** See? That’s staying with Christ in the Word. Don’t go right or left; stay right with it. See? And then it’s actually not your word then; it’s His Word, and His Word has the power and authority behind It.” (CONFIRMATION OF THE COMMISSION, TEMPE.AZ 62-0122)

“Now, the only way that a church can be built, the only way that a man can have faith is not by his denomination, not by his affiliation; but his faith rests, not upon the theology of some man’s ideas, ‘cause it’s more or less, altogether, man... **But the only way faith can find its solemn resting place is upon the immovable and unchangeable Word of God. “Faith cometh by hearing, hearing the Word.”** That’s how it takes. And—and when faith is heard and accepted, it’s forever settled. Nothing no more can ever move it, no matter what comes or goes. Nothing can ever change that faith. Think of that. You’re anchored, and you no more change for time and eternity. You’re anchored forever. For God by one Sacrifice has perfected forever those that are sanctified or called.” (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.6.AND.7..title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0915M)

“Jesus had perfect faith. He—He had it, and it come because He was the Word. And you become the Word; you become the Word, as you receive the Word. “If ye abide in Me, and My Word’s in you. My Words (which this Word) abides in you, then ask what you will, and it’ll be done for you.” See? “And if ye say to this mountain, ‘Be moved,’ and don’t doubt, but believe in what you’ve said, then you shall have what you said. **When you pray, believe that you receive what you ask for, and you shall have it; it’ll be given to you.**” Time, space, nothing else will ever change it. You know it’s done. It’s already—it’s already over with.” (PERFECT.FAITH.title JEFF.IN V-6 N-11 63-0825E)

“And let’s remember, while we’re obeying the Spirit, one great lesson that we want to learn is never be hastily (See?), take your time, have faith. If we have asked God anything, **remember, God answers prayer.** He does it in His time, the way it’s best, makes it work just right for us. (POSITION.IN.CHRIST.title JEFF.IN AD.3 60-0522M)

FAITH IS POSITIVE , NEVER NEGATIVE

Now, **hope** is one thing and **faith** is another. **Faith is a positive sense. It’s not a guess work; you don’t just imagine it. It’s just as real as any other sense of your body, just the same as sight is.** Sight is real. Hearing is real. See, taste, feel, smell, and hear, the five senses of the body that control the body, they’re real faculties to you if none of them’s injured. And then, faith is just as real as any of the other five senses, and more real, because it’ll go in and above those five senses.” (MINISTRY.EXPLAINED_ MINNEAPOLIS.MN TUESDAY_50-0711)

“When Satan tempts us, we are to resist him in a perfect faith in a perfect Word, like Jesus did. The Word of God is perfect. We’re to have perfect faith in this perfect Word and resist Satan. **By His faith in—His Word we—He conquer—we can conquer anything, both death, hell, and the grave.** We know that God is God, that perfect faith in God’s perfect Word, He conquered everything that He come in contact with. **Death could not even stand in His Presence. Sickness could not stand in His Presence.** ... And now, “If ye abide in Me (Through Him, He brought the Word to you.), and My Words abide in you,” then walk in the same kind of a way: virtues flowing from you, the rivers of God’s fountains of blessing just flowing out to the people. See what I mean? **And you’re not bluffing it; you’re not imagining it. It’s actually taking place, and you see it.** If you’re just imagining it, that don’t do any good; but if it’s really there, it really happened.” (PERFECT.FAITH.title JEFF.IN V-6 N-11 63-0825E)

FAITH MASTERS ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

“Notice. Now, notice, perfect faith is a master of all circumstances. Perfect faith masters all circumstances. No matter what it is, it masters it. Now, just watch. **When you believe anything, do anything, and you got faith in what you’re doing; no matter what the circumstance is, that don’t have one thing to do with it.** See, it masters that circumstance. If it’s in a—a room of sickness, and the Lord’s revealed that this certain thing’s going to happen, you just speak it and go on. “Oh, does the...” Just don’t ask any questions. It’s already over; just keep going. See? It masters all circumstances. “Well, if you do this, So-and-so’s going to do...” That... See, it already got it mastered. See? **Faith believes that God will work it out.** “I don’t know how He’s going to do it, but He will do it anyhow.” See? It masters all circumstances. And faith and love is relations, because you can’t have faith unless you’ve got love, because your faith is in a God Who is the very essence of love. Faith and love works together.” (PERFECT.FAITH.title JEFF.IN V-6 N-11 63-0825E)

“Joshua stopped the sun. Is that true? Somebody said, “All things are possible with God, nothing impossible.” But all things are possible to you also. Nothing impossible to them that believe. All things are possible. Brought right down and made you, if you just know Who God was. Well, **I’m afraid that the Church doesn’t know their authority.** I’m afraid that Holy Ghost born men doesn’t realize their authority where—or the authority that God has permitted to His Church. “I’ll give unto thee the keys to the Kingdom. **Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, whatever you loose will be loosed. I give you power over serpents, and over all kinds of diseases,** oh, everything, and nothing shall harm you.” **Exercise your faith.** Let it loose. Let God have His way. God will grant it to you.” (ATTITUDE.AND.WHO.IS.GOD?.title CLEVELAND.OH 50-0815)

Now God, give every man and woman, boy or girl in here faith to **believe that. The Word has been spoken.** “If you say to this mountain, **‘Be moved,’ and don’t doubt in your heart** (The prayer of faith saves the sick.), you have what you ask for.” We know that. We have that confidence in God. If we have any faith at all, if God’s living in us, we believe that.” (TRUE.SIGN.THAT’S.OVERLOOKED.title JEFF.IN V-6 N-2 61-1112)

God is not understood by knowledge; God is understood by faith. Is that right? **What if Peter would’ve tried to figure out how deep that water was, and how impossible it was for him to walk on that water; he’d have never walked. See? But he just took Christ at His Word and walked on.**” (MOSES.COMMISSION.title HOUSTON.TX 50-0110)

FEAR AND DOUBT ARE CONTRARY TO FAITH

“Peter, he was doing all right till he got scared. The Word told him he could walk on the water. He was scared first; he thought it was a—a ghost, and he said, “Lord, if it be You, bid me come to You on the water.” Said, “Come on.” Now, that’s just the same as James 5:14, same as Mark 16; it’s the same God said It, said, “Come on.” And so he started walking. He done all right, got down out of the ship, started walking on... He said, “If it’s You, bid me come to You on the water.” Jesus said, “Come on.” And he stepped down, said, “It’s the Lord, I’ll just walk.” But when he got his eyes on the waves, he got scared. What come in his mind? First thing, he... “I’m going to walk, because the Word said for me to walk.” And the next thing, he looked at his... Well, he looked at his symptoms; he looked out there and seen how big them waves was, and he got scared; and when he did, down he went. See? **What he feared, happened. What he believed, happened.** When he believed he could walk, he walked; when he believed—got scared in his belief, then his substance left him. See? He still professed his faith, but he didn’t have the substance. The substance would have went right over top of that whitecaps and went right on to Him (See?), if he has the perfect faith. See? But he didn’t have it. He thought he did. He did at first; he was willing to venture right out, “Why, the Lord told me to do it; it’s got to happen.” So he just steps right out of the boat and takes off. See? He never thought about the—the—the—the waves, how contrary they was. He never got that in his mind.” (PERFECT.FAITH.title JEFF.IN V-6 N-11 63-0825E)

“In the Book of Job It says here, “Job feared.” And what he feared, it actually happened. What brought it? His fear. That’s what made it happen. **His faith would’ve kept him from it, but his fear brought him—**brought it to him. He was scared it was going to happen, and it did happen. Now, if it’d been—if he knowed it wouldn’t have happened, it wouldn’t have happened. See what I mean?” (PERFECT.FAITH.title JEFF.IN V-6 N-11 63-0825E)

DIVINE HEALING IS BASED ON FAITH

“If I prayed for a person, and I—I’d tell them people they’re going to live. I believe they’re going to live. But no matter if my word was absolutely THUS SAITH THE LORD, and you’d disbelieve it, you’d die anyhow. Certainly. Here’s THUS SAITH THE LORD, and many of them receive it and die. Many of them go to hell, when THUS SAITH THE LORD, you don’t have to. Is that right? Sure. See, it’s what... It’s all based on your faith. And **Divine healing is based upon your faith.** But according to God’s Word, THUS SAITH THE LORD, that every person was healed when Jesus died at Calvary, “He was wounded for our transgressions; with His stripes we were healed.” That right? We were. **The Bible said you were healed. So don’t find fault with me. I’m just a preacher of the Word. You go tell God that He told something wrong, and God will tell you where your weakness is then.** You see? So that—it’s your faith. Jesus said, “If thou canst believe... If thou canst believe...” (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.7.PT.2.CHURCH.ORDER.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0922)

“The gift of Divine healing was in you if you got healed. It’s you, the one. Any gift operates by faith. And no matter how much gift of Divine healing I got, I believe it with all my heart. But you could stand here and, **if you haven’t got the same kind of faith, it don’t do you no good.** I could pray for you for hours and weeks and months. It isn’t the preachers with the Divine healing; it’s you that’s got the gift of Divine healing, that believes in being healed, ‘cause it’s by faith. By faith... **Every operation of God is by faith. The whole armor of God is by faith.** We haven’t got one natural thing of this world. Everything of the Christian church is a faith act. Look at the armor of God, love, joy,

peace, long-suffering, goodness, meekness, gentleness, patience. Is that right? Everything's supernatural, nothing natural. So we don't look at the things natural, because we're operating supernatural. **And the only way we can base it, is faith, is on what God said was the truth, and we look at the unseen.**" (DEMONOLOGY.1.PHYSICAL.title CON.IN DE 21-40 53-0608A)

"In Acts 3:16 when Peter was asked how the mighty miracle had taken place upon the crippled one at the Gate Beautiful, he explained it on this wise, "And His (Jesus) Name **through faith in His (Jesus) Name** hath made this man (former cripple) strong, yea, the faith which is by (from) Him (Jesus) hath given him (the man) this perfect soundness in the presence of you all." See, there it is. **Jesus' Name, and Jesus' Faith brought about the miracle. Peter did not claim it was his own human faith any more than he claimed that it was his own name. He said that Jesus' Name used in the faith which is from Jesus performed that great work.** This faith is what the Lord was speaking about in Revelation 22:13. It was HIS faith. It was not faith IN Him. But it was HIS OWN faith that He had given to the believers. Romans 12:3b "According as God hath dealt to every man (according to verse 1 the men are BRETHERN) the measure of faith." Ephesians 2:8, "By grace are ye saved through faith, and that (Faith) not of yourselves, it is the gift of God." And it also says in James 2:1, "My brethren (notice he, too, is talking to BRETHERN) have not the faith OF (not in) our Lord Jesus Christ with respect of persons." (179-2 PERGANEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.5)

TRUE FAITH COMES BY THE HOLY GHOST

"And if He has never circumcised you yet by the Holy Ghost, He hasn't received your faith yet. That's right. **That is the circumcision of the heart and spirit. God gives the Holy Ghost as a confirmation He's received your faith.** Now, if you stop believing, and scrambling around, and just believe God, God will circumcise that heart. And that cuts off all unbelief, circumcises the world and all unbelief away from you; and then you stand, the Word alone, Jesus said, "If ye abide in Me, and My Word in you; then ask what you will; it'll be given to you." That's what's the matter with the church today. It's under emotion; it's under education; it's under creed. No wonder, it's smothered down. See? So we need a circumcision to cut the whole thing away. Come back to God and His Word, and believe It the way It's wrote there, and don't argue with It. Just stay with It. God made a promise; God keeps His promise. He can't do nothing else but keep His promise and remain God." (JEHOVAH.JIREH.PT.1.title GRASS.VALLEY.CA.JJ.37-72.62-0705)

"Now, here it is. I want you to get it. How much more foundation could you place your faith on any level than the Word of God? What more could you put faith in? When He said, "Heavens and earth will pass away, but My Word shall never pass away."... Then it is a fact that God's Word is eternal. And the very world that we're sitting on top of tonight, is nothing more than the Word of God materialized. **He spoke the Word, and said, "Let there be," and the world came into existence. All things that you see was made by faith in the spoken Word of God.** God said, "Let there be," and He believed His Own Word. Well, after redemption, and a taste of God in our souls and heart, how much more ought we to base our faith on what God give us the promise for and sent Jesus to die, to redeem us to that promise." (EXPECTANCY.title OWENSBORO.KY 53-1108E)

"I'm sure the Holy Spirit is here now. I'm sure of it. And I know that what we ask, we will receive it. It might not come just right now, but it's got to come. **God's promise is true. We ask Him for anything; we don't doubt; we believe that what we ask for we get; because we met God's requirements, given our life to Him, surrendered our will to Him.** Our lives, our soul, all that we are we have surrendered to God. **Then our heart condemns us not; we can have what we ask for. "If ye abide in me and My word**

in you, ask what you will and it shall be done unto you." That's His promise. Just be sure that you know God, and know that that's His promise." (BE.CERTAIN.OF.GOD.title LA.CA 59-0412A)

FAITH GIVES YOU POWER AND AUTHORITY OVER THE DEVIL

"Oh, IF the great holy CHURCH only realized its POWER to do these things. But there's so much DOUBT and fear and trembling, wondering if it will, "Could it happen?" As long as that exists, the CHURCH can NEVER stand upright. And when every talk of fear is vanished and the Holy Spirit is completely in control of the CHURCH, then all fears are gone, and that Church has the POWER. See? Why, THEY have EVERYTHING that heaven owns BEHIND them. They're ambassadors of the throne. Absolutely. An ambassador of Christ has the AUTHORITY, and everything that Christ owns belongs to that ambassador. And He said, "Go ye into all the world; YOU are My witnesses after the Holy Ghost is come on YOU." And what is a witness? Is an ambassador, is to come and witness something. The WHOLE powers of heavens is right in YOUR hands. **Oh, why do we set, and the church is barren, and we set dormant? Is BECAUSE that we DON'T recognize these things.**" (JESUS.CHRIST.THE.SAME.YESTERDAY.title JONESBORO.AR 53-0506)

"Then JESUS in His Church today, would be just as POWERLESS as your FAITH is, and just as POWERFUL as your faith is. He'd be limited to whatever God would tell him to do, that he could do. And if Jesus was here tonight, He might stand before you, or you stand before Him, He'd tell you your life. He might know what was going on. He might know what you've done, or what sin's your life, or whatever it is wrong with you. But you're healing would have to come by God. Is that right? Now, He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He's in His Church today. He puts His Church in ORDER." (ATTITUDE AND WHO.IS.GOD?.title CLEVELAND.OH 50-0815)

"Joshua stopped the sun. Is that true? Somebody said, "All things are possible with God, nothing impossible." But ALL things are possible to YOU also. NOTHING impossible to them that believe. **All things are possible. Brought right down and made YOU, IF you just know Who God was. Well, I'm AFRAID that the CHURCH doesn't know their AUTHORITY.** I'm afraid that Holy Ghost born men doesn't REALIZE their authority where—or the authority that God has permitted to His CHURCH. **"I'll give unto thee the keys to the Kingdom. WHATEVER YOU bind on earth will be bound in heaven, whatever you loose will be loosed. I give you power over serpents, and over all kinds of diseases, oh, everything, and nothing shall harm you." EXERCISE your faith. Let it loose. Let God have His way. God will grant it to YOU.**" (PERFECT.FAITH.title JEFF.IN V-6 N-11 63-0825E)

"Now, remember, THEY had the POWER. Jesus had GIVEN them power to heal the sick, to raise the dead, and cast out devils, just a few days before that. They had the power BUT not the FAITH to use the power. Now, there's the Branham Tabernacle. There's the CHURCH, the BRIDE today. The Holy Spirit is here with the power, but YOU haven't got that FAITH to move it. See what I mean? It takes FAITH to move it. Here. I got a shell that I hand loaded. I know what it'll do by ballistics, like the Word, but I've got to fire the gun. The fire has to get to the powder. The powder's got the power, but it's got to have the fire to light it off. And the same thing, the powder's in the shell, but it needs faith to charge it and throw it out. That's what it takes (See?), perfect FAITH to ignite the power of the Holy Spirit which we have NOW, since He's come upon us; faith to ignite, to see great things, is to... The faith, something that presents it to you..." (PARDONED.title TUCSON.AZ 63-1028)

Why, this church OUGHT to be a million miles up the road to where it is NOW. Jesus is WAITING on His CHURCH to get ready. His Bride has made herself ready. We GOT the potentials. The Holy Spirit is here. God is here. The POWER to heal the sick, the power to do all the things that Christ did, I've seen it demonstrated myself by the Holy Spirit. **So the potentials are here.** What God's WAITING for us to get away from is our traditions, and come back under the Blood of His Son Jesus Christ, and become the church of the living God. But remember, He's triumphed with you; triumphed with you over every bit of it, even if you're the soles of His feet. Every sickness, every devil, every power, even death itself is UNDER your feet: under YOU. Glory. I don't feel like I was fifty-two this morning. This is Truth. If I can just get this CHURCH to SEE that, brother, we'll be a triumphant church. Believers in Him, all evil under Him... Oh, glory. I'm going to check up a little. I'll start up again the next time. Listen. Listen to this. **You say, "Brother Branham, I have NO power." NEITHER do I. I don't have any power. "Well, Brother Branham, I'm a weakling." So am I. But I'm not depending in my strength. It ain't my strength. I'm depending on my AUTHORITY (See?), my authority given me. It's not me strong. I ain't strong. He's strong, and I—I'm His.**" (CHRISTIANITY.VERSUS.IDOLATRY.title JEFF.IN V-8 N-261-1217)

"God, we realize that the badge of authority is not a name of a denomination, but it's the POWER, the power of the resurrection of Christ in EACH individual life. God, may this people here this morning STRIVE to enter in that. And if this tape should ever get out into the country where people are at, Lord, let them KNOW that it wasn't said to be for malice, 'cause I'd be wrong myself; but that the Church might be triumphant and realize its place." (CHRISTIANITY.VERSUS.IDOLATRY.title JEFF.IN V-8 N-261-1217)

FAITH WILL BRING JOHN 14:12 IN ACTION

"But He that is in you is Christ! And if Christ is in you, the works of Christ you will do, if Christ lives in you. He said so. Saint John 14:12, "He that believeth in Me, the works that I do shall he do also," if you was in Christ, or if Christ lived in you. Then, Christ is the Word. Is that right? And the Word come to His prophets. See? And if, you, Christ lived in you, the works of Christ would be done through you, the Life of Christ would be lived through you. The works He did, the life He lived, and everything, it would live in you; just like if Shakespeare, Beethoven, or—whoever it was lived in you. **If His Life! But if you're still living your own life, then your own works you'll do.** See? But if you're living the Life of Christ, if Christ is in you, "He that's in you is greater than he that's in the world." If your doubts and flusterations about God's promise is in you, then Christ isn't there; see, you're only worked up. But if the Life, if Christ is living in you, His Word He will recognize and His promise He'll do. See? He'll do. **When thou prayest, believe that you receive what you ask for, and it shall be given to you. If you say to this mountain, 'Be moved,' and don't doubt in your heart, but believe that what you say will come to pass, you can have what you say.** The Father worketh, and I worketh hitherto. Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing in Himself; but what He sees the Father doing, that doeth the Son likewise." See? And when the Father showed Him what to do; walked out there without a failure of anything, and said, "Let it be," and it was. **And that same Christ lives in you. It lives in us. Then His works we'll do, because Christ is the Word, and the promise of the Word brings healing to you.** Do you believe that?" (HE.THAT.IS.IN.YOU_ JEFF.IN V-6 N-12 SUNDAY_63-1110E)

"You see, God wants to work in His church. Jesus said, "I'll be with you always, even to the end of the world. The works that I do shall you do also." **Saint John 12:14, "The works that I do shall you do also; even more than this shall you do, for I go to My Father."** (PARDON_ TUCSON.AZ MONDAY_63-1028)

"Now let me give you a great noble paradox here, just a minute. **In John 14:12, Jesus said, promised that, "The believer that believed on Him, would do the same works." Is that right? God, Who makes a law or a promise, must keep that promise, to be God.** He does keep it. To think, the God... Why, It's a paradox, Itself; for God, Who makes a promise and cannot break that promise, to give that promise of the things that He did, to His people, to follow throughout the age until He returned again. "Go ye into all the world, preach the Gospel to every creature; every creature, all the world. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be damned; and these signs shall follow them that believe." He has got to keep that Word. And because He said it, it went from His mouth, it's got to be fulfilled." (A.PARADOX_ PHOENIX.AZ V-19 N-1 SUNDAY_65-0117)

"Then unconsciously your faith is there. You don't have to worry about whether you got faith enough to do this, or faith enough to do that. It's just there anyhow. You just do it because the Father said so. And it's the living Word in you, and God's in you, manifesting Himself just like He was in Christ. You say, "As He was in Christ?" Yes, sir. **He said, "The works that I do shall you also; even more than this for I go to My Father." Now, that's His Word, Saint John 14:12. He gave that promise. Everyone will believe that was inspired.** And... "So a little while and the world will see Me no more, yet you shall see Me, for I will be with you until the end of the age of the apostles?" No. "I will be with you, even in you to the end of the world." Hebrews 13:8 said, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." (THE FUNDAMENTAL FOUNDATION FOR .FAITH_CHICAGO.IL THURSDAY_55-0113)

HUMAN WISDOM AND REASONING ARE AGAINST FAITH

Here's what Brother Branham told us about human wisdom and reasoning in his sermon WISDOM.VERSUS.FAITH. JEFF.IN V-3 N-17 62-0401:

"Now, **faith and wisdom.** Now, to begin with, we'll notice that in Genesis the 1st chapter we find that--that faith was introduced, and wisdom was introduced. And today, them **two sources** is still introduced to the human race. We find out that God was the Author of faith, to believe--for the people to believe and to trust His Word; and **Satan is the author of wisdom, trying to get the people to accept his wisdom and pull them away from the faith that's in God's Word--those two sources.**

A wisdom of God is stay with His Word, but Satan in his wisdom tried to twist the Word; so that's the wisdom I'm speaking of. **And anything that would try to twist the Word of God, to make it say something that it doesn't, is the wrong spirit (See?),** offering wisdom against God's wisdom... If this is the Word of God (you believe it?), then why doubt any word of it, any promise of it? How can you say that this is part, and this is no good, and this is that; pick out what you want? You can't do it. **It's either all good, or It's none of It good.** That's right! So as soon as you see that It's the Truth, take hold of It. Don't turn It loose, no matter what circumstances, how they try to reason, "Why, you can't..." Don't, don't do that at all. Stay right with It; God promised it.

Wisdom, as Satan was presenting to her (Eve), said, "You shall not surely die!" See? It's trying to make the Word say something that It isn't so. That's what wisdom is today. Oh, brother, how we'd tarry on that. **Seminaries, schools of theology, that's their very nest; that's their grass roots, is trying to make God's Word say something that It doesn't say.** I challenge anybody to show me the Apostles' Creed in the Bible. I challenge anybody to show me "communion of saints" in the Bible. Both Protestant and Catholic believe it. I challenge you to show me any of those things in the Bible. See? It's the grass roots of wisdom trying to reason. Our warfare is not carnal, but mighty, casting

away all reasons (See?), pulling down the strongholds of Satan, that great flowerly, beautiful creature. Not a slick greaser, oh, no, that's on the inside; but outwardly sin is twice as pretty.

If wisdom is with the Word, and proves to be with the Word, and the Word produces Itself by the same thing, then it is the Word. **But if wisdom is against the Word, and not with the Word, but trying to find something to add to It or take from It, it's of the devil.**

Satan could scientifically prove by his wisdom that the soil that he was going to give for the human race to grow in had **vitamins**. Sure did. He could scientifically prove it. They can scientifically prove anything they want to almost. See? Sure. It had **Vitamin P, "pleasure, popularity."** ..All the worldly pleasure, all the picture shows, all the dances, all...?... "Go ahead, that's all right, it won't hurt nothing." Sure. See? **Popularity.** "Well, you're the biggest church there is in the city." All right. It had Vitamin C in it, which he referred to as "common sense." Makes reason. See? It had **Vitamin R** in it which meant **"reasonings."** Yeah, he could reason. But you see, that won't work. It had **Vitamin B** in it, which means "beauty." **Satan is beautiful. Sin's beautiful;** and as sin begins to get more and more, more beautiful it becomes. How much better house we got today than the log house? How much more prettier is it? How much prettier is our women today than they used to be? See? How much prettier is Florida than it was--now than the way God created it? See? It's got beauty. How many knows that Satan is of beauty, and he desired beauty and tried to create a beauti--more beautiful kingdom and so forth? Sure, we know that. Satan is in beauty. Now, notice! He had **Vitamin R** which is "reasoning"; **Vitamin B** which is "beauty"; **Vitamin M** which is "modern"; "Aw, you want to be modern." But here's one vitamin he failed to tell them, he had **Vitamin D** there. That's the biggest vitamin in there: results "**Death**". See?

"Notice, through that brought death, through trying to take the Word of God and mix some wisdom with It. See? You're not supposed to do that. Whether you believe it's--got wisdom to explain it, just say, "God said it, and that settles it" And God said so, and that's all there is to it. **If you can't explain it, leave it alone, but just say it's so because God said so.** See, just say, "God said it." Now, notice. Now, it will not mix. It must not be tampered with; God will punish the one that does it; and It will not hybreed to nothing else. It's God's Word alone. God don't need your word with His. **We're not supposed to speak our own word; we're supposed to preach His Word, God's Word."** (SPOKEN.WORD.ORIGINAL.SEED.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-1 62-0318M)

"Now, It cannot be mixed, and It will not hybreed with nothing else. It will not hybreed. Today is a great day of hybreeding animals, corn, wheat, making a better looking product, but it's no good. It's rotten, no life in it: dies, can't reproduce itself. It's dead because everything that we have on earth today in its original form is a spoken Word of God. That's why that **a mule, a bastard-born animal** with a crossbreeding cannot breed itself back again. God made a horse and He made a mule--or made a donkey. You breed them two together, you got a mule. It's a hybrid; therefore **it can't breed itself back."** (SPOKEN.WORD.ORIGINAL.SEED.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-1 62-0318M)

"Hebrews 11 said, "By faith the world was created." **The world was made by faith.** God made the world out of things that does not appear. **By faith God spoke the world into existence,** because it was a, it was a premeditated word. But as soon as He said it, it become life. Now, you can say, "I believe that, Brother Branham." In your heart you can believe it, then express it, "I believe it," and don't never change it at all. Stay right with it. Watch what will grow out of it. It will produce the Word, 'cause it's faith. See? **Wisdom takes you away; faith brings you to It."** (WISDOM.VERSUS.FAITH.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-17 62-0401)

"How that a black cow can eat green grass, and give white milk, and churn yellow butter. I--I sure couldn't explain that (See?)... I don't know how it's done, but it--it happens anyhow. I don't try to explain it. **If you can explain God, then it's no more faith.** Everything that you get from God comes by faith. Amen. You can't explain it. You can't explain God. **You believe God.** Amen." (PERSEVERANT.title SALEM.OR 62-0719E)

"Who can reason God? No one can reason God. **No one can interpret God. God's His own Interpreter.** God speaks the Word, and they say, "Well, you got the wrong interpretation." God makes it come to pass. That's the interpretation. Don't need anybody to interpret Him. I just spoke on that in the city below here. **God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. It don't need any interpretation. There was light.** God said, "**A virgin shall conceive.**" **She did.** That settles it. So when He speaks anything, and then He--He's His own interpreter. He doesn't need our interpretation of it. The Bible said that the Scripture's of no private interpretation. It's God Himself doing the interpretation of it." (WHEN.THEIR.EYES.WERE.OPENED.title TULARE.CA V-22 N-10 64-0212)

"That's what makes the Gospel today. It's the unusualness, because God is unusual. His Word is interpreted unusual to what we sometimes have it interpreted. But as I've said before, **God needs nobody to interpret His Word. He does His own interpretation by bringing to pass the things that He said He would do.** He interprets His own Word. He doesn't need our interpretation. Our interpretation is our own manmade thoughts that we put with It. When God said, "Let there be light," and there was light, that needs no interpretation. God said, "A virgin shall conceive," and she did. That doesn't need any interpretation. Jesus said, "The Son of man goes up to Jerusalem, and be given into the hands of sinful men. They'll crucify Him; and on the third day He'll raise up again." That needs no interpretation. He said, "A little while and the world seeth Me no more; yet ye shall see Me: for I'll be with you, even in you, to the end of the age, to the consummation." He's here. It doesn't need any interpretation. It's His promise. "The works that I do shall he do also. He that believeth in Me, the works that I do shall he do also." That's found in St. John 14:12, and we know that that's true. So it doesn't need any interpretation." (INVESTMENTS.THE.title BEAUMONT.TX 64-0314)

"People have it all. They know it all. They cannot be taught. If a point of truth from the Word comes up and a man tries to explain his view to one with an opposing view, the listener is not at all listening that he might learn, but is listening only to refute what is being said. Now I want to ask a fair question. **Can Scripture fight Scripture? Does the Bible contradict the Bible? Can there be two doctrines of truth in the Word that say the opposite or oppose the other? NO. IT CANNOT BE SO.** Yet how many of God's people have their eyes open to that truth? Not even one percent, as far as I know, have learned that ALL Scripture is given by God and ALL is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, etc. If all Scripture is thusly given, then every verse will dovetail if given a chance. But how many believe in predestination unto election and reprobation unto destruction? Those who don't, will they listen? No, they will not. Yet both are in the Word, and nothing will change it." (348-1 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.9)

"Paul said, "I come not preaching the wisdom of man, that your faith would be in the wisdom of man, but preaching the power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost, that your faith might be built up in God." Paul was an educated, smart man. But he said he forgot all he ever knowed, in order to find Christ. That's what we have to do. Just lay aside our theology and stuff, and look right in the face of God, and say, "I believe it." That's all. That's what it takes." (LOOKING.FOR.JESUS.title PHOENIX.AZ 54-0228E)

"The Bible said, **"The Greeks seek wisdom, and the Jews seek signs."** Well now, the Greeks still seek wisdom, and the Jews seek signs. But Paul said, "We preach Christ crucified, to the Greek foolishness, to Jews a stumbling block, but to them that believe,

Everlasting Life."(TO.SEE.JESUS.title CHICAGO.IL 54-0718E)

"This is either the Word of God or It's a deceiving Book. That's right. It's either right or It's wrong. And It's either all right or all wrong. Every word is inspired or none of them is inspired. I want to believe it. Paul said, "I never come to you preaching with enticing words and wisdom of men; for if I did, then your faith would be built upon wisdom of men. But I come to you, preaching the Gospel of the power of God, the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: that your faith would be steadfast." Paul never come with some seminary experience to polish around, and take out, and add to. He said, "I come knowing only one thing: Christ crucified. I only come knowing one thing, preaching to you the power of the resurrection, that Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." And in Galatians 1:8, he said, "If an angel preached anything else, let him be accursed unto you." (PROOF.OF.HIS.RESURRECTION.title JEFF.IN V-26 N-16 55-0410M)

"Look at Moses, the young intellectual man. Oh, he was a scholar. He was so trained in all the wisdom of the Egyptians till he could teach the Hebrews. He could teach the Egyptians. He could teach anybody, because Moses was a great man, smart fellow. Oh, he was powerful man. Moses had been a **military man**. And he thought that the way that he was trained as being a military man, that he could just kill them Egyptians off with his hand, it'd be just as good as doing what God did. And Moses was took into the highest of schooling with such a great education, till he could teach the wisdom to teachers. **He could teach the genius.** Yes. And God let him get that way so He could display Himself in **humility** to show that **wisdom has nothing to do with it**; and Moses miserably failed in his genius. He let him get that way for His purpose, so he'd fail, and he did fail, and he fell. **So to show, not by power, not by might, not by the wisdom of Egypt, not by the wisdom of our schools, not by the power of our seminaries, not by the amounts of our organization, not by the power of our scholarly teaching; but "by My Spirit, saith God."** His wisdom was vanished and at its end. **When he met God in the burning bush there, he took off his shoes and humbled himself to humility and forgot all about his wisdom.**

And He let Moses become the highest until he would was the--he'd be the next pharaoh. **He was a mighty general.** According to history, he conquered (Moses, himself) the countries around. And then when he turned to the work of the Lord with all of his talent, God let him take a headlong topple, so that He could put him out there on the desert and beat all that out of him, and then appear to him in humility, and send him down with a stick in his hand to deliver the people. **When he couldn't do it by a military training, by an education, by a scientific education, and by a military force, he could not do it,** and He give him an old crooked stick off the desert, and he did it with it: **God in humility, simplicity.** God was in the stick and in Moses. And as long as Moses had the stick, then God had it, because God was in Moses. Sure." (GOD.IN.SIMPLICITY.title JEFF.IN 63-0317M)

SCRIPTURES ON "FAITH"

HEBREWS 11:1 -Now **faith** is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

HEBREWS 11:3 - Through **faith** we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

EPHESIANS 2:8-9 - For by grace are ye saved through **faith**; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

ROMANS 3:24-25 - Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth [to be] a propitiation through **faith** in his blood, to declare his

righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God.

GALATIANS 3:11-12 - But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, [it is] evident: for, The just shall live by **faith**. And the law is not of **faith**: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

GALATIANS 2:16 - Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the **faith** of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the **faith** of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

ROMANS 5:1-2 -Therefore being justified by **faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by **faith** into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

ROMANS 3:27-28 - Where [is] boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of **faith**. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by **faith** without the deeds of the law.

II CORINTHIANS 5:7 - (For we walk by **faith**, not by sight:)

ROMANS 10:17 - So then **faith** [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

HEBREWS 12:2 - Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of [our] **faith**; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

EPHESIANS 3:12 - In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the **faith** of him.

GALATIANS 2:20 - I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the **faith** of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

MARK 11:22-24 - And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have **faith** in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive [them], and ye shall have [them].

I CORINTHIANS 2:4-5 - And my speech and my preaching [was] not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your **faith** should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

I TIMOTHY 6:12 - Fight the good fight of **faith**, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

EPHESIANS 6:16 - Above all, taking the shield of **faith**, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

JAMES 5:15 - And the prayer of **faith** shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

HEBREWS 10:38 - Now the just shall live by **faith**: but if [any man] draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

HEBREWS 10:23 - Let us hold fast the profession of [our] **faith** without wavering; (for he [is] faithful that promised:)

JAMES 2:26 - For as the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith** without works is dead also.

ROMANS 14:23 - For whatsoever [is] not of **faith** is sin.

ROMANS 4:4-5 - Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his **faith** is counted for righteousness.

LUKE 7:50 - And he said to the woman, Thy **faith** hath saved thee; go in peace.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

The Truth About The New Birth

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, "Except a man be born of water and [of] the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit" (John 3:5-6).

"When the new birth is come, you are changed. You don't have to do anything to prove it; your life proves it. As you walk, your love, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, meekness, patience, that's what you are. And the whole world sees the reflection of Jesus Christ in you." (-WILLIAM BRANHAM, HEBREWS CHAPTER.5.AND.6.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0908M)

FOR ALL HAVE SINNED

Originally, man was created by God in the likeness of His image (Gen 1:26-27), a "theophany-man". That man was a "spirit-man", perfect in the sight of God. It was sinless before God, until God created him a body out of the dust of the earth for his soul to dwell in (Gen 2:7). Then, that natural body fell by transgression.



Our natural life here is nothing but a perversion. It really should be the right Life to begin with but it was perverted by the natural birth – a curse which resulted from Eve's illicit affair with the serpent. Man is not supposed to die nor even get sick for he himself possesses eternal life to begin with, which is the very Life (zoe) of God.

But when Adam and Eve disobeyed God's Word, all men born of a woman, from then on, were considered "*born in sin, shaped in iniquity, came to this world speaking lies*", all sinners in the eyes of God.

Man was not supposed to be born through sex. That was never God's program. God originally created man just by calling him out of the dust of the earth. That's how God created the first man, Adam. And that's how God intends it to be. In the first resurrection, God just speaks their names and the dead in Christ shall rise first from the dust of the earth.

Original life, then, was perverted when the serpent unveiled sexual reproduction to mankind. It was the result of Eve partaking of the Tree of Knowledge of good and evil. In our first life or our first union, we were joined in at birth by nature. A natural act, man and woman together, associated in sexual affair which brought our first life here. That life is associated with sin and death. "Man [that is] born of a woman [is] of few days, and full of trouble." (Job 14:1) That's why, we need to be born again. We need to be reunited with our original nature - the nature of God.

According to the Scriptures, "ALL have sinned and come short of the glory of God". And because we are ALL sinners by virtue of our natural birth - we are all under the curse of death.

We needed a Saviour, one born by a Virgin birth and not by sexual conception, to bypass the curse. Jesus is that Kinsman Redeemer, a Perfect One, not born of sexual union but God's own pure blood (hemoglobin and egg) transplanted in the womb of a virgin. Jesus is the Just One who laid down His life as a Perfect Sacrifice (in our place) to satisfy God's righteous Law, to justify us, and to redeem us back to God again. Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour did that for us. "And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in [your] mind by wicked works, yet now hath He reconciled. In the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight" (Col. 1:21-22).

THREE STAGES OF THE NEW BIRTH

Just like the natural birth, the New Birth undergoes three stages – water, blood and spirit.

When a woman gives birth to a child, the first thing that comes forth is water, then blood, then life (spirit). **Being born again is a similar process with three stages: (1) Justification by Water, (2) Sanctification by the Blood, and (3) Baptism of the Holy Spirit.** These three consists the New Birth in a person.

The same process goes even for the earth's redemption. The earth was baptized in water in the days of Noah. It was then sanctified when the blood of Jesus Christ was shed on Calvary's hill. It will be baptized with Fire during the Battle of Armageddon, before Christ can finally dwell on it during the Millennium. The Millennium is still a time element. But when the Battle of Gog and Magog finally comes after the Millennium, God will totally cleanse this earth with Holy Fire from heaven so that the new heaven and earth, the New Jerusalem, can come down finally on earth. The new earth is a type of the rapture of the church, the believers putting on a new glorified body, after they had been baptized with the Holy Ghost. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost, according to Brother Branham, is a type of the Promised Land for the believer. Even though a man has been baptized with the Holy Ghost and is in the Promised Land, he still has to fight every inch of ground he is standing on until he is bodily-changed from mortality to immortality during the rapture. Since there will still be time and heathens in the Millennium, Millennium is not yet the perfect earth. The New Jerusalem is the perfect place wherein Christians dwell in an eternal condition.

Just the same way, before God can ever dwell upon a person through the baptism of the Holy Ghost (man- being a temple of the Holy Ghost) that man needs to undergo these three stages. Justification, sanctification, and Holy Ghost Baptism. God will not dwell upon a filthy, unconverted sinner. Man needs to repent of his sins, be forgiven, be cleansed, be justified, be sanctified, before the Holy Ghost, can ever dwell upon him.

"The new birth is like any other birth. It's a mess. I don't care what kind of a birth it is, it's a mess. If it's in a pigpen, or if it's in a barnyard, or in a pink decorated hospital room, it's a mess. So is the new birth a mess. It'll make you do things you didn't think you'd ever do, but out of that mess comes life. Hallelujah. That's it. Out of a mess comes life. Life comes out of a mess. Life comes out of death. Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abides alone. But as long as it dies and rots, then out of that rotten mess comes forth life. Until a man or a woman is ready to die to themselves, die out to their creeds, die out to their own ideas, and out of that rotten mess bring forth a new birth of glories and shouts and

praises of God that makes him act different, changes his nature, changes his life, changes his motives and changes his objectives” (-WMB, WHY.title SHREVEPORT.LA 60-1126)

FIRST STAGE - JUSTIFICATION

The first work of God’s grace in the sinners life is Justification.

Romans 3:24 tells us that we are “*justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus*”. Therefore, God sovereignly and freely justifies the sinner by calling him/her by the preaching of the Word to acknowledge that they’re sinners, and to repent and receive Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord. Through the blood of His own Son, God looks beyond our sin, not laying it to our charge, and offers us (free of charge) salvation and deliverance from the power and influence of Satan and the old sinful nature of our flesh - this is Justification. He declares us righteous in Jesus Christ, and through the Gospel He invites us to accept [take possession of] His free gift.

Justification by faith requires believing the Word, “Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. *“Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth” (1 Peter 1:22)*. Then, **Repentance and Water Baptism must follow it. Acts 2:30** states: *“Repent, everyone of you and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”*

Repentance is “sorrow for sin”, “a complete turning away from sin”, and such a “regret over one’s sins so as to decide to change one’s ways”... “laying aside all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.” (James 1:21-22).

Scripturally, repentance has three main elements: (1)conviction, (2)contrition and the (3)desire to be changed.

CONVICTION

Conviction is God’s red flag of warning us that we are going in the wrong direction. Being born in sin, we continue on in sin, doing that which is right in our own eyes without due regard for what God requires in His Word. Therefore, God, through the preaching of the Word, brings conviction that we need to change our ways to line up with His Word. **1 John 1:8-10** states, *“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”*

CONTRITION

Contrition is a “sincere sorrow”, a godly sorrow and brokenness for our sins (**2nd Cor. 7:10**). The Bible says, *“The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.” (Psalms 34:18)*. Contrition is a sincere regret over past sins and an earnest, humble desire to walk in a new path of righteousness, according to the instructions laid out in God’s Word. Contrition includes ‘humbling’ ourselves to God’s ways. When we stand at the Cross of Calvary and see what our sins cost God, our hearts should be broken and contrite - humbled; and we should cry out like the Publican cried, *“God, be merciful to me a sinner” (Luke 18:13)*. The Bible tells us that when Peter considered how he had ignored and denied the Lord three times, he went out and wept bitterly because

of his sin (**Matthew 26:75**).

THE DESIRE TO BE CHANGED

The Desire To Be Changed: This is the third element of “Repentance”. It is the desire for God to change your thought pattern, change your attitude, change your ways, change your motives and objectives in life, to conform to His ways and His will for you. In **2nd. Corinthians 7:10** the Bible says, “For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation.”

“A birth means we have been changed from our thinking, changed from our attitudes, changed by something that took place inside. There’s not a religion in the world; there’s not enough water; there’s not enough ceremonies or sermons that could change you. It takes the Blood of God’s Son Jesus Christ. You could no more clean yourself by joining church, than a leopard could lick his spots off of him. The more he licks, the brighter they get. He only shows them up. By joining churches and trying to do merits of your own, you just show your lack of hunger on the inside, something that hasn’t been filled yet. Quit trying; just receive Him, He leads you to the Light.” (WHERE.IS.HE.KING.OF.JEWS.title JEFF.IN V-16-N-7 58-1221M)

“That’s what’s the matter people don’t receive the Holy Ghost when they’re baptized; they just don’t thoroughly repent. God’s trying to give them the Holy Ghost. He wants you to be meek and gentle, quiet. That’s the reason you get up with that same selfishness in your heart. Oh, you might get up, shouting, speaking in tongues, or any, that wouldn’t make you have the Holy Ghost. You got to get up from there a different person. You got to get up from there gentle, quiet, and meek, humble, God’s Spirit dwelling with you. Next year, look back down the trail and see how far you’ve come, see you’re gaining ground all the time. That’s the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, meekness, gentleness, patience, faith. Now, just repent and tell God you want that right now, be real good.” (CHURCH.AND.ITS.CONDITION.title JEFF.IN CH 1-34 56-0805)

SECOND STAGE- SANCTIFICATION

The second work of God’s grace in the sinner’s life is Sanctification.

The Bible says, *“For this is the will of God, [even] your sanctification... that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour,” (1st. Thess. 4:3-4) “God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.”. (2nd Thess. 2:13)*.

Sanctification is that grace whereby, at the time after repentance, the vessel of the individual’s life is “cleansed” from all past sins and unbelief and he/she is “set aside for service”. In the experience of sanctification, the individual feels swept, clean, fresh and garnished. All the bad habits and vices are being taken away slowly and the individual’s mind is set towards a life of holiness by the Holy Spirit. The principle of sin [by which we previously lived] is cast out. It’s an absolutely wonderful experience, creating in us the desire to always live a holy and sanctified life for the Lord - always doing what the Word [Bible] says.

THIRD STAGE - BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The third work of God’s Grace in the sinners life is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. In Acts 1:8 it says, *“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come*

upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me".

From these verses we conclude that Jesus Christ alone is the "Baptizer" with the Holy Ghost; and this Baptism is a Baptism of "Power". It is a portion of the life of God coming into the believer to guide them into ALL Truth (John 16:13) and to give them power over all the power of the enemy and to be witnesses of Him and His Word. We can find that even though Apostle Peter was called of Jesus Christ and was given the keys to the kingdom, yet we read in the Bible that Peter still denied Jesus Christ three times before the cock crowed. That is because Peter did not have the Holy Ghost yet during that time and he still have to wait for the Day of Pentecost in order to receive the Promise of "fire" baptism in his soul. So we can conclude from here that a man can be baptized in water and be sanctified, yet without the Holy Ghost baptism, he can still deny our God and compromise with His Word. We need the Holy Ghost baptism in order for us to be "more than conquerors" in Christ Jesus. The Holy Ghost is also that "oil" that makes the wise virgins qualified to go into the Wedding Supper of the Lamb. Those that are without the Holy Ghost will be left behind in the Tribulation Period, weeping, wailing and gnashing their teeth.

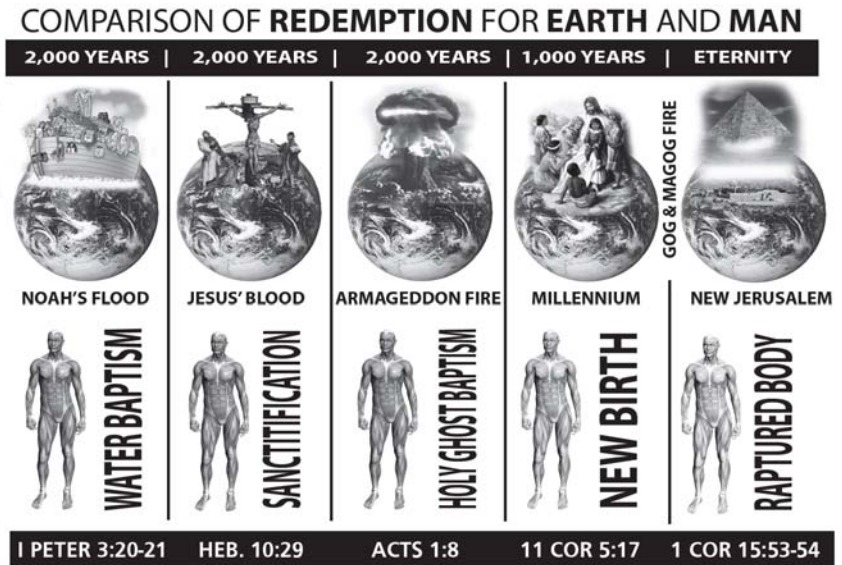
The Holy Spirit is our power over the world (worldliness), the flesh (self) and the Devil. He enables us to live daily for God - making the Word flesh in us. It is the "law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus which hath made me free from the law of sin and death". (Romans 8:2). The Baptism of the Holy Ghost continues the work of Sanctification, separating us daily, from the world and the things of the world. The Holy Spirit (in us) creates in us a "hunger and thirst for the righteousness of God".

The Baptism of the Holy Ghost seals us into the mystical Body of Christ. The Bible says, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether [we be] Jews or Gentiles, whether [we be] bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit." (1 Corinthians 12:13). In the Baptism of the Holy Ghost the believer thus becomes the "Temple of the Living God". 1st Corinthians 6:19 says, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost [which is] in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" The Holy Ghost goes right into the soul, moves the old nature aside and takes control, governing our lives, not according to the dictates of the old fleshly nature of our natural birth, but according to the dictates of our new nature. Now, our lives become living epistles of the Word of God - read and known of all men (II Corinthians 3:2-3).

The Holy Ghost will also make the promises of God in Mark 16:17-18 a reality which state this, "And these SIGNS shall follow them that believe; In my Name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

Every true Christian ought to undergo these three stages of the New Birth for Jesus Christ Himself said that "except a man be born again, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." If you have the Baptism of the Holy Ghost you will LOVE the Lord; believe ALL His Word and with His help, OBEY it, and you will manifest the "fruits of the Spirit". Don't try to have any sensation or anything to take the place of the Holy Spirit. When the new birth has come, you are changed. You don't have to do anything to prove it, your life proves it. As you walk, you are filled with love, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, meekness, patience, that's what you are. And the whole world will see the reflection of Jesus Christ in you. (Galatians 5:22-23). Look at the kind of person you were and then look at what you are now - see if there's a change - see if you have indeed received this "LIFE-CHANGING experience" of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost - an experience that makes you "spiritually minded", not just "religiously inclined". Check up on your relationship with God to see if you put more emphasis on the WORD of God than you do the church you attend; see if you really believe the WORD more than you do a man-made dogma or creed;

see if you are really LIVING every day for the Glory of God, giving Him the pre-eminence in ALL that you do.



"What is the new birth then? You say, "Well, Brother Branham, what is the new birth?" It is the revelation of Jesus Christ personally to you. Amen. See? Not you joined a church, you shook a hand; you done something different; you said a creed; you promised to live by a code of rules; but Christ, the Bible... He is the Word that was revealed to you. And no matter what anybody says, what takes place, it's Christ. Pastor, priest, whatever it might be... It's Christ in you. That is a--the revelation that the Church was built upon." (CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-7 63-0728)

"Without the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, you can never have your eyes opened to a true Spiritual revelation of the Word. A man without the Spirit is blind to God and His truth." (WMB, 352-4 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.9)

THE NEW BIRTH MEANS "SABBATH" TO OUR SOUL

The Christian faith is based solidly upon REST.

A born-again Christian is not tossed about. He doesn't run from place to place or fuss and fume and worry about things. A Christian rests. It's all over. It's all finished for the believer at Calvary. Sickness, trials and disappointments may come, but the Christian is at rest knowing this, that God's able to keep that which He has promised, knowing that no matter what the thing is, or how it looks, there's neither sickness, sorrow, death, starvation or anything that can separate us from the love of God that's in Jesus Christ. We are at rest. That's the New Birth. That's our Sabbath. "Come unto me, all [ye] that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," that's Jesus' promise to us (Matt. 11:28). "Let us (therefore) lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset [us], and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the

author and finisher of [our] faith" (Heb 12:1-2).

One can only receive the New Birth if their life is expressing the PRESENT TRUTH which is the Word-Message of the Hour that's allotted by God for the day in which we live in. Jesus said that the evidence of the New Birth is when the Holy Spirit guides you into ALL TRUTH revealed for your DAY and reveals what will come to pass in your age (John 16:13).

If you haven't received the Holy Ghost yet, and you want to receive Him into your life, I encourage you to follow Peter's instructions in Acts 2:37-38, and do as those in the House of Cornelius in Acts 10 - Hear the Word, Believe the Word, Receive the Word into your heart and be baptized in the NAME of Jesus Christ by immersion. Rest assured that the Holy Spirit will come to your heart if you will believe all the Word and allow Him to LIVE His Life THROUGH YOU!

"Wait till that satisfaction comes, the satisfaction portion of the fullness of the Holy Spirit comes in, then these joy bells of shouting, and speaking in tongues, and dancing in the Spirit will come. You won't have to do it by the music. You'll do it when you're going down the road in your car. You'll do it when you're sweeping the floor. You'll do it when you're driving nails in the wall, with your carpenter work. Wherever you are, that joy unspeakable and full of glory." (THIRST.title TUCSON.AZ V-16 N-6 65-0919)

"What is the promised Land for the Christian today? Just raise up your hand if you know. "The promise is unto you and to your children, to them that are far off. And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, that **I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh,** your sons and your daughters." And in Isaiah 28:18, "Precept must be upon precept, line upon line; here a little, there a little; hold fast to that what's good. For with stammering lips and other tongues will I speak to this people. **And this is the rest (This, the Rest) the sabbath land** that I said that they should enter into. And, for all this, they would not hear, but they wagged their heads, and walked away, and wouldn't hear It." See? Exactly." (MANIFESTED.SONS.OF.GOD.title JEFF.IN AD.2 60-0518)

BEWARE OF HOLY GHOST BAPTISM IMPERSONATION

In relation to the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, the Bible forewarns us of the coming of false christs and false prophets which are to deceive the very elect of God if it were possible (Matt. 24:24). They will try to impersonate the gifts of the Holy Spirit to sway people into believing that they are genuinely called. Just as **Jannes and Jambres** impersonated Moses by producing snakes in the sight of Pharaoh, these people will also be like Balaam who will have access to signs and visions yet their folly will be made manifest. These kind of people will seek after fame, popularity and money, thereby making the Word of God a commodity. Truly, they are called "false anointed ones" in the last days.

"When **Moses** went down into Egypt to deliver the children of Israel with only a stick in his hand for vindication, with the God of heaven behind him, he performed a miracle. There come impersonators behind him and doing the same thing he did. See? Now, they come second after he did it first. Then they come around, because they were copying after what he did, **impersonating the original.** We find that. And now, you say, "Well, that was in the days of Moses." But the same Scripture says that they'll come again in the last days, "As Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so will these men of reprobate mind concerning Truth." See? Impersonations, all kinds of things to upset people..." (RAPTURE.THE.title YUMA.AZ V-5 N-14 65-1204)

"Now, remember, I've always told you there's **three classes of people.** There's three races of people: **Ham, Shem, and Japheth: three races, three classes.** And I said, that is **the believer, make-believer, and unbeliever.** It's always been, always will be. See? There was Moses the believer; there was Jannes and Jambres the unbelievers. See? There was Balaam, Moses, always that three classes of people. Three classes: believer, make-believer, and unbeliever. Now, remember the unbeliever, the denominational church, don't believe in any signs at all: cold, formal, starchy, the church in the world, the denomination. But the make-believer is that shuck. That's the guy that makes-believe. And then there is a real believer that's really true." (ANOINTED.ONES.AT.END.TIME.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-3 65-0725M)

"And it's a genuine anointing. Remember, Caiaphas had it too and prophesied. So did Balaam have it and prophesied, but that don't have nothing to do with this inside. Unless that was God's seed, His gene from the beginning, predestinated, you're finished. I don't care how much you shout, speak with tongues, run, shout; that has nothing to do with it. A cocklebur can count just as much as any of the rest of them. I've seen heathens raise, and shout, and speak in tongues, and--and drink blood out of a human skull, and call on the devil. See?" (RAPTURE.THE.title YUMA.AZ V-5 N-14 65-1204)

"You may say, "How can this be? Would the anointed ones... What were they?" Christs: c-h-r-i-s-t-s, anointed christs and false prophets: anointed ones, but false prophets. Jesus said that the rain falls on the just and the unjust. **Now, someone might say to me, "Do you believe that that anointing on those people means that it's anointing of the Holy Spirit?" Yes, sir, the genuine Holy Spirit of God upon a person, and yet they are false.** Now, listen close and see what He said: "And they shall show signs and wonders, insomuch that it would deceive the very elected if it were possible." **And they are anointed with the genuine Holy Spirit.**" (ANOINTED.ONES.AT.END.TIME.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-3 65-0725M)

THE WHEAT AND THE TARES

In the Parable of the Wheat and the Tares of **Matthew 13:24-30,** we are taught that both the wheat and the tares received the same RAIN and the same SUNLIGHT to make them grow. The RAIN and the SUN in the parable symbolize the Holy Spirit. The RAIN falls on the just and the unjust which means that the Holy Spirit can anoint and make a person do things, but that does not mean that the person is saved. Think of Caiaphas; he prophesied exactly regarding the death of Jesus Christ. Judas, who was one of the 12 apostles, went along casting out devils and healing the sick in Jesus' Name, yet he was the "son of perdition".

The Spirit can anoint these people yet that does not mean that they're saved. The weeds can rejoice with the wheat. But it's what it is at the core (soul) (please refer to CHAPTER 18 - The Three Realms of Man). Christians can act like they're Christians, and act and be ever so good at it, but that doesn't mean they're saved. The Spirit can be there, the real genuine Spirit, but that still don't mean they're saved. Only the souls of those individuals who are predestinated by God before the foundation of the world can truly receive the genuine Holy Spirit Baptism.

NOT EVERYONE THAT SAITH "LORD, LORD"

Jesus said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy Name? and in thy

Name have cast out devils? and in thy Name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." (Matt. 7:21-23).

These people are anointed yet are false. Remember, the weed receives the same power that falls on the wheat to make it grow, makes the weed shout, too. The little old weed stand right up and just as happy as the wheat is and lives by the same life. And a sinner can stay in the Presence of God, shout the victory, and live like a Christian. But if there isn't something different in the heart, He could have the same power to cast out evil spirit. Jesus said so. He can preach the Gospel just as good as any other preacher can do. The Bible teaches it. Yes, sir. "Though I speak with tongue of men and angels, though I give my body to be burned as a sacrifice, though I give an my goods to feed the poor, though I have faith to move mountains, I do all these things, I preach in His Name, I cast out devils in His Name," he said, and still "I am nothing." So a man could do it, and still be "nothing." (STRAIT.IS.THE.GATE.title JEFF.IN CH 35-66 59-0301M) (1 Cor. 13).

People can be anointed by the Holy Spirit in their outside body realm and spirit realm, but only the Bride of Jesus Christ can be truly baptized by the Holy Spirit in the soul realm where the predestinated seed of God in the individual person lies.

" Now, false teachers will bring false births. True prophets will bring the Word, the birth of the Word, Christ. **False prophets will bring false birth, the birth of churches, the birth of creeds, the birth of denominations.** And here you are, Pentecostal brother, false sent--or sensations, and tell a man he's got the Holy Ghost 'cause he speaks with tongues. I've seen devils speak with tongues, pencils lay down and write in unknown tongues. That don't mean a thing. See, it's got to be a life: by their fruit you shall know them. "Brother Branham, do you believe in speaking in tongues?" Yes, sir. "You believe in shouting?" Yes, sir. To be a Christian, I believe that. I believe God's Word. But if the life isn't there to back it up..." (YOU.MUST.BE.BORN.AGAIN.title JEFF.IN V-11 N-5 61-1231M)

"Oh," you say, "Well, I been baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus." That's correct; that's Bible. But if that life doesn't follow it, it didn't do you much good to be baptized. You say, "Well, I've received the Holy Ghost." That's good; that's what you should've done. But if the life isn't in there...Remember, the weed receives the same power that falls on the wheat to make it grow, makes the weed shout too. The little old weed stand right up and just as happy as the wheat is (That's right.), lives by the same life. **And a sinner can stay in the Presence of God, shout the victory, and live like a Christian.** But if there isn't something different in the heart... He could have the same power to cast out evil spirit. Jesus said so. He can preach the Gospel just as good as any other preacher can do. That's exactly what; Jesus said so. The Bible teaches it. Yes, sir. "Though I speak with tongue of men and angels, though I give my body to be burned as a sacrifice, I give an my goods to feed the poor, I--I have faith to move mountains, I do all these things, I preach in His Name, I cast out devils in His Name," he said, "I am nothing." So he could do it, and "nothing." Get the idea?" (STRAIT.IS.THE.GATE.title JEFF.IN CH 35-66 59-0301M)

"There's sure going to be some great disappointment at the judgment. Oh, the bootlegger, he knows where he's going to be at the judgment. So does the beer-hound know where he's going to be. So does the prostitute know where she'll stand. So does the gambler know where he'll stand. So does the drunkard know where he'll stand. He'll not be disappointed. **But where the disappointed is going to be, is those who thought they were right.** That's where the disappointment. "When they got up there, said, 'Sure, we cast out devils in Your Name. We're preachers. We belong to certain-certain churches. We done great miracles. Oh, we preached... Why, I been a--I been a steward in the church. I been bishop. I been this.' Depart from Me, you workers of iniquity; I never even knew you." There you are. That's the disappointment." (STRAIT.IS.THE.GATE.title JEFF.IN CH 35-66 59-0301M)

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

The Truth On The Holy Ghost Baptism

The Baptism of the Holy Ghost is the indwelling of God's Spirit in the soul of an individual believer. It is the third stage of God's saving grace in a Christian's life. The whole process begins with repentance, accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, and going through water baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ (known as **justification**). The second stage to being born again is **sanctification**, which sets the individual for God's service, God cleansing him from sin and leading him to a life of holiness before giving him the promise of the Holy Ghost. The third stage, is known as the **Baptism of the Holy Spirit** which seals the believer into the kingdom of God. **Ephesians 4:30**, "And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."



The Baptism of the Holy Ghost is an indication that God has already completed His work in the life of an individual, dressing him with Christ's robe of righteousness, and making him assured of the rapture. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost is Christ Himself dwelling in the individual person.

This promise of the Holy Ghost Baptism is clearly laid out in **Acts 2:38-39**:

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the NAME of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the GIFT of the Holy Ghost. For the PROMISE is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, [even] as many as the Lord our God shall call."

The Holy Spirit is Jesus Himself coming down to the soul of the believer, as He has promised in **John 14:18**, saying, "I will not leave you comfortless, " I " (personal pronoun) **WILL COME TO YOU**..." "I will be with you, even **IN YOU** until the end of the world."

Galatians 4:6 states, "And because ye are sons, God has sent forth the **SPIRIT of His SON** into your hearts, crying Abba, Father." And in **Romans 8:9**, it tells us plainly, "If any man have not the **Spirit of Christ, he is none of his**."

BIBLICAL DESCRIPTIONS OF THE "HOLY GHOST"

1. IT IS THE SPIRIT OF POWER & TRUTH

ACTS 1:8- "But ye shall receive **"POWER"**, after that the **Holy Ghost** is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

JOHN 14:26- "But the **Comforter**, [which is] the **Holy Ghost**, whom the Father will send in My Name, he shall **TEACH you ALL things**, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

JOHN 15:26- "But when the **Comforter** is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, [even] the **Spirit of TRUTH**, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of ME."

JOHN 16:13- "Howbeit when He, the **Spirit of "TRUTH"**, is come, He will **GUIDE you into "ALL TRUTH"** for He shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, [that] shall he speak: and He will **SHEW you things to come.**"

"God needed a leader for the Church. He didn't educate a bishop, neither did He send a high priest, or a pope, or no one else. But He sent the Holy Ghost. A man die, and their systems die, and everything else. But the Holy Ghost is the eternal God, and He cannot die. He give them an eternal Leader, and that is the Holy Ghost. They needed something to guide them, to tell them what to do, how to live, how to meet the public, how to meet the fierceness of the day, how to combat sickness, how to combat this, how to combat sin. Man has drawn all kinds of ways of joining this, and creeds of this, and documents of this, and baptisms of this, and every kind of sensations, and little quivers, and funny feelings, and everything else. But still remains, the Holy Ghost is God's provided Way for His Church. Amen." (ONLY.ONE.WAY.PROVIDED.BY.GOD CHICAGO.IL V-21 N-2 63-0731)

"But that same power that spoke the world into existence is in those people that's got the Holy Ghost. That's right. Men and women, it's time that we found out who you are. The devil's trying to hide you back, tell you that you're some little trod-down something. You're not. You're sons and daughters of God. The **Deity is not in heaven; it's in you.** Hallelujah." (DEITY.OF.JESUS.CHRIST.THE.title JEFF.IN V-20 N-12 49-1225)

"And right now in every believer in here has Life Eternal, which is **God's Spirit in you**; enough power that'll raise up the dead, that'll heal the sick, that'll set orbits in conditions. But you're... It's controlled by a law, that Spirit that's in you. You are sons and daughters of God. That same Spirit that you've got in you, will raise yourself up at the day of the resurrection." (EVER.PRESENT.WATER.title JEFF.IN V-14 N-6 61-0723M)

"**You got the power; but it's laying dormant, because you're afraid to use it.** See? That's the way... They had power, but they couldn't do it. And every one of you's got power. These crippled people's got power right now to rise from up there and walk. This dying man with cancer's got power to raise up and walk. The rest of you all out there that sick, you got power. You got power; it's given to you. You shall receive power. That's what the Bible said." (JEHOVAH.JIREH.title LA.CA 59-0417)

"The power that's in you will make... **You could speak a world into existence and go live on it.** Hallelujah. There you are. **That's what power is in the Church now**, but it is controlled by a law. And that law is not keeping a bunch of commandments. It's a law of faith. **Jesus said, "All things are possible to them that believe."** And if you can believe it, whatever God will lead your soul to believe, that is yours. Every place the soles of your foot can set upon by faith, God gives it to you. Amen. It's yours; you possess it, if you can find the key to this law of faith that opens it to you. You see what I mean? **That power is controlled by... If you are a son of God, you are a daughter of God, that never leaves you. It's with you all the time.** But your faith gets away from It, but It's still there. Hallelujah." (EVER.PRESENT.WATER.title JEFF.IN V-14 N-6 61-0723M)

2. IT IS THE SPIRIT OF REVELATION

"The entire Church of the living God is built solemnly upon the spiritual revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ. No matter how educated you are, how smart you may be, how well you may think you know the Bible, Satan knows It just a lot better than you do. **But only through the revelation, God through the Holy Spirit your Tutor**, revealed to you that He saves you by His grace." (SPIRITUAL.ADOPTION.title JEFF.IN 56-0923)

I CORINTHIANS 2:9-16- "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath REVEALED [them] unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, NOT in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know [them], because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. **For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But WE have the MIND of Christ.**"



JOHN 14:17- "[Even] the **Spirit of TRUTH**; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be IN you."

"A man that's born of the Spirit don't take no thought; he lets God do the thinking." (WHY.AGAINST.ORGANIZED.RELIGION.title JEFF.IN V-12 N-1 62-1111E)

"Without the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, you can never have your eyes opened to a true Spiritual revelation of the Word. A man without the Spirit is blind to God and His truth." (WMB, 352-4 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.9)

"So many people's got the wrong conception. The--the... To convert people to Christianity and to its government is not God's thought at all... We're not suppose to make converts to Christianity by a government, but by **the revelation of Christ in you as God was in Christ.** As God was in Christ, Christ in you... Jesus said at that day (that's this day)-at that day (when this revelation's made known) you will know that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me, I in you, and you in Me. (When the revelation's made manifest,) at that day, you shall know that I and the Father are One. I'm in the Father, and the Father's in Me. Then when the revelation comes forth, then it's I in you and you in Me." There you are." (CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-7 63-0728)

"That Holy Ghost ought to be more important to you than everything else there is in the world: your prestige, your life, your job, your anything that there is. You should not

cease until you have It. You must receive It." (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 59-1223)

"You are not a Christian because you're a Protestant; you're not Christian because you're a Catholic; you're not a Christian because you're Methodist, Baptist, or Pentecostal. **You are a Christian because you've been baptized into Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit**, not by water. There's one faith, one Lord, one baptism, and that's Holy Spirit baptism. Water baptism inducts you into a fellowship; the Holy Spirit baptism inducts you into Christ. There's the truth." (MARRIAGE.AND.DIVORCE.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-13 65-0221M)

3. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A "SEAL"

EPHESIANS 4:30- "And grieve not the **Holy Spirit** of God, whereby ye are **SEALED** unto the day of redemption."

EPHESIANS 1:13-14 - "In whom ye also [trusted], after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were **SEALED with that Holy Spirit** of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory."

A **SEAL** means **three things**: (1) **security** (2) **ownership** (3) **completion**.

When you are truly baptized with the Holy Ghost, you now have eternal security within your soul, and you have been accepted in the beloved and have been bought with a price by God through Jesus Christ. You are now complete in Him, a truly heaven-bound creature.

"**Seal, what is the seal?** What is a seal? A seal is, first thing it shows is a work that has been completed, a completed work. The next thing it shows is ownership. And the next thing it shows is security, keeping it." (WMB, ADOPTION.OR.PLACING.title JEFF.IN AD.PT.4 60-0522E)

"Now, **what is the land promised to the New Testament believer? The promise is the Holy Spirit.** "For it shall come to pass in the last days," Joel 2:28, "that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. Upon My handmaids and My maidservants will I pour out of My Spirit, and they shall prophesy. I'll show wonders in the heavens above. And in the earth, pillars of fire, and smoke, and vapor." (EPHESIANS.PARALLELS.JOSHUA.title JEFF.IN AD.1 60-0515E)

In the last days there's going to be only two classes of people. One of them's going to have the Seal of God, the other one the Mark of the Beast. If the Seal of God is the Baptism of Holy Ghost, then without the Holy Ghost is the Mark of the Beast. That's what Brother Branham said.

"There's only going to be two classes of people in the last day. Both of them is going to wear a **mark**. **The mark of God is the baptism of the Holy Spirit**, without a shadow of doubt. I preached that not long ago right here... that the **SEAL of God is the baptism of the Holy Ghost**. Ephesians 4:30 says, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you're sealed until the day of your redemption." Without the Holy Spirit you are not sealed. But the Holy Spirit is God's Seal. And then, that, all that was not sealed by the Holy Spirit, was took on the mark of the beast. **And the mark of the beast is a mark of apostasy, which is rejecting the Holy Spirit.** See what I mean?" (WMB, JUBILEE.YEAR.title JEFF.IN V-26 N-6 54-1003E)

"I've heard ministers get up with charts and try to explain what the mark of the beast was by some kind of a chart. It doesn't take a chart. The Scripture says, "**All that didn't receive the Seal of God had the mark of the beast.**" There's only two classes on the earth. One's got the Mark of God, the other one's got the mark of the Devil. **And all that didn't receive the Mark of God had the mark of the Devil.**" (WMB, UNITY.ONE.GOD.ONE.CHURCH.title JEFF.IN V-16 N-8 58-1221E)

4. THE HOLY SPIRIT: YOU ARE HIS TEMPLE

ACTS 7:48-49- "Howbeit **the most High dwelleth NOT in temples made with hands**; as saith the prophet, Heaven [is] my throne, and earth [is] my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what [is] the place of my rest?"

I CORINTHIANS 6:19-20- "What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost [which is] in you**, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

"Now, that is the house that God dwells in, not a building with a big bell on top of it and a high steeple (See?), but, "a body has Thou prepared Me," a body that God can dwell in, God can walk in, God can see in, God can talk in, God can work in (Amen.), living instrumentality of God. **God walking on two feet in you.** Glory. "The footsteps of the righteous is ordered of God," God walking in you, for ye are written epistles, read of all men. And if the Life that's in Christ be in you, you'll bear the Life that Christ bore." (STATUTE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN.title JEFF.IN V-2 N-18 62-1014M)

"What is the Holy Ghost? It's a **Seal**. What is the Holy Ghost? It's a **Covenant**. What is the Holy Ghost? It's a **Sign**. What is the Holy Ghost then? **It's the Spirit of Jesus Christ in you.** See? "A little while," said Jesus, "and the world sees Me no more, yet ye shall see Me; for I will be with you, even in you to the end of the world." (WHAT.IS.THE.HOLY.GHOST.title JEFF.IN V-4 N-2 59-1216)

"What is the Holy Ghost? **God in you.** What's It for? To continue His work among His people; to bring His church together; to bring a church to a place in this day, far beyond the Lutheran, Methodist, and Pentecostal, into a place to a **adoption** and a **rapturing grace**, that when this part of the church, when the Spirit moves into this church here, it'll just raise. And it'll bring forth, bring forth all of the redeemed that's touched that Spirit." (WHAT.HOLY.GHOST.WAS.GIVEN.FOR.title JEFF.IN V-4 N-3 59-1217)

"That's what the Holy Ghost is to do. It's to make you man turn your head from them half naked women and quit lust after them. Yeah, church members... That's what It's to do. **It's to quit making you smoke, and drink**, and be--want to be a big shot. It'll take that out of you. It'll humble you when you do that. That's what the Holy Ghost is for. It's for a holy life (That's right.) **make you quit gossiping; make you quit playing cards**, shooting craps, and all these other things that you do around the corner. It'll make you quit your carrying on the way you're doing, living untrue to your wife. That's what It'll do. That's right. It'll quit making you want to marry somebody else's wife. That's exactly right. That's what It is. **It's to make you live a holy life.** That's what the Holy Ghost is power for, to set your affections on things above where God stands." (WHAT.HOLY.GHOST.WAS.GIVEN.FOR.title JEFF.IN V-4 N-3 59-1217)

"Then **Peter** here says first seven things (2 Peter 1:5-7): faith, virtue (See, coming up), knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly love, and brotherly kindness and then the love of God, the Holy Ghost. **Christ in the Person of the Holy**

Ghost comes upon you in the true baptism of the Holy Ghost, and you got all these virtues sealed in you, then God lives in a tabernacle called the building, the living Tabernacle of the living God's dwelling place. When a man possesses these kind of things, then the Holy Ghost comes upon him. No matter, you might speak with tongues; you might impersonate any gift that God's got. You might do that, but until these virtues here go into you, you're still off the real true foundation of faith. But when these virtues grow in, as you added that to that, then you are a living monument. You are a living, moving idol." (STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN.title JEFF.IN V-2 N-18 62-1014M)

"Water don't save a man. It takes the Blood of Jesus Christ. There's no Life in water. Life comes in the Blood cell; takes sanctification to cleanse that life, to kill the desire of sin; then the Holy Spirit comes into that clean vessels and sets it aside in work, service. The altar sanctified the vessel, but the--its filling is what put it in service. It was set aside for service; now it's got to be put in service. **And the Holy Ghost puts the church in service.**" (EVENING.MESSENGER.title MESA.AZ V-8 N-5 63-0116)

"Said, "Well, Abraham believed God; that's all he could do." I said, "True. But then God give him the order of circumcision, as a confirmation that He had received his faith." **And if He has never circumcised you yet by the Holy Ghost, He hasn't received your faith yet.** That's right. **That is the circumcision of the heart and spirit. God gives the Holy Ghost as a confirmation He's received your faith.** Now, if you stop believing, and scrambling around, and just believe God, God will circumcise that heart. And that cuts off all unbelief, circumcises the world and all unbelief away from you; and then you stand, the Word alone, Jesus said, "If ye abide in Me, and My Word in you; then ask what you will; it'll be given to you." (JEHOVAH.JIREH.PT.1.title GRASS.VALLEY.CA JJ 37-72 62-0705)

"**No man, no person, no woman, boy, girl--I don't care who he is--is fit to go in the pulpit, or even claim to be a Christian, without being filled with the Holy Ghost.** You have no right to the Lord's supper or any Communion or feet washing or anything, until you've been cleansed by the holy Fire of God. No man has a right to preach 'less he like Moses, meets Him out there in that sacred grounds, that Pillar of Fire hanging there, where he knows where he's at. See?" (FUTURE.HOME.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-5 64-0802)

"**You haven't any business out on the field unless you are filled with the Holy Ghost** and preaching the true Gospel in the demonstration of the power of the Holy Ghost. If you are not seeing the results that Jesus said you would see, it's because you are not preaching the true Gospel." (304-3 PHILADELPHIAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.8)

5. The HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM is the REAL NEW BIRTH

JOHN 3:5- *"Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be BORN of water and [of] the SPIRIT, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."*

ACTS 2:38-39 - *"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the NAME of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the GIFT of the Holy Ghost. For the PROMISE is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, [even] as many as the Lord our God shall call."*

"**There's three elements it takes to bring our birth.** And that's the three elements that came out of the life of Christ when He died. There come from His body, **water, Blood, Spirit.** Is that right? Three elements, and that's the elements we go through when

we're born again: **justification, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Spirit.** Now, that can all be in one act, but it takes... But you can be in a justified state without being sanctified. You can believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and still carry your filth with you. **But you can absolutely live in a both justified and a clean holy life, and without the Holy Ghost.**" (DEMONOLOGY.1.PHYSICAL.CON.IN DE 21-40 53-0608A)

"You see, each one of those ages only taken a dip into the Holy Spirit. Justification is a work of the Holy Spirit; sanctification is a work of the Holy Spirit, but **the baptism is the Holy Spirit.**" (QA.ON.THE.SEALS.title JEFF.IN 63-0324M)

6. THE HOLY GHOST IS THE "OIL" THAT'S REQUIRED FOR THE RAPTURE

MATTHEW 25:1-13- *"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto TEN VIRGINS, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five [were] foolish. They that [were] foolish took their lamps, and took NO oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps."*

"**Ten of them were virgins. Five was wise that had Oil in their lamps, and the other five was just as pure and holy but they had no Oil.** They were sanctified, **without the Holy Ghost...** But you can be justified without being sanctified. And you can be sanctified without having the Holy Ghost; be clean, live a pure life, and have a form of godliness, and deny the power of healing, and speaking in tongues, and the great gifts of God (and every one of them in there)." (QA.ON.GENESIS.title JEFF.IN COD 53-0729)

"Now, the church that professes to be a Christian church, will have to have that SAME SPIRIT that was IN Jesus Christ. For at the resurrection of the church, Christ and His Bride will come together and dovetail. The writings and promises of God will be made fulfilled there. **So it cannot come together unless the same Spirit was in Christ is in you and me.** And then if that same Spirit is in there, It'll do the same works, and live the same kind of a separated life, and do the works that He did. The Bible said so, all the way to Genesis confirms it. It ought to be striking. **It ought to make a church member come to Christ and stay until he's filled with the Holy Ghost. It's the only PROMISE of the RAPTURE, the only way that the church and Christ can come together, the very Spirit.**" (FAITHFUL.ABRAHAM.title RICHMOND.VA 61-0312)

"I'm persuaded that many of us, friends, have received the Holy Ghost, but we just receive enough Holy Ghost in us to make us to a place where we don't want to lie, we don't want to steal, we don't want to do anything. But God wants to fill every fiber of His church; He wants to fill your thinking; He wants to fill your mind. He wants to fill every bit of you, just make you completely, totally dead to yourself or to your thinking, just so surrendered in God till His Word's just living right through you." (ONENESS.title JEFF.IN V-10 N-2 62-0211)

"when we're born in the Body of Christ, there's three elements it takes to bring our birth. And that's the three elements that came out of the life of Christ when He died. There come from His body, water, Blood, Spirit. Is that right? **Three elements, and that's the elements we go through when we're born again: justification, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Spirit.** Now, that can all be in one act, but it takes... **But you can be in a justified state without being sanctified. You can believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and still carry your filth with you. But you can absolutely live in a both justified and a clean holy life, and without the Holy Ghost.** " (DEMONOLOGY.1.PHYSICAL.title CON.IN DE 21-40 53-0608A)

7. THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL BE Poured OUT UPON “ALL” FLESH (BOTH JUST AND UNJUST)

JOEL 2:28-29 – *“And it shall come to pass afterward, [that] I will pour out my Spirit upon ALL flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit.”*

Yes, the HOLY SPIRIT is Poured OUT UPON ALL FLESH (both upon the JUST AND the UNJUST), no exceptions. Everyone can feel the moving of the Spirit especially in the last days, for it is typed to the former and latter rain. Just like rainfall, God sends the Holy Spirit to water all plant and animal life. It can fall upon the tares and the wheat, and both can shout halleluiah, but it does not change the seed at the core of the plant. The Spirit only brings to manifestation what is it at the core, for every seed will bring forth of its kind (Genesis 1:11). **“By their fruits they ye shall know them”**. Once plant life reaches its maturity during harvest time, they are known by their fruit. A son of God will manifest the life of God, while a son of perdition will manifest the works of Satan, and will come to full maturity also, by the same Holy Spirit anointing.

QUOTES from Rev. William Branham concerning the Baptism of the Holy Ghost:

“The Spirit can come out here and anoint you to do certain things, and you do it, but that don’t mean you’re saved. But think of it. **Caiaphas prophesied. Judas cast out devils.** See, the Spirit anointed him. There’s rain falls on the just and the unjust; the weeds can rejoice with the wheat. But it’s what it is at the core. There’s where you can, intellectuals can accept and say, “Oh, sure, that looks good. I believe that.” That still don’t do it. No, sir. And the spirit can actually make witness of it, and still it isn’t so. Because if that soul hasn’t come from God, it can make all the impersonations out here, but it cannot be real. **You can act healing;** you can act like you have. You can act like you receive it. Christians can act like they’re Christians, and act and be ever so good at it, but that don’t mean they’re saved. That’s exactly right. See? **The Spirit can be there, the real genuine Spirit. The Holy Spirit can anoint you; that still don’t mean you’re saved.** It’s that inside **soul** that never dies; it’s got Eternal Life. It always was Eternal Life. See? It come from God; it goes to God; **it’s the soul.**” (WORKS.IS.FAITH.EXRESSED.title SHREVEPORT.LA V-7 N-1 65-1126)

“The true vine and the false vine both had the “same anointing”. The water fell on both of them. **No wonder He warned us it would “deceive the very elected if it was possible”.** (ANOINTED.ONES.AT.END.TIME.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-3 65-0725M)

MATTHEW 5:44-45- *“But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for HE maketh his SUN to RISE on the evil and on the good, and sendeth RAIN on the just and on the unjust.”*

MATTHEW 13:30- *“Let both grow together until the HARVEST: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the TARES, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the WHEAT into my barn.”*

MATTHEW 7:20- *“Wherefore by their FRUITS ye shall know them.”*

B. DOES HAVING GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT (SUCH AS HEALING, SPEAKING IN TONGUES, MIRACLES, VISIONS, ETC.) ASSURE YOU THAT YOU ARE ALREADY BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY GHOST?

NOT SO. Though we believe in the **nine (9) spiritual gifts** as stipulated in **1 Corinthians Chapter 12** namely: **(1) Prophecy (2) Word of Wisdom (3) Faith (4) Healing (5) Tongues (6) Interpretation of Tongues (7) Discernment (8) Word of Knowledge (9) Working of Miracles**, yet these gifts can be impersonated by the devil. There will be “false anointed ones” and “false christ” in the last days to impersonate and to deceive the very elect if it were possible by using these gifts. Yes, they will be truly “anointed”, but false at the core.

Let’s look at Judas. JUDAS was one of the 12 disciples of Jesus Christ. Judas preached along with them and healed the sick, and cast out devils. But Judas he had shown his true colors as the son of perdition when he sold Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. **BALAAM** was a prophet. But his true colors were manifested because of the love of money and popularity, he tried to curse Israel. **JANNES AND JAMBRES** were two magicians who withstood Moses by manifesting the same powers of turning their sticks into snakes in the sight of pharaoh. Therefore, miracles and signs are no true signs that one is a true servant of God. Even **Lucifer** himself was previously an “angel of light”.

SCRIPTURES:

MATTHEW 7:21-23- *“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not PROPHESIED in thy Name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy Name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”*

MATTHEW 24:24- *“For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall SHEW great SIGNS and WONDERS; insomuch that, if [it were] possible, they shall DECEIVE the very ELECT.”*

QUOTES from Rev. William Branham:

“A false christ is a false anointed, because Christ is the Anointed. How many knows that the “Christ” means “the anointed One”? There will be false anointed ones, and they’ll call themselves prophets. But how will you recognize them? **By the Word;** that’s how you’ll know it: by the Word, whether they are right. How will we recognize them? Will be by the Word. If they’re... If they say that they have the Word, and then deny the Word, then there’s nothing to it, no matter what they do. **They might heal the sick; they might open the eyes of the blind; and deny the Word, stay away from it.** Don’t care what it is, stay with that Word regardless (See?), because many times I’ve seen voodoo and all kinds of things take place under—under healing.” (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0823M)

“You may say, “How can this be? Would the anointed ones... What were they?” Christs: c-h-r-i-s-t-s, anointed christ and false prophets: anointed ones, but false prophets. Jesus said that the rain falls on the just and the unjust. **Now, someone might say to me, “Do you believe that that anointing on those people means that it’s anointing of the Holy Spirit?”** Yes, sir, the genuine Holy Spirit of God upon a person, and yet

they are false. Now, listen close and see what He said: “And they shall show signs and wonders, insomuch that it would deceive the very elected if it were possible.” **And they are anointed with the genuine Holy Spirit.** (ANOINTED.ONES.AT.END.TIME.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-3 65-0725M)

“**No, they wouldn’t stand to be called false Jesus. They wouldn’t be—stand to call Jesus; certainly not.** That’s too plain. Anybody would know that. Anyone would know they wasn’t Jesus. ..But they call themselves the anointed, and they do signs and wonders almost to deceive the elected. But false christ, anointed ones, shall arise and shall deceive the elected if it were possible.” And remember, Jesus never said that them guy’s would appear. He said there’d appear false christ: christ, plural, “denominations” and so forth, anointed ones, **anointed with a denominational spirit and not the Word.** You follow it? Not false Jesus, false christ, false anointed ones. See?” (ANOINTED ONES AT END TIME; JEFF.IN V-5 N-3 65-0725M)

“Now, a **gift**, just like I said last night, **“A gift is wonderful, but you can’t base your Eternal destination on gifts.” You cannot major on a minor, and a--a gift is a minor.** And Satan can impersonate any gift God’s got; he can make something just exactly like it (See?), exactly. Therefore, we got to watch that. Like sometimes I expressed about shouting; I’ve seen demons shout. See? Speak in tongues, I’ve seen demons speak in tongues. Sure, he impersonates it. It isn’t a genuine, but it impersonates it (You see?), makes it look like it’s real. And people sometime, who don’t know the difference, declare this to be real when it isn’t real.” (WORKS.IS.FAITH.EXPRESSED.title SHREVEPORT.LA V-7 N-1 65-1126)

“Now, don’t say, “I have to shout.” You might. Don’t say, “I have to speak with tongue.” You may do that. Don’t say, “I have to dance in the Spirit.” You may do that. Don’t say, “I have to cry.” But you may do that, and you might not. Receive Christ, then all the shouting, crying, speaking in tongues will follow that. **But if you have that without Christ, you’re only making a mock. Remember, you can have all the gifts and not have the Giver.** Get Christ first.” (AS.THE.EAGLE.STIRS.HER.NEST.title HARRISONBURG.VA 58-0316A)

Having the gifts of tongues, prophesy and knowledge, is therefore not an absolute evidence that one is truly baptized with the Holy Ghost already. This truth is attested by **Apostle Paul in 1st Corinthians 13:1-3, 8-10: “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become [as] sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have [the gift of] prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed [the poor], and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity never faileth: but whether [there be] prophecies, they shall fail; whether [there be] tongues, they shall cease; whether [there be] knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.”**

C. CAN FEELINGS , SENSATION OR “EMOTIONALISM” LIKE “CRYING OR SHOUTING IN THE SPIRIT” BE CONSIDERED AS GENUINE EVIDENCE OF THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST?

“**TASTING” THE HOLY GHOST is far more DIFFERENT from being BAPTIZED WITH IT.** A lot of people just “tasted” the goodness of God but in the end they still perished. It’s a type of Israel in the wilderness coming out from Egypt. They have tasted the signs and wonders done by the Holy Ghost through the ministry of Moses. They have seen the mighty works of the hand of God by sending plagues to Egypt, they have crossed and walked over

the dry Red Sea, they ate of the Manna that fell in the wilderness from heaven, they drank from the Rock, and have seen many many more miracles by Moses. **Yet only Joshua and Caleb was able to reach the Promised Land.** All the rest of the ten spies and their tribes perished. And today, **the promise Land of today for the Christian is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.** How many will ever get to it? “Strait is the gate and narrow is the way that leads to eternal life, yet broad is the way and wide is the gate that leads to destruction..”

HEBREWS 6:4-6 - “For [it is] impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have “TASTED” of the heavenly gift, and were made PARTAKERS of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good Word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put [him] to an open shame.”

“Church, that’s the reason I can’t take the Baptism of the Holy Ghost of crying, shaking, or speaking in tongues, or any sensation. They’re all right now. See? Them—**them things are all right, but the devil can impersonate that so real.** But the Holy Ghost is Deity, God tabernacled in men. It’s more than a sensation. It’s more than speaking in tongues. It’s more than shouting in the Spirit. It’s more than weeping. It’s more than joining church. **It’s God living in men, Deity, God Himself tabernacled into that person,** when he can speak and it’s just the same as God speaking; that’s the Church of Jesus Christ.” (TESTIMONY.OF.A.TRUE.WITNESS.title JEFF.IN V-15 N-6 61-1105)

“**You might be able to try to say you have; you might be able to show some evidence of some emotion; but unless your life is vindicating what you’re professing to have, you still haven’t got it. No matter how many emotions, how much you jump, run, sensations, speaking in tongues, or shouting, or whatever you might lay it upon (which is all right, I believe in all that too.), but unless your life copes with your testimony, then you haven’t got it.** ‘Cause the fruit of the Spirit vindicates what you are, just like the fruit of any tree tells what it is. **Jesus said, “By their fruit you shall know them.”** (PARADOX.A.title CHICAGO.IL V-21 N-3 63-0801)

“You say, “Well, I’ve received the Holy Ghost.” That’s good; that’s what you should’ve done. But if the life isn’t in there...Remember, **the weed receives the same power that falls on the wheat to make it grow, makes the weed shout too.** The little old weed stand right up and just as happy as the wheat is (That’s right.), lives by the same life. And **a sinner can stay in the Presence of God, shout the victory, and live like a Christian.** But if there isn’t something different in the heart... **He could have the same power to cast out evil spirit.** Jesus said so. **He can preach the Gospel just as good as any other preacher can do.** That’s exactly what; Jesus said so. The Bible teaches it. Yes, sir. “Though I speak with tongue of men and angels, though I give my body to be burned as a sacrifice, I give an my goods to feed the poor, I—I have faith to move mountains, I do all these things, I preach in His Name, I cast out devils in His Name,” he said, “I am nothing.” **So he could do it, and “nothing.”** Get the idea?” (STRAIT.IS.THE.GATE.title JEFF.IN CH 35-66 59-0301M)

“Now, what do I do, Brother Branham? **Do I shout?**” Not necessary. “**Do I speak with tongues?**” Not necessary. **You can shout and speak with tongues both and still live like a—like a heathen; you still lust for women; you can still smoke and drink** and everything else. I seen people speak with tongues and go right out and pull some of the dirtiest, crookedest deal I ever seen. **I seen them shout and cry crocodile tears** and would **steal a—anything he’d get hold of.** I seen them walk out, and

every girl that goes down the street, turn. Uh-huh, **that's one good sign you haven't got it.** That's right. But, brother, when you've passed from death unto Life, all those things become dead, and you're a new creature in Christ Jesus. If you see something wrong, you'll pray for it: "God be merciful." And if you see troubles, instead of going and tattling and trying to make it worse, you'll try to get to the person and straighten it up and quieten it right quick. That's the Spirit of God in you. If you make a mistake (You're subject to them)... If you make a mistake, you'll correct it right quick, "Don't let the sun go down on your wrath." That's how you know you passed from death unto Life." (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.4.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0901E)

"A conversion brings experience; and you can't allot it to anything now. Sometimes it might be shouting. Sometimes it might be speaking with tongues. Sometimes it might be weeping. Sometimes it might be groaning. You don't know what it is, so don't try to allot it, because every one of you's proved to be wrong in it, you Methodists, and you Baptists, and you Nazarenes and Pentecostals. I've seen people shout just as hard as they could shout, and steal the gold out of your teeth if they could. Yes, sir. I've seen people speak with tongues like pouring peas on a dry cowhide; and--and honest to goodness, when they chew tobacco on the other side of the mouth, and cut your throat if they could do it. That's right. So them things has... **There's no evidence that you can prove it, only by the life the person lives: "by their fruit, you shall know them."** (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.3.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0901M)

"People sometimes won't receive the Holy Ghost unless they speak with tongues. I believe in speaking in tongues. Certainly. He's a good God; He'll give you the desire of your heart. But no matter how much you speak in tongues and deny this Word, you're wrong anyhow. See, see? **You don't go in by speaking in tongues; you go in by keeping every Word. That's the evidence of the Holy Ghost:** when you believe the Word of God. See?" (DOES.GOD.CHANGE.HIS.MIND.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-9 65-0418E)

"That's the reason I can't take the baptism of the Holy Ghost of crying, shaking, or speaking in tongues, or any sensation. They're all right now. See? Them--them things are all right, but the devil can impersonate that so real. But the Holy Ghost is Deity, God tabernacled in men. It's more than a sensation. It's more than speaking in tongues. It's more than shouting in the Spirit. It's more than weeping. It's more than joining church. It's God living in men, Deity, God Himself tabernacled into that person, when he can speak and it's just the same as God speaking; that's the Church of Jesus Christ." (TESTIMONY.OF.A.TRUE.WITNESS.title JEFF.IN V-15 N-6 61-1105)

"To be born of the Spirit is to believe and obey the teaching of the Bible by the Holy Ghost. And a man that's born of the Spirit will obey God's Word regardless of what any tradition tells him...To be borned of the Spirit is to believe and behave yourself in the Spirit, is to understand and believe with your heart that Jesus is Christ and This is His Word, that no other words can be added to It or taken away from It without your name taken out of the Book of Life." (WHY.AGAINST.ORGANIZED.RELIGION.title JEFF.IN V-12 N-1 62-1111E)

D. IS THE TRUE "HOLY GHOST BAPTISM" GIVEN ONLY TO A SPECIAL GROUP OF PEOPLE?

Yes. Jesus said that "no man can come unto Me, except the Father draws him unto Me." Regardless if a man wants to serve the Lord, but if he is not predestinated for it, he can never reach that perfection.

"There's only one can see it; that's the one who's predestinated to see it. Otherwise you'll never see it. The Jews cannot see that being their Messiah, and yet

they were scholars and theologians, men of great renown scholarship, read the same Bible that you read. Now, after it's been made know to us, we can see it plain that was Messiah. But they couldn't see it. Neither can they see it today. They are prophesied to be blinded too." (RECOGNIZING.YOUR.DAY.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-1 64-0726M)

"The predestinated is the only one that's considered in redemption. People might be making like, think they are, but the real redemption is those that are predestinated. Because the very word "redeem" means "to bring back." Is that right? To redeem is something... **To redeem anything is bring it back to its original place.** Hallelujah. So it's only the predestinated will be brought back, because the others didn't come from there. See? Bring back... " (WHO.IS.THIS.MELCHISEDEC.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-10 65-0221E)

"He that hath an ear, let him (singular) hear what the Spirit saith to the churches." Notice here that **Jesus (by the Spirit)** in EVERY age addresses Himself to ONLY ONE person relative to the Word for that age. Only ONE messenger for each age receives what the Spirit has to say to that age, and that ONE MESSENGER is the messenger to the true church. He speaks for God by revelation to the "churches", both true and false. **The message is then broadcast to all. But though it is broadcast for all who come within range of the message, that message is received individually by only a certain qualified group in a certain way.** Each individual of that group is one who has the ability to hear what the Spirit is saying by way of the messenger. Those who hear are not getting their own private revelation, nor is a group getting their collective revelation, BUT EACH PERSON IS HEARING AND RECEIVING WHAT THE MESSENGER HAS ALREADY RECEIVED FROM GOD." (156-1 SMYRAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.4)

"There's many people just can't believe it, even Spirit-filled people. **I'm going to give you one that'll choke you. The baptism of the Holy Ghost don't mean you're going in, not at all, not on that, don't have anything to do with your soul. That's the baptism.** See? Here's the inside soul in here, **that has to come from God.** But then on the outside you have five senses, and five out—inlets to your contact your earthly home. The inside, you have a spirit, and in there you have five outlets: your conscience, and love, and so forth, five outlets to that spirit. **Remember, in that spirit you can be baptized with the genuine Spirit of God and still be lost.** It's the soul that lives; that was ordained of God. Didn't Jesus say, "Many will come to Me in that day, and say, 'Lord, haven't I cast out devils, done great and mighty works, prophesied, the great gifts of God?'" He said, "Depart from me, you that work iniquity, I never even knew you. Many will come in that day." (MODERN.EVENTS.MADE.CLEAR.BY.PROPHECY.SBD.CA.V-7 N-6 65-1206)

"But when it's directed from the inside, it throws all the rest of it together. That's the guidepost. That's the control tower, the inside of the inside. The soul controls the spirit, the spirit controls the body. So an outside whitewash don't make any difference. Them religious people back there, that Paul called "whited walls," and so forth, they were outward just every way the—a believer, and they had prophesies among them, and everything else but the inside of the inside... "The soul that disbelieveth..." **That's the reason I say people can jump up and down, and speak in tongues; people can shout, lay hands on the sick, and heal the sick and so forth by faith; all these great things there by the Spirit, still be LOST.** Anointed ones..." (WORKS.IS.FAITH.EXPRESSED.title SHREVEPORT.LA.V-7 N-1 65-1126)

"So when you see people say, "I don't believe in Divine healing. I can't see it. I can't see this baptism of the Holy Ghost," don't be angry with them; they are blind. They say, "I can't see this message of Him coming. I can't see this baptism of the Holy Spirit. I can't see this serpent's seed. I can't see this stuff." They're blind and don't know it. Just pray for them. All right." (SIXFOLD.PURPOSE.GABRIEL.VISIT.DAN.title JEFF.IN DA 45-88 61-0730E)

“Don’t, don’t despise the people, but feel sorry for them that they’re in total darkness and blindness, maybe ordained to that condemnation. Then what? That’s bad, isn’t it? So we just feel sorry and just move on, be humble, and be Christians.”

(CONFERENCES.title BLOOMINGTON.IL 61-0410)

E. DOES HAVING LOVE AND POSSESSING THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT SIGNIFY THAT ONE IS TRULY BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT ALREADY?

NOT SO. Though I undeniably believe in the **9 Fruits of the Spirit** as stipulated in **Galatians 5:22-23** namely: **(1)love, (2) joy, (3)peace, (4) longsuffering, (5)gentleness, (6) goodness, (7)faith, (8)meekness, (9) temperance;** yet these fruits can also be impersonated.

QUOTES from Rev. William Branham:

“You can’t rely upon the fruit of the Spirit, because the first fruit of the Spirit is love. And the Christian Science exercise more love than anybody I know of, and they even deny Jesus Christ being Divine. See? There’s only one evidence of the Holy Spirit that I know of, and that is a genuine faith in the promised Word of the hour.”

(QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0823E)

“I don’t care how much you preach, how well you do this, and how much you love... That’s one of the inlets the spirit. You can’t love with your body; you love with your spirit. That’s one of the inlets. **And you can love and even love God, and still not be right.** You can cast out devils, and preach, and do these things, still not be right. Jesus said so; said many would come in that day. That Word settles it.” (CHRIST.REVEALED.IN.HIS.OWN.WORD.title JEFF.IN V-4 N-10 65-0822M)

“The evidence, as I said the other day, we try to place evidence. **Luther** said, **“Believe and walk out.”** The devil believes too. **Wesley** said, **“Shout, and you got it,”** but he found out he didn’t. **Pentecost** said, **“Speak in tongues, and you got it.”** They didn’t. **Christian Science** said, **“Love, and you got the fruit of the Spirit,”** but they haven’t. They deny the Divinity of Jesus Christ. **What is the evidence of it? When that spirit that’s in you can punctuate every promise with a “amen,” and God will confirm it.** That’s exactly the way it was with Jesus Christ. Oh, yes. They had—they had more fruits of the spirit. They had all kinds of evidences. **You can’t pin any evidence down to anything but God Himself manifests His Word.** That’s the only true evidence that there is that you’re a Christian.” (WHAT.SHALL.WE.DO.WITH.JESUS.title PHOENIX.AZ V-22 N-4 64-0126)

“Today I was talking with my good friend **Dr. Lee Vayle**, who’s present now. And he’s a—quite a theologian. And so we usually have some—have some pretty good discussions on the Scripture. Very smart, and he asked me one time what I thought about the initial evidence of the Holy Ghost, was it speaking in tongues? (It’s been many years ago.) I said, “No, can’t see that.” He said, “Neither do I.” said, “though I’ve been taught that.” He said, **“What would you think would be a evidence?”** I said, **“The most perfect evidence I can think of is love.”** And so we got to talking on that. And then I thought, “That sounded pretty good.” So I just held that: If a man’s got love. **But one day the Lord in a vision straightened me out, and He said that the evidence of the Spirit was those who could receive the Word, neither love nor speaking in tongues, but it’s receiving the Word.”** (BROKEN.CISTERNS.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-13 64-0726E)

F. IS RECEIVING THE WORD-MESSAGE FOR OUR AGE A TRUE EVIDENCE OF THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST?

YES, IT IS. When Noah had the Word for His day, only those who believed the End Time Message of Noah were saved. Those who rejected his message, regardless if they were kind, loving, patient, and could manifest the gifts and fruits of the spirit, yet all of them perished because they did not heed to recognize the Word-Message of God for their day.

Quotes from Rev William Branham:

“Make no mistake about it, a person that is truly baptized by the Holy Ghost into the body of Christ receiving the fullness of the Spirit will be in the WORD ALL THE WAY. That is the evidence of being baptized with the Holy Ghost. Judas failed. Multitudes fail right there. And when they fail to go on in that Word, their names are taken off the Book of Life.” (273-1 SARDISEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.7)

“See? The evidence of the Holy Ghost is when you can receive the Word, not some system, but have a clear understanding.” (FUTURE.HOME.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-5 64-0802)

“Just as soon as they heard the message, they were sold on it one hundred percent. Now, that could only come by foreordination. It’s the only way it can come.” (KNOWETH.IT.NOT.title JEFF.IN V-2 N-10 65-0815)

“Now we have been constantly saying that the true evidence of being baptized with the Holy Ghost is for the believer to receive the Word for the age in which he lives.” (155-1 SMYRAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.4)

“Now, if you want the evidence of the Holy Ghost, there it is. When that soul of yours will line with the Word of God in every respect, it shows you’ve drawn your life through the thinking man’s Filter—God’s Filter.” (THINKING MAN’S FILTER.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-6 65-0822E)

“We’re joined to church--to Christ by the baptism of the Holy Ghost. And the way you know the baptism of the Holy Ghost is 'cause that Spirit in you identifies every Word of God to be the Truth. That’s right. "For whosoever shall take one word out of It or add one word to It, his part will be taken from the Book of Life.” (DOES.GOD.CHANGE.HIS.MIND.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-9 65-0418E)

“People sometimes won’t receive the Holy Ghost unless they speak with tongues. I believe in speaking in tongues. Certainly. He’s a good God; He’ll give you the desire of your heart. But no matter how much you speak in tongues and deny this Word, you’re wrong anyhow. See, see? You don’t go in by speaking in tongues; you go in by keeping every Word. That’s the evidence of the Holy Ghost: when you believe the Word of God. See?” (DOES.GOD.CHANGE.HIS.MIND.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-9 65-0418E)

“I’m going to ask you something. How can a man or a woman who claims to be filled with the Holy Spirit, which is the Word (That right?), and how can you be the flesh of that Holy Spirit, has made you part of Him to reflect the Gospel of your age, and deny the Word that He wrote? I don’t care how good you are.” (HARVEST.TIME.title PHOENIX.AZ V-18 N-6 64-1212)

“Now, there’ll be an elect that’ll go in the rapture. And there’ll be a group of people

that's good, upright, holy living, God saved people, that will not be in the rapture; and they'll come up in the second resurrection." (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS; JEFF.IN COD 54-0103E)

When we have the Word, the fruits of the Spirit will just automatically follow in your life. But we cannot put the cart before the horse. The problem with many people is that they try to impersonate the fruits of the Spirit even though they do not really have the genuine Baptism of the Holy Spirit in their life. What happens is that their follies are made manifest sooner or later when they are subjected to some deep trials or placed in an extremely tight situation. We find out that they really are not that patient at all or that loving after all. They easily explode and give in to pressure. Most of such attitude are just outward holiness, or shall I say, subtle "hypocrisy" wrapped-up with good intentions.

G. IS SEPARATION FROM UNBELIEF AND LIVING A LIFE OF HOLINESS AN EVIDENCE THAT THE HOLY GHOST IS ALREADY WORKING IN ONE'S LIFE?

Yes. The following are Scriptures that should support this concept:

ROMANS 12:1-2- *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."*

I JOHN 2:15-16- *"Love not the world, neither the things [that are] in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that [is] in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."*

II CORINTHIANS 6:14-18- *"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in [them]; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean [thing]; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."*

"Now, God said then, "Abraham, in order to walk with Me you've got to separate yourself from the rest of them." God demands a total separation. But you want to bring a lot of the world along with you. When you come in and receive the Holy Ghost, you say, "Well, I was taught to be this, and I was taught the days of miracles is past." You better leave that thing behind. As long as that holds with you, be like Abraham started out with Lot and his father; there's trouble in the camp. And God never did bless Abraham until he separated himself and done what God told him to do. **And you'll never receive the Holy Ghost in the fullness; you'll never walk in the Spirit of God until you totally separate your things from unbelief.** Get away from the world. Come out of the world." (FAITHFUL ABRAHAM.title LA.CA 59-0415E)

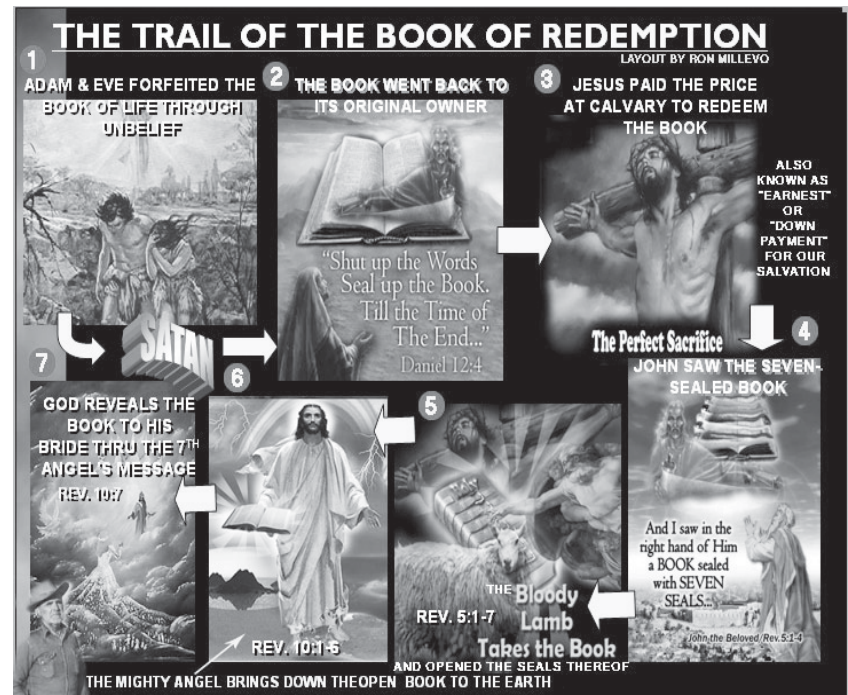
FINALLY, here's another couple of proofs that one has the Holy Ghost already:

1. FORGIVENESS

"If somebody just walked up to you and said, "Hey, you hypocrite." and smacked you on one side of the face, could you pray for their forgiveness? Now, that's where trust—test whether you got the Holy Spirit or not. See? When somebody says something evil against someone, sometimes that claims to have the Holy Spirit. "I'll get even with her if it takes me my last day." See? Now, there's where you check about your Holy Spirit. See? "Blessed are you when men shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for My Name's sake." But you go get even with them? No. "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." See? When someone says evil about you, say something good. If you can't say something good, then don't say nothing. Just let it go. See? And then when you get to yourself, pray for them." (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 59-1223)

2. TRAVAIL FOR SOULS

"Now, I'm going to... I'll give you my estimation of what I think that **the closest thing to an evidence that a man is a Christian**, than anything I know of. You know what it is? **It's travail of soul, a person that's always so hungering and thirsting for God.** They just simply... Day and night they—they just can't stand it. They—they—they got to do something for God. They—they're full of love and they're just a **soul-travail**, just travelling all the time. The Bible said, "He that goeth forth sowing in tears will doubtless return again, rejoicing, bringing with him precious sheaves". (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.1_ JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY_54-0103M)



(See related notes on Chapter 6 - The Book Of Life, pp.54)

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

The Truth About The Rapture

The Rapture of the church refers to that time when a trumpet shall sound, and our Lord Jesus Christ will descend from heaven with a shout and with the voice of the archangel, and we believers who are alive at such time will rise to meet our Lord in the air, while our mortal bodies are being changed from corruptible into glorified immortal bodies.

This is a literal future event as prophesied in the succeeding Scriptures:

1 THESSALONIANS 4:16-18: *“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”*

Also in 1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-54:
“Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [must] put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.”



A SECRET “CATCHING AWAY”

Yet only those who are prepared and are predestinated of God to go in the rapture are the ones that will know of the exact time and actual day of this event, for it will be a “secret” catching away of the Bride of Jesus Christ. This event will take place just before the coming of the Great Tribulation (sixth seal) and right before the Anti-Christ system takes control over all the whole world’s religious and political systems.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11: *“But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as [do] others; but let us watch and be sober. For*

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they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.”

THREE COMINGS OF JESUS

Jesus Christ comes to earth three times. He also comes in three Son’s names namely, (1) as “Son of Man” (Prophetic Dispensation to Israel), as (2) “Son of God” (Holy Spirit Dispensation to the 7 Church Ages), and as “Son of David” (during the 1000 years of His Millennial Reign).



THE FIRST COMING

The purpose of Christ’s FIRST COMING was to “REDEEM” His Bride by the shedding of His blood at the Cross of Calvary.

Revelation 5:9-10 states –“And they sung a new song, saying, *Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.”*

THE SECOND COMING

The SECOND COMING will be the Literal RAPTURE of the Church. it is the “CATCHING AWAY” of Jesus’ Bride which literally comes out of the Seven Church

Ages just before the Tribulation Period strikes the earth (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18).

THE WISE VIRGINS

End Time Message believers don't believe that the Bride of Christ will go through the Tribulation Period. The Bride will leave this earth before the thing takes place. The Bride is forgiven, justified, sanctified and is baptized with the Holy Ghost. Jesus Christ already died for her, and her tribulation has already been paid by Jesus Himself at the cross of Calvary. Jesus gave His life in exchange for His Bride. As we are "*bones of His bones, and flesh of His flesh*", the Bride therefore, we will no longer go through the Tribulation Period because she has already gone through the sanctification process through the sacrificial Body of our Lord Jesus Christ. "*Jesus was made sin in order for her to be made righteous*". The Bride types the **Wise Virgins of Matthew 25** who made it to the **Wedding Supper** because they had "**oil**" in their lamps. "Oil" signifies the "**Baptism of the Holy Spirit**" through the revelation of the Word.

"The church will go through the tribulation. But I'm talking about the Bride. The Bride won't, no, it hasn't got a sin against it at all. It's done been bleached out, and there's not even a--a--there's not even smell of it; there's nothing left. They're perfect before God. So what's any tribulation to purify them, but the others do. The church does go through the tribulation, but not the Bride. Now, now, we're just taking it in all kinds of symbols now like the--the church, Noah, the carried over type, went on out into sin. See? Now, they did go over, but Enoch went first. That was the type of the saints that would go in the--in--before the tribulation period." (FOURTH.SEAL.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0321)

"God is fixing to rain out that sixth seal upon the earth, break that seal and turn loose the wrath of God upon the earth. But before He does that, the Church will be gone. The Bride will be gone; the church won't; she'll go through the tribulation, but the Bride will be gone. His little wife won't go through that." (ONLY.ONE.WAY.PROVIDED.BY.GOD.title CHICAGO.IL V-21 N-2 63-0731)

"Most all ministers believe that the Church goes through the tribulation period, for purification; I can't see it. The Blood of Jesus Christ is our purification, nothing...?... See, see? I believe that the church, the denominational church and the sleeping virgin, does go through the tribulation, but not the Bride. There's a difference between the church and the Bride. The Bride goes in the rapture." (PERSEVERANT.title CHICAGO.IL V-21 N-4 63-0802)

"I said, "I believe the church will, but not the Bride." The church will go through the tribulation (Yes, sir.), but the Bride's free from it. She'll go in the rapture, in a moment in a twinkling of an eye she'll be caught up to meet her Lord in the air for the Wedding Supper. She has nothing to go through any tribulation about; her Lord has paid her price. We're so thankful for that." (WHAT.SHALL.WE.DO.WITH.JESUS.title PHOENIX.AZ V-22 N-4 64-0126)

"The church, the lukewarm, the anything outside of the elected Bride will go through the tribulation period. They will not raise in the first resurrection: "The rest of the dead lived not for a thousand years," just the foreordained, predestinated, elected Bride, God's own elections. "Who is it, Brother Branham?" I don't know? I can't tell you who it is, but I know it's going to be there, 'cause the Lord said they would. See? They are the ones that'll go up from the tribulation, but the rest of them will go through the tribulation, go down, and everything will be killed before the millennium. Then the--the righteous shall come out in the millennium and live a thousand years." (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0823E)

"Now, the church, the--the nominal believers like Lot, he's going through the tribulation period (See?) and be saved as if it was by fire. Noah went through the tribulation period, carried above it, come out with Ham who polluted the earth again. See? Lot came out, his own daughters slept with him, and had children by his own daughters. See? But Abraham brought forth the Royal Seed, brought forth the Seed of the promise. Enoch went to glory in the rapture, just took a walk and went home. He never went through the tribulation period. You see? There you are. See? And the types can't fail. See? It does not predict that the Bride... Now, the church will go through the tribulation period." (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0823E)

THE FOOLISH VIRGINS

The Foolish Virgins are the ones who will go through the Tribulation Period to die for their faith for they will be left behind. The Foolish Virgins are those Christians who have failed to receive the "OIL" or "Baptism of the Holy Spirit" in these last days because they have rejected this End Time Message. They remained in their denominational creeds and dogmas until one day they will realize that denominationalism is the "Image of the Beast".

Once they realized such a tragic thing, they will start looking for the "oil" but it will be too late. The rapture must have been past during such time and the door closed. They were left behind "*weeping, wailing, and gnashing their teeth*". Being therefore left behind, the AntiChrist will devour them and persecute them for their faith. Nowhere to hide, they will be purged and tortured unto death unless they deny their testimonies as Christians and receive the "mark" in their hand and in their forehead. These events will all transpire during the Tribulation Period, while Israel's 144,000 elect is also being called out by Moses and Elijah from Judaism into the true Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 25:1-13 speaks very well of this event:

"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five [were] foolish. They that [were] foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, [Not so]; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

The assurance of being included in the rapture depends on whether you belong to the Wise or to the Foolish Virgins. Faith is a revelation. The foolish virgins will still be saved but they will give up their lives in death, and be given eternal life at the second resurrection (judgement bar). But the Wise Virgins shall rise in the **first resurrection** and will live and reign with Christ until the Millennium.

Reverend Branham made it clear in the following statements:

“You might differ a little with this, but listen close. Just because that you accepted Christ as personal Saviour, that doesn’t mean that you’re going in the rapture. **That’s for the elect**, that’ll go in the rapture. There’ll be a **remnant** left here on earth that’ll go through the persecution and the great tribulation. The church will be caught up in the rapture. Now, who places the pattern? **God by election. Amen.** God by election places the pattern. He said, “Now, I have chosen before the foundation of the world... I place these...” Why, Jesus told the disciples that He was with them, and He had chose them, and knew them before the foundation of the world was ever laid. Is that right? So God places the pattern. Now, **there’ll be an elect that’ll go in the rapture.** And **there’ll be a group of people that’s good, upright, holy living, God-saved people, that will not be in the rapture; and they’ll come up in the second resurrection.**” QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.2_ JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY_54-0103E

THE THIRD COMING

THE THIRD COMING of CHRIST refers to ARMAGEDDON WAR until the consummation of history to the Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ and His Bride when they come back to earth again to defend Israel against its enemies. This event is stipulated in the following scriptures:

REVELATION 19:11-16 - “*And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him [was] called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes [were] as a flame of fire, and on his head [were] many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he [was] clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies [which were] in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on [his] vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*”

This third coming of Jesus Christ will also be the time when the earth shall burn and the “*righteous walk upon the ashes of the wicked*” to commence the Millennial Rule of Jesus Christ. **II PETER 3:10-13** spoke about it:

“*But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. [Seeing] then [that] all these things shall be dissolved, what manner [of persons] ought ye to be in [all] holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.*”

SIX RAPTURES IN THE BIBLE

Four raptures had taken place already, and there are two more to come. Three of them took place in the Old Testament.

“There’s your three raptures of the New Testament. Three raptures of the Old Testament, all of them past.” (WMB, par 178, RAPTURE.THE.title YUMA.AZ V-5 N-14 65-1204)

THE FIRST THREE RAPTURES

The **FIRST RAPTURE** was when **ENOCH** was caught away to heaven before the Flood came in **Noah’s days (Genesis 5:24)**.;The **SECOND RAPTURE** was when **ELIJAH** was taken away alive in a **chariot of fire (II Kings 2:11)** leaving his mantle to **Elisha**.



The **THIRD RAPTURE** was when the **Old Testament Saints (Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and others)** rose up from the dead during the time when **Jesus shouted with a loud voice at the cross of Calvary**. The graves of those saints were opened and their glorified bodies arose and appeared unto many.

MATTHEW 27:50-53 - “*Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.*”

In order for these O.T. Saints to be transported beyond the curtain of time, their sins had to be totally blotted out. The blood of bulls and goats in the Old Testament never had the power to do that. It just covered their sins temporarily and they always had to offer a sacrifice every year in order to maintain their cleanliness before God. They had to wait for that “Perfect Sacrifice” to come, the “**Lamb of God**” Himself who takes away the sins of the world. Jesus’ precious Blood finally released them from the guilt of sin. All of mankind’s sin problem was settled when Jesus died at the cross (John 3:16)

THE FOURTH RAPTURE

The **FOURTH RAPTURE** took place when our Lord **Jesus Christ** himself finally **ascended** up into the heavens, as it is written in the **Book of ACTS 1:9 to 11**- “*And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.*”



THE FIFTH RAPTURE

The **FIFTH RAPTURE**, is that which is spoken of in **I THESSALONIANS 4:16-18** and **I CORINTHIANS 15:51-54**, which concerns all the true Bible-believing Christians who had lived from the Day of Pentecost throughout the confines of the **Seven Church Ages** until this day. This **Body of Believers** is composed of the saints who died for the Gospel during the **Ephesian, Smyranean, Pergamean, Thyaterian, Sardisean, Philadelphian** and

Laodecian church ages, along with the **living saints** that are still in our age, the **Laodecian Church Age**. All these saints are bound to meet the Lord in the air comes rapture time. They are the ones who are spoken of in **“the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air”**.



The **Bride of Christ** is composed of the saints from the **Seven Church Ages**. She is also known as the **“Wise Virgin”** of Matthew

Only the wise virgins are considered in this FIFTH RAPTURE. These are those who have received **“OIL”** in their lamps, which is the **“Baptism of the Holy Ghost,”** by heeding and believing this End Time Message and hearing what the Spirit speaketh through the Seventh Angel Messenger of this age. This **“OIL”** is the **basic requirement** for one to go in the Rapture.

Read how Brother Branham explain these things to us:

“Looky here. Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Lutherans by the hundreds is coming in seeking the Holy Ghost. Strange. That’s right. **Hundreds and hundreds of denominational people coming in, seeking the Holy Ghost. Don’t you know Jesus said when the sleeping virgin come to buy oil, it was that very hour that the—the Bridegroom come?** When she come, and said, “Let us have some of your oil,” said, “We just have enough for ourselves. Go buy.” And when she went to buy the oil (the sleeping virgin) then the Bridegroom come, and the Bride went in. Now, **there’s never been**

a time that we’ve ever knowed that the denominational world has been wanting the Holy Ghost until right now.” (Uncertain Sound, Spokane, 62-0714)

“The very minute that outside denominational world begins to receive this Message, that’s exactly the hour He’s coming. When they—when they went, the sleeping virgin realized she didn’t have any oil in her lamp. And when she come to knock on the door to get it, that was exactly when the Bride went out, when the wise virgin left. That’s right. They didn’t get in. No. They won’t have the opportunity to, (the) time the message gets around, the church will be gone. So if they’re trying to get in right now, how close are we? When we see as it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man.”

(ONLY.BELIEVE.title CHICAGO.IL 61-0427)

This End Time Message has now been made available on-line to give the elect of God the required “OIL” for the Rapture. Believe it and be considered worthy to be able to escape the wrath of God that’s to be poured out upon this wicked and adulterous generation.

Here are some more quotations from the Messenger of this age concerning the Rapture:

“The time is at hand, church. The time is at hand. Don’t—don’t—don’t wait any longer. See, how do you know the rapture’s not going on all the time? First thing you know it’ll be past, one disappearing here, and there. It’ll be gone the first thing you know, and you’ll—judgment will strike the world. You say, “Well, I thought this...” “It’s too late now.” You remember, they didn’t know it until the day they entered into the ark, and then

it was too late. The foolish virgin didn’t know until she come back and found the wise virgin gone. Then she was left for the tribulation period. No good teacher believes that the church, the bride... The church goes through the tribulation, but not the bride. The church goes through for purification, sure, under the sixth seal. Right. Israel does the same thing, for the hundred and forty-four thousand, but not the bride. There’s... The bride’s forgiven. She goes straight to glory in a rapture. That’s right. She’s... My opinion, the last member will be caught up one of these days. It might come, and you wouldn’t know nothing about it. Remember, it’s a secret, secret catching away. He’ll come an hour that you think not. You won’t know nothing about it; she’ll be gone, be too late then.” (GOD.HIDING.HIMSELF.IN.SIMPLICITY.title ALBQ.NM 63-0412E)

“He makes three comings. He come in three Son’s Names. He come in a trinity, Father, Son, Holy Ghost. See? All of it the same Christ, the same God all the time. Now, we know He come to bring three works of grace: Justification, Sanctification, Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Every thing in God is completed in threes. And so He come first to redeem His Bride; He come second as a rapture to take away His Bride; He comes third with His Bride, King and Queen. After... That’s when many people are expecting the coming. **But when He comes this time, hardly none but those who are ready will know when He comes. There’ll just be an absence of people.** They won’t know what happened to them. They’ll just be caught away in a moment. And that... They’ll just come up missing, changed in a moment in a twinkling of an eye. So just be ready for that. It’d be horrible some morning to miss a loved one, no one can find them. Wouldn’t it be too bad to know it’s done past and you missed it? So just keep before God. “ (BROKEN.CISTERS.title JEFF.IN V-5-N-13 64-0726E)

“Well, you say, “Oh, my, there is no need of me trying.” That shows you haven’t got the kind of faith you need. “If there’s just going to go, be one, that’ll be me (Amen.), ‘cause I believe.” See? That’s the way you want to believe it. “Be me.” Sure. I want to live so close to Him that I know He’s going to take me when He comes; I believe it. So if there—if everybody else misses it, I’m going to be there by His grace, ‘cause He promised me that, and I know that I—I’ll be there, ‘cause He can’t lie, and I know my soul and life bears record, and I try to live daily just like He was coming, so I—I’m—I’m going to be that one. That’s the way you want to feel. If there’s going to be eight, I’ll be one of that eight; going to be five hundred, I’m going to be one of that five hundred. Don’t know about the other fellow, but I want to be one of that five hundred. You see? See? That is the way you want to remember it. See? And if you don’t remember it like that, there’s something wrong with your faith. See, you’re not sure you are saved yet then. You’re just guessing at it. Don’t do that.” (THIRD.SEAL.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0320)

THE SIXTH RAPTURE

THE SIXTH RAPTURE will transpire when the Two Witnesses (Moses and Elijah) of Revelation 11 will have come to Israel to call out the 144,000 Jews back to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Remember that the Jews were blinded to this truth until the fullness of the Gentiles be fulfilled. Moses and Elijah will come to Israel to testify to them about Jesus Christ being their true Messiah. They will show signs and wonders following their ministry. The AntiChrist will hate these two prophets and will kill them, but God will raise them up again after three days and be caught up into heaven. Make no mistake about it. Here it is written in **REVELATION 11:3-12:**

“And I will give [power] unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred [and] threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if

any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. **These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy (Elijah): and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will (Moses).** And when they shall have finished their testimony, **the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.** And their dead bodies [shall lie] in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. **And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.**"

"Now, as soon as this Church, the Bride is drawn together, she's taken up; in that mystery of the Seventh Seal, or the Seventh Seal, the mystery going. And the JEWS is called by the mystery of the SEVENTH TRUMPET, which is TWO PROPHETS, Elijah and Moses. And they come back, and there's where the Pentecostals is all mixed up. They're looking for something to happen, and the Church is done gone, and that's to the Jews." (FEAST OF THE TRUMPETS JEFF.IN V-3 N-16 64-0719M)

Now, these two prophets, what will they do? It's Moses and Elijah. They'll rise on the scene. They'll tell those Jews their mistake. And out of that Jewish bunch that's there now to be the 144,000, God will call with these prophets... What is it? **The Spirit of Elijah off of this Gentile church will just continue right on into that Jewish church, go right on in and call Moses with him.** Hallelujah. You see it? And he'll preach the same message of Pentecost to those Jews, that they rejected the Messiah. Amen. You see it? It'll be the same Pentecostal message that these Jews will preach right over to them. And they'll hate those Jews so bad till they'll kill them. And they were hated by all nations, and in the midst of the week... Because that they'd raised up a great powerful 144,000... **They had the Holy Ghost, and brother, you talk about doing miracles; they did them. They stopped the heavens, and it didn't rain in the days of their prophecy, smote the earth with plagues as oft they wanted to. They give plagues and everything else. They'll give them Romans a hard way to go. But finally they'll be killed.** Our God is a terrible God when He's angry. But remember, that's over in the seventieth week, and the church in glory. Amen. The wedding supper's going on. Yes. Now, notice. That's where we seen her coming back to the millennial temple over here at the end of the Jewish age—the anointed. Here He come riding on a white horse; those followed Him on white horses (horse, powers), dressed in white, blood—or vesture dipped in blood, wrote on Him, "The Word of God." He cometh, the mighty Conqueror (Yes, sir.) to set up the millennium—coming to the temple. Glory. **There He meets that 144,000.** (SEVENTY WEEKS OF DANIEL.title JEFF.IN DA 89-141 61-0806)

And have power over the waters to turn them to blood and to smite the earth with plagues as oft as they will... What is it? **What can bring these things but the Word?** They can do nature anyway they want to. Here it is. They're the one who brings on this Sixth Seal. They uncover and open it up. **It's the power of God to interrupt nature. See, the Sixth Seal, is completely an interruption of nature.** Do you get it now? There's your Seal. Who does it? **It's the prophets the other side of the rapture. With the power of God, the Word of God, they just condemn nature. They can send earthquakes, turn the moon into blood, the sun can go down or anything at their command.** Amen. There you are. There you are. See? See how the Seals opened

down there in the church age, how it showed the martyrs? And now **here's these two prophets standing here with the Word of God to do anything to nature they want to, and they shake the earth.** And it shows exactly who does it. **It's Moses and Elijah,** 'cause there's their ministry reimpersonated again: both men. Oh, my. Do you see it now? See what the Sixth Seal is? It's those prophets. (SIXTH.SEAL.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0323)

THE SHOUT, THE VOICE & THE TRUMPET

There are the THREE SIGNS that we need to watch out concerning the RAPTURE. **While Jesus is coming down to earth, He does all three signs.** Revelation 10:1 to 7 parallels with this event. This event is also known as the SEVENTH SEAL, the coming of the Lord. Notice that in the seventh seal (Rev 8:1) there was silence, a hush in heaven, no angel singing or praising, for almost the space of half an hour, because Jesus at this time comes down to earth to finish all His remaining plans for mankind.

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God..." (1 Thessalonians 4:16)

The "SHOUT" refers to an "END TIME MESSAGE" that will prepare the elect, the Bride of Christ, for the coming Bridegroom. *"Come out from among them (denominations), My people, and be not partakers of her (Whore and Harlot's) sins and that ye receive not of her plagues,"* is the shout of the seventh angel, the cry of this last age. The Bride is now being separated from all man-made creeds and dogmas, for Christ wants her virgin to the Word. Not a whore or a prostitute. No, Christ will not marry a denominational pervert. He will come for a Word-Bride, those who stayed pure with the teachings of the Bible.

The "VOICE" here is the voice of the SEVENTH ANGEL as spoken of in Revelation 10:7- *"But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to His servants the prophets"*. This seventh angel is none other than the seventh messenger to the seventh church age of Laodicea, which is William Marrion Branham. He was the one commissioned by God to reveal all the mysteries hidden in the seven seals.

The third symbol, the "TRUMP" of God signifies two things: (1) "CALLING TO A FEAST" or a (2) "PREPARATION FOR BATTLE".

Once you receive the revelation of this Endtime Message, you enter into both "dimensions" of feasting and warring. **One**, when you have been converted and been born again by the Message, you have become a "rapture-bound" creature, bound to go into the **Wedding Feast in the Marriage Supper of the Lamb of God** in heaven once rapture time takes place. **Two**, you have been enlisted into God's spiritual army and you have become a Christian soldier summoned to fight a SPIRITUAL BATTLE against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Religious denominations will begin to hate you. Just like how those Pharisees and Saducees hated Jesus and His Message in His days, these denominational organizations will also persecute the true Bride of Christ today and will destroy her influence. They will call you bad names such as "holy rollers", "cult", "heretic", for the main reason that this End Time Message exposes their folly of man-made traditions, systems, dogmas and creeds, against the Word. But as Jesus told His apostles, "If the Master of the House was called a "Beelzebub", a servant is not greater than His Master".

Truly, all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. There's no question about it. The children of disobedience will call you all kinds of evil things but the Bride of Christ is rest assured by revelation, that Jesus will take her out of this world to be with Him in glory. Wherefore, comfort one another with these words.

SIGNS THAT THE RAPTURE IS AT HAND

In Matthew 24, Jesus gave the apostles numerous signs relating to His second coming. He told them that “**this generation shall not pass away until all things be fulfilled.**” He was referring to the generation that will see Israel “**the Fig Tree**” put forth its leaves. When Israel becomes a nation again, we are told to look up for our redemption draweth nigh. This generation that will see Israel become a nation will not pass away until all things be fulfilled.

Israel has been back as a nation since 1948. After years of sojourning, God had forced the Israelites back to their homeland by hardening the hearts of Stalin, Hitler and Mussolini during the second world war to pressure them and kick them out of Europe and Russia. Israel has her own flag, the Star of David, which is considered to be the oldest flag in the world. She has her own military, monetary system, and economy. Israel has had her Jubilee in 1998. The rapture is already long overdue. But the Bible reminds us about the days of Noah when the ark was closed, yet it did not rain until after seven more days. These silent days were known to be as “preaching to the lost”, and the “third pull”. No one can enter, and no one can get out anymore. “Let the filthy be filthy still, and let the holy be holy still”. William Branham, the last messenger to the Gentile church age, was taken by God off the scene in December of 1965. It was 40 years already in December of 2005 since then. Laodicean Age, which started in 1906, had her centennial celebration last 2006. It's later than we think.

AS IT WAS IN THE DAYS OF SODOM AND NOAH'S, SO SHALL IT BE IN THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN

It is predicted that in the days when the Son of Man will return, the condition of the world will be like “as it was in the Days of Sodom”. Immorality and moral decay shall abound. Isn't that the very scenario of our world today?

God destroyed the world by flood during the first 2000 years in the days of Noah. He also destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah by fire because man's thoughts were continually evil.

MATTHEW 24:37-39, “ But as the days of Noe [were], so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

We see the same signs in the world today that she's ripe for judgment. The rapture will come anytime now. Read Matthew 24 and Luke 21 for they cover most of the signs that signal Jesus' second coming in our generation.

CHAPTER SIXTEEN



INTRODUCTION

Matthew 25 speaks of TEN virgins, five of them have OIL in their lamps while five had none. Those with oil were able to enter the Bridegroom's Wedding Supper - typing the Rapture of the Holy-Ghost filled Church. Who are the Wise and Foolish Virgins? Are there Foolish Virgins amongst the Message ranks? Or do they simply belong to the lukewarm denominations?

Apostle Paul talks about the Christian church and he likened her to a "chaste virgin" espoused to one Husband, the Lord Jesus Christ. The church is considered to be the "Bride" of Jesus Christ.

In II Corinthians 11:2, Apostle Paul wrote: *"For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one Husband, that I may present [you as] a chaste virgin to Christ".*

The church is supposed to be a "virgin" of the Word, free from man-made dogmas, creeds and traditions. Christ will be coming for a Bride that is without spot, blameless, and without wrinkle. Jesus, as the Bible teaches, comes three times. First, to redeem His Bride at the Cross of Calvary. Second, to claim His Bride in the rapture. Third, to reign with His Bride in the millennium. The church, His bride, ought to be prepared with holiness and zeal right now in order for her to be counted worthy of the great "Marriage Supper of the Lamb in heaven." She ought to have worn the wedding garment at this very moment, which is the robe of righteousness of Jesus Christ. Christ is coming like a thief in the night. The Bride must be ready and must free herself from any form of spiritual fornication.

Spiritual fornication takes place when the church accepts hybridized man-made teachings not based on the Bible- the Word of God. A woman that lives not according to God's Word is considered a "whore" and a "harlot" before God's sight. The true church must walk in the Light of the Gospel and must be led by the Holy Spirit. She must proclaim the pure Word of God to this generation. She must bear "the mind of Christ in her," and not the mind of the world.

This perfect unity of the Bride and the Spirit has been written in the Book of **Revelation 22:17** saying, *"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."*

John the beloved saw the church in her position as Christ's wife, for she has been pregnated by the Word of God. In **Revelation 19:7**, the Word of God exhorts us

saying: "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the **marriage of the Lamb** is come, and his **wife** hath made herself ready." The Bride is truly "flesh of Christ's flesh and bones of His bones".

The parable of the ten virgins of Matthew 25 talks about the two categories of Christian believers in the church-body today. One that's dilatory and lukewarm, (as evident in her having a lamp that's gone out of oil), and one that's on fire for God, having her lamp constantly burning.

"OIL" SYMBOLIZES THE "BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT"

"Oil" in the Scriptures symbolizes the "Baptism of the Holy Spirit". The Bride of Christ needs "OIL" desperately today in order for her to walk in the Light, as "He is in the Light". Those virgins with "oil" in their lamps were able to make it to the rapture. While those virgins without the 'oil' were left behind in the Tribulation Period, wailing, weeping and gnashing their teeth.

Christ, the Bridegroom, has already appeared today in Spirit form through the ministry of the end-time prophet Elijah as prophesied in Malachi 4:5-6. His ministry is to set and restore the hearts of the children back to the Apostolic fathers, before this earth is finally destroyed by fire. One day, Jesus will close the door of grace upon those that are without the "OIL" and will rapture only those that have been filled with it.

While the foolish virgins were away trying to find the "Baptism of the Holy Ghost" in their lives, Christ and the true Bride goes away for the "honeymoon" in heaven. She will be taken off the scene for three and a half years while this earth undergoes purging through the Tribulation Period. Today is the most critical hour wherein all the foolish virgins are looking for "oil". The foolish virgins are those Christians that still belong to the denominations and who are trying their best to be able to speak in tongues, shout and dance in the Spirit, and get into a spiritual revival. And while they are into that situation today, they didn't know that the wise virgins have already possessed the "OIL" that's required for the rapture. This "OIL" they have received through the "shout" - the End Time Message which gave them a clear understanding of the hidden mysteries of God, which in turn, gives them "rapturing faith" which is the true **Baptism of the Holy Ghost**. Once the rapture takes place, the foolish virgins will realize that they were left behind because the Tribulation Period had begun to set in. Caught between choosing whether to receive the "Mark of the Beast" or to die for their faith, the foolish virgins will give their lives in martyrdom and leave their denominations for all denominations will be controlled by the Beast (Rome) and the Image of the Beast (WCC). They will choose to die rather than be damned by the Antichrist system.

Who are the wise and the foolish virgins? Where do you position yourself amongst these two? Are you a wise virgin or a foolish virgin? Find out about it in the succeeding articles.

SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 25:1-13

- 1 ¶ Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.
- 2 And five of them were wise, and five [were] foolish.
- 3 They that [were] foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:
- 4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

- 5 While the **bridegroom** tarried, they all slumbered and slept.
- 6 And at **midnight** there was a **cry** made, **Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.**
- 7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.
- 8 And the foolish said unto the wise, **Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.**
- 9 But the wise answered, saying, [Not so]; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.
- 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.
- 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.
- 12 But He answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.
- 13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

A MIDNIGHT CRY

Take note that in the preceding Scriptures, there was a "cry" made in the evening time shouting, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet Him". A "cry" symbolizes a calling out from a deep slumber or sleep. The people had been sleeping in man-made denominations, and God calls them out. A "cry" is a "shout" or a "Message" to call out the Bride from amongst the **seven church ages**.

Matthew 25: 1-13 parallels 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 which says "The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a "shout", with a "voice" of the archangel, and with the "trump" of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first, and we which are alive shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air". This is about the rapture, the catching away of the wise virgins.

The parable of the wise and the foolish virgins applies to our generation, for we are now at the very brink of the coming of the Lord (His physical appearing). Every denominational Christian today is looking for the 'Baptism of the Holy Spirit.' But according to Matthew 25, not everybody will get it. The wise virgins went in, but the foolish virgins were left behind.

Here are some quotes gleaned from the different sermons of Rev. William Branham, shedding light on this "ten virgin" mystery:

THE WORD "VIRGIN" APPLIES TO ALL SANCTIFIED CHRISTIANS

"How many of you, all perhaps, have read of the virgins? Some were wise and some were foolish. "Virgin" means "purity." They were all good people, everyone of them virgin, sanctified vessels of God. But those who had oil in their lamps went in. And the others was left out. They were all virgins, everyone people that you couldn't put your finger on for anything wrong. They everyone believed in the coming of the Lord. They were ready to go meet Him, but some of them let their oil go out. Don't let that be your case. Keep oil in your lamp. Oil is the Spirit, the Holy Spirit. Never let it drain from you. When you feel your love dying away, your sincerity to Christ, and to the—the cause, quickly go to Him Who has the Fountain of Oil and buy for yourself a filling of the Holy Spirit. (SUDDEN,SECRET,GOING,AWAY,OF,CHURCH,title JEFF.IN 58-1012)

“A woman will take a—a piece of goods and lay it down; well, now, that is what she’s cutting her—or takes her pattern and lays anywhere she desires, which way she’s going to cut that. And then what she has left over is called the **remnant**, but she chooses to cut it from a certain place by her own free thinking. But what’s left over is called the remnant. Now, if you notice, there were five foolish and five wise virgins; **all of them was virgins, made out of the same material**. But by **election**, God chose His **Bride** by election before the foundation of the world, put their names on the Lamb’s Book of Life slain before the foundation of the world; before the world ever began, God in His mind, being infinite.” (PATMOS.VISION.title JEFF.IN ROJC 69-130 60-1204E)

“Ten virgins went out to meet the Lord, **ALL sanctified, all holy, every one of them sanctified**. FIVE were **DILATORY** and let their lights go out. Five had OIL in their lamps. “And, behold the Bridegroom cometh.” And the five that had OIL in their lamps went INTO the wedding supper. And the others was left outside, where they were weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth. Be ready, for you don’t know what minute the Lord comes. Have... What is the OIL represented in the Bible? Holy Spirit.” (ADOPTION.OR.PLACING.title JEFF.IN AD.PT.4 60-0522E)

THE FOOLISH VIRGINS DID NOT RECEIVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST

“Time was over. For look, there was seven virgins—or ten virgins went out to meet the Bridegroom, and **half of them had oil in their lamp**, half of them didn’t. That’s the part of the body that’s dead and the part that’s alive. The five’s wise, when they—the cry come, “Behold the Bridegroom...” they all trimmed—woke and trimmed their lamps to go into the wedding supper. But when the foolish virgin said, “Give us some of your oil, our lamps is gone out. (See?) Give us of your oil,” they said, “Not so, we just got enough for ourself. Go buy it.” And while they went to buy it, the Bridegroom came. **When the proclamation went out, the decree, “The Bridegroom’s coming,” everybody wanted to get right, right quick**. Ain’t that the hour when the handwriting’s on the wall.” **Oh, we want the baptism of the Holy Ghost.**” “We want this, that or the other.” But while they went to buy it, the Bridegroom came. The wise went in, and they were left outside where there’ll be weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth.” (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0823E)

ONLY THE WISE VIRGINS MADE IT TO THE RAPTURE

“**The time is at hand, church. The time is at hand. Don’t—don’t—don’t WAIT any longer**. See, how do you know the **rapture’s** not going on all the time? **First thing you know it’ll be past**, one disappearing here, and there. It’ll be GONE the first thing you know, and you’ll—judgment will strike the world. You say, “Well, I thought this...” “It’s too late now.” You remember, they didn’t know it until the day they entered into the ark, and then it was too late. **The FOOLISH VIRGIN didn’t know until she come back and found the WISE VIRGINS GONE. Then she was LEFT for the tribulation period**. No good teacher believes that the church, the BRIDE... **The church goes through the tribulation, but NOT the Bride**. The church goes through for purification, sure, under the sixth seal. Right. **ISRAEL does the SAME thing, for the hundred and forty-four thousand, but NOT the Bride**. There’s... **The bride’s forgiven. She goes STRAIGHT to glory in a rapture**. That’s right. She’s... My opinion, the last member will be caught up one of these days. It might come, and you wouldn’t know nothing about it. **Remember, it’s a SECRET, secret catching away. He’ll come an hour that you think NOT. You won’t know nothing about it; she’ll be gone, be too LATE then.**” (GOD HIDING HIMSELF IN.SIMPLICITY.title ALBQ.NM 63-0412E)

THE FOOLISH VIRGINS WILL BE LEFT BEHIND IN THE TRIBULATION PERIOD

“Now, if you were with us in the last teachings in Revelation, you find out there that those virgins, the—the **five foolish virgins were not lost; but they were not permitted to go into the wedding supper, but they suffered persecution, and was martyred, and raised again at the general resurrection in the last day**. Those are the people where He separated the **sheep** from the goats (See?); they stood before judgment. You say, “Well, Brother Branham, don’t we stand, the Church?” No, sir. **We do not stand before the judgment**. We are now standing before the Judgment. God put our sins upon Christ, and we... “He that heareth My Word (St. John 5:24) and believeth on Him that sent Me has Eternal Life, and shall not come into the judgment but has passed from death unto Life.” **No more judgment for the Church**, it’s took up in the rapture, and comes back to pass judgment upon the people who did not receive the Holy Spirit. Does not Paul say that he dares any of us to take a—a matter to the court, to the unjust magistrate, when, “**know ye not that the saints shall judge the earth?**” **We will set with Christ and judge, kings, and priests, and judge these people that we preached to and told them about the baptism of the Holy Ghost and they refused to receive it**. Think of it. **No, they were not lost, but they will never be in the Bride. They were come in the second resurrection, but never be in the Bride, to be judged according to the way they treated the Light that they received**. Now, that part will be up to Christ. **They were not lost though.**” (QA.GOD.BEING.MISUNDERSTOOD.title JEFF COD 61-0723E)

THE FOOLISH VIRGINS WILL REJECT THE ENDTIME MESSAGE

“Now, we find out also in this that the **Sixth Seal now being opened, it was for a threefold purpose**. Now, here was the purposes: **The first thing was that the sleeping virgins had to go through the tribulation period for purification. She had to be purged of her sins of unbelief and rejecting the message**. This she was done in the tribulation period. We see they wind up over here in Revelations 7, between the 6th and 7th chapter here, that she had been purged, and she’d been given her robes. **Now, she’s not the Bride, but it’s the church, the pure people that—that—that didn’t have the opportunity, maybe, to receive the message, or in some way that they were blinded by these false prophets, and they—they didn’t get a chance, and yet they’re really sincere in heart, and God knows their heart, and here they’re purged during this time.**” (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0830E)

“**Now, she will have to go through the tribulation period. And the reason of it is, is because she has rejected the Atonement in its fullness**. She is a believer, a professed believer, but she will have to go through the **tribulation period**. The Bible said, “And the rest of them, the dragon spurted water out of his mouth to go and make war...” And what an hour that is... **There’s never been a time in history where that the nominal churches has become so hungry to find the baptism of the Holy Ghost**. I—I speak for the Christian Business Men. Constantly, it’s **Presbyterian, Lutheran, Catholic, and all, Baptists** by the hundreds, **Church of Christ, Nazarenes, Pilgrim Holiness, Seventh Day Adventists**, every one of them flocking in trying to find... **See?**” (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0823E)

THE FOOLISH VIRGINS WILL MISS THE RAPTURE

“How many women here doesn’t know that when you going to cut a piece of goods you lay the goods out like this, and lay your **pattern** on it like this, and you cut the goods just according to the pattern. Is that right? **And the rest of the goods is just the same kind of goods that’s in the pattern.** Is that right? But this is the kind you take. You might lay that away for farther use, but the—the goods that you cut out of... **Now, who places the pattern? God by election. Amen. God by election places the pattern.** He said, “Now, I have chosen before the foundation of the world... I place these...” Why, Jesus told the disciples that He was with them, and He had chose them, and knew them before the foundation of the world was ever laid. Is that right? So God places the pattern. **Now, there’ll be an elect that’ll go in the rapture.** And there’ll be a **group of people that’s good, upright, holy living, God saved people,** that will **NOT be in the rapture;** and they’ll come up in the **second resurrection.**” (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: JEFF.IN COD 54-0103E)

“Noah was a type that was carried over like the sleeping virgin. But **Enoch** was translated just before the tribulation struck. And **Enoch was took up, and was found not, because God took him: the type of the going forth of the going forth of the church.** And **Noah** watched him. **When he seen Enoch go, he knew it was time to enter the ark, for to be carried through the tribulation.** The Bible said there was ten virgins went out to meet the bridegroom, and five were wise; five were foolish. And they were all virgins, every one of them. But five was wise. And they had oil in their lamp. And they went out to meet the bridegroom. And the bridegroom came. And the ones that had oil, went in. See, the translation, going with the Bridegroom. But those who were left behind, they come and wanted in too just like those who come and knocked on the door of the ark. “Noah, let us in.” But God closed the door.” (LAMB’S BOOK OF LIFE; JEFF.IN 56-0603)

THE FOOLISH VIRGINS WILL NOT TAKE THE “MARK OF THE BEAST” BUT WILL DIE FOR THEIR FAITH

“Their NAMES are also in the **Book of Life** and they will come up in the **second resurrection.** SUCH are the **FOOLISH VIRGINS** and the righteous as are spoken of in Matthew 25. **In this class also are those who do NOT worship the BEAST or become involved in the antichrist system but DIE for their faith even though they are NOT in the Bride, NOT having been born again. But they will come up in the second resurrection and GO into eternal life.**” (279-3 SARDISEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH AGE BOOK CPT.7)

THE FOOLISH VIRGINS WILL BE SAVED DURING THE SECOND RESURRECTION

“It is the **second resurrection** wherein the **five foolish virgins come up.** Notice that they were virgins. **They did not have the Holy Spirit so they missed being in the bride,** while the five wise who had oil became a part of that bride. But these people, being a separated, God-loving people, and trying to abide in the Word, according to what they knew of it, and being a help in the work of the Lord will come up at the end of time. **They will miss the millennium,** which you can begin to see by these truths is much more important and wonderful than we have ever thought or believed.” (279-1 SARDISEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.7)

WILL THERE BE FOOLISH VIRGINS AMONGST THE RANKS OF THE MESSAGE?

This is a salient question that needs a deep analysis. Basing it on the Message of Rev. William Branham, we find out that the FOOLISH VIRGINS will be SAVED during the Judgment Day. But they will go through the Tribulation Period because they never GOT the “OIL”, which is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost in our day. For this reason, they have missed the rapture and they will have to be purged during the Tribulation Period by the Anti-Christ system. They will be constrained to shed their own blood rather than to take the “Mark” of the Beast on their right hand or on their forehead. The following Scriptures speaks plainly of the penalty and curse that is reserved for those who will take the “MARK OF THE BEAST”:

REVELATION 14:9-11: *9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive [his] mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: 11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.”*

“DILATORY” MEANS “LUKEWARM”

One characteristic of the FOOLISH VIRGINS is that of being “DILATORY”. “DILATORY” means living in a state of a “LUKEWARM” condition. The question comes up now, “Aren’t there also End-Time Message believers who are lukewarm?” Does not the prophet teach us that there are “THREE KINDS OF BELIEVERS” in the church?

Let us take note that not all Israelites who recognized **Moses** as a true prophet in the days of the Exodus has crossed over to the Promised Land. Let us also take note that not all who followed **Jesus** our Messiah or have sit under Jesus’ ministry in His days have lived and followed His teachings to the dot. I say, therefore, that not all who follow and believe in the **teachings of William Branham** will be saved in the same manner. Salvation is an individual affair with God and it has to bring forth a life lived that’s truly worthy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Though the Message is broadcast to all, only the predestinated ones can manifest the life of the Message. **Knowing the messenger of the Hour and sympathizing with the End-Time Message does not fully guarantee anyone of the rapture. By their fruits ye shall know them.**The rapture will be “two in the bed, one will be taken, one left; two in the field, one will be taken, one left.” The evidence of election and predestination must be a life of the Message lived through us, not just in “word only, but in deed” as well.

Jesus Christ is the Message-of-the-Hour. Brother Branham was just our Eliazar, bringing the Bride (Rebekah) to the full knowledge of Jesus Christ (Isaac). Brother Branham was a son of man (prophet) revealing the Son of Man (God in flesh). Brother Branham stood just like John the Baptist stood: “**I must decrease,** so that He, Jesus, the revealed Word, can increase.” God wants to see in us the same life that Jesus had. That’s what God is looking for in the Bride of today.

THE THREE KINDS OF BELIEVERS

In the Message of the Hour, Brother Branham said that there will be **THREE KINDS of BELIEVERS, that's in every assembly.** Meaning, all THREE will be represented in EVERY LOCAL CHURCH anywhere around the world (with no exceptions).

"That's the unbelievers, the make-believers, and the believers. Them three still exist everywhere across the world. They've always have, and they always will."
(GO.AWAKE.JESUS.title SHREVEPORT.LA V-17 N-9 63-1130E)

1. THE UNBELIEVER

The **UNBELIEVER attends church but without the revelation of the Word.** He or she just attends church just to show "a form of godliness" but he/she denies the power thereof. He or she looks at church-going as a mere ritualistic tradition or a sort of enforced duty. The unbeliever joins church just to please his mama or papa, or a boyfriend or girlfriend, or those who had requested his/her presence to be there. (But remember that God has no grandchildren. Everyone must experience the new birth or else you're not saved). When they hear something from the preaching of the Word that's hard for them to take, off they go as fast as they can. An unbeliever has no revelation of the Message and is blind to the actual truth of the hour.

"The Word comes to them, the Word falls upon them. Sure It does. Yes, sir. Grows... It--It'll fall on them. They can hear the Word preached. Did you ever see people set in the church? They never will make a move. Preach to women about bobbed hair; year after year pass, still got bobbed hair. Talk to man about smoking, women about drinking; they drink right on just the same. Just like pouring water on a duck's back, they ain't got no place to grow. See? That old pleasure-seeking popularity... Though the Word falls on them, It can't grow."
(WISDOM.VERSUS.FAITH.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-17 62-0401)

"That's the reason that people cannot believe in miracles today, because they don't have anything in them to believe with. They've got to have something in there to believe with. And when the Spirit of God is in a man, he will say "amen" to every Word of God and every miracle of God. But as my mother used to say, "You can't get blood from a turnip, because there's no blood in it." So that's the same way; you can't get belief out of unbeliever, because there's nothing there to believe with. A man said, "I don't believe in Divine healing, no matter what you'd say." Certainly, it's not for him; it's only to those who can believe. If you're going to get blood, get it out from something that's got blood in it. If you're going to get faith, get it out to something that's got faith in it."
(QA GOD BEING MISUNDERSTOOD.title JEFF COD 61-0723E)

"How can you believe when there's nothing in there to believe with? Certainly. How can you get blood from a turnip when there's no blood in the turnip? You've got to be borned again of the Spirit of God or you'll never be able to come on fellowship grounds with the God Almighty, Himself. For it's only upon the basis of the shed Blood does He receive any believer. How can you believe when there's nothing there to believe with, just a carnal mind through mental conception. You can't do it. That's the reason people don't believe in Divine healing, because they've never walked into that Blood stream to the fellowship of the Lord Jesus Christ. You got an intellectual faith."
(CHRIST.title PHOENIX.AZ 55-0221)

2. THE MAKE BELIEVER

The **MAKE-BELIEVER seemingly have the revelation of the Word,** is able to impersonate signs and wonders and gifts of the Spirit, but is still a hypocrite and a "borderline believer". Just like Judas and Balaam, make-believers will betray the Word for money, will always find fault with their pastor, and find fault with the church. If given the chance and the opportunity to be famous and to make it big time, he will betray anyone else for personal gain. A make-believer cannot be trusted.

"Now, the **make-believer hangs around and acts just as pious as he can,** but down in his heart he's trying to find what--what--see how you do it. Oh, if the country isn't full of that part of the **hypocrite.** That's a **Judas.** That's exactly. Hangs around, becomes part of the group, he was the treasurer. See? He stands around; he's always got his hand out for money. You can tell that one thing; he's always fishing for money, and got his hand out for this, and he is a make-believer. He acts like a believer, but down in his heart... You remember, he wasn't fooling Jesus."
(THREE.KINDS.OF.BELIEVERS.title JEFF.IN N-3 N-6 63-1124E)

"There's that **make-believer** that's just waiting. He'll sing like that, "Oh, I believe this, and I believe this, and I believe this, but oh, you know I heard somebody say so-and-so times..." See? Just long with ears... **A real believer don't hear nothing but the Word.** That's all. He watches the Word. He ain't looking for no **loopholes;** he ain't looking for no **gimmicks.** He believes God, and that settles it, and he just keeps going on. See? There's the believer. The unbeliever fills up in a minute, and he can't stay to listen to ten minutes to the message; he's got to get up and walk out. It's against his creed, and he just won't have no more to do with it, so he goes out. Then the make-believer hangs right on, that Judas. See? That's the deceiver. That's the--that's a **rascal** (if I have to say such a word). Judas, he hangs around. **Sometime these make-believers are very popular with the people** (That's right.), these make-believers. See? Some of them are mighty men, educated, doctor's degree, big pay, everything; some of them are great men, shrewd, just like sons of Satan would be. Look how Satan come right up there and agree with every bit of that Word. He's just waiting to find that weak spot in Eve to where he could show his power to deceive her, to betray her. That was--that was Satan, and here Satan is in a form of Judas in that age."
(THREE.KINDS.OF.BELIEVERS.title JEFF.IN N-3 N-6 63-1124E)

"Now, that **make-believer** is considered the **hypocrite.** Now, let's take a make-believer. It was **Judas.** He was the make-believer. And the make-believer hangs on and on, trying to find some way that they can get something on it. They stick around long enough just to find out if they can't find a **little fault,** then go out and expose it somewhere. "We want to find what kind of a **gimmick,** what rabbit foot you got that rubs behind your ears. What is the gimmick?" so they can impersonate It or something. That's make-believers. That's Judatarian."
(GO.AWAKE.JESUS.title SHREVEPORT.LA V-17 N-9 63-1130E)

3. THE TRUE BELIEVER

The **TRUE BELIEVER is the only one that's considered in the rapture.** He or she believes the full Word of God. Only he or she can manifest the life of Jesus Christ in these last days. The true believers are the ones that's truly baptized with the **TRUE Baptism of the Holy Ghost** in the SOUL, and are considered by God as the Bride of Christ, the "**Wise Virgins**" that will go in the rapture. She is elected and predestinated by God before the foundation of the world to believe the truth.

Brother Branham describes the TRUE BELIEVER as follows:

"FIRST of all we know most assuredly that the purpose of God stands in **ELECTION**. It was purposed in Himself. It was God's purpose to bring forth a people like unto Himself that would be a **WORD-BRIDE**. She was chosen before the foundation of the world IN HIM. She was foreknown and beloved before she was ever brought forth during the ages upon the earth. **She was redeemed by His blood and can NEVER come into condemnation. She can never be in the judgment because sin cannot be imputed unto her. Romans 4:8, "Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin."** But indeed **she shall be with Him in His throne of judgment, judging the world and even angels.** Her name (each of her members) was written in a section of the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world." (281-1 SARDISEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.7)

LEFT BEHIND

Only those who are the TRUE BELIEVERS will go in the rapture. Once the RAPTURE had come and gone, those Christians who are LEFT BEHIND will include people who claim to believe this End Time Message yet belong to the first TWO CATEGORIES of (1) UNBELIEVERS or (2) MAKE-BELIEVERS. They have heard of the Message and were raised under it. They will undoubtedly, go on with their church rituals and will still believe they will be saved, even if the TRUE BELIEVERS are GONE already.

Right immediately after the Bride is gone in the rapture, the Mark of the Beast will be implemented throughout all the world. No man can buy and sell except those who have the MARK of the BEAST. Rome along with her daughters, the protestant Churches, will initiate its last and final INQUISITION and will persecute ALL PEOPLES who will not bow down to the IMAGE erected unto the BEAST. Once that happens, the purging of the foolish virgins, along with the purging of the 144,000 Jews, will include in the purging of all so-called "Message Believers" who were LEFT BEHIND. That is a pitiful situation.

Brother Branham explained this scenario in the following quotes:

"For the church system of the Roman Catholic and the Protestant in coming together will CONTROL the whole wealth of the world system and force the whole earth into its religious trap, or will KILL them, by refusing them the privilege of buying and selling whereby they would make a living. This will be accomplished simply, for the harlot's daughters are all but gone back to her. In the meantime, Rome has acquired nearly all the supplies of gold. The Jews have the bonds and all the paper. At the right time, the harlot will DESTROY the present day money system by calling in all the paper, and demanding gold. With no gold, the system falls. The Jews will be trapped and come into the alliance, and the harlot church will TAKE OVER the whole world." (314-1 PHILADELPHIAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.8)

"This is so because in Revelation 17:3-6 it states that the WHORE, Mystery Babylon is seated on the BEAST. She is controlling the last, or fourth empire. This Roman Church is doing that. With the world church system under her, Rome will be controlling, and this IMAGE (church system) will be obedient to Rome because Rome controls the GOLD of the world. Thus ALL the people have to BELONG to the world church system or be at the mercy of the elements for they cannot buy or sell without the MARK of the beast in the HAND or HEAD. This MARK in the HEAD means that they will have to take the DOCTRINE of the world church system which is TRINITARIANISM, etc., and the MARK in the HAND which means to DO the

will of the world church. With this great power the church systems will PERSECUTE the true BRIDE. This image will try to keep the bride from preaching and teaching, etc. Her ministers will be forbidden to give comfort and truth to the people who need it. But BEFORE the ANTICHRIST (in person) takes over this complete world system of churches the true church will be taken AWAY from this world to be with the Lord. God will CATCH away His BRIDE for the great Marriage Supper of the Lamb." (377-1 RESUME.OF.THE.AGES - CHURCH.AGE BOOK CPT 10)

"DIE OR COMPROMISE"

The Anti-Christ BEAST SYSTEM will NOT let the people choose to "DENY JESUS CHRIST OR MEET YOUR DEATH" just like they did during the Dark Ages in their most Un-Holy Inquisition when they burnt at stake, fed to lions, the true Christians that stood by the true Gospel. Why is this so? It is because all denominations today, both Catholic and Protestants, all are claiming to serve and love JESUS. Undeniably, all denominations today serve a JESUS of their own creed.

But WHO and WHERE is the REAL JESUS of today? JESUS is none other than the "REVEALED WORD" of the Hour (Luke 17:30) brought about by the End-Time Message of God's prophet William Marrion Branham (Malachi 4:5-6/ Revelation 10:1-7). The true CHRIST ("ANOINTED ONE" - to whom the Word of the Lord comes to [Amos 3:7]) has always been rejected and persecuted by the people of the world. Every true servant and true prophet that God sent was hated, scorned and persecuted by the modern world. This same Jesus who lambasted the Pharisees and the Sadducees in His day has the same message unto all denominations of today through His prophet. He is crying this same message of rebuke: "By your traditions (creeds and dogmas), you have made the Word of God of no effect to the people."

THE MESSAGE OF THE ANTI-CHRIST WILL BE...

"DENY THE TEACHINGS OF WILLIAM BRANHAM, JOIN THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND TAKE THE "MARK" OR DIE THE DEATH." That will be the "cry" of the Beast comes Tribulation Period. For there is only one Message that exposes the program of Satan today, and that's this end-time Message of the end-time prophet William Marrion Branham. Satan, who has been riding his trail for 2000 years, from the "antichrist spirit" to "Nicolaitanism" to "false prophet" and to the "Beast" incarnate, has been unveiled and exposed in the book of Rev. Branham entitled "The Revelation of the Seven Seals". These truths contain the revelations pertaining to the trail of the four horse riders, how they sowed lies and errors through cunningness and deception throughout the ages.

Those Message believers who will be left behind in the Tribulation period for the plain reason that they were lukewarm and dilatory, will have only TWO OPTIONS: One is TO TAKE THE "MARK" OF THE BEAST AND COMPROMISE in order to be able to buy and sell, (but their end will be in the Lake of Fire); OR two, TO DIE FOR THE FAITH, (which will entitle them to belong to the category of FOOLISH VIRGINS). They will be saved during the White Throne Judgment. They will belong to the sheep that God will separate from the goats. But they will have no portion with Christ during the Millennial Kingdom. The Millennium is reserved only for true believers, the Bride of Jesus Christ.

PHILIPPIANS 2:12 - "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

The Seven Feast Days Of The Lord

The Seven Feast Days of the Lord, as they were given by God to Israel in Leviticus Chapter 23 should be of great importance to Christians as well for these are types and shadows of the Life of Jesus Christ in the New Testament in relation to His plan of salvation and in taking a Gentile Bride for His Name.

SEVEN FEAST DAYS which God instituted for His chosen nation of Israel are discussed throughout the Bible both in the Old and the New Testaments.

However, only in one place (**Leviticus Chapter Twenty-Three**) are all seven holy days listed in chronological order. These holidays are called "the Feasts of the Lord" which simply mean that they belong to God and are His holy days given for Israel to observe.



The term "feasts" in Hebrew literally means "appointed times." God has carefully planned and orchestrated the timing and sequence of each of these seven feasts to reveal to us a special story. These feasts (often called "holy convocations") are intended to be a time of meeting between God and man for "holy purposes." Since these seven feasts of the Lord are "appointed times" for "holy purposes," they carry with them great sacredness and solemnity.

These **SEVEN FEASTS** are (1) The Feast of the **PASSOVER**, (2) The Feast of the **UNLEAVENED BREAD**, (3) The Feast of the **FIRST FRUITS** (4) The Feast of **WEEKS**, (5) The Feast of **TRUMPETS** (6) The Feast of **ATONEMENT**, and (7) The Feast of **TABERNACLES**. At the end of this series, we will notice an added feast, the **EIGHTH DAY FEAST** or **HOLY ASSEMBLY**, which I will discuss last.

CHRISTIAN SIGNIFICANCE

Unknown to the people of Israel, these Seven Feasts of the Lord which were instituted to them by God through their prophet Moses are **types and shadows** of the true events that will transpire in **the life of their true Messiah, Jesus Christ**, and to His Church that's to be established in the New Testament.

Four of these seven holy days occur during the springtime. The first

four feasts (Passover, Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits, and Weeks) have already been fulfilled by Christ in the New Testament. **The final three holidays (Trumpets, Atonement or Yom Kippur, and Tabernacles) occur during the fall within a brief fifteen-day period in the Hebrew month of Kislev.** Kislev corresponds to the months of September/October on the Gregorian calendar.

As the four spring feasts (holy days) were fulfilled literally and right on schedule in connection with Christ's first coming, these three fall feasts will likewise be fulfilled literally and right on schedule in connection to the Lord's second coming. These final three feasts form the basis for what the Bible calls in Titus 2:13: "the blessed hope."

ISRAEL: BLINDED UNTIL THE FULNESS OF THE GENTILES COME IN

Most end time believers know that until this day, Israel is still blinded to the truth and knowledge that Jesus Christ, whom they crucified, is the True Messiah. God did that for a purpose – to call a Gentile Bride for Jesus Christ. Israel was blinded for a season to give way to the chosen elect Bride of Christ within the Seven Church Ages (Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea) for these to receive the Gospel Truth and to prepare Herself for the rapture. Right after the "catching away" of the Bride as spoken of in 1 Thes. 4:16-17, God will once again turn His attention back to Israel to reveal Jesus Christ to the 144,000 elected Jews. Through the ministry of Moses and Elijah, the two olive trees of Revelation 11, these Jews will soon recognize Jesus as their true Saviour and Messiah and Jesus will reveal Himself to these brethren, just as Joseph of the Old Testament revealed himself to his brethren, Jacob's sons.

God does not deal with the Jews and the Gentiles at the same time. This is evident in the following writings of Saint Paul:

ROMANS 11:1,2,5,7,8,25-29 - "I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, [of] the tribe of Benjamin. God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew.... **EVEN SO then at this present time also there is a REMNANT according to the election of grace. What then? **ISRAEL hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were BLINDED.** (According as it is written, **God hath given them the spirit of SLUMBER, eyes that they should NOT see, and ears that they should not hear;**) **unto this day.** For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this MYSTERY, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that **BLINDNESS in PART is happened to Israel, until the FULNESS of the GENTILES be come in.** And so all Israel shall be **SAVED: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:** For this [is] my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. As concerning the gospel, [they are] enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, [they are] beloved for the fathers' sakes. For the gifts and calling of God [are] without repentance."**

SEVEN SEALS TO THE GENTILES, SEVEN TRUMPETS TO THE JEWS

As the mystery of the SEVEN SEALS applies to the Gentile Bride, so will the SEVEN TRUMPETS apply to Israel. "Seven Trumpets" to Israel will signify the calling of the Israelites' attention to the Seven Festivities in their latter-day significance.

THE FEASTS OF THE LORD		
FEAST	DATE	SIGNIFICANCE
PASSOVER	Nisan 14 Spring	"Passover" speaks of redemption. Christ, the Passover Lamb, has been slain for us.
UNLEAVENED BREAD	Nisan 15 Spring	"Unleavened Bread" speaks of sanctification. Christ was set apart; His body would not decay in the grave.
FIRSTFRUITS	Nisan 16 Spring	"Firstfruits" speaks of resurrection. Death could not hold her foe. On the third day, Jesus rose triumphantly from the grave.
WEEKS	50 days after Firstfruits Spring	"Weeks/Shavout" speaks of origination. The coming of the Holy Spirit inaugurated the New Covenant and Church Age.
TRUMPETS	Tishri 1 (new moon) Fall	"Trumpets" depicts the Rapture of the Church and the judgment of the wicked.
YOM KIPPUR	Tishri 10 Fall	"Yom Kippor/ Day of Atonement" points to the calling and purging the 144,000 Jews and the foolish virgins during the Tribulation Period
TABERNACLES	Tishri 15 Fall	"Tabernacles" speaks of the Great Millennium, when Christ shall reign with His Bride for a thousand years on earth

Passover	Unleavened Bread	Firstfruits	Weeks	Trumpets	Yom Kippur	Tabernacles
Christ's first coming		Church Age		Christ's second coming		
Fulfilled in the past		Present		Fulfilled in the future		

AN OUTLINE OF THE TRUE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SEVEN FEAST DAYS OF THE LORD -----

THE 1ST FEAST – THE FEAST OF THE PASSOVER

This feast had its beginning in **Exodus 12:1-14** where the Israelites were told to kill a perfect blameless lamb on the **14th day of ABIB (April)** then displayed its blood on the doorpost of their houses.

Scriptures: Leviticus 23:5 - *"In the fourteenth [day] of the first month at even [is] the LORD'S passover."*

TRUE SIGNIFICANCE: THE FEAST OF THE PASSOVER speaks of redemption; Christ the Passover Lamb was slain at Calvary for the sins of the world. **PASSOVER** truly pertains to the **"DEATH"** of Jesus, the **LAMB OF GOD** that takes away the sins of the world. Notice importantly that Jesus' death took place on the exact date that the Old Testament Feast Day of Passover, was commanded to be held. The Romans killed Jesus on the Passover Feast Day. He even died on the right date of the Passover, the 14th day of April (Abib).

MATTHEW 26:1-2-*" And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said unto his disciples, Ye know that after two days is [the feast of] the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified."*

THE 2ND FEAST – THE FEAST OF THE UNLEAVENED BREAD

Scriptures: Leviticus 23:6 - *"And on the fifteenth day of the same month [is] the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread."*

TRUE SIGNIFICANCE: THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD typed the **"BURIAL"** of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. Jesus is the **PURE** unadulterated Word which is our **UNLEAVENED BREAD**. We commemorate and partake of His Body in what we call **"Communion"** or the Lord's Supper". Unleavened Bread speaks also of sanctification. Jesus was set apart. His body would not decay in the grave.

THE 3RD FEAST – THE FEAST OF THE FIRST FRUITS

Scriptures: Leviticus 23:9-13 - *"And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest: And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath (Sunday) the priest shall wave it. And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the LORD. And the meat offering thereof [shall be] two tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto the LORD [for] a sweet savour: and the drink offering thereof [shall be] of wine, the fourth [part] of an hin."*

Moses and Elijah, the two prophets of Revelation 11, will bring a Message to the 144,000 Jews and will reveal to them the significance of the Seven Feast Days of the Lord as given to them by Moses in Leviticus 23 in relation to its real-life meaning and significance in the Life and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ.

TRUE SIGNIFICANCE: THE FEAST OF THE FIRST FRUITS occurs on the second day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Firstfruits speaks of the Lord's triumphant "RESURRECTION"; death simply could not hold her foe. On the third day, Jesus rose victoriously from the grave. Jesus also types the resurrection of the GRAIN in the field. Jesus was the first corn of grain of God's wheat that had been raised from the dead. He was the FIRST FRUITS of them that slept after Adam.

CORINTHIANS 15:20-23 - *"But now is Christ risen from the dead, [and] become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man [came] death, by man [came] also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming."*

JOHN 12:24-*"Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."*

Although there are a number of people who are mentioned in the Bible who had been resurrected from the dead (including Jairus' daughter and Lazarus), they simply died again in their due time. Jesus, however, was the very first one to be resurrected from the dead and the grave, and who's never to die again. He alone is that "Firstfruit". JOHN 11:25-26 states, *"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."*

THE 4TH FEAST – THE FEAST OF WEEKS

Scriptures: LEVITICUS 23:15-16- *"And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete: Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD."*

TRUE SIGNIFICANCE: THE FEAST OF WEEKS was held 50 days after the day the SHEAF was waved, as God told Moses. Weeks (Shavuot), also known as PENTECOST, speaks of origination. It symbolizes Jesus giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit which inaugurated the New Covenant Church Age. **FEAST OF WEEKS is nothing but a type of the DAY of "PENTECOST"**, when the HOLY GHOST, the Spirit of JESUS CHRIST, came down to indwell the lives of true believers.

From the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ to the outpouring of the Holy Ghost, there had to be 50 DAYS. On the day He ascended, it was after 40 days (Acts 1:3). He then instructed His disciples to tarry in the city of Jerusalem until Power from on high comes upon them. It took them ten days of waiting before the Holy Ghost came down like a mighty rushing wind and divided Itself as tongues of fire amongst the disciples. Make no mistake about it, 40 plus 10, equals 50 days.

Quote: William Branham, Revelation of Jesus Christ, page 778:

"But on the fiftieth day was the Day of Pentecost and the Legal Owner (Christ) came DOWN among them. It was a filling of the Holy Ghost. See, He couldn't hold it over fifty days. You read that over in Leviticus in the laws there."

THE 5TH FEAST – THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS

Scriptures: LEVITICUS 23:24 -*" Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first [day] of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation."*

TRUE SIGNIFICANCE: TRUMPETS depicts the "RAPTURE" of the Church.

The Feast of Trumpets is the first of the fall feasts. The Jewish people call this feast **Rosh Hashanah**, which literally means "Head of the Year," and it is observed as the start of the civil year (in contrast with the religious year which starts with Passover) on the Jewish calendar.

The **Feast of Trumpets** is so important in Jewish thinking that it stands alongside **Yom Kippur** ("Day of Atonement") to comprise what Judaism calls "the high holy days" on the Jewish religious calendar. It begins the "ten days of awe" before the Day of Atonement. According to **Leviticus 23:24-27**, the celebration consisted of a time of rest, "an offering made by fire," and the blowing of the trumpets. The ACTUAL DATE of this feast is on the seventh month in the Hebrew Calendar which was **TISHRI** which corresponds to our late SEPTEMBER to early OCTOBER. This Feast Day is celebrated in Israel today as "Rosh Hashanah". It is a series of thirty days trumpet blowing.

TWO SETS OF TRUMPETS - FOR GENTILE & JEW

There are two sets of TRUMPETS in the Bible. One set is found in **Revelation 8:6** and it has to do with the plagues turned loose on the Jews during the Tribulation Period. But the **Great Trumpet for the Bride** has to do with the Last Trumpet spoken in **1st Corinthians 15:51-52** & **1st Thessalonians 4:15-17** both referring to the rapture:

I CORINTHIANS 15:51-52 - *"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [must] put on immortality."*

1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 - *"For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive [and] remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."*

Here are a few quotes from Brother Branham regarding the TRUMPET:

*"The first thing is the sounding—or the first thing is the trumpet and a—or a voice—a shout, and then a voice, and then a trumpet. Shout, a messenger getting the people ready... The second is a voice of the resurrection. The same voice that, a loud voice in St. John 11:38 and 44 that called Lazarus from the grave. Getting the Bride together, and then the resurrection of the dead (See?), to be caught up with it. Now, watch the three things take place. The next is what? was a trumpet. A voice—a shout, a voice, a trumpet. Now, the third thing is a trumpet, which always at the **Feast of Trumpets is calling the***

people to the feast; and that'll be the **Bride's supper**, the Lamb's supper with the Bride in the sky. See, the first things comes forth is His Message calling the Bride together. The next thing is a resurrection of the sleeping Bride, the—the one that's died back in the other ages. They're caught together, and the trumpet, the feast in the heavens—in the sky. Why, it's—that's the thing that takes place, friends." (RAPTURE.THE.title YUMA.AZ V-5 N-14 65-1204)

THE 6TH FEAST – THE FEAST OF ATONEMENT

Scriptures:
LEVITICUS 23:26-28- *“And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Also on the tenth [day] of this seventh month [there shall be] a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD. And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it [is] a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God.”*



“If you want to see what day of the month it is, look on the calendar. If you want to see what day in the season it is of the coming of the Lord, watch where Israel's setting. That's God's timepiece.”

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TRUE SIGNIFICANCE: The meaning of the word “ATONEMENT” MEANS “RECONCILIATION OF GOD WITH SINNERS.” In the Old Testament, this day is the ONLY DAY that the HIGH PRIEST could enter into the Holy of Holies. This most holy day was used for their ANNUAL CLEANSING FROM SIN. This is a type of the calling of the 144,000 Jews back to the ATONEMENT, CHRIST.

The JEWS have not as yet accepted JESUS as MESSIAH. 3,500 years ago, God knew they would reject Him. And so 3,500 years ago, God told Moses that they were to hold a “FEAST OF ATONEMENT” every year. This Feast Day POINTS to the DAY when the Jews would be reconciled with God. We know this day is still future. It will happen after the RAPTURE and during the Tribulation Period when the TWO PROPHETS of REVELATIONS 11:3 brings condemnation to Israel for crucifying their very own Messiah.

Quotes from Brother Branham:

“The sabbaths are over (referring to the seven church ages -*author.*) and ready for the Jews to be called. Where to? The Feast of Atonement. Oh, church, don't you see that? Called to the Feast of the Atonement, what? To recognize the Atonement, not no more chickens, and geese, and what they've been doing; the Lamb of God, slain from the foundation of the world. Israel's going to know that.” (FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-16 64-0719M (pp. 34)

“Then at the end of that three and a half years, He will come like Joseph did and make Hissself known to His brethren. They'll cause a weeping all over, and they'll say... They'll separate their families, and weep, and—and say, “Where'd You get them scars?” And—and the pierced... The ones that pierced Him shall see Him, and He'll make Hissself known to His brethren.” (LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE.title JEFF.IN ROJC 493-550 60-1211E)

The Scripture says that ISRAEL WILL BE SAVED IN ONE DAY (Zech. 3:9). That will be the day that their blinded eyes will be opened and 144,000 are called out from Judaism. This day is fast arriving. It is when Israel will be cleansed of her sin and UNBELIEF in JESUS CHRIST. “Feast of Atonement” pertains to the DAY when the JEWS (144,000) ACCEPTS JESUS, and receive their ATONEMENT, and are cleansed from their sins.

God SET a DATE for this DAY in Lev. 23:27 - “Also on the tenth [day] of this seventh month [there shall be] a day of atonement.” After the days of affliction, the DAY OF ATONEMENT is observed on the 10th day of TISHRI. (TISHRI is corresponding to our late SEPTEMBER to early OCTOBER).

There are Four elements in this Feast Day of Atonement in Israel. They are as follows:

- 1. It's A Holy Convocation** -The purpose of the “holy convocation” was to draw the focus of the people to the altar of divine mercy. The Lord called the people of Israel to gather in His presence and give their undivided attention to Him.
- 2. Prayer and Fasting** -The people of Israel were to humble (afflict) their souls (Leviticus 23:27). This was explained by later tradition to indicate fasting and repentance. Israel understood that this was a day for mourning over their sins. The seriousness of this requirement is repeated in Leviticus 23:29: “If there is any person who will not humble himself on this same day, he shall be cut off from his people” (Leviticus 23:29).
- 3. Offerings** -Offerings are central to the Day of Atonement; in fact, the Bible devotes an entire chapter (Leviticus 16) to them (also see Numbers 29:7-11). In addition to these, when the Day of Atonement fell on the sabbath, the regular sabbath offerings were offered.
- 4. Prohibition from Labor** - The Day of Atonement was a “sabbath of rest” (Leviticus 23:32), and the Israelites were forbidden to do any work period. If they disobeyed, they were liable to capital punishment! (Leviticus 23:30)

THE 7TH FEAST – THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

Scriptures: **LEVITICUS 23:33-34-** *“ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month [shall be] the feast of tabernacles [for] seven days unto the LORD.”*

The seventh and final Feast of the Lord is the Feast of Tabernacles. It occurs five days after the Day of Atonement on the fifteenth of Tishri (October).

TRUE SIGNIFICANCE: “TABERNACLES” speaks of the Day when the Son of God will make a tabernacle for Himself literally amongst men, will wipe away every tear, and will bring in the “Golden Age” which men have dreamed of since time immemorial – the “MILLENNIAL KINGDOM”. It is a thousand years of peace on earth, where Christ and His Bride will rule and reign.

THE MILLENNIUM

Scriptures on the scene at the Millennium: **ISAIAH 2:2-4:**

“And it shall come to pass in the last days, [that] the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the

hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Quotes from Brother Branham:

"There will be a Millennium. The old will be young there for ever. Sickness will fade away and death will be no more. And they shall build houses; they will inhabit them. They'll plant vineyards and eat the fruit thereof. They'll not plant and another inhabit (his son take it), his son will be living by him. He'll not plant and another eat, die off and somebody else take it; but he will live there. Amen. [Blank.spot.on.tape—Ed.]... bullock and the lamb shall feed together. And the lion shall eat straw like the bullock, and a child shall lead them around. There'll be—there'll be innocence. There'll be—there'll be—there'll be nothing could hurt. We'll be changed from what we are now, to that glorious image of the Son of God which is immortal. Years can never touch Him; age can never do anything to Him; He's the immortal Son of God." (SHALOM.title SIERRA.VISTA.AZ V-13 N-5 64-0112)

"As God labored six thousand years... We know that a thousand years... **One day in heaven is a thousand years on earth,"** II Peter. See? Now, and God built the world in six thousand years. And the Church labored against sin now for six thousand years. **And the seventh thousand, God went to rest, and rested the seventh, and now a type of the millennium.** The Church, the—lived here on earth, right here, in body form for a thousand years without sickness, sorrow, trouble, or death, that great golden age coming in now. Oh, for that... Oh, I like that song. The earth is groaning, crying for the day of sweet release when Jesus shall come back to earth again. I like that. Sin and sorrow, pain and death of this dark world shall cease in a glorious reign with Jesus of a thousand years of peace. **The Bible said they ruled and reigned with Christ a thousand years, a millennium.**" (MARK.OF.THE.BEAST_ JEFF.IN V-26 N-3 THURSDAY_ 54-0513)

"In the time of the millennium, it's Israel that's a nation. The twelve tribes is a nation, but the Bride is in the palace. She's a Queen now. She's married. And all of the earth shall come into this city, Jerusalem, and shall bring the glory of it in there. And the gates will not be shut by--by--by night 'cause there won't be any night. See? The gates will always be open; and the kings of the earth (Revelations 22) bring their honor and glory into this city, but the Bride is in there with the Lamb. Oh, my. Do you see that? In there--Not the Bride, isn't going to be out here laboring in the vineyards. No, sir. She's the Bride. **She's the Queen to the King.** It's the others that labor out there, the nation, not the Bride. Amen." (SIXTH.SEAL.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-03230)

"And the millennium... See, the world has now almost six thousand years old. See, and every two thousand year it's had a destruction. See? First two thousand, the flood came, and He baptized it with what? [Congregation replies, "Water"--Ed.] Water. Next two thousand, Jesus come to sanctify and claim it, dropped His Blood upon it, called it His. All right, "I'll come again," now, as King with His Queen. And the second two thousand years what does He do? He comes and gives His rest period and then burns her off and claims it for His own, puts His Own back on it. And notice, not the perfect world, this millennium is a type of the seventh day. Then comes the white throne judgment. See, we still have judgment; we're still in time in the millennium. It's a day, one thousand years. **It's a time**

element. Not... Don't get that mixed up with the new earth now, 'cause it's not." (FUTURE.HOME.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-5 64-0802)

"The church, the lukewarm, the anything outside of the elected Bride will go through the tribulation period. They will not raise in the first resurrection: "The rest of the dead lived not for a thousand years," just the foreordained, predestinated, elected Bride, God's own elections. "Who is it, Brother Branham?" I don't know? I can't tell you who it is, but I know it's going to be there, 'cause the Lord said they would. See? They are the ones that'll go up from the tribulation, but the rest of them will go through the tribulation, go down, and **everything will be killed before the millennium.** Then the—the righteous shall come out in the millennium and live a thousand years." (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS_ JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY_ 64-0823E 1045-233)

"As God labored and built the world in six days, six thousands years (which we know the Scripture speaks that a day is a thousand years in heaven), and the seventh thousand... The church has labored against sin for six thousand years, and the seventh thousand is the millennium and **memorial to all creation,** that God has redeemed His church. Told Adam, "The day you eat thereof, that day you die." When He lets a man live through the thousand years, is a type and a memorial that He will never no more destroy man, and there'll never no more be sin, that he's back in fellowship with God, eternally. Amen." (FELLOWSHIP.title MIDDLETOWN.OH 60-0611B)

"We got a thousand years after the church has gone home and comes back upon the earth. Then time ceases in the new heavens and new earth. Now, **the millennium is not the new heavens and new earth. There will still be sin after the millennium. The millennium is a type of Noah going in the ark,** and carried over, and brought Ham and them on the other side. And sin even come out of the ark. See? But Enoch, the translated one, was a type of the Bride that went up, not the one that was carried over. So sin will still be on the other side of the millennium, but not during the millennium. See? **During the millennium is peace. See? But sin will be dealt with the other side of the millennium,** and then time fades out." (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0830M)

"The Bride, when she's taken from the church, then the church age will cease. Laodicea goes into chaos; the Bride goes to glory; and the tribulation period sets in upon the sleeping virgin for three and a half years while Israel is getting its prophecy; then tribulation sets in upon Israel; and then comes the battle of Armageddon which destroys all things. And then, the **Bride returns back with the Groom for a thousand years, the millennium reign;** after that comes the white throne judgment; after that comes the new heavens and new earth and the new city coming down from God out of heaven. Eternity and time blends together." (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0830E)

"...Or will there be sin on earth during that time?" No. **There will not be no sin on earth. Satan is bound.** "And will there be people on earth in corporal bodies during that time?" Yes, sir. **We will have our glorified body right here on earth, eating, drinking, building houses,** and--and--and living just like we do now for a thousand years. It's a--**it's the honeymoon of the Bride and Groom.**" (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0823E)

HEATHENS IN THE MILLENNIUM

"And immediately after his days shall the great tribulation set in and burn the earth. And then at the return of the church and the Bride, the Bride and Christ shall walk out upon their ashes in the millennium, when the earth is purified by fire. And there they shall reign. And the heathens that's never heard

the Gospel shall be raised in that time, and the sons of God will be manifested. If he's to reign, he's got to have something to reign over; he's got a domain. "And they ruled and reigned with Christ," and Christ ruled with a rod of iron the nations. Then the Gospel... Then the manifested sons of God with the authority just like He had when He was here (See?), there will come the millennium in that reign (See?), upon the ashes". (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 62-0527)

Brother Branham taught us that there will be heathens during the Millennium. These will be the nations that Christ and the Bride will rule upon. The Bride will have a domain. They are kings and priests with Him. **But a couple of questions arise, "Where will these heathens come from? How are they able to enter the land of the redeemed?"**

Since Brother Branham told us that "everything will be killed before the Millennium", that is of course, by atomic fire, volcanic eruptions and earthquakes that go along with the Tribulation period, which will finally end the worldly systems during the Third World War (Armageddon War) which destroys all things, the only way, therefore, for these heathens to be able to raise up in the Millennium would be by a "special resurrection" of their bodies from the dead.

But since the Bible teaches that there are only TWO RESURRECTIONS (NOT THREE), the first resurrection of which is known to be the "Rapture of the Bride" (1 Thessalonians 4:16), and the second resurrection which raises up all the dead (good and evil) to face the White Throne Judgment of God (Rev. 20:12), we cannot imply nor add to the Bible, and assume that these heathens are "resurrected" literally just to be in the Millennium. I do not limit the power of God to do so, but He always stays with His Word.

REVELATION 20:6 states, - *"Blessed and holy [is] he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."*

REVELATION 20:5 states - *"But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished"* (referring to the second resurrection).

The closest Biblical foundation whereby we can base and assume how these residue of people (heathens and mortal remnants) are able to enter the Millennium will be for them to survive the fires of Armageddon. These people could have hidden themselves in the coldest regions of the North Pole (igloos) or have fled to the caves in the South Pole while Armageddon ensues worldwide escaping the evil effects of atomic power. Once Armageddon War expires, Millennium time will of course be immediately started on earth. And then when these people would come out of their caves, they will finally find themselves in a different dispensation, having crossed over time and have entered enter and live in the dispensation of the Millennium as subjects to Christ and His Bride. The Bible states that they will repopulate the earth within the period of 1,000 years and are called "nations" while Jesus rules them with a rod of iron. These are the people who will raise up children and families during the Millennium and will multiply upon the earth but are still subject to time and mortality. They will also be the ones whom Satan will deceive once the 1,000 years of millennial reign have expired for they will grow in great numbers as the "sand of the sea". And Satan, being loosed out from prison, will bring them all to the Gog and Magog war.

Here are some Scriptures that support this concept of heathens crossing-over to the Millennial Kingdom right after the Armageddon war:

ISAIAH 24:6- *"Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left."*

ZECHARIAH 14:16-*"And it shall come to pass, [that] every one that is LEFT of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles."*

ZECHARIAH 14:2- *"For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the RESIDUE of the people shall not be cut off from the city."*

The Gentile Bride and the 144,000 Jews during the Millennium will of course be in their glorified bodies, never to die, nor hunger, nor get sick anymore. Having turned back to young men and young women, the members of the Bride of Christ will have the power of the spoken Word as it was given to Adam and Eve in the original Garden of Eden. They can command nature, go through walls, and travel like a thought. But these heathens are mortals and will be living in the Millennium. When these heathen tribes would need rain for their crop where there's no rain, their priest and king (the child of God who's in-charge of their community) will just speak rain and the rain will fall from heaven. These heathens are described in the following Scriptures:

ISAIAH 65:17-25 - *"But be ye glad and rejoice for ever [in that] which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner [being] an hundred years old shall be accursed. And they shall build houses, and inhabit [them]; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree [are] the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they [are] the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust [shall be] the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD."*

Here is a quote that affirms **Israel's 144,000 elect Jews**, as being among those who will co-habitate with the Bride and with Jesus Christ in the Millennium:

"Now these 144,000 are not in the bride. In Revelation 14:4 they are called virgins and they follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. The fact that they have not defiled themselves with women shows that they are **eunuchs** (Matthew 19:12). **The eunuchs were the keepers of the bridal chambers.** They were attendants. Notice that they do not sit in the throne but are before the throne. **No, they are not in the bride, but will be in the glorious millennial reign.**" (41-3 REVELATION.OF.JESUS.CHRIST - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.1)

SATAN BOUND IN CHAIN FOR 1000 YEARS

Satan is the only source of sin. Since Satan, the tempter and accuser, will not be present in the Millennium, he cannot influence nor possess the bodies and minds of these mortal heathens. Satan is not around during the Millennium but will be bound in chain for one thousand years. Therefore, without his presence and influence, there will be no war, no rebellion, no chaos, and there will be **peace** in the Millennium because the tempter is gone. But not until Satan is loosed again to deceive the heathen nations that have grown to be as the sands of the sea. He will once more be released by God to deceive the nations and will bring these heathens to the Battle of Gog and Magog after the thousand years expire. It will also be the final burning of the earth. The Scriptures below affirm it:

REVELATION 20:1-3 - *"And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season."*

Some supporting quotes regarding this truth:

Q-340. Does the millennium have to do with the one thousand years? Could it not be a generation? *"No. A generation allotted in the Bible is forty years. But the Bible said, "And they lived and reign with Christ one thousand years." It will be one thousand years upon the earth, 'cause one thousand years upon the earth is only counted a time, for parable like to God, as one day. One thousand years upon on the earth is only one day with God, as God counting time. How many understands that now? So it's that Sabbath day when the church will no more labor against sin. And Satan is bound for a little season, a thousand years, 'cause his subjects is all in hell, and his... The church that's on earth is redeemed and right in the Presence of Christ, so he has nothing he can work on. So it's not a chain, as I said, a log chain; it's a chain of circumstance; he has nothing he can do. He's helpless and hopeless, just waiting for the resurrection of the subjects; then they're separated as the sheep from the goats."* (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0830M)

"Jesus, the church, the Bride, was raptured, went up into glory, and was up there and was married, returned back to the earth, and lived a thousand years. At the end of the thousand years Satan was loosed out of his prison, that is bound by an Angel with a chain, not a log chain, but a chain of circumstance; all of his subjects was in hell. All that was resurrected on the earth was redeemed and Jesus with them. He couldn't work on nothing; but at the end of the thousand years, the second resurrection... "Blessed and holy is he that has part in the first resurrection over which the second death has no power." Now notice, in this second resurrection, when they come up, then Satan's loosed out of his prison for a little season; then the judgment is set. Now, watch. Jesus with the Bride, as King and Queen, set at the throne, white throne judgment; and the books were opened, the books of the sinners. And another Book was opened, which was the Book of Life; and every man was judged thus by the Bride. "Know ye not (taking these little matters before the law)--know ye not that the saints shall judge the earth?" See, see? All right." (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0823M)

Q-360. Why will--why will Satan be loosed a little season after the thousand years of Revelations 20 and 3, and Revelations 20:27? Why will he be loosed? "Is to go to gather up his people on the second resurrection, 'cause Satan has to

stand the--the judgment also. See? He has to be condemned." (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0830M)

WILL THERE BE SIN IN THE MILLENNIUM?

QUOTE: (FUTURE.HOME.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-5 64-0802):

"Now, perfectly Noah was a type of those carried over. Remember, when Noah come out, Ham was with him. Sin was still in there. Sin went right on over through the ark, unbelief, doubt went over in the ark, carried above the judgment; but Enoch went higher than the ark. He went on into the Presence of God, but Noah went through and come out, and there WAS STILL SIN: type of the Millennium--of the world's condition. The millennium is not the end of it; there'll still be time after the millennium. The millennium is a space of time, but not the new earth. No, indeed. Notice in that; we'll get to it after a bit."

Brother Branham stated above that sin was able to cross-over. As with Noah's day, there was Ham being carried over into the ark to the new earth. Brother Branham said that **sin (unbelief) will be carried over to the Millennium through these mortal heathens**. But SIN will not be found amongst the Redeemed Elect Bride nor with the 144,000 Jews in Mount Zion where the headquarters of God is set up. Sin will reign only upon the bodies of these mortal heathens. Though sin will still be carried on the other side of the Millennium, yet there will be PEACE in the Millennium, for Satan, the accuser and tempter, is bound in chain. As we read, *"The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust [shall be] the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD."* (ISAIAH 65:25) There will be peace in the millennium. But how? It will be simply because, Satan, the tempter, will not be there. Sin will be truly be fully manifested again on the "other side" of the Millennium, that is, at the end of the 1,000 years when Satan shall be loosed again from prison to deceive the nations and to lead them to the last battle on earth - The Gog and Magog War.

REVELATION 20:7-9- *"And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to ***deceive the nations*** which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom [is] as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them."*

"And Satan is loosed out of his prison and goes to make war again with the saints, just exactly what he done in glory to begin with. And then God rains fire and brimstone out of the heavens, and the whole earth is removed like... It just burn up and destroyed. And there's no more sea, no more water, no more nothing left on the earth. Volcanic will spray and burst and blow, and the whole thing..."And I saw a new heavens and a new earth: for the first heavens and the first earth was passed away; and there was no more sea. I, John, saw the holy city descending from God out of heaven as a Bride adored for her husband." Remember it?" "Behold the Tabernacle of God is with men," and God shall dwell with them upon this pyramid-shaped city fifteen hundred square miles. And in the top of the city there'll be a Light. Amen. On top of Mount Zion will set the Lamb. And the city will need no light, for the Lamb is the Light thereof. And above the Lamb will be the Father, which is the Logos, God, the great Light, the eternal Light that'll shine just above the throne. And Jesus will not be on His Father's throne, He'll be on His throne. And the Father will hover over the Son, which the Father and Son will be One. "And while they are yet speaking, I'll answer. Before they can think, I'm thinking for them." (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0823E)

"And after the thousand years, then the great white throne judgment comes, and then the dead, both right and wrong is raised. And the books are opened, and the Book of Life was open; and the saints, the Wife and the Husband, set and judge the world. And there it comes to pass the saying: "And He'll judge all nations with a rod of iron." All nations shall stand before Him there, and He'll judge them with the rod of iron. He'll separate the sheep from the goats and say to the goats, "Depart," and the sheeps, "Come, ye blessed of My Father." (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0823E)

THE EIGHTH DAY – A SOLEMN ASSEMBLY, A HOLY CONVOCATION

SCRIPTURES: LEVITICUS 23:36- *"Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it [is] a solemn assembly; [and] ye shall do no servile work [therein]."*

TRUE SIGNIFICANCE: "EIGHTH DAY" means back to the FIRST DAY, Back to "ETERNITY", THE NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH, the New Jerusalem, coming down from heaven to be eternally established upon this earth. This event will transpire after the great White Throne Judgment.

REVELATION 21:1-3 - *"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God [is] with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, [and be] their God."*

RELATED QUOTES:

"Notice, seven days only has to do with the old creation, world time. Seven days—that's the millennium, the rest day. As God labored six days, rested the seventh, the church labors six days and rests the seventh. But you're still in time element. I ain't speaking of the eternal." (FUTURE.HOME.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-5 64-0802)

"There is an eighth day festival." So the seventh day would be the last; that would be the millennium. But there is an eighth day festival, which if it was the eighth, and there's only seven days, would make it the first day again—come right back to the first day. Then after the millennium is over, then there will be an established Eden again. God's great Kingdom will be taken back, because Jesus fought it out with Satan in the Garden of Gethsemane, and won back the Eden, which He's gone to prepare in heaven to return again." (SATAN'S.EDEN.title JEFF.IN V-2 N-20 65-0829)

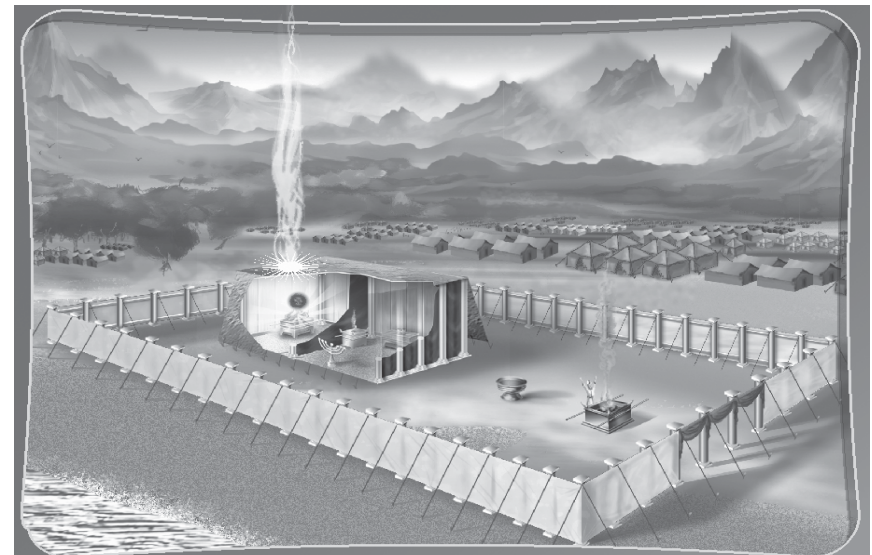
"Eight days deals with new creation (See?), not old creation; eight days is new creation. For it was on the eighth day that our Lord raised from the dead. There's your other convocation—the holiness, not considered in the sabbaths at all, or the feast of the tabernacles, the feast of this, the feast of the pentecost. Jesus raised from the dead for our justification on the eighth day. After the seven sabbaths or seven days, seven Church Ages, Jesus raised from the dead. Eighth day, which is a holy convocation (See?), which is the first day. See, you've done passed through time and dropped into eternity again, not keeping of days, and keeping of sabbaths and new moons, and things

like that, but have passed; changed your form, not annihilated (Glory.), but passed from death unto Life Eternal." (FUTURE.HOME.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-5 64-0802)

"All right, let's take the last feast, which was the feast of tabernacles. Now notice, here in the 36th verse. Seven days... shall you offer... offerings made of fire unto the LORD: on the eighth day... on the eighth day shall be a holy convocation... (There's another holy time coming)... holy convocation unto you; and you shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: and it is a solemn assembly; and ye shall do no servile work therein. Now, we got an eighth day. Now, there's only seven days, but here we speak of the eighth day holy conversation—or combination. Notice, do no work in it. The eighth day are what? Back to the first day. Why, it speaks of eternity, as she rolls around without a stopping place. Amen. Do you see it? Notice, it was also upon this eighth day, last day, feast day of the tabernacle; notice, after that, after the last feast day, after the last church age, after the last complete seven days upon the earth, after the millennium that this holy convocation comes." (FUTURE.HOME.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-5 64-0802)

"See, eight cannot be counted with the week. See, it cannot be counted, eight days in a week; you can't do it (See?), because there's only seven days in a week. Count it any way you want to; Sunday's the first day of the week. See? You count seven, and you got to go back in and start over again. Count seven and come back and go over again. See, and we live through all these types in here, but when you hit the eighth you go on into eternity." (FUTURE.HOME.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-5 64-0802)

"You don't come by laws, and rituals, and orders; you come by predestination. Amen. There's the genuine holy convocation. See, and we're ending the seventh church age—church age, the Pentecostal age. Do you see it? We're entering the holy convocation. We are entering into that real, genuine eternity, where the Church is called, not to some station, some denomination, but into eternity with their eternal King. See? We don't have it at all. There's no such a thing as days and things and times. You passed into Eternity, where you come from. You was there to begin with." (FUTURE.HOME.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-5 64-0802)



GOD'S TABERNACLE LAYOUT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

Three Realms Of Man

I Thessalonians 5:23 - "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and [I pray God] your whole **spirit** and **soul** and **body** be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Man is a Triune being composed of body, soul and spirit.

Brother William Marrion Branham, after the seven-sealed Book of Revelation Chapter 5 was revealed to him in 1963, has taught us the correct placement of these three realms of man in their proper order. **First on the outside is the body**, which is composed of five senses – **see, hear, taste, smell and feel**. Then inside of that body comes the **spirit**, which also has five inlets – **memory, conscience, reasoning, imagination and affection**. And then **the central realm of man is the soul**, which is the innermost being of man. The **soul** has only two faculties – it is either controlled by **faith** or by **doubt**, or is controlled by **God** or by **Satan**.

THE SOUL – MAN’S CONTROL TOWER

In the following sermons, **Brother Branham explained to us that the soul is man’s control tower:**

"That little **inside of the inside**, that’s where you start, which is your **soul**; then come from that, you’re a spirit; and then you become a living being. Now, the living being has five senses, to contact; the second has five senses. That’s the outside **body**: see, taste, feel, smell, and hear. The inside body has love and conscience, and so forth, five senses. But the inside of the inside, **the control tower**, it’s either God or Satan." (POWER OF TRANSFORMATION_ PRESCOTT.AZ V-17 N-1 SUNDAY_ 65-1031M)

"That’s the **guidepost**. That’s the control tower, the inside of the inside. **The soul controls the spirit, the spirit controls the body.**" (WORKS.IS.FAITH.EXRESSED_ SHREVEPORT.LA V-7 N-1 FRIDAY_ 65-1126)

"And last Sunday when we was going into those **cycles**, about how that the five senses on the outer realm. That’s the inlet, five senses to the **body**. There’s only one way you can get into the body, that’s by those five senses: see, taste, feel, smell, and hear.



There’s no other way to contact the body. On the inside of that man is a man called **spirit**, and he has five senses: Think—thought, and thought, and love, and conscience, and so forth. Now, you can’t think with your body. You think with your mind. But down on the inside of that, next realm, **the third realm, is the soul**; and **that’s predestinated by God. There is where the real seed-germ lays, is in there.**" (CHRIST IS REVEALED IN HIS OWN.WORD_ JEFF.IN V-4 N-10 SUNDAY_ 65-0822M)

"**A man is made up in the system of a tabernacle:** in the outer courts, then holy place, and the holiest of holies; the Shekinah glory on the inside, the veil." (THE.MESSIAH_ SHREVEPORT.LA TUESDAY_ 61-0117)

"**A soul, good or bad, death doesn’t change it... What is a soul? It’s you.** You are a soul. The part inside of you. And when you die, ever what shape that soul’s in, that’s the way it goes. It goes to its destination. You couldn’t pull it up no matter how much you’d do for it; that soul’s got to be changed here, born again. The soul, now remember, good or bad, death doesn’t have one thing to do with it. **Death just takes it to its destination.** You hear it? And if you still got the world and the love of the world in it, it’ll die with you, ‘cause the world must die. God’s condemned the world; that’s the world order. God has condemned it and it’s got to die. And if that world’s in you, you’ll die with that world. My, I don’t see how it could be any plainer. See? And if it’s good, borned of God, it has to go to God. If it’s of the world, it’ll remain to perish with the world. If it’s of God, it’ll live with God, educated or not educated. Educated or illiterate, if the world is still there, it must die. And if the world is in your soul, and your desire is of the things of the world, you’ll perish with the world. That’s clear, isn’t it?" (YOU.MUST.BE.BORN.AGAIN.title JEFF.IN V-11 N-5 61-1231M)

"On the inside of man, he has only **one gate**, one entrance to go into the Shekinah glory, where God can enter into him and take over in the control tower. **And that way is through self-will.** Whether you will to or not, that’s up to you. But that’s the only avenue that’s open to the man that God can come into his heart, is by self-will. Puts him right back like Adam and Eve on **free moral agency** again. You can choose right or wrong, either one you want to." (THE.MESSIAH_ SHREVEPORT.LA TUESDAY_ 61-0117)

"**The soul is the nature of the spirit.** Whatever you are in your spirit shows where your influence is coming from. Your influence can either come from above or from beneath. **Just below the regions of mortal beings lays the realm of demon power; below that—just above that lays the souls of the unjust; below it lays the very domain of Satan: hell. Then just above us lays the Holy Spirit; then under the Altar lays the souls of the just men; the next is God Himself. One going downward, one going upward;** the two spirits are here on earth, influencing the people of this earth." (ENTOMBMENT.title JEFF.IN ER 55-72 57-0420)

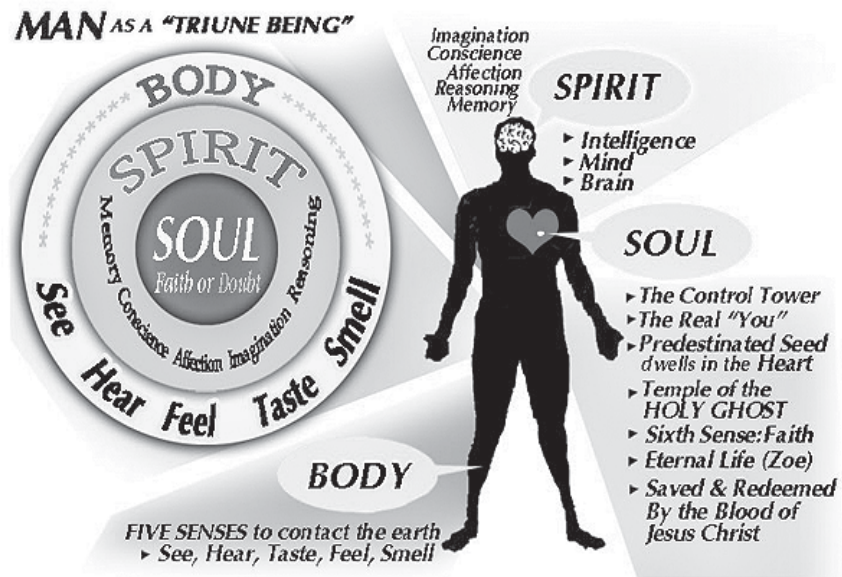
"Natural **astronaut** is... has something to control him. When the astronaut is in the air, he has something backwards here, back down here on the earth, that controls him. It’s called radar. That radar moves him around, shows where he’s at, tells what he’s doing. And that radar controls him from a radar tower, here on earth. That’s the natural astronaut. So the **spiritual astronaut** has a control Power, has a control tower, too. It’s not down here, like man is. It’s up There. **And it’s the Holy Ghost that’s in him, that’s controlling him, a tower of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.** It’s under control, keeps him in control by the Word; not in a bunch of fanaticism, some whooped up nonsense; but, **THUS SAITH THE LORD**, and it happens. It’s always under control. He’s got a control tower, that’s the Holy Ghost. And the Word is His program, and he lays right into that program. And the power of the Holy Ghost endows him to move out, and it brings the achievement that God wants to be achieved for His people, that it might fulfill what He promised." (COUNTDOWN_ BAKF.CA V-22 N-9 SUNDAY_ 64-0209)

"Now we find, God gives the control tower to you, to give to you the things that you need. Now, **the control tower in you is what directs you.** And this thirst runs in on this control tower, and tells you what you have need of, spiritually speaking. The control tower in the body, and in the soul, also. There is a control tower in the body, that tells you the need that's needed in your body, and it's brought to you by thirst. Also, **there is a control tower in your soul,** that tells you the spiritual things that you have need of, something in your spirit, and, and you by this can tell what kind of a life is controlling you." (THIRST_TUCSON.AZ V-16 N-6 SUNDAY_65-0919)

THE SOUL DWELLS IN THE HEART OF MAN

"And about six weeks ago, I was in Chicago, and a great line on the front page, where science has found that in the human heart, **in the center of the human heart, is a little compartment where even a corpuscle or blood cell never touches.** The animal life hasn't got it, but the human has got it. And science says, "It's the **occupation of the soul.**" (THE.WATERS.OF.SEPARATION_MACON.GA MONDAY_55-0606)

Right down in the heart, in the center of the heart, there's a little compartment where there's not even a blood cell in it. **It's not in the animal heart, only in the human heart.** And they say, it's the occupation, or the occupant of the soul. **The soul lives in the heart.** Then after all, God was right, when He said, "As a man thinketh in his heart." (THE.INTER.VEIL_STURGIS.MI SATURDAY_56-0121)



So after all, a man believes in his heart. You think with your mind, but you believe with your heart... God stays on the control tower in your heart, controls your emotions, controls your faith, controls all you are. When God comes into the heart, He takes over... Man's always trying to achieve something by his head. He's

supposed to achieve, but by his heart. That's the control tower where God controls him, and directs his thoughts, directs his walks, directs his emotions... All the rest of your body belonged to you, but that heart belongs to God. That God made Himself a little room in there, so He could set in the controlling tower that He could guide you.. **Now, that is the way you accepted Jesus. When He's knocking at your heart He wants to come in to be your Lord.** "Lord" means "rulership." He comes into your heart, knowing that He made that heart for Himself. All the rest of the body you can have, **but the heart is the control tower** and He wants to come to this heart, so He can lead you, be a Lord." (EXPECTATION_SHAWANO.WI SATURDAY_55-1001)

"Here is a human heart, and here is a human heart. **Now, this one over here has a snake in it; that's sin. Here he has life. This one over here has a Dove in it, which is the Holy Spirit.** Here he has a life. Well, this one here he has malice, hatred, envy. That's what's causing it: this fellow here. Well, this one over here has love, and joy, and long-suffering, and that's what does it down here." (FUTURE.HOME.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-5 64-0802)

The devil chose man's head for his control tower and gave him the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. But God chose a man's heart for His control tower and gives him the Tree of Life. The devil makes man see things and look through his eyes. But God in man's heart makes him believe things that he cannot see. Faith is the evidence of thing not seen. In the heart of man is the throne of God. Satan took the eye, a man's head, to control him by his head. But God took his heart.

SIN MARRD THAT SOUL

"**And after this man sinned, he marred that soul.** Blackness, darkness come into it. And then God came down and lived in man, suffered with man, and redeemed man; and the Holy Spirit comes into man and drives that blackness and sin away for him, and brings it back into perfect fellowship, a part of God. And now, we, **by the Blood of Christ, Who cleanses us from sin,** we become sons and daughters of God." (WHO.IS.GOD_CLEVELAND.OH TUESDAY_50-0815)

"When God made man, He made him thus; for He made this little certain compartment in the man for His own throne, His control tower. God wants to lead man, but man wants to lead himself. **Therefore there is a war constantly.** The man wants to go after what he sees with his eyes. That's where he's deceived. That's where Satan deceived Eve, by what she could see; the fruit was pleasant to the eye. But it was death to the soul." (LOOKING.AT.THE.UNSEEN.title LA.CA 59-0410)

"**Your soul is part of God, a attribute of God,** displayed here on earth in a body. The body is to be redeemed. Now, **the soul is redeemed, because it was in sin. So God come down, by a process of justification, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost, and redeemed your soul.** And you, being part of the earth, it's redeemed by it. You're in the process now. It's growing on. Your body was justified under Noah's baptism. Amen! And, your flesh, when It dropped upon there. And the earth is to be cleansed by Fire, the place where you'll live, with the baptism of the Holy Ghost; a dwelling Place for Christ and His Bride, the New Jerusalem." (THE FUTURE HOME OF THE HEAVENLY BRIDEGROOM AND THE EARTHLY BRIDE_JEFF.IN V-3 N-5 SUNDAY_64-0802)

FOR ALL HAVE SINNED

ROMANS 3: 23- *“For ALL have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”*

I JOHN 1:8-10 - *“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and his Word is not in us.”*

EZEKIEL 18:4, 21, 26, 27 --- 4 “Behold, all **souls** are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die. 21 But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. 27 **Again, when the wicked [man] turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed**, and doeth that which is lawful and right, **he shall save his soul alive**. 28 Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, **he shall surely live, he shall not die.**”

THE NEW BIRTH IS REQUIRED

“Except a man be born again, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God” (John 3:3)

“It’s essential that we must be baptized. Jesus give this statement in St. Matthew, or St. Mark 16; He said, “Go into all the world and preach the Gospel; he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.” And when He was talking to Nicodemus, He said, “Except a man be born of water and Spirit he will in nowise enter the Kingdom.” It must be baptized. I believe in immersing, in the baptism, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to be raised again in newness of life, to walk after the commandments of God.” (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 54-0103M)

“Now, when you come to the age of accountability, and you know what’s wrong and right, you’re supposed to turn from your wrong. Because you’re born in sin, shaped in iniquity, come to the world speaking lies, that you’re—you’re actually born as a sexual desire, and then you must be born again in order to receive a new birth to enter into Heaven.” (WHY.ARE.WE.NOT.A.DENOMINATION?.title JEFF.IN V-11 N-7 58-0927)

“Yes, to be born again you must go through a process of death; everything does. You take a grain of corn; if that corn ever expects to live again, it’s got to die first. If a grain of wheat ever expects to live again, it’s totally impossible for... That corn, that wheat, that flower, that tree, that grass, that vegetable, everything that expects to live again must die first. Then how you going to escape it? You got to die first. You got to die. Die how? To yourself, die to everything, so that you can be born again. You’ve got to do that. **If you don’t die, you can never live again...** First, to die, in order to be born again... And if you still got the things of the world in you, you’re not born again. And how you going to claim to be born again and still with the things of the world hanging on you? See? How can you do it?” (YOU.MUST.BE.BORN.AGAIN.title JEFF.IN V-11 N-5 61-1231M)

“Notice: you must be born again. And when you’re born again, you can’t be born again without having faith. That’s right. So, you see on my chart here, I got the very foundation. Faith is the foundation of all of it. For without faith it’s impossible to please God: “He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and a Rewarder of those that diligently seek Him.” See? He must be. And when you are a skeptic of the Bible, when you’re skeptic of the Word being right, you just might as well stay back until first you believe it.

What is sin? Unbelief. **There’s only two elements that controls the human being. That’s either doubt or faith, one or the other.** You’re possessed of one that dominates your life. Just depends on how much faith you have, how high you can rise. But first it’s got to be faith.” (STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN.title JEFF.IN V-2 N-18 62-1014M)

“You must be born again. Everything has to die away. All your theology, all your thinking, all you ever was or ever expect to be, your life and everything else dies away. And then the Holy Spirit comes in. That’s when you take off hats, shoes, stand before God. “Nothing in my arms I bring, simply to thy cross I cling.” That’s where Moses had to come, where he could obey what God said do: the Burning Bush Conference. Then God said, “I’ll show you My glory now,” after he was willing to go.” (CONFERENCES.title TUCSON.AZ 63-0608)

“When He said, “You must be born again,” that don’t mean jump up-and-down at the altar. That don’t mean walk back there, and shake hands with the pastor. That don’t mean all this foolishness that we’ve seen done. It don’t mean putting your name on a church book. **It means death to your first being, and life to the second being.** It means that the Blood has been applied, and you’re identified by the Life of Jesus Christ. And if He be the Vine, and we be the branches, the Life that’s in the branch is in the—also from the Vine. It’ll bear the fruit.” (TOKEN.THE.title BAKF.CA V-22 N-8 64-0208)

“To be born of the Spirit is to believe and obey the teaching of the Bible by the Holy Ghost. And a man that’s born of the Spirit will obey God’s Word regardless of what any tradition tells him. To be born again means to be birthed from above... **To be born of the Spirit is to believe and behave yourself in the Spirit, is to understand and believe with your heart that Jesus is Christ and This is His Word,** that no other words can be added to It or taken away from It without your name taken out of the Book of Life.” (WHY.AGAINST.ORGANIZED.RELIGION.title JEFF.IN V-12 N-1 62-1111E)

“And your character will not mix with the world, if you are being molded in the form of God, by letting the mind that was in Christ be in you. That’s the control tower, the direction.” (IDENTIFICATION_TULARE.CA V-22 N-14 SUNDAY_64-0216)

A soul that has undergone the process of the New Birth is under the control of God and will always believe God’s Word by faith. **A soul that is unregenerated is under the control of Satan and will always doubt God’s Word and reject it in favor of man-made ideas, creeds, philosophies, traditions, dogmas and intellectual conceptions of men.**

Ezekiel 36:26-27 - *“A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do [them]”.*

“The NATURE of your SOUL is—is God, IF you’re BORN AGAIN. IF it’s NOT, it’s of the world.” (SOULS.IN.PRISON.NOW.title JEFF.IN V-2 N-22 63-1110M)

WAR OF THE FLESH VERSUS THE SPIRIT

“There is a control tower of the soul, and one for the body, and each tower is a warning caller for the needs of the other. Each one calls to the need for what the caller is calling for, it sends out a wave of warning. For instance, **the flesh thirst to satisfy the desires that’s in the body, and the spirit desires for the things that’s in the soul,** desire is, and many times these war one against the other. We find

there, what's a great trouble today, that too many people try to live between those two desires. For, one of them desires the things of the earth, the other desires the things of Heaven.

Like Paul said, describes it in Romans 7:21, "When I would do good, then evil is nigh." When you try, did you ever have that in experience, Christians? That when you're trying to do something that's worth-while, go to make an effort to do something that's good, then you find out that there is the Devil, on every hand, just to upset you. That when you are starting to do something, and there is something always trying to upset you in doing it, do it anyhow. That's the Devil there, trying to keep you from doing what's right. When they find out that they're trying to do something, and everything is just blocking it off on both sides, they say, "It might not been the will of the Lord." See? Now don't let the Devil lie to you like that.

The first thing, is find out whether it's the will of God, or not. **And then if you want to know whether it's the will of God, look into the Bible.** There is the thing that sets you straight, is the Word of God; and then if you see it's in the Word of God, for you to do it." (THIRST_TUCSON.AZ V-16 N-6 SUNDAY_65-0919)

God wants to lead man, but man wants to lead himself. Therefore, there is a war constantly. The outer man wants to go after what he sees with his eyes (bodily senses). But the inward man loves to do things pertaining to the Spirit of God.

ROMANS 7:14-25 states, "For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that [it is] good. **Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.** For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but [how] to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but **sin that dwelleth in me.** I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. **O wretched man that I am!** who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin."

"And as long as you're in this life, you're going to be sticky and have a "carnal nature" that's going to bother you as long as you live; but the inside of you, you're borned again." (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0830E)

"You'll make mistakes; you'll fall; you'll willfully do wrong. You'll go out sometime and do things; that *don't mean that you're lost; that means that you're going to get correction.* My little boy, lots of times... My children will do things, your does too, that you—they know that's against you—your rules. And they know what to expect when they do it: they're going to get a whipping for it, sometimes a good one. But it's still your child, certainly. It's impossible for that man to ever be gone again, that's once been born of Eternal Life. God's not a Indian giver. "He that heareth My Words, and believeth on Him that sent Me, has Everlasting Life and shall never come to the judgment, but's passed from death unto Life. And I'll raise him up at the last days." That's God's promise." (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.6.AND.7..title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0915M)

"Somebody told me he had one, one time was converted, received the Holy Ghost, and he said to him, "How you getting along?"

He said, "Pretty good and pretty bad."

He said, "Well, how do you mean pretty bad and pretty good?"

He said, "Well, since me receive the Holy Ghost," he said, "there's been two dogs in me, and one of them a **black dog and one of them a white dog.**" And said, "They argue all the time." Said, "They growl and fight at one another." And said, "The white dog wants me do good; the black dog wants me do bad."

Said, "Well, Chief, which one of them wins the fight?"

Said, "**That depends on which one Chief feeds the most.**" So I think that's a good answer here. See? There just depends on the warring of the body that's in you; it depends on which one you cater to, which nature you cater to, the carnal nature after the things of the world, or the spiritual nature after the things of God. That does it."

(QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0830E)

Romans 8:4-14 – "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded [is] death; but to be spiritually minded [is] life and peace. Because the carnal mind [is] enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ [be] in you, the body [is] dead because of sin; but the Spirit [is] life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. **For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

GALATIANS 5:19-25 - "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are [these]; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told [you] in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. **And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."**

THE PHYSICAL BODY

I CORINTHIANS 15:44-49- "There is a NATURAL body, and there is a SPIRITUAL body. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam [was made] a quickening Spirit. The first man [is] of the earth, **EARTHY:** the second man [is] the Lord from heaven. As [is] the earthy, such [are] they also that are earthy: and as [is] the HEAVENLY, such [are] THEY also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the IMAGE of the heavenly."

II CORINTHIANS 5:1-2 - " For we know that if our earthly house of [this] tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven".

I CORINTHIANS 15:40- " [There are] also celestial bodies, and **bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial [is] one, and the [glory] of the terrestrial [is] another."**

“**But we know that we’re animal life.** We’re plant life out of the earth. As I was saying the other day at our dear sister’s funeral, we are a bunch of sixteen elements of the earth of cosmic light, and petroleums, and things put together. We were here when God spoke and said, “Let there be.” Our bodies were.” (JOSEPH.MEETING.HIS.BRETHREN.title JEFF.IN 56-1230)

“**The body is the flesh that you look at that must rot.** It was born by sexual desire of father and mother. It must rot. It’s no good. Therefore in the new birth, in the resurrection when—when you’re brought forth again in a new body, it’ll be God’s creative power that’ll speak like He did to Adam and you’ll come forth.” (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 59-0628E)

“Let’s take before there in the beginning of the world. Now, the lily come from the earth, so did you. If that be so, then we were here; our bodies were on the earth before there was any life here. We are made of **sixteen different elements** of the earth. That’s potash, calcium, petroleum, cosmic light, and so forth, and held together by atoms: sixteen elements of the earth. Then, if that is so, which is scientifically so, then we really... Our bodies were laying spread out on this earth before there was any type of life on the earth. Potash, calcium, petroleum, and cosmic light was here at the creation. As the volcanic was thrown out, they tell us, that bursted and formed the materials of the earth and so forth, was, it just a burning brimstones as it was Satan’s procession as he walked up-and-down the fiery brimstone of the earth. And then when God cooled it off and set it over there in His great mind, He had something in His mind that He was going to do.” (WHAT DOES TAKE MAKE CHRISTIAN LIFE; CHICAGO.IL 57-0113)

“Did you ever notice a little baby when it’s born, its little muscles twitching and jerking? **But when it comes to the earth, it receives a spirit, and then it becomes a living soul.** And as soon as the soul goes back from that little body, there’s another one waiting for it. See? Because, first, God makes the soul and spirit; it just goes to the bodies. And—and when we leave here, we only change dwelling places and go to another one. “For if this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting.” So that’s our consolation.” (IT.BECOMETH.US.TO.FULFILL.title JEFF.IN V-15 N-4 61-1001M)

“It’s just like a little baby. When a little baby is conceived in the mother’s womb, it’s just flesh and blood, jumping, quivering. But as soon as it’s born, you don’t see it, but there’s a spirit and soul hanging near that mother to come into that baby just as soon as it’s born. **Just as soon as that baby is born, God has created a soul and created a spirit to be in that baby just as soon as it’s born into this world.** That little baby becomes matured, and it begins to learn; then it becomes a living soul when it knows what’s right and wrong. Then it’s got, just like Adam and Eve, set before a tree of right and wrong. It makes its choice. And then it becomes intelligent. It’s growing all the time in God’s great economy. And finally it comes down to the end of the road, for this physical body. And just as this body is deteriorating and going away, there is one being prepared to receive it. Just as soon as it leaves here, this soul that’s in us now and this spirit leaves this body and goes to another, a young one, a good one, a better one, a one that won’t get old, or one that won’t pass away.” (COMFORTER.THE.title JEFF.IN V-15 N-5 61-1001E)

“No matter how insignificant you may seem to be, you’re a--**your soul is worth ten thousand worlds.** Sometime ago down in Tennessee, I was standing at a great museum, and I was looking in the glass with some young fellows was standing next to me, and was showing the chemical worth of a hundred and fifty pound man. And it might surprise you to know how much you’re really worth. **If you’re in good health, a good, strong man at a hundred and fifty pounds worth eighty-four cents.** Well, you’re not worth very

much are you? Just about enough whitewash to sprinkle a hen’s nest, a little, bitty calcium and so forth, all weighed up to eighty-four cents worth of chemicals in your body... One young fellow said to the other; he said, “John, we’re not worth very much are we?” I thought this was a grand opportunity. I laid my hands on each one of the boy’s shoulders as I stepped between them, and I said, “That’s true son, we’re not worth very much in this body, but in **that body’s got a soul in it that’s worth ten thousand worlds.**” But we want to take care of this eighty-four cents. We give it the best of clothes, feed it the best of foods, and put a ten dollar hat on it, and, oh, how we love to take care of this eighty-four cents. But that soul, we just let it grap over any old world and anything else, not noticing or paying any attention to it, drag it down to church and sleep while the preacher preaches twenty minutes, and have a deacon’s meeting that he preached too long. **That soul is worth ten thousand worlds.**” (HEAR.YE.HIM.title EDMONTON.ALBERTA 57-0807)

“In Genesis 2, there was no man to till the soil, and God made man out of the dust of the earth, not in His image, but in the image of animal life. **And he put the spirit of man in this animal man here, and he become a living soul.** Now, that’s the difference between a man and the animal. The animal don’t build automobiles, and he doesn’t do things like that to help his living and so forth like that. He’s an animal, dumb brute; he hasn’t got a soul. He can’t read and write; he can’t talk, speak; he’s a dumb brute. **But a man is in flesh like a brute, but he’s got a soul of God in him what makes him immortal.** And he can invent, look what he can do. He’s on—almost on the equal with God, because he’s a son of God; even in his fallen estate he’s wonderful. Look at him. See? That’s it.” (QA.IMAGE.OF.THE.BEAST.title JEFF.IN 54-0515)

“**We are living by dead substance,** that’s the only way you can live. And if something has to die every day so you live natural, then isn’t it true that if your—**your body has to live by dead substance for natural life, then you’ve got to have something die spiritually to save your spiritual life. And God became material, flesh, and died that we might live.** There’s no church, no other thing in the world can save you but God. That’s the only thing that they live by.” (ANOINTED.ONES.AT.END.TIME.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-3 65-0725M)

ROMANS 12:1-2- *“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”*

I JOHN 2:15-16- *“Love not the world, neither the things [that are] in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that [is] in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.”*

II CORINTHIANS 6:14-18- *“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in [them]; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean [thing]; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.”*

THE SIXTEEN ELEMENTS OF MAN

Man is composed of the following 16 elements based on scientific research - 1. Calcium, 2. Chromium, 3. Copper, 4. Iodine, 5. Iron, 6. Magnesium, 7. Manganese, 8. Phosphorus, 9. Potassium, 10. Selenium, 11. Zinc, 12. Molybdenum, 13. Fluoride, 14. Oxygen, 15. Hydrogen, 16. Sulfur.

“We’re taught that our bodies come from the earth. We’re made of sixteen different elements. That’s petroleum, cosmic light, and oh, potash, and calcium, and so forth, sixteen different elements. That’s the body. How do we get it built up like this? We eat food. Every day when we put in food, something died. If you eat today, something had to die so you could live. Every time... Because you’re living, something dies because you live. If you eat beef, the cow died. If you eat mutton, the sheep died. If you eat fish, the fish died. If you eat bread, the wheat died. If you eat potatoes, potato died. If you (eat) beans, the beans died. Whatever it is, it’s a life. And we can only live by dead substance.” (WHY SOME PEOPLE CAN’T KEEP VICTORY.title OAKLAND.CA 57-0324)

THE BELIEVER’S SOUL IS ETERNAL

“But the MAIN THING, now, is to THE SOUL WHICH WILL NEVER DIE. The body will die, but the SOUL WILL NEVER DIE, and we must keep that level with God”. (The Church and Its Condition/pp. 4)

“It is NOT this outside see, taste, feel, smell and hear. It isn’t. It’s subject to death and will die. But the INSIDE PART OF YOU, down in here, INSIDE, that is the PERSON THAT CANNOT DIE. See? And that’s the PERSON that the NEW LIFE STARTS FROM, from this NEW BIRTH; and IT BUILDS ANOTHER PERSON YOU ARE, around that life. You get it?” (C.O.D. pp. 1114/par 248).

“If you got Eternal Life you always was. See?... Anything that was eternal never did begin and cannot end. So you were only in His thinking: your name, who you are, and what you are. That’s the only way you could ever have Eternal Life, ‘cause you always was.” (WHEN.THEIR.EYES.WERE.OPENED BEAUMONT.TX 64-0312)

“Because I was born of Charles and Ella Branham. In their nature I was a sinner; I came to the world, a liar, and all the habits of the world laid right in me. But down in there too, was another nature present (See?), predestinated, was in there by God. In this same body (See?) two natures in there. Well, I only catered to one. As it grew, I goosed as a baby, “Da-da.” First thing you know, I become a liar, become everything else that’s a sinner, because I raised up that way. BUT DOWN IN THERE was a little speck of LIFE ALL THE TIME.” (COMMUNION.title TUCSON.AZ V-8 N-4 65-1212)

“The Bible said that if that SOUL WON’T DO as He did said do, He will even destroy that soul. BUT you see, HE CAN’T DESTROY HIMSELF and REMAIN GOD. So if that SOUL is of the world, it has to be destroyed. BUT IF IT’S ETERNAL WITH GOD, IT NEVER DID BEGIN because it’s part of God; IT CAN NEVER BE DESTROYED. AMEN! The Church ought to see that!” (The Future Home/pp. 41)

“But your souls were made up before the foundation of the world when God created man in His Own image: spirit of man; not a man in His Own image, but man in His Own image. See? And then He made them male and female before He ever had a man in the dust of the earth...He moved down into the earth and how that He made man in His image, and then God turned around and was made in the image of

man to redeem man.” (DEMONOLOGY.PHYSICAL.REALM_CONNERSVILLE.IN 53-0608A)

“You never sinned in the first place. God don’t even know... It’s in the sea of forgetfulness. You never did it. You were accused of it by the accuser; but really from the beginning you were predestinated to be a son or daughter of God. You’re standing there washed, and your old book of divorcement’s put away and is dead, absolutely out of existence even in the mind of God. You are the virtuous Bride of Christ, washed in the Blood of Christ: precious, virtuous, sinless, Son of God standing with a pure, unadulterated Bride Word that He washed by the Water of His own Blood that become flesh and manifested that He might take you, which were predestinated in the bosom of the Father before the beginning, the same as He was...” (INVISIBLE.UNION.OF.THE.BRIDE.title SHP.LA V-2 N-15 65-1125)

I JOHN 3:9- “Whosoever is BORN of God doth NOT commit SIN; for his SEED remaineth in him: and he cannot SIN, because he is BORN of GOD.”

“How did you come to do this? You were deceived into it by your first marriage—to your adulteress parent Eve. It’s no fault of your own. By your natural birth, you come after Eve, who committed adultery. That’s the reason you was born an adulterous. You were a sinner to begin with. That’s right. You was deceived into it. You had no... No, it ain’t your fault. You never did it, because that little Germ that was in you, was to be you before the foundation of the world. God put your name in the Lamb’s Book of Life.” (INVISIBLE.UNION.OF.THE.BRIDE.title SHP.LA V-2 N-15 65-1125)

“What did He redeem? He redeemed your soul from hell. He redeemed and brought back everything that Adam lost, when he put you in the pawnshop. Jesus Christ, on Calvary was your Kinsman Redeemer that redeemed you from every curse of the devil. He redeems your soul. He redeems your sick body. He redeems your weary, dreary spirit. He brought you happiness. He brought you joy. He brought you... That’s what the redemption brought you, brought you peace, long-suffering, goodness, gentleness, meekness, power, the Holy Spirit, brought you Divine healing. All these things Jesus Christ brought to you, because He was our Kinsman Redeemer.” (REDEEMER.REDEMPTION_SAN.FERNANDO.CA SATURDAY_55-1119)

“Well, if God saved you here, knowing He was going to lose you down there, He defeats His own purpose.. He can’t lose you. He might have to take you off the earth because of your sin, like the man in the Bible, who was living with his own mother, and they turned him over to the devil for the destruction of the flesh that the soul might be saved. But He can’t lose you. You’re His. Before the world begin, He ordained you to Eternal Life. And it’s the devil trying to cheat you out of it. Call him a liar. Jesus Christ, Jehovah-Jireh, has provided a place for you. Go get it. Live happy. God bless you.” (JEHOVAH.JIREH_EDMONTON.AB. SATURDAY_57-0810)

“And no one can preach salvation without preaching Divine healing. See? You can’t preach redemption of the soul without preaching redemption of the body. See, when you can’t deal with sin in any measure, ‘less you deal with sickness and every attribute. Sickness is the results of sin. Sickness is an attribute of sin.” (HEAR.YE.HIM_PARKERSBURG.WV SATURDAY_56-1215)

“Now, Lord, but for the greatest of all healing! If You heal their physical body from cancer, TB, pneumonia, something, they’ll get sick again, no doubt, if they live very long, for their body is still under sin, the curse. But let them get the—the real Divine healing, the healing of the soul, which makes a new creature, passes from death unto Life, and then waiting in this old tabernacle for the redemption of the body after the soul has been redeemed. Grant it, Lord.” (THE.GOD.OF.THIS.EVIL.AGE_JEFF.IN V-4 N-9 SUNDAY_65-0801M)

THEOPHANY - OUR CELESTIAL BODY

II CORINTHIANS 5:1-2 - "For we know that if our earthly house of [this] tabernacle were dissolved, we have a **building** of God, an **house** not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly **desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven**".

"**They call it a theophany**, that when we leave here we go in somewhere else. Whatever it may be, I take the apostle's Word, when he said, "If this earthly tabernacle or dwelling place be dissolved, we have one already waiting to move from this into that." (ENTOMBMENT.title JEFF.IN ER 55-72.57-0420)

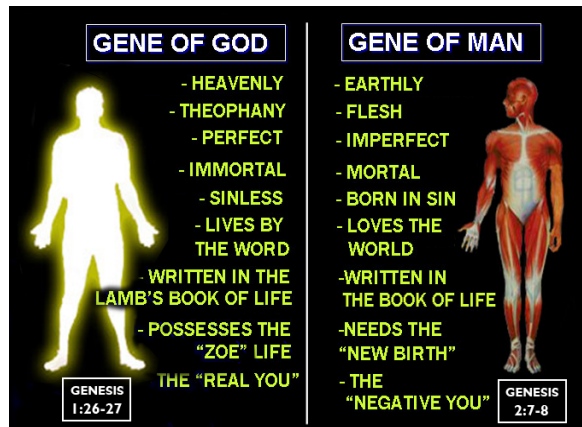
"And the Logos, which was the Son of God went out, created by these great fountains of purity, God, as those Spirits went out, and it created the Logos. **And it was a body. It was in the form of what we are now, which is called in the clergy way of speaking it, a theophany.** It's a body that doesn't have a spirit in it. It's a body that's waiting for you Christians. **As soon as the life leaves this, you go into that body.** When this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting, **a theophany.**" (THIRSTING.FOR.LIFE.title CHICAGO.IL 57-0630)

"**Theophany is a human body that's glorified, not exactly with flesh and blood like it will be in it's glorified stage, but it is of a form of a human body that doesn't eat, neither does it drink,** but it's—it's a body, a body that's waiting for us as soon as we leave this one.

Now, in there, we enter into that body. And that's the kind of body that God was. For He said, "Let Us make man in Our own image and in our likeness." Now, when man become into that body, he had control of all the fishes, and fowls, and—and beasts of the field. And then there was no man to till the soil (Genesis 2). He done made male and female, but there was no man to till the soil. Then God made man out of the dust of the earth. He give him a hand like a—like a chimpanzee, give him a foot like a bear. He give

him... He made him on the image... And this earthly body is in the image of animal life, and it's made out of the same kind of material. Your body's made just the same kind of material as a horse, or a dog, or anything like that. It's made out of calcium, potash, petroleum, cosmic light. You're just no... All flesh like that is... Not the same flesh, it's different flesh, but it's made out of the dust of the earth where it come from. **But the difference between an animal and a man, God put a soul in a man and He didn't put it in the animal, because the soul that was in the man is that theophany.**" (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.2.PART.3.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0828)

When Jesus was manifested in the Old Testament in a theophany, in the **Person of Melchisedec**, not a priesthood, but the Person, the Man... See? For this Man had yet not been born, but **He was in a theophany so He had no father, no mother.** He



was God Himself. He was manifested in the form of a Man called King of Salem, which is King of Peace and King of Righteousness. See? He was Melchisedec. He had neither father nor mother, beginning of days of ending of life. See? **It was Jesus in a theophany in the form of a man.** Could you go that? All right." (CHRIST.REVEALED.IN.HIS.OWN.WORD.title JEFF.IN V-4 N-10 65-0822M)

"In the beginning God was a Spirit. And all the fountain of goodness and mercy and power, and all the good things of love, God was the center of that fountain. **And then the Logos that went out of God in the beginning become what we would call a theophany, or a—a supernatural body.** God is just not like the air, but He's in a body. Moses seen Him pass and said it looked like the back part of a man, and so forth. And then that same theophany was made flesh and dwelled among us. And we beheld Him, the only begotten of the Father, Christ." (WE WOULD.SEE.JESUS.title SASKATOON.SK 57-0516)

"**And then out of the existence of the Father went the Logos which was the Son, which was the theophany, which was the body of the great Jehovah God went forth in a celestial Body.** That's the Logos. The Word spoke out of them great Fountains of Life and went forth. And there was the theophany, which was God made into Word. **Then that theophany was made flesh in the Person Christ Jesus.** And then all the fullness of the Trinity dwelt in Him, both Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, all in that. And that's the very way we go, plumb back to the original beginning of God. There we are borned again not of flesh, borned again not of blood, but borned again by the Spirit. And in that eternal Spirit of love and honesty comes down to make Its place in us. And then when we die from this life, we go into the body which... If this earthly tabernacle is dissolved, we have a theophany to go into, a body celestial. Then at the coming of the Lord Jesus, this body is picked from the earth again and made in a glorified state to live in His Presence forever. Then all the perversion, all the things that was in—in the perversion all goes out of existence." (LIFE.title JEFF.IN 57-0602)

"When a baby is being—a baby is being formed in a womb of a mother, soon as it's put there... See, see? But first it's a spirit. As that spirit begins to take on flesh, a little germ of life begins to take on flesh, and as soon as it drops from its... Now, in the womb, it's a little, quivering, jerking muscles. We know that. That's cells. Just like you take a horse hair and put it in the water, it'll cap over and it'll move, and you touch it and it'll jump. That's the way a baby is. But as soon as it's borned in this world and breathes its first breath, it becomes a living soul. See? Because as soon as the earthly body is born into the world, there's a celestial body, or a spiritual body, to take ahold of it. **And as soon as this natural body is dropped, there is a heavenly tabernacle waiting for it: "If this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, there is a heavenly tabernacle waiting for it."** Just as soon as—as the baby's dropped into the earth in flesh, there's a spiritual body waiting to receive it. And as soon as the spiritual body—the natural body is dissolved, there's a spiritual body waiting yonder (See?), a theophany we call it (See?), a **theophany.**" (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 61-0112)

"**Then after you recognize the very Word of God was Eagle Food,** then you left the other thing. You've then been formed into the living image of the living God. **You heard from your theophany.** "If this earthly body be dissolved, we have one waiting." (WHO.IS.THIS.MELCHISEDEC.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-10 65-0221E)

"**But you bypassed the theophany and become flesh-man to be tempted by sin.** And then "if this earthly tabernacle is dissolved, we have one already waiting." **We have not yet the bodies.** But look, when this body receives the Spirit of God, the Immortal Life inside of you, it throws this body in subjection to God." (WHO.IS.THIS.MELCHISEDEC.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-10 65-0221E)

“The theophany comes to the earth to pick up the redeemed body. And if you’re here in the air, you take the body to meet the theophany (there you are), and caught up and go to meet the Lord in the air.” (WHO.IS.THIS.MELCHISEDEC.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-10 65-0221E)

“But then when that body, a kind of a celestial body, when it returns back to the earth, it picks up the substance that it once lived in and then, it becomes a glorified body. That body is the one that we’ll see the Lord Jesus in His resurrected body.” (HEAR.HIS.VOICE.title JEFF.IN 58-1005M)

“What your celestial body is somewhere else is what you’re reflecting back here. In the spirit land, what you are, is what you are here.” (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 54-0103M)

“Here His body was in the grave, and his soul was in hell, preaching, alive. What about that? He was in His Theophany again. His soul was down there with those people that were in...?... **theophany** also, and was witnessing to them that they repented not in the long-suffering.” (QA.HEBREWS.PART.2.title JEFF.IN COD 57-1002)

TRUE HOLY GHOST BAPTISM IS IN THE SOUL

People can be baptized by the Holy Ghost in the BODY realm and in the SPIRIT realm and still be lost and go to hell. People can feel the anointing of Holy Ghost (through their bodies) and shake, jump, shout, dance in the Spirit and speak in tongues and still be lost. People can cast out devils and heal the sick, and do miracles in the Spirit and still be lost just like Judas. The true Holy Ghost Baptism of the Holy Spirit rests in the SOUL realm. Unless that soul is predestinated by God, it can mimic and impersonate Christianity but still be of the devil.

Take it from Brother Branham Himself:

“There’s many people just can’t believe it, even Spirit-filled people. I’m going to give you one that’ll choke you. **The baptism of the Holy Ghost don’t mean you’re going in, not at all, not on that, don’t have anything to do with your soul. That’s the baptism.** See? Here’s the inside soul in here, that has to come from God. But then on the outside you have five senses, and five out—inlets to your contact your earthly home. The inside, you have a spirit, and in there you have five outlets: your conscience, and love, and so forth, five outlets to that spirit. Remember, in that spirit you can be baptized with the genuine Spirit of God and still be lost. It’s the soul that lives; that was ordained of God. Didn’t Jesus say, “Many will come to Me in that day, and say, ‘Lord, haven’t I cast out devils, done great and mighty works, prophesied, the great gifts of God?’” He said, “Depart from me, you that work iniquity, I never even knew you. Many will come in that day.” (MODERN EVENTS MADE CLEAR.BY.PROPHECY SBD.CA.V-7 N-6 65-1206)

“The Spirit can come out here and anoint you to do certain things, and you do it, but that don’t mean you’re saved. But think of it. **Caiphias prophesied. Judas cast out devils.** See, the Spirit anointed him. There’s rain falls on the just and the unjust; the weeds can rejoice with the wheat. But it’s what it is at the core. There’s where you can, intellectuals can accept and say, “Oh, sure, that looks good. I believe that.” That still don’t do it. No, sir. And the spirit can actually make witness of it, and still it isn’t so. Because if that soul hasn’t come from God, it can make all the impersonations out here, but it cannot be real. **You can act healing;** you can act like you have. You can act like you receive it. Christians can act like they’re Christians, and act and be ever so good at it, but that don’t

mean they’re saved. That’s exactly right. See? **The Spirit can be there, the real genuine Spirit. The Holy Spirit can anoint you; that still don’t mean you’re saved.** It’s that inside **soul** that never dies; it’s got Eternal Life. It always was Eternal Life. See? It come from God; it goes to God; **it’s the soul.**” (WORKS.IS.FAITH.EXPRESSED.title SHREVEPORT.LA.V-7 N-1 65-1126)

“But when it’s directed from the inside, it throws all the rest of it together. That’s the guidepost. That’s the control tower, the inside of the inside. The soul controls the spirit, the spirit controls the body. So an outside whitewash don’t make any difference. Them religious people back there, that Paul called “whited walls,” and so forth, they were outward just every way the—a believer, and they had prophesies among them, and everything else but the inside of the inside... “The soul that disbelieveth...” That’s the reason I say people can jump up and down, and speak in tongues; people can shout, lay hands on the sick, and heal the sick and so forth by faith; all these great things there by the Spirit, still be LOST. Anointed ones...” (WORKS.IS.FAITH.EXPRESSED.title SHREVEPORT.LA.V-7 N-1 65-1126)

“There’s only one can see it; that’s the one who’s predestinated to see it. Otherwise you’ll never see it. The Jews cannot see that being their Messiah, and yet they were scholars and theologians, men of great renown scholarship, read the same Bible that you read. Now, after it’s been made know to us, we can see it plain that was Messiah. But they couldn’t see it. Neither can they see it today. They are prophesied to be blinded too.” (RECOGNIZING.YOUR.DAY.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-1 64-0726M)

ANOINTING VERSUS INDWELLING

“TASTING” OR BEING ANOINTED BY THE HOLY GHOST is far more DIFFERENT from being BAPTIZED WITH IT. A lot of people just “tasted” the goodness of God but in the end they still perished. It’s a type of Israel in the wilderness coming out from Egypt. They have tasted the signs and wonders done by the Holy Ghost through the ministry of Moses. They have seen the mighty works of the hand of God by sending plagues to Egypt, they have crossed and walked over the dry Red Sea, they ate of the Manna that fell in the wilderness from heaven, they drank from the Rock, and have seen many many more miracles by Moses. Yet only Joshua and Caleb was able to reach the Promised Land. All the rest of the ten spies and their tribes perished. And today, the promise Land of today for the Christian is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. How many will ever get to it? “Strait is the gate and narrow is the way that leads to eternal life, yet broad is the way and wide is the gate that leads to destruction..”

HEBREWS 6:4-6 - *“For [it is] impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have “TASTED” of the heavenly gift, and were made PARTAKERS of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good Word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put [him] to an open shame.”*

“Church, that’s the reason I can’t take the Baptism of the Holy Ghost of crying, shaking, or speaking in tongues, or any sensation. They’re all right now. See? Them—them things are all right, but **the devil can impersonate that so real.** But the Holy Ghost is Deity, God tabernacled in men. It’s more than a sensation. It’s more than speaking in tongues. It’s more than shouting in the Spirit. It’s more than weeping. It’s more than joining church. It’s God living in men, Deity, God Himself tabernacled into that person, when he can speak and it’s just the same as God speaking; that’s the Church of Jesus Christ.” (TESTIMONY.OF.A.TRUE.WITNESS.title JEFF.IN V-15 N-6 61-1105)

“You might be able to try to say you have; you might be able to show some evidence of some emotion; but unless your life is vindicating what you’re professing to have, you still haven’t got it. No matter how many emotions, how much you jump, run, sensations, speaking in tongues, or shouting, or whatever you might lay it upon (which is all right, I believe in all that too.), **but unless your life copes** with your testimony, then you haven’t got it. ‘Cause the fruit of the Spirit vindicates what you are, just like the fruit of any tree tells what it is. Jesus said, “By their fruit you shall know them.” (PARADOX.A.title CHICAGO.IL V-21 N-363-0801)

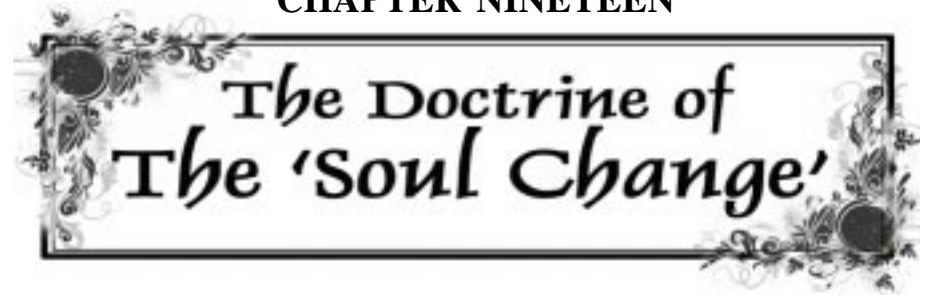
“You say, “Well, I’ve received the Holy Ghost.” That’s good; that’s what you should’ve done. But if the life isn’t in there...**Remember, the weed receives the same power that falls on the wheat to make it grow, makes the weed shout too.** The little old weed stand right up and just as happy as the wheat is (That’s right.), lives by the same life. **And a sinner can stay in the Presence of God, shout the victory, and live like a Christian.** But if there isn’t something different in the heart... He could have the same power to cast out evil spirit. Jesus said so. He can preach the Gospel just as good as any other preacher can do. That’s exactly what; Jesus said so. The Bible teaches it. Yes, sir. “Though I speak with tongue of men and angels, though I give my body to be burned as a sacrifice, I give an my goods to feed the poor, I—I have faith to move mountains, I do all these things, I preach in His Name, I cast out devils in His Name,” he said, “I am nothing.” So he could do it, and “nothing.” Get the idea?” (STRAIT.IS.THE.GATE.title JEFF.IN CH 35-66 59-0301M)

MATTHEW 7:21-23- *“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”*

“Now, what do I do, Brother Branham? Do I shout?” Not necessary. “Do I speak with tongues?” Not necessary. **You can shout and speak with tongues both and still live like a—like a heathen;** you still lust for women; you can still smoke and drink and everything else. I seen people speak with tongues and go right out and pull some of the dirtiest, crookedest deal I ever seen. I seen them shout and cry crocodile tears and would steal a—anything he’d get ahold of. I seen them walk out, and every girl that goes down the street, turn. Uh-huh, that’s one good sign you haven’t got it. That’s right. But, brother, when you’ve passed from death unto Life, all those things become dead, and you’re a new creature in Christ Jesus. If you see something wrong, you’ll pray for it: “God be merciful.” And if you see troubles, instead of going and tattling and trying to make it worse, you’ll try to get to the person and straighten it up and quieten it right quick. That’s the Spirit of God in you. If you make a mistake (You’re subject to them.)... If you make a mistake, you’ll correct it right quick, “Don’t let the sun go down on your wrath.” That’s how you know you passed from death unto Life.” (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.4.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0901E)

I CORINTHIANS 13:1-3- *“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become [as] sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have [the gift of] prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am **nothing**. And though I bestow all my goods to feed [the poor], and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me **nothing**.”*

CHAPTER NINETEEN



There are a few groups today in the End Time Message that propagates the teaching that **your "Old Soul" is Satan**, and that this old soul of yours has to die and be **annihilated** through the process of the New Birth in order for the "New Soul" which according to them, is Christ, to dwell upon you.

This doctrine sounds quite interesting, but do we really have TWO SOULS? Is this teaching really Biblical? Is the soul really annihilated when we are born again? Or is the soul saved, purified and redeemed? If Satan is our soul, can Satan be born again?

Rev. William Branham, the messenger of this age, cautioned us about false teaching. *"No matter how sincere, how educated, how smart, how true it sounds, how reasonable it sounds, if it's contrary to the Word of this hour, God will have nothing to do with it."* (Quote from ANOINTED ONES AT END TIME JEFF.IN V-5 N-3 65-0725M)

SOME SCRIPTURES on the "SOUL" BEING SAVED, PURIFIED, HEALED and REDEEMED:

Looking up the word "SOUL" from my Bible Infobase, it gave me the ff. hits:

1 PETER 1:22 – *"Seeing that YE HAVE **PURIFIED YOUR SOULS** in obeying the TRUTH through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently."*

HEBREWS 10:39 – *"But WE are NOT of them who draw back unto perdition; but of THEM that BELIEVE to the SAVING of the SOUL."*

JAMES 5:20 – *"Let him know, that he which CONVERTETH the SINNER from the ERROR of his way SHALL **SAVE A SOUL FROM DEATH**, and shall hide a multitude of sins."*

JAMES 1:21 – *"Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted Word, WHICH IS ABLE TO **SAVE YOUR SOULS**."*

PSALMS 41:4 – *"I said, LORD, be merciful unto me; **HEAL MY SOUL**, for I have sinned against Thee."*

PSALMS 56:13 - *"For thou hast **DELIVERED my SOUL FROM DEATH**: [wilt] not [thou deliver] my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?"*

EZEKIEL 18:4 – *"The SOUL that SINNETH, it shall DIE..." (but.... Read on to verses 27-28)- "Again, when the wicked man TURNETH AWAY FROM HIS WICKEDNESS that he hath committed HE SHALL **SAVE his SOUL ALIVE**. Because he considereth, and turneth AWAY*

from ALL his TRANSGRESSIONS that he hath committed, **HE SHALL SURELY LIVE, he shall NOT DIE.**”

MARK 8:36,37 - “For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and **lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?**”

It is very evident from these Scriptures that the **SOUL** is purified, healed, redeemed and saved.

SOME KEY POINTS TO CONSIDER

Please consider the succeeding **15-point summary** when studying this strange doctrine of the “**TWO-SOULS**”.

(1) “**TWO SOUL DOCTRINE**” STATES THAT YOUR OLD SOUL MUST BE ANNIHILATED.

TRUE BIBLE TEACHING STATES THAT THE BELIEVER’S SOUL IS ETERNAL. THEREFORE, IT CAN NEVER DIE.

Quotes from Brother Branham:

“But the **MAIN THING**, now, is to **THE SOUL WHICH WILL NEVER DIE**. The body will die, but the **SOUL WILL NEVER DIE**, and we must keep that level with God”. (The Church and Its Condition/pp. 4)

“It is **NOT** this outside see, taste, feel, smell and hear. It isn’t. It’s subject to death and will die. But the **INSIDE PART OF YOU**, down in here, **INSIDE**, that is the **PERSON THAT CANNOT DIE**. See? And that’s the **PERSON** that the **NEW LIFE STARTS FROM**, from this **NEW BIRTH**; and **IT BUILDS ANOTHER PERSON YOU ARE**, around that life. You get it?” (C.O.D. pp. 1114/par 248).

“If you got **Eternal Life** you always was. See?... Anything that was eternal never did begin and cannot end. So you were only in His thinking: your name, who you are, and what you are. That’s the only way you could ever have **Eternal Life**, ‘cause **you always was**.” (WHEN.THEIR.EYES.WERE.OPENED BEAUMONT.TX 64-0312)

“Now, the **SOUL’S REDEEMED**, because **IT WAS IN SIN**. So God **COME DOWN BY PROCESS** of Justification, Sanctification, Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and **REDEEMED YOUR SOUL**.” (The Future Home/pp. 49).

“What did He redeem? **He redeemed your soul from hell**. He redeemed and brought back everything that Adam lost, when he put you in the pawnshop. Jesus Christ, on Calvary was your Kinsman Redeemer that redeemed you from every curse of the devil. **He redeems your soul**.” (REDEMPTION SAN.FERNANDO.CA 55-1119)

“I like the word, “redemption.” “**Redeemed**,” means “**to be brought back, redeemed**.” As I said this morning at the Christian Business Men’s talking on reconciliation, I said, “**Redemption means that the devil put you in the pawnshop, and Jesus come, taken you out**. That’s right.” (REDEMPTION.title SAN.FERNANDO.CA 55-1119)

“In other words, like this. We was put in the **devil’s pawnshop**, and **Jesus paid the price and brought us out**. See? The price was already paid. Now, when

Jesus died at Calvary, He saved every sinner in the world that—or ever would be in the world, as far as God was concerned.” (MANIFESTATION.OF.THE.SPIRIT.title TOLEDO.OH 51-0717)

“**A soul, good or bad, death doesn’t change it**. I had a lot of Scripture wrote down here on this one that I wanted to comment on, what a soul is. **What is a soul? It’s you. You are a soul**. The part inside of you. And when you die, ever what shape that soul’s in, that’s the way it goes. It goes to its destination. You couldn’t pull it up no matter how much you’d do for it; that soul’s got to be changed here, born again. The soul, now remember, good or bad, death doesn’t have one thing to do with it. Death just takes it to its destination. You hear it? And if you still got the world and the love of the world in it, it’ll die with you, ‘cause the world must die. God’s condemned the world; that’s the world order. God has condemned it and it’s got to die. And if that world’s in you, you’ll die with that world. My, I don’t see how it could be any plainer. See? And if it’s good, borned of God, it has to go to God. If it’s of the world, it’ll remain to perish with the world. **If it’s of God, it’ll live with God**, educated or not educated. Educated or illiterate, if the world is still there, it must die. And if the world is in your soul, and your desire is of the things of the world, you’ll perish with the world. That’s clear, isn’t it?” (YOU.MUST.BE.BORN.AGAIN.title JEFF.IN V-11 N-5 61-1231M)

(2) “**TWO SOUL DOCTRINE**” STATES THAT YOUR OLD SOUL IS SATAN.

TRUE BIBLE TEACHING STATES THAT YOU WERE BORN IN THE IMAGE OF GOD AND THAT YOUR SOUL CAME FROM GOD.

“But your souls were made up before the foundation of the world when **God created man in His Own image**: spirit of man; not a man in His Own image, but man in His Own image. See? And then He made them male and female before He ever had a man in the dust of the earth...He moved down into the earth and how that He made man in His image, and then God turned around and was made in the image of man to redeem man.” (DEMONOLOGY.PHYSICAL.REALM_CONNERSVILLE.IN 53-0608A)

“**And Satan is not a creator**. There’s only one Creator. That’s God. Satan perverts what God has created. But as long as you have faith in the Creator, in Him, God brings it back to its right place.” (WE.WOULD.SEE.JESUS.title SPOKANE.WA 62-0712)

“Someone ask me not long ago, said, “Isn’t Satan a creator?” I said, “No, sir. God is the only Creator there is. One Creator is God.” He said, “Well, how did evil ever get here then, if Satan didn’t create it?” I said, “**Evil is not a creation**. Evil... Satan cannot create, but he can pervert what God has created.” See? He’s not a creator. God is the Creator, but Satan perverts what God has created. And God created good, and Satan perverted it to evil”. (WHERE I THINK.PENTECOST.FAILED SAN.FERNANDO.CA 55-1111)

(3) “**TWO SOUL DOCTRINE**” STATES THAT SATAN CREATED THAT OLD SOUL IN YOU.

TRUE BIBLE TEACHING STATES THAT SATAN ONLY PERVERTED MAN’S SOUL BY INJECTING THE SEX BIRTH. SATAN IS NOT A CREATOR.

“Satan perverts what God has made. **And He made you to be a son or daughter to Him, and Satan perverted you (See?)**, “**changed**” your way of thinking, **changed your mind, changed your appetite, changed your desire**.” (FAITH.title PRINCE.ALBERT.SK 56-0815)

“Pervert” means “to be changed over, made something different.” And **deform is the same thing**, that it’s been brought over and deformed, and made in another way. **Yet it’s still the same seed, but it’s deformed.** He (Satan) had power to deform, not transform, but to deform. Now, anything deformed is taken from its original state; there’s something that’s gone wrong with it. And **we are all still in the image of God. But some are so deformed as sons of God, that walk contrary to His Word.** You can see how Satan did this. And watch how cunning he is, and how sly he is. Now, he deformed these seeds. Now, **he could not destroy them; he just deformed them.** Now, we realize that **sin is righteousness perverted.** It’s just... A—a lie is a truth misrepresented. See, anything... A—an adultery is the right act, that God ordained, **just took in the wrong way.** See, anything... And **death is a perversion of life.** Death just takes a (See?)—deforms life.” (GOD’S.POWER.TO.TRANSFORM.PHOENIX.AZ.V-16.N-5.65-0911)

“Now, he has his kind of an Eden; Satan does now. **In these six thousand years he has formed (not created), but deformed God’s whole earth;** his creatures, the animals, interbreeding, hybridizing, trees, plants, human; even to religion, the Bible, church, until he’s got hisself a complete garden of Eden of science, everything moving by science.” (GOD’S.POWER.TO.TRANSFORM.title.PHOENIX.AZ.V-16.N-5.65-0911)

(4) “TWO SOUL DOCTRINE” STATES THAT YOU WERE SATAN BEFORE YOU GOT THE NEW BIRTH. YOUR CHILDREN ARE STILL DEVILS WHEN THEY ARE NOT YET “CONVERTED”.

TRUE BIBLE TEACHING STATES THAT “YOU ARE NOT SATAN”. YOU WERE ONLY USED BY SATAN AS AN INSTRUMENT BEFORE YOU GOT THE NEW BIRTH. YOU JUST HAD SPIRITUAL AMNESIA.

Quotes from Brother Branham:

“Then, you was Satan’s instrument; now you are redeemed. And that’s what the world will be, the same way, redeemed. A new heavens and new earth, just like you—you are a new creature.” (FUTURE.HOME.title.JEFF.IN.V-3.N-5.64-0802)

“Our natural life here we have here is just a **perversion.** It really should be the right Life to begin with. But it’s perverted by the natural birth. The first life or your first union, you were joined in at birth by nature. A natural act, a natural human being associated, man and woman together, associated together in **sexual affair** which brought your first life here, and that’s **associated with sin and death.**” (INVISIBLE.UNION.OF.THE.BRIDE.title.SHP.LA.V-2.N-15.65-1125)

Commentary:

What Satan did was that HE PERVERTED man’s SOUL (singular) through the SEX BIRTH: by injecting his seed into the human race. He used the SERPENT, and through Eve, he introduced the SEXUAL ACT of REPRODUCTION. Eve then introduced the thing to Adam and this is what caused the fall of mankind. It’s not another SOUL now, but a “sinful worldly nature” got hold of every man born of a woman. It said in Job 14:1 that “a man that is born of a woman is of few days, and is full of sorrows...” And also in Romans 3:23- “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” (Jesus Christ not included because He was

God’s own Blood).

(5) “TWO SOUL DOCTRINE” STATES THAT YOUR OLD SOUL IS A SINNER AND IT HAS TO BE DESTROYED.

TRUE BIBLE TEACHING STATES THAT IF YOU ARE A TRUE CHRISTIAN, YOU ARE NEVER A SINNER IN THE SIGHT OF GOD

Quotes from Brother Branham:

“You never sinned in the first place. God don’t even know... It’s in the sea of forgetfulness. **You never did it.** You were accused of it by the accuser; but really from the beginning you were predestinated to be a son or daughter of God. You’re standing there washed, and your old book of divorcement’s put away and is dead, absolutely out of existence even in the mind of God. You are the virtuous Bride of Christ, washed in the Blood of Christ: precious, virtuous, sinless, Son of God standing with a pure, unadulterated Bride Word that He washed by the Water of His own Blood that become flesh and manifested that He might take you, which were predestinated in the bosom of the Father before the beginning, the same as He was.” (INVISIBLE.UNION.OF.THE.BRIDE.title.SHP.LA.V-2.N-15.65-1125)

“How did you come to do this? You were deceived into it by your first marriage—to your adulteress parent Eve. **It’s no fault of your own.** By your natural birth, you come after Eve, who committed adultery. That’s the reason you was born an adulterous. You were a sinner to begin with. That’s right. **You was deceived into it.** You had no... No, it ain’t your fault. **You never did it, because that little Germ that was in you, was to be you before the foundation of the world.** God put your name in the Lamb’s Book of Life. You are the pure, virtuous, sinless Bride of the Son of the living God. Every man and woman that’s born of the Spirit of God, and washed in the Blood of Jesus Christ, and believes every Word of God, stands as though you never sinned at the first place. **You’re perfect.** (INVISIBLE.UNION.OF.THE.BRIDE.SHP.LA.V-2.N-15.65-1125)

(6) “TWO SOUL DOCTRINE” STATES THAT THE WORD “NATURE” IS SYNONYMOUS TO THE WORD “SOUL”. “TWO NATURES” TO THEM THEREFORE MEANS “TWO SOULS”.

TRUE BIBLE TEACHING TEACHES US THAT OUR “ONE SOUL” HAS TWO NATURES: (a) THE OLD NATURE and THE (b) NEW NATURE.

WEBSTER defines the word “NATURE” as “*the CHARACTER, the constitution, or ESSENTIAL TRAITS of a PERSON, being, thing, or class.*” The word “Nature” therefore, is a **trait or characteristic** of the Soul, **not** the “Soul” itself.

Here’s where the controversy started, from misplacing the word “two natures” and equating it to “two souls” -C.O.D. pp. 676/ par 159:

“First, YOU were mean, and evil and hatred, and malice and strife; NOW, you’re loving, sweet, kind, and ... see the difference? It’s YOUR “NATURE”. We could... I’ll call it that. It’s your **SOUL** that’s BEEN CHANGED. The **OLD soul** died, and the **NEW soul** which is the “NEW NATURE” was borned into YOU. See?”

Brother Branham himself said that he had TWO NATURES IN THE SAME BODY AT THE SAME TIME. Did he mean TWO SOULS? NO.

Quote from Brother Branham:

“Because I was born of Charles and Ella Branham. In their nature I was a sinner; I came to the world, a liar, and all the habits of the world laid right in me. **But DOWN in there TOO, was ANOTHER nature present** (See?), **predestinated**, was in there BY GOD. **IN this SAME BODY (See?) TWO NATURES in there.** Well, I only catered to one. As it growed, I gooded as a baby, “Da-da.” First thing you know, I become a liar, become everything else that’s a sinner, because I raised up that way. **BUT DOWN IN THERE was a little speck of LIFE ALL THE TIME.**” (COMMUNION.title TUCSON.AZ V-8 N-4 65-1212)

Commentary1: Brother Branham himself said that in his BODY there were TWO NATURES at the SAME TIME. This does not mean that Brother Branham had TWO SOULS. What he meant is that in his soul there were TWO NATURES – (1) an old worldly nature by sex birth (which has to die and rot and be annihilated), so that the new nature (which is the speck of LIFE or the SEED of PREDESTINATION of God in him) could live and manifest through the process of the New Birth.

Commentary2: “OLD SOUL” here refers to the “OLD CONDITION” of the SOUL while “NEW SOUL” here refers to the “NEW CONDITION” of the SOUL. It’s Not ONE PLUS ONE equals “TWO SOULS”, that is wrong teaching and wrong understanding of English context. Brother Branham also called “soul changing as “regeneration”, or “passing from one form to another”, not annihilation. It was the SIN that was annihilated from the SOUL, that OLD NATURE, but NOT the SOUL itself.

More Quotes:

“The Bible said that if that SOUL WON’T DO as He did said do, He will even destroy that soul. BUT you see, HE CAN’T DESTROY HIMSELF and REMAIN GOD. So if that SOUL is of the world, it has to be destroyed. **BUT IF IT’S ETERNAL WITH GOD, IT NEVER DID BEGIN** because it’s part of God; **IT CAN NEVER BE DESTROYED.** AMEN! The Church ought to see that!” (The Future Home/pp. 41)

“The NATURE of your SOUL is—is God, IF you’re BORN AGAIN. IF it’s NOT, it’s of the world.” (SOULS.IN.PRISON.NOW.JEFF.IN.V-2 N-22 63-1110M)

(7) THE MESSAGE TELLS US THAT “TWO NATURES” REALLY REFER TO A “PERVERTED YOU” (Old Nature) AND THE “REAL YOU” (New Nature). The “REAL YOU” CAN NEVER DIE NOR BE ANNIHILATED. It’s the “SEED GENE” of God in YOU. IT only had a “SPIRITUAL AMNESIA”

Quotes from Brother Branham:

“So we find out when this spiritual amnesia get ahold of the people, then they are—they’re in a bad condition. Now, we find the same now. Now, I want to... You must be identified. Somewhere you must show, your life shows, tonight, where you are identified. **You are identified either in Christ or out of Christ.** You are not halfway. There’s no such a thing as a drunk sober man. There’s no black white bird. You’re either a saved, or you’re not saved. You’re a saint or a sinner, one or the other. And your spiritual attitude towards God’s Word identifies you, exactly where you’re standing.” (SPIRITUAL.AMNESIA.title BIRMINGHAM.AL 64-0411)

“Don’t get spiritual amnesia, ‘cause you will—you’ll identify yourself with something else. Stay right with that Word. You must be identified with St. John the 14th chapter, the 12th verse, “He that believeth with Me, the works that I do shall he do also.” **Don’t forget it. If you do, then you’ve got spiritual amnesia. You’ve forgotten who you are.**”

(SPIRITUAL.AMNESIA.title BIRMINGHAM.AL 64-0411)

(8) THE OLD “NATURE” ACTUALLY REFERS TO THE “WORKS OF THE FLESH”, NOT TO ANOTHER “SOUL”

ROMANS 8:13- “For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.”

COLOSSIANS 3:5-10- “Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things’ sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new [man], which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.”

“MORTIFY” IN THE Greek Lexicon means the following:

2289 **thanatoo** {than-at-o'-o} from 2288; TDNT — 3:7,312; vb Meaning: — **put to death** (4); **cause to be put to death** (3)— **kill** (2); become dead (1) **mortify** -- 1) to put to death; 2a) to make to die i.e. destroy, render extinct; 2b) by death to be liberated from the bond of anything, literally to be made dead in relation to (something)

This “New Birth”, therefore, means DEATH to the “old” worldly unbelieving condition of the SOUL, and LIFE to the “new” condition of the SOUL (which is the eternal SEED of God – always present in a true son or daughter of God.

9. THE “OLD NATURE” WILL STILL BOTHER YOU AS LONG AS YOU LIVE. (That’s why it has to die, NOT the SOUL itself.)

Quotes about the “Old nature”:

“And as long as you’re in this life, you’re going to be sticky and have a “carnal nature” that’s going to bother you as long as you live; but the inside of you, you’re borned again.” (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN.COD 64-0830E)

“You’ll make mistakes; you’ll fall; you’ll willfully do wrong. You’ll go out sometime and do things; **that don’t mean that you’re lost; that means that you’re going to get correction.** My little boy, lots of times... My children will do things, your does too, that you—they know that’s against your—your rules. And they know what to expect when they do it: they’re going to get a whipping for it, sometimes a good one. But it’s still your child, certainly. It’s impossible for that man to ever be gone again, that’s once been born of Eternal Life. God’s not a Indian giver. “He that heareth My Words, and believeth on Him that sent Me, has Everlasting Life and shall never come to the judgment, but’s passed from death unto Life. And I’ll raise him up at the last days.” That’s God’s promise.” (HEBREWS CHAPTER 6.AND.7; JEFF.IN.HEB 57-0915M)

“Somebody told me he had one, one time was converted, received the Holy Ghost, and he said to him, “How you getting along?”

He said, “Pretty good and pretty bad.”

He said, “Well, how do you mean pretty bad and pretty good?”

He said, “Well, since me receive the Holy Ghost,” he said, “there’s been two dogs in me, and one of them a black dog and one of them a white dog.” And said, “They argue all the time.” Said, “They growl and fight at one another.” And said, “The white dog wants me do good; the black dog wants me do bad.”

Said, “Well, Chief, which one of them wins the fight?”

Said, “That depends on which one Chief feeds the most.” So I think that’s a good answer here. See? There just depends on the warring of the body that’s in you; it depends on which one you cater to, which nature you cater to, the carnal nature after the things of the world, or the spiritual nature after the things of God. That does it.”

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0830E

Apostle Paul, in the following verses, taught us of the “warring between the “old nature” and the “new nature” in us. This is a holy man talking, not an unbeliever, yet he is still continually undergoing a struggle between “flesh” and “spirit”

ROMANS 7:14-25- *“For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that [it is] good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but [how] to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.”*

(10) TRUE “SOUL CHANGE” means “PASSING FROM ONE FORM TO ANOTHER”; NOT REPLACEMENT.

Brother Branham compared and typed the EARTH to the SOUL. The EARTH, just like the SOUL, will be REDEEMED (not REPLACED) by God through the three stages of salvation – WATER BAPTISM (Noah’s time), BLOOD SANCTIFICATION (Jesus’ time), AND BAPTISM OF FIRE OF THE HOLY GHOST (Armageddon/Gog and Magog time).

The earth, just like the SOUL, will be cleansed and purified by FIRE but not replaced and annihilated. The “NEW heaven and earth” will be established on this SAME EARTH (same soul) using the same structure. The EARTH was baptized with water in the days of NOAH. It was sanctified by the shed BLOOD of Jesus at Calvary. And it will finally be burned out with Holy Fire during the Battle of Armageddon, to prepare itself for the King and Queen of Heaven to live in it during the Millennium.

Quotes from Brother Branham:

“Jesus said, “Heavens and earth shall PASS AWAY”, in other words, HEAVENS and EARTH SHALL BE “CHANGED”; used that SAME WORD again. **NO, NOT**

ANNIHILATED, for later in Revelations 21:2-24, He seen the NEW JERUSALEM coming down from God out of heaven and SITTING UPON THIS EARTH. It doesn’t mean it’ll be ANNIHILATED. **The SYSTEMS’LL BE CHANGED.**” (The Future Home/pp. 28)

“**It DOES NOT MEAN ANNIHILATION.** The word here DOES NOT MEAN “PASS AWAY”; **It means “PASSING FROM ONE FORM TO ANOTHER”.** Look, but to PASS FROM ONE CONDITION, it says, TO ANOTHER... that MAN is PASSED FROM A SINNER TO SAINT, NOT completely ANNIHILATED. When a man is CHANGED, HE ISN’T ANNIHILATED, but he’s a CHANGED PERSON. **He’s been CHANGED from what HE WAS to what He IS, NOT ANNIHILATED.**” (The Future Home/pp. 27-28)

“God didn’t say He’s going to raise up a NEW generation; He’s going to REDEEM the ONE that’s ALREADY HERE. He ain’t going to make NO NEW WORLD, it’s THIS ONE RIGHT HERE; He’s just going to BURN IT OFF, CLEANSE IT, LIKE HE DID “YOU”. (The Future Home/pp. 43)

“**He’s NEVER CHANGED IT: SALVATION : He justified him and sanctified him, sent the Holy Ghost and Fire and BURNT the SIN OUT OF HIM and dwelt in him Himself. HE DOES the EARTH the SAME WAY.** It repented and was baptized in WATER in it – by NOAH. JESUS came and sanctified it by dipping His Blood upon it and claimed it. And in the NEW earth that is to come, it’s to have a HOLY FIRE BAPTISM to CLEAN IT OF every DEVIL, every germ, every sickness, everything that there is and MAKE IT NEW! “I saw a NEW HEAVEN and a NEW EARTH.” You become a NEW PERSON! Amen! NOT just an OLD one patched up by joining church or trying to turn a new page, **BUT YOU ARE a complete BRAND NEW UNIT!**” (The Future Home/pp. 23)

“You’re THE SAME MAN in statue that you was when God called you – same woman, but when you see what it did – **it was a REGENERATION: the OLD LIFE “PASSED AWAY”; the OLD desires “PASSED AWAY”** ... Then, you was Satan’s instrument; NOW, you are REDEEMED! And that’s what the WORLD what will be, THE SAME WAY, REDEEMED! A NEW Heavens, and a NEW earth, JUST LIKE “YOU” – YOU are a NEW creature.” (The Future Home/pp. 29)

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(11) THE “CONTROL TOWER” IS NOT THE ONE THAT’S REPLACED, BUT THE ONE WHO CONTROLS IT

IT’S EITHER GOD or SATAN which CONTROLS THE “SOUL” of a man. REPLACEMENT, therefore, CAN ONLY BE APPLIED TO THE ONE WHO CONTROLS THE “CONTROL TOWER”, BUT NOT TO THE TOWER itself WHICH IS THE “SOUL”. REPLACEMENT OF SOUL, therefore, is not a Biblical Doctrine. The New Birth just replaces the controlling POWER of Satan in your soul. God’s controlling power takes over.

Quotes from Brother Branham:

“**God stays on the control tower in your heart**, controls your emotions, controls your faith, controls all you are. When God comes into the heart, He takes over.” (ABRAHAM’S.SEED.title SAN.JOSE.CA 59-0423)

“Now, what is a man? He’s a triune being: body, soul, and spirit. How many knows that? Watch God’s approach. What is his heart? You remember my message, “God Chose a Man’s Heart for His Control Tower?” **The Devil chose his head for his control tower.** See? He makes him see things, look through his eyes. But yet God in his heart makes him believe things that he cannot see. See? See, God is on his heart; in **the heart of man is the throne of God.**” (REV.CHAP.4.PT.2.24.ELDERS.title JEFF.IN ROJC 585-643 61-0101)

“Now, here is a **human heart**. Now, I’m not... I’m a long ways from being an artist. See? Here is a human heart, and here is a human heart. Now, this one over here has a **snake** in it; that’s **sin**. Here he has is life. This one over here has a **Dove** in it, which is the **Holy Spirit**. Here he has a life. Well, this one here he has malice, hatred, envy. That’s what’s causing it: this fellow here. Well, this one over here has love, and joy, and long-suffering, and that’s what does it down here.” (FUTURE.HOME.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-5 64-0802)

“Satan took the eye, a man’s head, to control him by his head. God took his heart. Man’s always trying to achieve something by his head. He’s supposed to achieve, but by his heart. That’s the control tower where God controls him, and directs his thoughts, directs his walks, directs his emotions.” (LOOKING.AT.THE.UNSEEN.title LA.CA 59-0410)

COMMENTARY- “The SOUL is the NATURE of the SPIRIT”, as it was said. This is very true. It means that whatever attitude your spirit is manifesting outside, it reflects what you are in your SOUL inside. The “nature of your spirit” reflects whether you are a son of God or not in your SOUL. It shows what kind of “control tower” you have. It implies that “By their FRUIT you shall know them”. The fruits of the spirit is love, faith, patience, longsuffering, etc. These reflects the nature of the individual, whether His soul is of God or is of the world.

(12) “SOUL CHANGE” REFERS TO “RESURRECTION”, BUT NOT “REPLACEMENT”

The prophet clarified that Christianity is based upon resurrection, and not replacement. The ONE SOUL that died in its old condition is brought to LIFE anew manifesting the LIFE of CHRIST which is the “Real YOU”. This brings us to the real meaning of REDEMPTION, which means “to take back what was lost”. Let’s read this quote from the prophet:

“Now, I believe in resurrection. Christianity believes in resurrection. The whole thing’s based on resurrection.... If this Bible falls from the platform down to the table, and to take another Bible and put in its place, that’s not resurrection, that’s replacement. Resurrection is bringing the same Bible up that went down. **And resurrection’s bringing the same person up that went down.**” (YE.MUST.BE.BORN.AGAIN.title GREENVILLE.SC 58-0619B)

“**Christianity is based upon the resurrection, not replacement.** If I dropped this handkerchief on the floor and picked up another one and put in its place, that’s replacement. Christianity is resurrection. The same Jesus that went down, the same Jesus, went up.” (FROM.THE.BEGINNING.IT.WASN’T.SO.title SAN.JOSE.CA 59-1125)

THE DEATH OF JESUS typed our “SOUL CHANGE”. Jesus was made SIN,

DIED for our sins and was RESURRECTED to LIFE ANEW AGAIN.

“**God became a sinner, taking our sins. Jesus became me, that I might become Him.** The innocent Lamb of God, He knowed no sin, became a sinner, that I might be made adopted son of God. Amen. There’s the picture of true redemption.” (GOD’S.SERVANT.JOB.title PHOENIX.AZ 55-0223)

“**God became a sinner, took our sins upon Him, knowing no sins, yet was a sinner because our sins was placed upon Him,** that we... He become me, that I might become Him. See? He become a sinner that I might become a son of God. He become a sinner, that you might become a son of God.” (KINSMAN.REDEEMER.title JEFF.IN V-6 N-8 60-1002)

(13) “TWO SOUL DOCTRINE” STATES THAT THE VERSE “THE SOUL THAT SINNETH, IT SHALL DIE” APPLIES TO BELIEVERS.

TRUE BIBLE TEACHING APPLIES THIS VERSE - “THE SOUL THAT SINNETH, IT SHALL DIE” (Ezekiel 18:4) to UNBELIEVERS, and NOT to the REAL BELIEVERS. Sin is UNBELIEF. BELIEVERS DON’T COMMIT SIN.

The succeeding quote is quite misinterpreted by many and is misused to mean that Satan is your old soul. In this quote, Brother Branham declared a basis that “a man that has Eternal Life can never die.” **Soul annihilation here is only applicable to people’s souls that sinneth (disbelieve) and are to be completely annihilated, along with Satan, after the Judgment Day.** We must NOT misplace nor dislocate this quote:

“And there was a requirement for sin. The requirement was death. Death was the penalty, and that is... We could go into great details of this, because I do not believe that there is but one death. There is one life. And **I believe a man that has Eternal Life can never die, and I believe there is a complete annihilation of that soul that sins,** for the Bible said, “The soul that sinneth, it shall surely die,” not the man, the soul that sinneth. **So Satan must surely die to be completely destroyed.** How I disagree with the universalist that say that Satan will be saved. He sinned, and he’s the originator of sin. And his soul sinned and he was a spirit. That spirit shall be totally annihilated to be nothing left of it.” (THAT.DAY.ON.CALVARY.title JEFF.IN V-2 N-5 60-0925)

(14) “TWO SOUL DOCTRINE” STATES THAT YOUR OLD SOUL MUST BE ANNIHILATED.

TRUE BIBLE TEACHING STATES THAT THERE’S NO SOUL ANNIHILATION TODAY. NO, NOT YET.

FOR A TRUTH, there’s no such thing as “soul annihilation” today. This thing will be DONE after the White Throne Judgment. Even the souls of the wicked are still ALIVE today and are imprisoned in the **5th Dimension**, waiting for their final allotted time of judgment. If the souls of the wicked are not yet annihilated today, how much more can a Christian’s soul be annihilated when it is eternal? Final annihilation is the second death, as the Bible verses below tell us:

REVELATION 20:14- 15: “*This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*”

REVELATION 20:10- "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet [are], and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."

COMMENTARY- This TEACHING on SOUL ANNIHILATION, therefore, is an ERROR. What is annihilated in US is the SIN, the "old nature", the "old condition" of the SOUL, NOT the SOUL itself. The SOUL of the Bride is eternal, can never die as God can't die. And the SOUL of the UNBELIEVERS will still be annihilated after they are TORMENTED in HELL with the DEVIL. This is still a FUTURE EVENT. There is NO SOUL ANNIHILATION TODAY. The Scripture even says that a TRUE Christian is living in TWO CONDITIONS: (1) He/she is **DEAD** in Sin (Old Soul application), yet at the same time, **ALIVE** in CHRIST JESUS (New Soul application).

(15)- OLD NATURE VERSUS NEW NATURE

THE "OLD NATURE" Refers to "FLESHLY DESIRES" WHILE the "NEW NATURE" refers to the "SPIRITUAL WALK" of a Christian Believer.

GALATIANS 5:16-25- "[This] I say then, **Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the FLESH (OLD NATURE) are manifest, which are [these]; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told [you] in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the Fruit of the Spirit (NEW NATURE) is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.**"

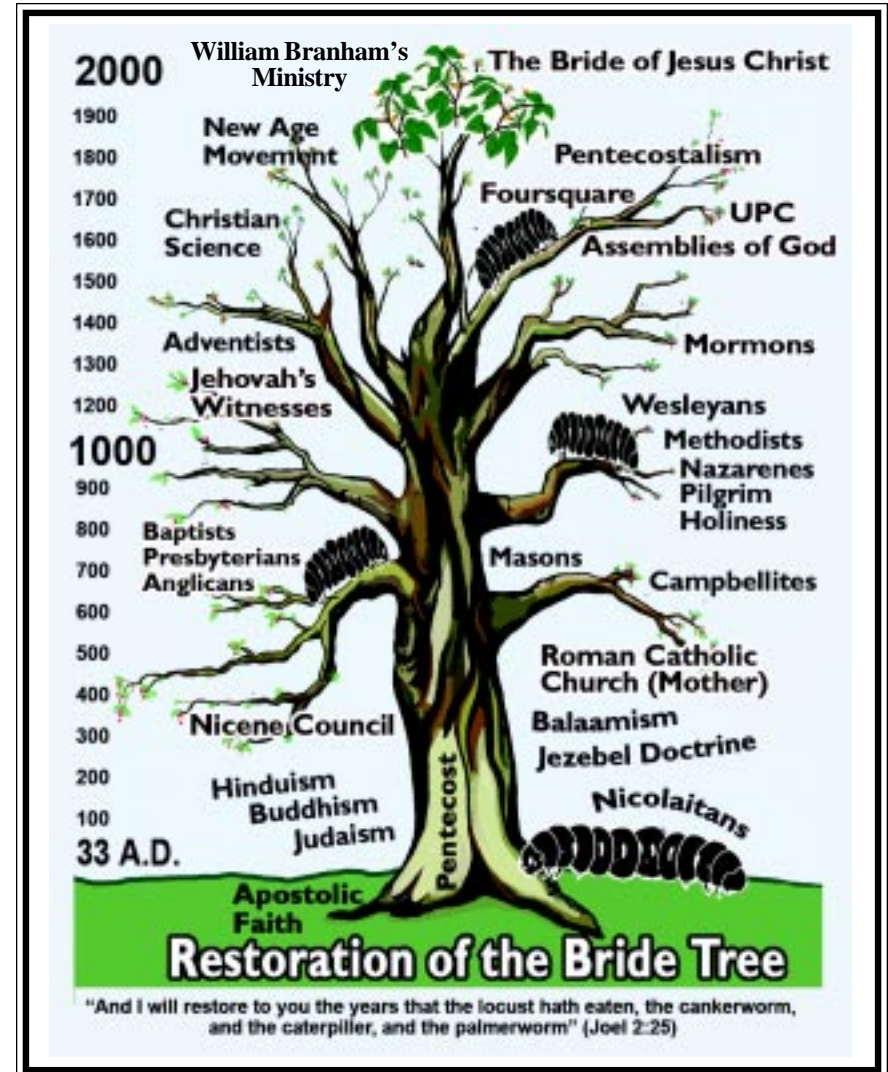
ROMANS 8:1-14 - "[There is] therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded [is] death; but to be spiritually minded [is] life and peace. Because the carnal mind [is] enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ [be] in you, the body [is] dead because of sin; but the Spirit [is] life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

EZEKIEL 36:26-27 - "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you

an **heart of flesh.** And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do [them]".

CONCLUSION:

Let us then be true and faithful to the pure and unadulterated Word of the Hour, saying only what the prophet have said. God will not accept any new added revelations, especially revelation that's contrary to God's Word. May God help us, to discern between truth and plain intellectual conceptions of man, is my sincere prayer.





The Truth About the Mark Of The Beast

The Bible forewarns us of an oncoming apostasy wherein all people of the world will be forced to take a stand. It is prophesied that there will come a global deception to be perpetrated by an AntiChrist system which in turn will control and maneuver the finances of the world through an international treaty with all of the world's religions.

One needs to have a spiritual mind in order for him to discern the alluring tactics of this damnable heresy. The Bible said that this antiChrist system will not be something that will go against Christianity but, "it will be so close to the truth that it would deceive the very elect if it were possible" (Matt. 24:24).

LET NO MAN DECEIVE YOU

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II Thessalonians 2:3-4 warns us of this, saying, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first and that MAN of SIN be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God..."

A true Christian will agree that "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, (and) for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (11 Tim. 3:16). Jesus said, "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life: they are they which testify of Me" (John 5:39). Let us therefore, study thoroughly the scriptural foundation of this AntiChrist system, in order to trace its very root and origin.

THE SPOKEN WORD IS THE ORIGINAL SEED

When God first set the human race on the earth, He told them to live by His Word. Just to break one Word, Eve did it, plunge the whole human race into a darkness of death.

Satan, the serpent, beguiled her into believing his reasoning against what God has already told her. Eve disbelieved God even when God said: "But of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it, for in the day that thou eatest thereof, THOU SHALT SURELY DIE." (Gen. 2:17).

The serpent twisted that Word, saying "Yea, hath not God said, ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden: And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall NOT surely die, for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3). Clearly take note that it was the SERPENT who first PERVERTED the Word of God and MADE IT SAY SOMETHING IT DID NOT MEAN. That was the very first PERVERSION - that misconstruing of the Word.

Jesus came in the middle of the Bible, and said that, "MAN shall not live by bread alone, but BY EVERY WORD that proceedeth out of the mouth of God". Not just a part, or ninety-nine percent, but by every WORD we must live. He even said that, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but MY WORD shall never pass away". In fact, HE HIMSELF, IS THAT WORD. For "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the WORD WAS GOD, and the WORD was MADE FLESH and dwelt amongst us." God's BIBLE, therefore, is the PRINTED FORM of the Son of God.

ANTI-WORD MEANS ANTI-CHRIST

Anything that is CONTRARY to the WORD is therefore, contrary to Christ, for CHRIST is the WORD. Any doctrine, creed, or dogma of any church, that teaches contrary to what the WORD teaches, is therefore, FALSE TEACHING. To be Anti-WORD is to be potentially ANTI-CHRIST. Though this may seem to be a crude remark, but the Scriptures say that any word in the Bible that's rejected, or any self-interpretation ADDED to it, is absolutely rejecting and committing spiritual adultery against God which is your Husband. For God has solemnly declared, "Let every man's word be a lie, and my Word be the Truth" (Romans 3:3).

And at the ending of the Bible, the same warning was reminded of us by the angel of God saying, "Whosoever shall take one word out of this Book or ADD one word to it, his part will be taken from the Book of Life" (Revelations 22:18). Thus, man is obligated by God to live by every Word that He has allotted to every age. This has to be borne in mind, for that is His absolute requirement.

Jesus said, "Remember Lot's wife" (Luke 17:32). And Lot's wife, (If the Word is not that important), on a little insignificant thing as to turn and look back to Sodom, but Lot's wife turned into a pillar of SALT, because of disobedience. God does not speak a word without Him meaning it to be so.

About 700 years even before Mary had the child Jesus, God had already spoken it through His prophet saying, "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His Name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14). And that Word came to pass because it was the God's WORD regardless if it took almost 800 years before that Word got hold of Mary.

The advent of John the Baptist came in the same way. God said that "He was the voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord!" (Isa. 40:3). Even so, the coming of Christ was spoken of God in the Old Testament, saying, "For unto us a Son is given, unto us a Child is born, and His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Prince of Peace, Mighty God the everlasting Father" (Isa. 9:6). Every WORD of God happened as they were SPOKEN of God.

You see, we are without excuse, no matter how small or insignificant that WORD is, that same word will be fulfilled and will judge us in the day of judgment, whether we believed it or not. James 2:10 says, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." Obedience to the WORD, therefore, is better than sacrifice".

THE DENOMINATIONS: MAN-MADE SYSTEMS OF WORSHIP

Witnessing today's alarming growth of religious sects, churches, and

denominations, many a-sincere individuals are quite confused as to which really of these organizations embraces the whole truth of God's salvation. Nearly every denomination today claims to have the truth, and that they are of God, yet each one greatly differs in doctrines and principles from each other as far as basic key truth of the Scriptures is concerned.

People today say, "Oh, you have to belong to this or that, a sect, a religion, or a denomination. If your name is not on our book, you are lost." This is nonsense. It's a cult that says that. God never saved man on the basis of becoming a member of an organization, but on the basis of election through faith in the WORD. He "*Who had saved us and called us with an holy calling, NOT ACCORDING TO OUR WORKS, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began*" (11 Tim. 1:9).

God does not call His people by an organization. He calls them as individuals - whether you are a Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, Protestant, or what you are. Before the foundation of the world, God knew you, and predestinated you - either to eternal life or to eternal damnation.

SALVATION IS AN INDIVIDUAL AFFAIR WITH GOD

Salvation is an individual affair between every person and God. Each human individual is a unit, and you will never go to heaven as a denomination or as an organized church. You have to answer by yourself at the day of judgment. God did not save you because you are a Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, Protestant or whatever "brand" you have got "tagged" on you. That doesn't make any difference to God. But He saved you on the basis of His elective Love.

Ephesians 1:4-11 says this: "*According as He hath CHOSEN us IN HIM before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love; having PREDESTINATED US unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will.*" Romans 8:30 declares: "*Moreover, whom He did PREDESTINATE, them He also called: and whom He CALLED, them He also justified; and whom He JUSTIFIED, them He also GLORIFIED* (past tense). And God sent Jesus Christ to redeem these people alone, and not the whole world.

THE BIRTH OF DENOMINATIONS

So, have we ever asked ourselves where have all these denominations came from? Do take note that the DENOMINATION came from the Catholic Church. She is the Mother of all denominations and each denomination has come right down from her.

Authentic historical records show that the Catholic Church was the very first ORGANIZED religion founded by Constantine of Hippo in 325 A.D. in Rome. But history reveals that TRUE CHRISTIANITY never started in Rome. It originated from JERUSALEM on the Day of Pentecost (33 A.D.) when the Holy Ghost came down in tongues of Fire to indwell every true believer, which wrought them power, miracles and supernatural wonders.

The SECOND organization, according to history, was the LUTHERANS, when Martin Luther protested the Catholic Church in 1517 A.D. and his followers organized his teachings after Luther was gone. Then after that came ZWINGLI. It came down through CALVIN, and from that came the ANGLICANS, and from the Anglicans down into the METHODISTS. Out of the Methodists came the CAMPBELLITES, then came John Smith, then the CHURCH OF CHRIST. Then came the BAPTIST CHURCH which had lots of pull-outs : the

Southern, The Northern, The Trinity, the Bible Baptist, and all the Baptist churches there is now.

And out of the Methodist came also the WESLEYAN Methodist, and broke-off again into the FREE METHODIST. And from that split came the NAZARENES, and from the Nazarenes to the PILGRIM HOLINESS, and on down. They finally wound up to the PENTECOSTALS. And what did the Pentecostals do? The same thing that her Mommy did, she went back into an ORGANIZED RELIGION - into the ASSEMBLIES OF GOD, The CHURCH OF GOD, the APOSTOLIC ONENESS, the FOURSQUARES, and all the other charismatic splinter groups. Today, there are over 3,000 denominations all over the world - ALL of them organized, ALL having their OWN INTERPRETATIONS of the Bible, ALL claiming originality of the Word, fussing, proselyting and debating with one another.

ALL CANNOT BE RIGHT

What is it, therefore, that these denominations are based upon? It is the claim to originality, and that they are of God, and the claim that their doctrines are right. ALL CANNOT BE RIGHT; IN FACT, NOT ONE OF THEM IS RIGHT. They say they are right because they are the one saying it, but saying it does not make it so. The churches have changed to a powerless group of people whose only weapon is argument. She could produce nothing in the Spirit, for her hopes are built on programs and not on faith in the Word. Where is the power that Jesus has promised for the church in Mark 16:17,18, that says, "These SIGNS shall FOLLOW them that BELIEVE, In My Name, they shall cast out devils, they shall speak with new tongues; if they take up serpents and drink deadly things, it won't harm them. And if they lay hands on the sick, they shall recover." It's not there, for there is something wrong somewhere.

The Spirit is not active in any denomination. It's not interested in making organization, because the Spirit Itself is contrary to the organization. The organizations are looking for worldly things, the mind of the world, and they make big temples and polished things, and great polished organizations, and polished preachers, and so forth like that, and the best class in the city. How can the Spirit work in an organization when it's denying, taking creeds instead of the Word? Membership is what matters today with the denominations. Big membership, big Sunday school classes, pay prizes for somebody can proselyte and bring somebody else from some other church over, see who's got the most.

RELIGION : A BIG BUSINESS

Do you know that religion today is known as big business? It is an absolute fact that they are placing business managers in the churches to take care of finances. There are radio programs, television programs, and numerous church endeavors that are costing millions and millions of dollars. Wealth pours and pours into the church, the membership increases along with the money, yet the work is not being done as it was done when there was no money, but men rested solely on the ability given them by the Holy Ghost. There are paid preachers, paid assistants, paid ministers of music and education, paid choirs, paid custodians, programs, and entertainment—all costing great sums, but for all that, the power is decreasing. Yes, the church is rich, but the power is not there. God moves by His Spirit, not by the amount of money or talent in the church.

GOD IS NOT AN AUTHOR OF CONFUSION

Denominations are NOT of God. They have never been and never will be. Denominations have caused a separation of brotherhood through their doctrinal differences,

and thus, it has been a system that God is not pleased with. God is not the author of denomination because denomination is CONFUSION, and God is not an author of confusion. Denominations simply SOW discord among brethren, and God never recognizes anyone of them as His own. Nothing types denomination in the Scripture but the TOWER of BABEL, where God confounded them of their follies. They have turned away from the perfect will of God by adding their own man-made dogmas, creeds and doctrines, and let their members live by it, though they be CONTRARY to the Word of God.

Where can you find the "Vicar of Christ" in the Word? Where do you find a "Purgatory"? Where do you find a "Mass"? Where do you find "Paying money to get out of hell"? They are not in the Bible. They are man-made hybrid teachings. The Bible also says that only Jesus Christ is the MEDIATOR between God and man; but here now they have made Mary as a "mediatrix". Did Mary die for us? They also say that Peter was the first "pope". That is a lie. The Bible says that Peter was married and had a wife, therefore, he can never be a "pope". Matthew 8:14 states, "And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever."

THESE TEACHINGS ARE NOT IN THE WORD. The perverting spirit of the serpent has again made all denominations write their own MANUALS and teach their creeds, set up their offices and church governments, and then claim that she, and she alone, truly speaks for God, as she is best qualified, according to each and every one of them. That's what the denominations have done. In organizing, they separate themselves from the Word (as did Eve) and bring themselves into SPIRITUAL ADULTERY. She, the church, has accepted again Satan's wisdom instead of the pure Word of God.

TRADITIONS, CREEDS AND DOGMAS

DEATH came by crossbreeding, crossbreeding God's Word with dogmas and creed.

Jesus rebuked the Pharisees for the very same thing saying, "By your traditions, you have made the Word of God of none effect to the people" (Matt. 15:6). "But IN VAIN do they worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Matt. 15:9).

Any person who is in the organized denominations is right in the midst of an AntiChrist system. Yes, that is true.

Let it be known that we are not criticizing nor calling the "people" in the denominations 'antichrist', but rather we are referring to the "SYSTEM of organized religion" that binds these people. It is not the people that's wrong; but it's those systems that they are in, that's damning them.

Honest and sincere people are Catholics, Protestants, Jewish, and whatmore -

they are human beings who are trying their best to get closer to God. (A nun doesn't enter the convent to become a bad woman). But the system pollutes them into disbelieving the Bible and accepting man-made dogmas instead of the Word.

Jesus was not against the people. He even died for them. But He was against those SYSTEMS that was keeping them away from Him - Phariseeism, Saduceeism, etc. This Message might disagree with your organization, but not you. God loves all people, they're all human beings whom Christ died for. But He disagrees with that system that's keeping you bound down by creeds and dogmas. The world was not against the German people during Hitler's reign in World War 11, but we were against Nazism. Fascism, Communism, Atheism, and all man-made systems like these which bring people away from God - that's what we are against.

We are not asking people to "join" this church or that church - but to join yourself, by repentance and by a New Birth to Jesus Christ, the Word. There's no church on earth that can save you. Jesus did that already for you at the Cross of Calvary.

We never heard of Jesus teaching us that the Catholic is the "Way", nor the Protestant is the "Truth", neither did He say that the Pentecostal is the "Life".

You see, He said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No man can come to the Father except by Me." We all must point people to Jesus Christ for their salvation, not to any group, man or organization. Dare anyone or any group take away that glory from Jesus Christ.

"Where two or three are gathered in My name, I am in the midst of them," - that's the minimum "member-count" that Jesus required for His presence to be felt in the church. "Two or three" (not hundreds or thousands) who are gathered in His Name can make the presence of Christ a reality in their midst.

He said, "Fear not LITTLE flock, for it's your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Truly, "Strait is the gate and narrow is the way that leadeth unto life but FEW there'll be that find it." Christ is not a dogma or a denomination. Christ is neither in the majority, but rather in the minority. "As it was in the days of Noah (where only 8 people were saved from the flood) and as it was in the days of Sodom (wherein 3 souls were saved from the fire of God), SO SHALL IT BE IN THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN! (Matthew 24)

Christ is the Word, the pure unleavened Word of God. Besides any teaching, therefore, let it be Catholic, Protestant, Baptist, Methodist, Adventist, Pentecostal, let it be whatever it may be, that don't stay letter by letter with the BIBLE — is absolutely WRONG. It's "Thus saith the Scriptures, the WORD of God."

THE NEW WORLD ORDER: GLOBAL SYSTEM OF RELIGION

Be wary of this: There will come a great denominational gathering pretty soon wherein ALL denominational religions of the world will have a UNION of CHURCHES, and all denominations will be forced into its membership.

In the next few years, ALL organized religion will confederate themselves into a great big ECUMENICAL COUNCIL which will decide worldwide leadership and will control the finances of the world. For the church system of the Roman Catholic Church and her



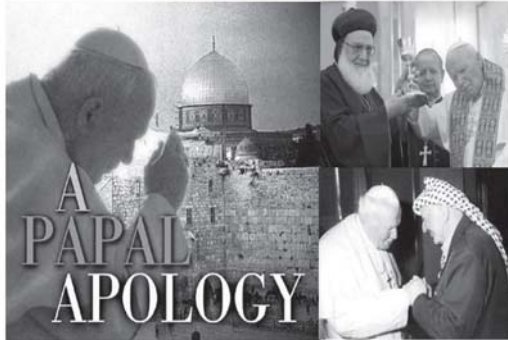
St. Augustine organized the Roman Catholic Church in 325 A.D. by constraining pagans, Romans, and Christians under his solitary headship.

Protestant daughter churches, in coming together, will force the whole world into a religious trap, or will PERSECUTE them, by refusing them the privilege of buying and selling whereby they would make a living, or unless you join their ranks and bear their MARK in your HAND or in your FOREHEAD (Revelation 13:16,17)

With the present advancement in global telecommunication systems, the internet, the non-cash technology, and the military power of the U.N., this Anti-Christ system will be able to implement their plan to control the whole world in a nutshell. They will propose some very enticing schemes seemingly of a worthy cause to promote global peace, speed-up socio-economic recovery, to counter terrorism, and to promote worldwide harmony among all nations, just to get the cooperation of the whole world.

THE CALL FOR A FALSE UNITY

Apparently, when Pope John Paul-11 was still alive, he had gone to Israel in April of 2000 to meet with the Jewish Rabbis and the Muslim world asking them for reconciliation and to make ready for the great gathering and consolidation of political, religious and economic forces of the world. Today, Pope Benedict XVI is working hard for this "inevitable unity" among Catholics, Protestants, Mohammedans, and all to set up the final stage of the great apostasy. But the Scriptures say, "How can two walk together except they be agreed?" Can the Catholics give way to Protestant dogmas and vice versa? Surely, there will have to be some compromise made somewhere. They surely can agree on politics and economics, but never in the Word of God.



Pope John Paul 11 made a trip to Palestine in April 2000 to reconcile with the Jews and the Muslims for a one world unity and reconciliation.

Many churches will be tempted to go along with this union, for they will feel better to serve God publicly within the framework of this confederation than not to serve God at all in their ritualistic traditions.

Rome has acquired nearly all the gold supplies around the world and will destroy the money system very soon to demand gold and promote the Euro currency to control the global monetary system. Once the global churches and the states are united, the Ecumenical Council will have the full support of the one world government with the United Nations backing it up with military forces to set the final stage of fulfilling their massive plot and to pass their edicts into laws. Once terrorism in the whole world becomes uncontrollable (the Al-Queda), the U.N. and the Ecumenical Council will put the whole world under Martial Rule.

And you - all of us, personally, will have to face this oncoming reality, for every one will have to make a choice. It will be a UNION and a BOYCOTT, and all churches that do not belong to the World Council of Churches will have to be CLOSED DOWN and their right to preach forfeited, unless they belong to the big organization. Persecution and tortures, just like in the Dark Ages (The Un-Holy Inquisition), will begin to be implemented to chase down the Foolish Virgins who were left behind and were not able to make it to the rapture. It will also be a time of purging for the 144,000 elected Jews who will defy this Global System of

Religion to stay pure and chaste in the Word of God to be restored to them by Moses and Elijah as prophesied in Revelation Chapter 11.

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

But remember, this confederation and world unity will be the "MARK OF THE BEAST", as spoken of in the Bible - Revelations 13:16-17. "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a MARK in their right hand, or in their foreheads; and that no man might buy and sell, save he that had the MARK, or the name of the BEAST, or the NUMBER of his NAME."

Written on the Throne of the Pope are the Latin words:

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Which means "Instead of the Son of God"

It will be the greatest deception the devil has ever poked on God's people. ALL denominations will unknowingly ENTHRONE the ANTICHRIST that's foretold in the Bible. It will be SATAN himself incarnate in a human being called the BEAST that will lead this confederation so that all the world will worship him under the guise of united Christianity (Read II Thessalonians 2:3-4).

Notice that it was Lucifer's ambition to be worshipped like God in the beginning, and to build a greater kingdom than that of Michael, that was why he was kicked out of heaven. But now, he will be fulfilling his greatest desire on earth amongst God's fallen people - the denominationalists.

Revelations 13:8-9 speaks of this plot saying, "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are NOT written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world. If any man have ear, let him hear" . You see, it's a coming, friends, and this is no joke.

But here in Revelations 14:9-10 we read the penalty and punishment of those who will join this false unity: "If any man worship the BEAST (the "power" of Papal Roman Empire) and the IMAGE (the Ecumenical Movement of the Protestant Churches), and receive his MARK in his forehead or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb."

We are nearing the end, friends. We see these signposts in the world today and she's ready for God's judgment.

THE WHEAT AND THE TARES

In Matthew 13:30, it says, "Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn."

This scripture pertains to the “calling out” today of all true Christians (*the Wheat*) out of Babylonian confusion to preparing them for the Rapture (*the Harvest*), while the denominational churches (*the Tares*) are being bundled right now in the World Council of Churches for the burning (*The Armageddon war*).

Before Jesus returns, there must be a uniting of all the religious organizations which will make a profession but alter portions of God’s Word to fit their creeds and dogmas. At the same time Jesus will separate His Own children by severing them from these denominations through faith in His pure Word (Revelation 18:4.) The ecumenical and charismatic movements today are a direct fulfillment of this alarming prophecy - the “bundling of the tares” for the burning.

A MESSAGE TO GOD’S ELECT

But to the ELECT, God is calling. A MESSAGE is being sent out today, “*COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues!*” (Rev. 18:4).

God is calling for His virtuous Bride, the Word-Born Seed. Who are these people? They’re INDIVIDUALS. They are those of whom it speaks in Ephesians 5:14, “*Awake thou that SLEEPEST, and ARISE FROM THE DEAD, and Christ shall give thee Light.*” These are those sleeping among the dead, dead out there in those dead denominations and are floating with them. God cries out, WAKE UP AND REPENT OF YOUR FOLLY!” There they are lending their influence, giving their time and their very lives to these AntiChrist organizations and all the while thinking it is all right. THEY NEED TO REPENT AND TURN TO THE TRUTH!

The cry of every age is the rebuke: “You have LEFT the Word of God. Repent and come back to the Word!” From the first book of the Bible to the Last Book, there is only ONE reason for God’s displeasure - LEAVING THE WORD; and there is only ONE remedy to regain back His favor - BACK TO THE WORD.

Listen to God’s vindicated prophet of this age and be enlightened with truth in order for you to be able to escape God’s pending wrath that is to be poured out upon this earth during the Tribulation Period. It’s later that you think.

“The Bible clearly teaches that the Catholic church is the—the beast. The Bible said that a “beast” means “a **power.**” Is that right? A beast, the Bible says that the beast meant a power. And the beast was the Vatican City, the Catholic hierarchy. All right. And now, that was the power of the church that was the beast. Then the Protestant church come out of the Catholic church, and organized themselves a **little power.** That is a image. If anything... If something was made in my image, it’d have to look like me. If something made in the image of this church, it’d have to look like the church. Something was made, a beast—made a image unto this beast, which was Lutherism, Methodism, Baptistism, Pentecostalism, Holinessism; **all them isms formed up into an organization and made an image** just like the beast. There it is. That’s what a... The Bible said that there would be a boycott, even to such a way it would cause people to not buy or sell unless they had received this, **the mark of the beast, which is Romanism, and the image of the beast, which is Protestantism, that the image...** The beast had power, authority to give the image life to speak, and it did. And that’s the Confederation of Churches, when they confederate themselves together.” (SPOKEN.WORD.ORIGINAL.SEED.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-2 62-0318E)

CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE



In Revelation the 17th and 18th chapters we are given one of the most foreboding and ominous warnings contained in the whole scripture. Herein, we find identified a great **WOMAN** which is called the “**Great Whore, Mystery Babylon, and the Mother of Harlots**”.

She is also identified as the Mother of all the abominations of the earth. She stands above all others as a direct enemy to Jesus Christ. Her own seductive spell has swept the whole earth, from the kings to the inhabitants in it.

She is Satan's queen (In Revelation 18:7, she says “*I sit as a queen and am no widow*”). So alluring and cunning are her enchantments that Revelation 17:8 tells us that the only ones who will not wonder but know her for what she is will be those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life from the foundation of the world. All the world will eventually bow down and become a part of her and her daughter system.

WHO IS THIS TREACHEROUS WOMAN?

Below we have listed some verses out of Revelation 17 which will enable the reader to identify the **CLUES** provided by God to show who this **WOMAN** is.

The fact that we are dealing with a **WOMAN** who according to Revelation 13 desires to be worshipped reveals that it will be a **RELIGIOUS SYSTEM**.

The Church is typed in the Bible as a virgin, a **WOMAN** prepared as a Bride for Christ, for Christ is supposed to be our Bridegroom. But this woman we're dealing with here is not a virgin, but a whore or a prostitute and is also a mother of harlots.

In Revelation 17:1-6, 9,15,18, we read **THE CLUES**:

1 - And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great **WHORE that sitteth upon many waters**:

2 - With whom **the kings of the earth have committed fornication**, and the inhabitants of the earth **have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication**.

3 - So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a **WOMAN sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and**

ten horns.

4 - And the **WOMAN was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls**, having a **golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication**:

5 - And upon her forehead was a name written, **MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH**.

6 - And I saw the **WOMAN drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus**: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

9 - And here is the **MIND** which hath wisdom. The **seven heads are seven mountains, on which the WOMAN sitteth**.

15 - And he saith unto me, **The WATERS which thou sawest, where the WHORE sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues**.

18 - And the **WOMAN which thou sawest is that GREAT CITY**, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

Now, let's accumulate the CLUES listed in the above Scriptures and ask ourselves a question:

WHICH RELIGIOUS SYSTEM—

- a. Controls multitudes, nations and tongues?
- b. Has seduced kings and inhabitants of the earth?
- c. Is arrayed in purple and scarlet?
- d. Is decked with silver and gold?
- e. Is drunk with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus?
- f. Sits upon seven mountains?
- g. Is a great city reigning over kings?

Unless the reader is willfully ignorant it becomes obvious that the religious system herein described has to be the great **CHURCH of ROME**; the so-called **"eternal city of seven hills"**.

Let's see further how The Vatican in Rome today resembles this Mystery Babylon.

a. Rome controls multitudes, nations and tongues. No other authority on earth has ever interacted with the world and it's political systems more than the Vatican. The International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in itself is owned and controlled by the Vatican.

b. Rome has seduced kings and inhabitants of the earth. None other than the Vatican is involved in the ecumenical movement of compromise known today as religious tolerance and unity. The world has seen Pope John Paul-11 going to Israel in year 2000, meeting with Arafat, and even fellowshiping with communist leaders for world unity.

Today the call is for "humanity" and not for Christ. The call is for "Unity" and not separation from other world's religions. The Catholic Church has even declared that Islam is an Abrahamic faith and Muslims are our brothers. Today the Catholic Church is seen as

a friend to Islam. The Pope was even seen kissing the Quran for the whole world to witness.

c.d. The Vatican is arrayed in purple and scarlet, and is decked with silver and gold. Who else but the cardinals and the archbishops of the Catholic Church dress-up in purple and scarlet, the colors of so-called "royalty". The golden cup is exactly what the Pope uses in the celebration of the "mass".

e. Rome is drunk with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. As recorded in history, from the time of St. Augustine in 300 AD until AD 1850, **68 million Protestants have been killed** by the Roman Catholic Church just because of disagreeing with their doctrine.

The Great Massacre of Ireland was one of the worst mass murders done by the Roman Church ever recorded in history. Millions of Christians were burnt at stake, fed to the lions, and tortured to death by the Catholic Church, which included **Joan of Arc and St. Patrick** - a "cup of abominations" indeed that deserves the Biblical verses mentioned in Revelation 17:6 **"drunken of the blood of the saints and the martyrs of Jesus"**.

Don't be confused to start thinking that the Church of Rome has repented of her slaughter of the saints because she is attempting to unite with the Protestants today by making her creeds line-up with Protestant creeds. Not once has she ever apologized of her murders. No matter how sweet and mellow she appears at this particular time, she will yet rise up to kill, for murder lies in her evil and unrepentant heart. Just wait when the One World religion takes place. Those who will not bow down to the Pope will be persecuted, tortured, and killed again.

f. Rome sits upon seven mountains. Rome is popularly known to the world as the **"City of Seven Hills"**. Yes, Rome sits upon literal seven hills. In fact, Rome is an autonomous nation within the nation of Italy and it is being ruled by the Pope as its sovereign president and head of state.

g. Rome is a great city reigning over kings.

This WOMAN "Mystery Babylon" is none other than the Catholic Church. "Mystery" simply means it is "hidden" (subtle); "her deception is veiled to the world" but yet for a while.

Today, Rome appeals to all nations and religions due to her (false) doctrine of "unity".

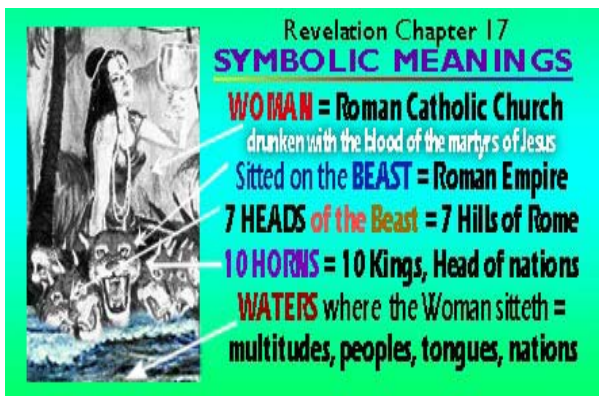
The Ecumenical Council, which is the "image" patterned after the system of Rome, is none other than the "Image" erected unto the Beast. A "Beast" means a "power" and it is the power of the Catholic Church. While an "Image" is something like it, which is nothing but the Confederation of Protestant Churches.

The whole system of "Beast" and "Image of the Beast" is an exact type of the force unity of the **Tower of Babel** in the Old Testament. The Tower of Babel was a religious worship of various races but not considered in the Word of God. Because it was by Nimrod, a wicked man who forced all the little countries to come into one place to erect such man-made tower.

Remember, that it was Imperial Pagan Rome that fell by the sword. But she was healed of her death stroke when she joined to the nominal Christian church of Rome and

incorporated paganism and Christianity, and thereby became the Holy Roman Empire which was to endure until Jesus came and destroys her.

REVELATION 18:2-10, speaks of her destruction, *“And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the***



abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues... How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine;

and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong [is] the Lord God who judgeth her. And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.”

ROME IS NOT DOING IT ALONE

Yet Rome is not doing it alone. Her daughters are right with her and she will take over absolute authority by the World Council of Churches.

This may seem far fetched to some but actually it is very plain for all to see because right now the churches are controlling politics and at the opportune time will manifest exactly how great is that control. This ecumenical move will end up with Rome at the head even though the people did not envision it that way. This is so because in Revelation 17:3-6 it states that the whore, Mystery Babylon is seated on the beast. She is controlling the last, or fourth empire. This Roman Church is doing that. With the world church system under her, Rome will be controlling, and this image (church system) will be obedient to Rome because Rome controls the gold of the world. Thus all the people have to belong to the world church system or be at the mercy of the elements for they cannot buy or sell without the MARK of the beast in the hand or head.

This **“mark in the head”** means that they will have to take the doctrine of the world church system which is “trinitarianism”, etc.. And the **“mark in the hand”** which means to do and follow or implement the will of the world church.

With this great power the church systems will persecute the true Bride of Christ. This image will try to keep the Bride from preaching and teaching. Her ministers will be forbidden to give comfort and truth to the people who need it. But before the antichrist (in person) takes over this complete world system of churches, the true church will be taken away from this world to be with the Lord. God will catch away His bride for the great Marriage Supper of the Lamb in the rapture.

A MOTHER WITH HARLOT DAUGHTERS (Revelation 17:15)

If the Mother is an illegitimate church, so also will be the Daughters. She was pretending to be a Christian church, but was giving out man-made dogmas and creeds. A scant study of all Protestant denominations will reveal that they actually came from the womb of Rome.

When Martin Luther was inspired by God to spawn the reformation it was a true revival. However, when Luther left the scene, the followers of Luther instead of being led by the Holy Spirit into further light denominated on Luther’s message and gave birth to another organization. In such a way, the first daughter was born and in the same manner every successive daughter came about the same way, all the way from the Baptists to the Methodists, to the Adventists, to the Pentecostals, and all.

Each church mixed their creed with God’s Word and like the mother strayed from God’s direct leadership to become a dead illegitimate organization because of their hybrid teaching. By the time of the Lord’s return, Rome and her adulterous daughters are seen to have formed into a vast system able to control politics, religion and commerce - a one world government system and a one-world religion, which is currently now being intensified under the leadership Pope Benedict XV1 with the cooperation of the member-Protestant churches of the World Council of Churches. From such the true ‘Bride of Jesus Christ will have to separate and heed the call of Revelation 18:4. *“Come out of her my people and be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”*

ARE YOU PART OF THE BODY OF CHRIST OR PART OF THE SYSTEM?

If your faith is founded entirely on the Word of God, you are part of God. As Matthew 4:4 states, *“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every WORD that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”*

AND WHAT IS THE SYSTEM?

INSCRIBED IN THE VATICAN THRONE ARE THE LATIN WORDS “VICARIVS FILII DEI” WHICH when translated MEANS “Instead Of The Son Of God” or “In replacement of the Son of God”.

It becomes even more enlightening when one understands the **numerical value** of this blasphemous title. The value of these Roman numerals in this TITLE totals to 666! It is on this throne that the Anti-Christ will one day reveal himself.

666 then is the number of Rome and as such is the number of any system headed up by Rome.

Imagine such blasphemy of a man, whether he be a priest or pope, to claim to stand before the people "instead of the Son of God." The second chapter of II Thessalonians describes him well:

II Thess. 2:4. "Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."

Written on the Throne of the Pope are the Latin words:

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5 + 1 + 100 + 1 + 5 + 1 + 50 + 1 + 1 + 500 + 1 = 666

Total Count:

Which means "Instead of the Son of God"

We can now see that this man of sin is truly exposed in **Revelation 13:16-18**. "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a MARK in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or, sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred, threescore and six."

Let us not be blind. It is-not by-chance that the major religious movements of today are leaning more and more to Catholicism. It is not by chance that the charismatic movement is becoming an adhesive to cement together Catholicism, Pentecostalism, and liberal Protestantism. It is not by chance that the Anglican church is trying to amalgamate with the Roman Catholic Church. Nor is it by chance that we have World Council of Churches with their one-world church thrust. Though it is all very spiritual and much activity is taking place, remember the scriptures speak of two churches, one very large and illustrious and one very small and humble.

Don't be fooled for there is no such thing as "unity and being one" as far as God is concerned unless it is unity around the Word of God. In this hodge-podge, Catholics are still Catholics and all other respective churches hold to their own creeds with equal tenacity. "How can two walk together except they be agreed?"

There is little regard for basic scriptural fundamentals in this gatherings such as holiness, place of women, correct water baptism, error of infant baptism, and many others. In this mock revival the one dispensable element is the Bible itself.

Scripture nowhere points to a vast end-time revival nor does it teach that the Living Saints at the time of his second coming will be of any great number. Luke 18:8 STATES," When the Son of Man cometh, shall he find faith on "the earth?"

Just as in Noah's day (Luke 11:26) God will speak to the Laodicean Church and will call out individuals by his prophet to join Christ, (THE WORD) on the outside of the church. Rev. 3:20 says- "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any MAN hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. " That faithful minority will represent His lovely but tiny end-time BRIDE today.

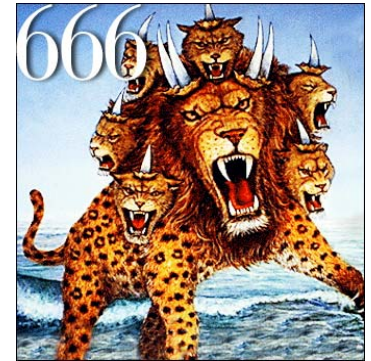
CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO

The TEN HORNS of Revelation 17

REVELATION 17:7,9,12,13: - **7** And the angel said unto me, *Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. 9* And here [is] the mind which hath wisdom. *The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. 12* And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. **13** These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

INTRODUCTION

The apostle John wrote this Book of revelation by divine direction to record a vision he had experienced, just as the prophet Daniel did several centuries before as recorded in the Bible's Book of Daniel. The Book of Revelation is really a sequel to the Book of Daniel which should be read first for a better appreciation of Revelation. Daniel's vision was experienced several centuries earlier during the Babylonian captivity of the Jews and before the rise of the Greek Empire. St. John's vision was experienced after the fall of the Greek Empire and during the era of the Roman Empire. It confirms the prefiguration of a European empire in the end time by describing a similar **beast** for the future. Specific verses describing this beast are quoted below for ease of reference.



THE BEAST AND THE WOMAN

Since the **beast** of Revelation has **heads** that **represent kings**, it can be readily deduced that **the beast** itself **represents a kingdom**, as were the **beasts of the Book of Daniel** that represented kingdoms that ruled over Babylonia. In addition, this beast of Revelation incorporates the features of all four of the beasts of Daniel meaning that it will have all the characteristics represented by each. One of its cities will also have the characteristic of **Babylon symbolized by the woman** sitting on the beast with the name Babylon the Great, mother of harlotries and the abominations of the earth. Babylonia and the kingdoms that ruled over it were particularly noted for their idolatries that were an abomination to God. In Christian tradition the **harlot or prostitute symbolizes idolatry** (Ezekiel 23 and Isaiah 57:7-8). This symbolism would then indicate that the **woman** sitting on the **beast** represents an **idolatrous city** that rests upon the **seven hills** represented by the beast's **seven heads**.

SEVEN HILLS OF ROME

A **city resting on seven hills** represented by the beast's seven heads would in all probability be a capital, as the word "**capital**" comes from the Latin word "capitalis" meaning "**head**". Further, it would be the capital of the kingdom represented by the **beast**. It can also be said that the capital of this kingdom is indicated to be **the city of Rome**. This **city was built on seven hills**, ruled over the **kings** of the earth, and was responsible for the **blood** of the martyrs of Jesus. She killed almost 63 million Protestants during the most unholily inquisition of the "Dark Ages".

Brother Branham said and I quote him, "Show me one **city** in the world that's **reigning over the kings** of the earth, and in any way that you want to, outside of the **Catholic hierarchy in Rome**, setting on seven hills. She's setting on seven hills, clothed in scarlet, decked the richest in the world. There she is, the **Roman Catholic Church**". "Now, there's not no need of pushing around; we know **that is the Catholic hierarchy**. There's no need of anybody... I—I believe that just as firm as I believe that I have receive the Holy Spirit. I believe that just as good as I believe that I'm a Christian standing here today, that that Catholic hierarchy is the—the... **The Vatican city is the city that sets on the seven hills**. The hierarchy of the church is the beast which was, which is not, and **she's Babylon**. It's everything pictured just exactly, just perfectly all the way through the Scriptures... the **Catholic church**." (WHY.ARE.WE.NOT.A.DENOMINATION_JEFF.IN V-11 N-7 SATURDAY_58-0927)

MYSTERY BABYLON

Religious Babylon is Rome, the great harlot. In the Bible, **harlotry** stands for false gods, false worship, false religion, and false devotion. It stand for idolatry. A person commits **spiritual harlotry or prostitution** when he follows an earthly religion through its rituals, ceremonies, and creeds and dogmas, instead of following Jesus Christ as revealed in the Scriptures. **Religious Babylon sits upon many waters**, that's **peoples**, multitudes and nations. Many races and multitudes and nations and languages are caught up under the "wine" of her spiritual fornication. This false religion of the end time is extremely **wealthy**. That is what is meant by the **purple and scarlet** clothing and the **gold and precious stones and pearls** which none else but the **Vatican** possess. Rome almost owns the gold of the world. "Religious Babylon" is undoubtedly the Roman Catholic Church. She has enticed the people of the earth under her "spell", and in her was found the "blood of the martyrs of Jesus".



The beast is none other but Rome. Rome's seven heads also represent **seven kings**. When Revelation was first written, five of these kings had already reigned, the sixth was reigning, and the seventh was yet to come; but his reign will be short. The comment that the sixth king was reigning at the time of the Revelation vision serves to further identify the beast. He would have been reigning in "**the great city that has kingship over the kings of the earth**." Such was the case for the city of **Rome** at that time. It was also idolatrous and had such great influence that even then could be considered as "**Babylon the Great**". An idolatrous **Roman Church** can then be envisioned as the "**woman**" resting on the "**beast**" in the end time as well.

ROMAN EMPERORS

The **seven heads** of the beast are also said to represent **seven Roman emperors**. Five of them are said to be fallen. They are **Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, and Nero**. The year of Nero's death is 68. The text goes on to say "One is", namely, **Vespasian** (70–79). He is the **sixth** emperor. The seventh "is not yet come. But when he comes his reign will be short." **Titus** is meant, who reigned but two years (79–81). The eighth emperor is **Domitian** (81–96); he is identified with the **beast**. He is described as the one that "**was and is not and shall come up out of the bottomless pit**" (xvii, 8). In verse 11 it is added: "And the beast which was and is not: the same also is the **eighth**, and is of the seven, and goeth into destruction." It was after the reign of this eighth emperor that pagan **Imperial Rome** shifted to **Papal Rome**. The people of the world will "wonder" and be surprised at the reappearance of this "emperor" after being dead. His power is resurrected in the form of the papacy. The mortal wound that Imperial Rome suffered has been healed and had put on a new look in the form of the **papacy**. The **pope** is both a king and a spiritual leader ruling the Vatican, which is an autonomous nation within the nation of Italy. He is one "which is, which is not; and yet he is, and is not; yet he is, and is not". What is it? **It's a "succession of popes"**.

Here's a direct quote from Brother Branham, the prophet of God, regarding the "pope" as a king:

"Now watch, listen to this just a minute. "Five kings, which it was fallen, five kings." If you want that on—from the history, I'll show it to you. "And one is, and one's to come." Now watch, "the beast." Now, the **beast** wasn't a king. **He was one which is, which is not; and yet he is, and is not; yet he is, and is not**. What is it? **Succession of the popes, a power, a beast ruling**. That's when pagan Rome was converted to make papal Rome. **Pagan Rome was converted, and then it become the papacy, which, they had a pope in the stead of a king, and the pope is the spiritual king**. That's the reason he's a **crowned spiritual king**, claims to be the **vicar of Jesus Christ**. There you are." (WHY.ARE.WE.NOT.A.DENOMINATION_JEFF.IN V-11 N-7 SATURDAY_58-0927)

THE TEN HORNS

REVELATION 17:12-14- 12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. 13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. 14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him [are] called, and chosen, and faithful.

According to Strong's Hebrew lexicon, the first meaning of "horn" is as a symbol of "power". Horns in the Bible, represent "powers" and "kings" with kingdoms. The **ten horns** in the above Scriptures refer to **ten powerful nations** that will be under **Rome's control in the end time, specifically during the Tribulation Period**. The beast's ten horns with crowns represent **ten kings** who had not yet risen to power. They will be **appointed as kings** for a brief moment to reign with the end time "pope-king" as **allies**, and will give their power and authority to him to control the world's religion, politics, economy and military. **The pope will have the power of these ten nations to support him in enforcing the agenda of a one-world religion and a one-world government.**

Rome will propose a very enticing scheme to the world seemingly of a worthy cause to promote **global peace**, speed-up socio-economic recovery, to counter terrorism, and to promote worldwide harmony among all nations, just to get the cooperation of the whole world. Apparently, when **Pope John Paul-11** was still alive, he had gone to Israel in April of 2000 to meet with the Jewish Rabbis and the Muslim world asking them for reconciliation and to make ready for the great gathering and consolidation of political, religious and economic forces of the world. Today, **Pope Benedict XVI** is working hard for this "inevitable unity" among Catholics, Protestants, Mohammedans, and all to set up the final stage of the great apostasy.

TEN MAGNUM REGIONS OF THE WORLD

Majority of the people in the world today are unaware that our world was already divided into TEN (10) MAGNUM REGIONS which are referred to as 'kingdoms'. Some forty-five years ago, the United Nations formulated the charter and by gradual process of regionalization, they have outlined the eventual regionalization of the planet today. UN was successful in moving and placing nations through regionalization into a future one-world government. The **ten magnum regions** are divided as follows:

- REGION 1 - U.S.A, Canada and Mexico
- REGION 2 - Western Europe
- REGION 3 - Japan
- REGION 4 - Australia and New Zealand
- REGION 5 - Eastern Europe
- REGION 6 - Latin America
- REGION 7 - North Africa and Middle East
- REGION 8 - Mainland Africa
- REGION 9 - North and southeast Asia
- REGION 10- Central Asia

David Rockefeller one time addressed the Council of Foreign Relations conference delegates and said, "We are on the verge of a global transformation. All we need is the right man for the crisis and the nations will accept the New World Order. **Dr. Henry Spaak**, former secretary general of the NATO, once said, "*What we want is a man of sufficient stature to hold the allegiances of all people and to lift us out of the economic morass into which we are sinking. Send us such a man. And he be God or Devil, we will receive him.*"

ONE WORLD CONSTITUTION

Of course and obviously, the first thing that the new political order will have to do is to adopt a new constitution for the world, in order that it can legally force its will upon the people of the magnum regions. A **world constitution** has now been drafted for that purpose by the **World Constitution and Parliament Association (WCPA)** in Lakewood, Colorado. It is called the "**Constitution for the Federation of the Earth**". (For your copy, write to WCPA, 1480 Hoyt St., Suite 31, Lake Colorado 80215 USA).

This Constitution for the Federation of the Earth was first adopted during a meeting of the **World Constituent Assembly** in June 1977 at Innsbruck, Austria. The document was signed by approximately 135 participants from twenty-five countries and is intended to replace the U.N. Charter to become the centerpiece of the New World Order. **Dr. Kurt Koch**, professor, writes that his assessment of the coming New World Order under

the United Nations will reduce everything to ONE common denominator - "*The system will be made up of single currency, single language, single political system, single world court of justice, single head, and single state religion. Any one who refuses to take part in this universal system will have no right to exist.*"

Today, there is a move to transfer the United Nations to Jerusalem, making Jerusalem as the central pivotal point for the historic One World Religion and the One World Government. When that thing happens, the **pope** will make **Jerusalem** as his headquarters. He will make a pact with the Jews, with the support of the U.S. and the World Council of Churches, in that international city. Once the pope sits and takes over the temple worship in Israel, it will fulfill II Thessalonians 2:3-4 which says: "**Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first and that MAN of SIN be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God...**"

Brother Branham saw these events even in the early sixties, and said, "**For the church system of the Roman Catholic and the Protestant in coming together will control the whole wealth of the world system and force the whole earth into its religious trap, or will kill them, by refusing them the privilege of buying and selling whereby they would make a living.** This will be accomplished simply, for the harlot's daughters are all but gone back to her. In the meantime, **Rome has acquired nearly all the supplies of gold. The Jews have the bonds and all the paper.** At the right time, **the harlot will destroy the present day money system by calling in all the paper, and demanding gold.** With no gold, the system falls. **The Jews will be trapped and come into the alliance, and the harlot church will take over the whole world.**" (314-1 PHILADELPHIAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.8)

"**Now, when he gets the money all under control, then he will break this covenant with the Jews, as Daniel here said he would do it, in the midst of the last half of the seventy weeks of Daniel.** And then, brother, what will he do? **He will have all of the world trade and the commerce, a pact with the world, 'cause he will hold the wealth of the world completely.** And during that time, **them two prophets will rise on the scene and call that hundred and forty-four thousand.** Then what will take place? **Then the mark of the beast of Revelations 13 will set in, 'cause he holds all the commerce, trade and everything of the world.** And what will take place then? The mark of the beast will come in that no man can buy or sell except him that has the mark of the beast. **Thank God, the Church will be enjoying a great three and a half years in glory. Don't have to go through that.**" (THE.FIRST.SEAL_ JEFF.IN MONDAY_63-0318)

TEN DICTATORS WILL BOMB THE VATICAN ACCORDING TO PROPHECY

After Rome gets the wealth of the Jews after the three-and-a-half years of Tribulation Period, she will break her pact of peace with Israel and the world, and will subject all people under her iron-clad rulership. She will persecute Israel's 144,000 Christian Jews and will kill their prophets, Moses and Elijah, which are the two olive trees of Revelation chapter 11. Rome will kill them and leave their dead bodies on the streets of Jerusalem (Read Rev. 11:3-12). All nations will have to take the mark of the beast and obey the pope or be at his mercy. The **beast** shall dominate the whole world for three and one-half years, during which time its rule will be more brutal than any before it. It will defy the

Most High God, persecute all people, and try to change all law and custom. God's faithful (the foolish virgins) will be helpless in its hands. But not everybody will be happy about it. The **ten heads** or **ten kings** from these ten regions of the worlds that gave their support to Rome will turn to **communism** and will hate the whore, Rome, and will destroy her with their nuclear weapons. This event is plainly prophesied in the following verses:

REVELATION 10:16-18- *“And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.”*

Here are some outstanding prophetic quotes from Brother Branham regarding this issue:

“Now watch, **“They have one mind, give their power.”** I'm below that now. **“The ten horns...”** Yes, now. For God has put in their hearts to fulfil his will,... (There you go.)... and to agree, and give their kingdoms unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. Now, And the woman which thou sawest is the great city, which reigns over all the kings of the earth. Now, there's not no need of pushing around; we know **that is the Catholic hierarchy**. There's no need of anybody... I—I believe that just as firm as I believe that I have receive the Holy Spirit. I believe that just as good as I believe that I'm a Christian standing here today, that that Catholic hierarchy is the—the... **The Vatican city is the city that sets on the seven hills**. The hierarchy of the church is the beast which was, which is not, and **she's Babylon**. It's everything pictured just exactly, just perfectly all the way through the Scriptures... the **Catholic church**.” (WHY.ARE.WE.NOT.A.DENOMINATION_JEFF.IN V-11 N-7 SATURDAY_58-0927)

“And the ten horns which thou saw are ten kings,... (Now watch here. If you want to see something striking, watch this.)... are **ten kings**, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. **They're not crowned kings; they're dictators**. See, they never was crowned king, **but they received power as kings one hour in the reign of the beast**. That's just in this little shadowy time right now where dictators are rising up (See?), **“Received power as king one hour with the beast.”** Now, all right. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them:... (Glory.)... for he is Lord of lord, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, the chosen, and faithful.” (WHY.ARE.WE.NOT.A.DENOMINATION_JEFF.IN V-11 N-7 SATURDAY_58-0927)

COMMUNISM: A TOOL OF GOD?

“And this great communism—communism move we got today, don't worry about that. **That's working exactly into the hands of God**. I can prove it by this Bible. **He's going to make her suffer for every martyr she ever killed**. Yes, sir. **You watch these kings all agree together and will hate her**. And the whole nation, the **whole world sweeping communism**. Why, it's got to be a move of God to punish it. You say, **“Wait a minute, Brother Branham, communism a move of God?”** Absolutely, certainly, it is a move of God. The Bible said so. But it's moving in to pronounce judgment upon a ungodly and disgracefully illegitimate people. What's left in this world? What have we got? Watch that now, these **ten horns**, these **ten kingdoms**. See, that's everything falling in, what these **dictators** are. Watch the way dictators lean to. Where's it leaning to? Just—just look—tell me a **dictator** that doesn't lean towards **communism**. See? And they shall what? **“Hate the whore,”** the woman, the **church**. But watch. Watch what's going to do it... these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall **eat her flesh, and burn**

her with fire. They'll blow that thing off the map, just as certain as I'm standing here. We just had time to take up that subject there of that church, and run it on down through the Scripture, where It said, read, **“all the kings of this earth, and all the shipmasters, and all wail, for great Babylon met her desolation in an hour.”** One hour, her time had come. And, oh, how he said, **“Rejoice, you saints, and all you holy prophets, for God has revenged the blood of the saints and your brethren upon her.”** See, that's right. Sure, **communism playing right into the hands of God**. Just like King Nebuchadnezzar played right in the hands, to come take them Jews when they walked away naked. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth,... **Pagan Rome brought into papal Rome**, when the incarnate **antichrist spirit become incarnate and was crowned**, he was made a crowned **king of Rome**, both in **state and church together**. Oh, brother. See? It's just full of it. See?” (WHY.ARE.WE.NOT.A.DENOMINATION_JEFF.IN V-11 N-7 SATURDAY_58-0927)

“Tell me one... **Russia don't reign over all**; we don't reign over all. There's only **one king** that reigns over every... like that Nebuchadnezzar's iron running out to every one of them toes, that it's **Rome. Rome don't do it as a nation; it does it as a church. Every nation under heaven is to Rome**. No wonder he said, **“Who can make war with him?”** He can say **“peace”** that settles it. Every Catholic says **“Don't fight.”** and he... They don't fight. That's all. Who is able to do what he can do? Nobody. That's right. So they wondered at the miracles he could do. **He can stop war**. The only thing he has to do is just say, **“Stop.”** That's all. But you think he will do it? Certainly not. And the beast... (Oh. Look at this. Now, the power is going to take the pagan place.) And the beast that was, and is not, even... is the **eighth**,... (now watch)... and **is of the seventh**. You all know what a terrible king he was. He hate... He hooked his mother to a single tree of a horse and drug her through the streets, and set the city a fire, and fiddled up on the hill. That's the same kind of a spirit that's dominating the church that sets in the place of pagan. **“The eighth, which is of the seventh. And then he is, and is not; and is, and is not; and is, and is not,”** on down. ... and goeth into perdition. Plumb till the time of the coming of the Lord and he's cast into hell. And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdoms as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. Oh, if we just had... **“Received no power as yet.”** They're not kings. They didn't have... They ten... The horns didn't have crowns. **“They received power like kings.”** What is it? **Dictators; not crowned kings, dictators**. Oh, my.” (THE.SECOND.SEAL_JEFF.IN TUESDAY_63-0319)

“I want anybody to tell me, any theologian here or anywhere else, where the Bible ever predicts that **Communism** will rule the world. **Don't you fear Communism; there's nothing to it. It's a bogus thing** that God's a-using to chasten the nations with it, chasten the nations. Sure. **The Bible says Rome will rule the world**. Look at King Nebuchadnezzar, his dream, his vision, Daniel's interpretation, how every one of them's kingdoms and dispensations hit just perfect, and right down to the end there was Rome. **So it's going to be Rome. It isn't going to be Communism; they're just—they're just figureheads**. That's all. **They'll never go nowhere**. No, they won't.” (END.TIME.EVANGELISM.title JEFF.IN V-10 N-5 62-0603)

“Don't you fear communism; you fear Catholicism.” (RESTORATION OF BRIDE TREE.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-15 62-0422)

“I predict three curtains. In the Name of the Lord, there's one called the **Iron Curtain**, which will be **Russia**. Watch **Red China**. That'll be the **Bamboo Curtain**. They're horrible, but watch that **Purple Curtain** that's rising in the United States and over the world, the **Roman Empire, the cruelest of all of them.**” (CONFERENCE.title SHREVEPORT.LA 60-1125)

“The beast was scarlet, but the woman was arrayed in purple. Now, have I not warned you the other day, there's three curtains? I don't know how long I'll live, but

remember this. As I've told you many years ago, "Watch **Russia**."... There's **three curtains**; remember this. There is the **iron curtain**. There is the **bamboo curtain** (Red China and so). And there's a **purple curtain**; you watch that curtain; that's the **deceiver**."

(PERGAMEAN.CHURCH.AGE.title JEFF.IN ROJC 229-285 60-1207)

THE DESTRUCTION OF ROME

The final account of the destruction of Rome by a nuclear weapon is stipulated in Revelation Chapter 18. The Bible itself is God's record of this future event:

REVELATION 18:1-24 -1 *"And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. 2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. 3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. 4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. 5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. 6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. 7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. 8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong [is] the Lord God who judgeth her. 9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, 10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. 11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: 12 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, 13 And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. 14 And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all. 15 The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, 16 And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! 17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, 18 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What [city is] like unto this great city! 19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. 20 Rejoice over her, [thou] heaven, and [ye] holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her. 21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast [it] into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all. 22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft [he be], shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; 23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. 24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth."***

CHAPTER TWENTY-THREE



Is the United States of America in Bible prophesy? What is the role of the United States in the end times? Does the Bible prophesy that Israel would have a powerful ally in the form of the United States of America during the final days of this world? Will America cease being Israel's ally, and become its enemy instead?

REVELATION 13:11- *"And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon."*

CIVIL & ECCLESIASICAL POWERS

America is the "Lamb with two horns". "Two horns" symbolize "civil" and "ecclesiastical" powers, also known as the "separation of church and state". That's what these two horns mean. America started as a nation like a Lamb, meek and gentle; but now America acts as an authoritarian figure with a dictatorial rulership (speaks as a Dragon), and is able to devour any nation that will go against her policies and will. Not even the United Nations, can thwart her plans and decisions.

America started as a Christian nation founded on Biblical principles under Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. Now, America forbids even the reading of the Bible in schools and saying prayers to Jesus in public. It has began to remove icons of the ten commandments from every government insitution, and is now catering to the dictates of a lot of paganistic and atheistic religion. It has compromised with God's Word, and she's reaping a lot of recompense from God, such as the New York tragedy, the Katrina Hurrricanes, and more. One day it will remove its "one nation under God" from their coins and money systems.

America started with a constitution that was founded on the Holy Scriptures. America's Bill of Rights was pro-people and pro-God. Their bill of rights include the following rights and privileges:

Freedom of religion | Freedom of speech | Freedom of the press | Freedom to assemble | Freedom to petition the government | Freedom to bear arms | Protection from quartering soldiers | Protection from unreasonable search and seizure | Freedom from double jeopardy | Right to a speedy trial | Right to face an accuser | Protection against self incrimination | Right to trial by jury | Protection from excessive bails and fines | Protection from cruel and unusual punishment.

Yet how many of these rights are still in effect today?

KANSAS PRAYER

It seems that prayer upsets some people in America. When Minister **Joe Wright** was asked to open the new session of the **Kansas Senate** years ago, everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they heard instead:

“Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, “Woe to those who call evil good”, but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We confess that. We have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word and called it Pluralism. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbor’s possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, Oh, God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent to direct us to the center of Your will and to openly ask these things in the name of Your Son, the living Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen!”

The response was immediate. A number of legislators walked out during the prayer in protest.

THE FIRST AND THE SECOND BEAST

REVELATION 13:12 - “And he exerciseth all the power of the “first beast” before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.”

The “first Beast” or Dragon behind America is nothing else but **Papal Rome**, whose deadly wound (as the Old Pagan Roman Imperial Empire) was healed, and has revived anew today as the new “Papal Empire”. From Imperial Rome (wounded) to Papal Rome (healed). Rome as the “Dragon” is truly identified and exposed in these Scriptures below:

REVELATION 12:4 - “And the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.”

Rome killed all the babies two-year old and below years ago in Jerusalem when **King Herod** tried to get rid of the Baby **Jesus**. It is clear here that the woman being spoken of in the above-mentioned verse is the blessed virgin **Mary**. She and her husband **Joseph** fled and took away the baby **Jesus** long before **King Herod** got hold of him. Herod was the Dragon’s pawn.

REVELATION 13:13-14 - “And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by [the means of] those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an “image to the beast”, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.”

America is and will completely become a **slave to Rome** and will cause all

people of the world to bow down and worship the **Pope** in due time (read **II Thess. 2:3-4**). **American archBishop Levada** is now properly positioned at the **Vatican** and will take over the Roman headship once German Pope Ratzinger expires or gives up his post. And then when this thing happens, America will be able to totally implement the **New World Order** in full power: a “one-world govenment” and a “one-world religion”, run by an **American Pope**.

America, right now is bankrupt and is living in a past reputation. She is indebted to Rome, for Rome owns the gold of the world, the World Bank and the IMF. The **euro dollar** is even much more valuable today than the American dollar and is already widely accepted as a global monetary system.



America, as the verses say, will do great wonders in the sight of men to deceive the world and bring them under subjection to the Roman hierarchy by making “fire to come down from the heaven”. “Fire” here simply refers to America’s nuclear capability of **launching atomic bombs and weapons**, an example of which was dropped at **Nagasaki and Hiroshima**, in Japan

during the **second world war** in 1945. She has been doing the same “miracle” all through the years, the latest of which her attack using ballistic missiles to **Iraq and Afghanistan**. This is what this “miracle” is all about, which makes the nations of the world “wonder” over America causing them to bow down on their knees and tremble before the face of America. America is a tool of Rome today in its greedy move to conquer the whole world under its one roof, as seen and predicted by the prophet **Daniel** in the image he interpreted from **Nebuchadnezzar’s** dream (the **feet of iron and clay**, the last kingdom in the end time-Read **Daniel 2:37-41**).

THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES: AN “IMAGE” UNTO THE BEAST

REVELATION 13:15 - “And he had power to give life unto the “image of the beast”, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the “image of the beast” should be killed.”

Another role of America in Bible prophesy is to create an “image” erected unto the “Beast”. A “Beast” in Bible terminology represents a “power”. An “image” unto the **Beast** is therefore something likened to the “power of Rome”, a duplicate or clone of Roman Catholicism. There’s no other power today in the world that’s similar to the power of Roman Catholicism but the **Protestant’s “World Council of Churches”**. It is a union of all Protestant churches, Orthodox, Evangelical, Fundamentalists, and Pentecostal churches. This movement was birthed in **America**. American theologians and Doctors of Divinity founded the “**Ecumenical Movement**”, which is nothing but an “**Image unto Rome**”, composed of the daughter harlots system of the Mother Whore herself. This “**Image of the**

Beast will one day force all people, denominations, and religions into the system of a **“one-world religion”** under the auspices of a **“one-world government”** which will all be under Rome. In fact, it is the main thrust of **Pope Benedict XVI** now, and is under negotiation with World Council of Churches through its Chairman **Sam Kobia**. Catholics, Protestants, **Moslems**, and all will be forced to come under one roof, under the auspices of Rome and under her WCC harlot daughters. In due time, this move will be enforced by the military forces of the **United Nations**, and no man “can buy or sell” unless they belong to this system. This will be the final event of the dreaded **“Mark of the Beast”**. Read on to the next verses.

VICARIVS FILII DEI

REVELATION 13:16, 17, 18 - “And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number [is] Six hundred threescore [and] six.”

INSCRIBED IN THE VATICAN THRONE ARE THE LATIN WORDS “VICARIVS FILII DEI” which when translated MEANS **“Instead Of The Son Of God”**.

It becomes even more enlightening when one understands the **numerical value** of this blasphemous title. The value of these Roman numerals in this **TITLE** totals to **666!** It is on this throne that the Anti-Christ will one day reveal himself. **“666”** is the total outcome when you add the Roman numerals from the pope’s title **“VICARIVS FILII DEI”**.

AMERICA and ROME TANDEM

Read what the prophet William Branham spoke about this joint powers of America and Rome:

“Did you notice this United States is number thirteen in everything it does? You know it was established the thirteen colonies? You know the flag had thirteen stars in it first? You know everything that the United States does is in a number thirteen? Did you know it appears in the Bible in Revelations thirteen? Certainly does. The little beast, the lamb that come up out of water, not thickness and multitudes of people,... not out of the water, but out of a land where there’s no one. It had two little horn: civil and ecclesiastic powers. And he was a lamb: freedom of religion. And after while, they went together and he spoke like the dragon, and exercised all the power that Rome did before him. That’s coming to our nation. You mark it down. You watch to the Confederation of Churches and the Catholic unite together. Watch what takes place. People who follow the Pillar of Fire will certainly have a rough time, but they’re ready for the translation at that time, that’s right, just ready to go. “For the Lamb overcome them;” said the Bible, “and them that followed Him, because they were called the chosen and the faithful, the Elected of God.” (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.FOUR_ JEFF.IN HEB.SUNDAY_57-0901E)

“You know we are living in the end time. It is in this age that the churches are going to come together. And as they are even now controlling world politics, they will soon control the finances of the world. Then, if you don’t belong to the world organization of churches, you won’t be able to buy or to sell. You will lose all. Those who stay true to God and keep their garments clean from the defilement of this ‘world-system’ of church orders will be physically bereft. There will be presented to

them a great temptation to give in. Preachers will give in with the excuse that they will serve God within the framework of the antichrist beast-system. They will give in to the flatteries and blandishments of the hierarchy. And the people will follow these false shepherds right into the slaughter. But in the judgment they will all be found naked. They will not be given those white robes; neither will they walk with Him. You can’t walk in the spotted garments of the world, holding hands with the devil here, and then expect to be with God. It is time to wake up and hear the voice of God crying, **“Come out of her (organized religion) My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, that ye receive not of her plagues.”** Amen. God is speaking. Shun the religions of this world like you shun the plague. Leave off walking with the world and make your garments white by repentance and the blood of the Lamb. But do it now, for tomorrow may be too late.” (265-1 SARDISEAN CHURCH AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.7)

In 1954, Rev. William Branham prophesied this thing coming:

“I believe, one of these glorious days, when this united confederation of church goes together, and the new pope is brought out of the United States and put over there according to prophecy, then they’ll form an image like unto the beast. And I tell you, the true Church of God will be drove together. The real, true believers out of Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Nazarene, Pilgrim Holiness, whatever they’ll be, will go together and cemented by the love of God, that’ll make the Body of the Lord Jesus Christ, all the believers. And agnostics and shallow-minded will be cast to one side; they’ll go right on into the confederation of churches.” (ACTS.OF.THE.HOLY.SPIRIT.title JEFF.IN V-26 N-954-1219E)

A MOMENT OF DECISION

“But as this move becomes the “IMAGE ERECTED TO THE BEAST,” the saints will be gone in the rapture. And this little delightful, winsome movement that started out in fellowship at Ephesus will become the monster of Satan that defiles and deceives the whole world. For the church system of the Roman Catholic and the Protestant in coming together will control the whole wealth of the world system and force the whole earth into its religious trap, or will kill them, by refusing them the privilege of buying and selling whereby they would make a living. This will be accomplished simply, for the harlot’s daughters are all but gone back to her. In the meantime, Rome has acquired nearly all the supplies of gold. The Jews have the bonds and all the paper. At the right time, the harlot will destroy the present day money system by calling in all the paper, and demanding gold. With no gold, the system falls. The Jews will be trapped and come into the alliance, and the harlot church will take over the whole world.” (314-1 PHILADELPHIAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.8)

THE JEWS WILL BE TRAPPED BY ROME

“And after the church is taken away, Rome and the Jews will make a covenant with one another. The Bible said they would, with the holy people. And now notice, they’ll make it, because why? This nation is going to be busted, and the rest of the world that’s on the gold standard is busted. You know that. If we’re living off of taxes, due bills for forty years from now, where are we at? There’s only one thing can happen. That’s to call in the currency and pay off the bonds; and we can’t do it. Wall Street owns them, and Wall Street’s controlled by the Jews; the rest of it’s in the Vatican, and the Jews has got the rest of it in Wall Street with the commerce of the

world. The rich merchants of the earth hold it, and then there's only one thing to do: **The Catholic church can pay it off. She's the only one that's got the money; she can do it, and she will do it. And in doing this to get it, she'll compromise with the Jews and make a covenant,** and when she makes this covenant with the Jews... Now, remember, I'm taking this from the Scriptures. And now, when she does this and makes this covenant, we notice in **Daniel 8:23** and **25** he will cause craft to prosper (And craft is manufacturing.), in his hand." (THE.FIRST.SEAL_JEFF.IN MONDAY_63-0318)

"And he makes this covenant with the Jews, and in the midst of this three and a half years, he breaks his covenant as soon as he gets the thing wrapped up and gets the money of the Jews tied up. And when he does that, oh, my, oh, my, he's called the **antichrist** until the end of the church age, for he is the—he and his children are against Christ and the Word. This man's called the antichrist. Now, he's going to hold the money. And that's where I think he'll come in. Just a minute, while I say this, then I want to go back to it in a minute. He's called the antichrist and will be called the antichrist in the sight of God until the end time. Now, but then he'll be called something else." (THE.FIRST.SEAL_JEFF.IN MONDAY_63-0318)

"Now, when he gets the money all under control, then he will break this covenant with the Jews, as Daniel here said he would do it, in the midst of the last half of the seventy weeks of Daniel. And then, brother, what will he do? **He will have all of the world trade and the commerce, a pact with the world, 'cause he will hold the wealth of the world completely.** And during that time, **them two prophets will rise on the scene and call that hundred and forty-four thousand.** Then what will take place? **Then the mark of the beast of Revelations 13 will set in, 'cause he holds all the commerce, trade and everything of the world.** And what will take place then? The mark of the beast will come in that no man can buy or sell except him that has the mark of the beast. **Thank God, the Church will be enjoying a great three and a half years in glory. Don't have to go through that.**" (THE.FIRST.SEAL_JEFF.IN MONDAY_63-0318)

A WOMAN WILL RULE AMERICA

"But there'll be a powerful woman. Now, remember, this is on tape too. **A powerful woman, great woman, she'll either be President, or it'll be a woman representing the Catholic church (which I think it is) will take over here someday and she'll rule this country.** This nation is a woman's nation. Flag was made by a woman; it's number thirteen. **She started out, thirteen stars, thirteen stripes, thirteen colonies.** Everything's thirteen, thirteen, thirteen, right on down. Thirteen stars on her silver dollar now. **Everything's a thirteen. It's number thirteen, and appears in the 13th chapter of Revelations: completely thirteen.** Everything is "woman, woman, woman, woman, woman," right on down. And she took over all the offices. **She's took over Hollywood.** She's took over the nation. She's took over the offices. She's took over everything there is; equal rights with the man, votes with the man, cusses like a man, drinks like a man, anything else. And the—just bait for the Catholic church, for the worship of a woman... **And it finally end up, I predicted, a woman will control her.**" (THE.LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE_JEFF.IN ROJC 493-550 SUNDAY_60-1211E)

"Now we find, again, that, this mark of the beast that was formed here. America, is, number thirteen. It was born with thirteen colonies. It had a flag that had thirteen stars, thirteen stripes. And it even appears in Revelations the 13th chapter. And America has always been a woman, represented on our coins. **Even the Indian head, on a penny, is a woman's profile.** We know that, know the history of it. **Everything, the Liberty Bell, and everything else, the liberty... Statue of Liberty is, everything, a**

woman. A woman; number thirteen." (BROKEN.CISTERNS_JEFF.IN V-5 N-13 SUNDAY_64-0726E)

AMERICAN POPE IN PROPHECY

Brother Branham prophesied in 1954 that an American Pope will rule the Vatican one of these days. Will this be fulfilled by Archbishop Joseph Levada?

"I believe, one of these glorious days, when this united confederation of church goes together, **and the new pope is brought out of the United States** and put over there according to prophecy, then they'll form an image like unto the beast. And I tell you, the true Church of God will be drove together. The real, true believers out of Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Nazarene, Pilgrim Holiness, whatever they'll be, will go together and cmented by the love of God, that'll make the Body of the Lord Jesus Christ, all the believers. And agnostics and shallow-minded will be cast to one side; they'll go right on into the confederation of churches." (ACTS.OF.THE.HOLY.SPIRIT.title JEFF.IN V-26 N-9 54-1219E)

NEW YORK TRAGEDY PROPHESED

In 1953, 48 years before the TWIN TOWERS of New York collapsed, God's prophet, William M. Branham warned of something that would happen in New York. He said, "Now, there's something about New York City. Now, you watch. Remember, there's something about New York City. Don't forget that, you hear? All right. I had just left New York, New York." (Africa Trip Report - 11/09 1953)

Twice he mentions "there's something about New York City". After saying it the first time Brother Branham pauses for a long time before repeating it and warning the people "watch" and not "forget it". What happened in New York, Washington, Pennsylvania is the fulfilment of another prophecy Brother Branham made in 1965. He prophesied of a time when "insanity would rule".

LOS ANGELES, SINKING BENEATH THE OCEAN BY AN EARTHQUAKE

Brother Branham also prophesied that California will sink beneath the ocean. Here are some excerpts from his sermons to warn us all:

"Look at the earthquakes over here in California. I predict, before the coming of the Lord Jesus, that God will sink that place. I believe that Hollywood and Los Angeles, and them filthy places over there, that God Almighty will sink them. They'll go beneath the bottom of the sea. And it's so much sin, you see, it's the barrier." (WHO.DO.YOU.SAY.THIS.IS_PHOENIX.AZ V-6 N-9 SUNDAY_64-1227)

"I remember, just my last Message in California, where I thought I'd never go back again, when **I predicted, "Los Angeles will go beneath the ocean. THUS SAITH THE LORD.**" It will. She is done. She is washed. She is finished. What hour? I don't know when, but **it will be sunk.** Right after that, the earthquakes begin to jolt and bow." (THE.RAPTURE_YUMA.AZ V-5 N-14 SATURDAY_65-1204)

"Look here! Do you know what the Lord says about Los Angeles and these places here? "She's gone!" You remember what I told you, about two years ago, how that earthquake would come in Canada up here, Alaska? I also tell you that "Hollywood and Los Angeles is sliding into the ocean. California, you're doomed!

Not only California ; but you, world, you're doomed! Church, **unless you get right with God, you're doomed!**" **THUS SAITH THE HOLY SPIRIT!** Have you ever heard me use that Name unless it come to pass? Ask you! You've known me twenty years. **Did I ever tell you anything in the Name of the Lord but what come to pass?** If everything I've ever told you would happen, happened, say "Amen." [Congregation says, "Amen!"—Ed.] See? I tell you, now is the hour, you better be getting right, all of us." (LEADERSHIP_COVINA.CA V-7 N-7 TUESDAY_65-1207)

"And that same Spirit of God that said all these things, and done all these things, It said there, "Oh, city, Capernaum, who called yourself by the name of the Angels, **Los Angeles**, how you've exalted yourself into heaven! The very root and seat of Satan, see, you've exalted yourself." **Preachers, it's a graveyard for them. Good men go there and die like rats.** What havoc! "You that call yourself by the name of the Angels; if the mighty works had been done in Sodom, that been done in you, it'd stood today. But your hour has come." (THE.RAPTURE_YUMA.AZ V-5 N-14 SATURDAY_65-1204)

"**And I went and got the Scripture. I said, "There is something about that in the Bible."** **And it was Jesus rebuking Capernaum**, all those coastal cities that He had visit. Why, He said, "Capernaum, thou art exalted into Heaven, will be brought down into hell." He said, "For if the works had been done in Sodom and Gomorrah that's been done in you, it'd been standing today." And at that time, Sodom and Gomorrah was in the bottom of the sea. And just after that, maybe a hundred years or something, after Jesus' prophecy, Capernaum, the only coastal city that He had visit, a earthquake sunk it in the sea. **And you know that was a direct answer to California, to Los Angeles.**" (TRYING TO DO GOD.A.SERVICE.WITHOUT.BEING.THE.WILL.OF.GOD_JEFF.IN V-4 N-8 SUNDAY_65-0718M)

"Now, the last few days, the great roaring and popping. Then, **here come out a paper of science, said, "It's all honeycombed, it's got to go under."** They just know it. And you watch, the water will come plumb back into the Salton Sea. Los Angeles is doomed for judgment. **I tell you before it's happened, that you might know when it does happen.**" (WORKS.IS.FAITH.EXPRESSED_SHREVEPORT.LA V-7 N-1 FRIDAY_65-1126)

"**That is solemn warning.** We don't know what time, and you don't know what time, that this city one day is going to be laying out here in the bottom of this ocean. "Oh, Capernaum," said Jesus. "thou who exalted into heaven, will be brought down into hell. For, if the mighty works had been done in Sodom and Gomorrah, it'd have been standing to this day." **And Sodom, Gomorrah lays in the bottom of the Dead Sea. And Capernaum is in the bottom of the sea. Thou city, who claims to be the city of the Angels, who has exalted yourself into heaven, and sent all the dirty, filthy things of fashions and things,** till even the foreign countries come here to pick up our filth and send it away, to your fine churches and steeples, and so forth, the way you do. **Remember, one day you'll be laying in the bottom of the sea, your great honeycomb under you right now. The wrath of God is belching right beneath you.** How much longer He will hold this sandbar hanging out over that? When, **that ocean out yonder, a mile deep, will slide in there, plumb back to the Salton Sea. It'll be worse than the last day of Pompeii. Repent, Los Angeles.** Repent, the rest of you, and turn to God. The hour of His wrath is upon the earth. Flee while there's time to flee, and come into Christ." (THE.CHOOSING.OF.A.BRIDE_LA.CA V-2 N-28 THURSDAY_65-0429E)

"**So is it today. The very God that America claims to serve will bring judgment upon the nation and destroy it.** I hope that gets so deep that you'll never wiggle out of it. **The very One that you claim that you love and with your own man-made dogmas, and immoral life, and decay that you got in you, away from the Word of God will destroy you someday.** That's THUS SAITH THE LORD. Nothing else left for us." (THE.WAY.OF.A.TRUE.PROPHET.OF.GOD_JEFF.IN V-3 N-14 SUNDAY_62-0513M)

"**Back when America was America, she was a great nation. The greatest the world's ever known since Israel, was America ; but she sure has polluted herself now.** She's rejected the Message... This **America is the prostitute of the nations.** That's exactly what she is, and **she's going to be worse than ever now.** She's coming to her end. The Bible speaks of her doom, tells how she's going to be: America : lowdown, rotten, filthy, no good. That's exactly right. She's been a great nation. She's carried the Gospel message. What makes her the way she is? **Because she's turned down the Gospel message and rejected the truth.** She's horrible. She's got it coming; don't worry. I see it in the vision as THUS SAITH THE LORD. It's coming. She's going to pay for her sins." (REVELATION.CHAPTER.FOUR.3_JEFF.IN ROJC 645-716 SUNDAY_61-0108)

"**But America, is the hardest place in the world to preach the Gospel.** If there's a place, and I say this with reverence, with my hand on the Bible: If there's a place... If I had—knew that I was going away from this world tonight, **if there's a place in the world, or a nation that I think that the Gospel is needed worse than anywhere I know of, is the USA.** That's right. The **educated heathen** is harder to touch than the uneducated. **Heathen is unbeliever.** And when they come educated, makes them horrible to touch. **They know so much that you can't tell them nothing.**" (THE.ANGEL.OF.THE.LORD_CONNERSVILLE.IN THURSDAY_53-0604)

"**You come to America, we have a national spirit."** **Our national spirit is frolic** (See?), **jokes.** You know why? We were founded upon the doctrine of the apostles. We were founding upon leadership of great men like Washington, Lincoln, **but we have moved off of that foundation,** and we know that we've got it coming. We know that a atomic bomb's got our **name wrote on it.** We know that slavery lays ahead of us, no need of fooling yourself." (THE.BREACH.BETWEEN.THE.SEVEN.CHURCHES.AND.THE.SEVEN.SEALS_JEFF.IN SUNDAY_)

"What did I tell you from this pulpit? **Last year America made her fatal mistake.** I said, "**Fatal mistake,**" **she sure did.** And look what she's doing now. You see it in the government affairs. **They're trying to go right over and hook up with the Arabs.** Don't you know, God's Word said, "**Ever who curses Israel, will be cursed?**" Certainly. **I stand with Israel,** take our ground or take it. Certainly. Arabs went in the wrong thing. Sure they are. Brother, look at every nation that turned against the Jew; they sunk. Look at—look at **Germany,** when she turned against the Jew, and they burnt the bodies in the incinerators, and look what it is today. Look at **Italy,** that turned against the Jews, when **Mussolini** ousted them from Italy. Looked at her today. If we wasn't feeding them, they'd be starved to death. (GOD.KEEPS.HIS.WORD_JEFF.IN SUNDAY_57-0407M)

"**America, this is your last hour! Judgment lays in the balance, yonder, for this nation.** If God would let this nation get by with what it's done now, He would be obligated to raise up Sodom and Gomorrah, and apologize for burning them up. That's right. We are going to pay for our sins. **We are doing the same thing they did in Sodom.** And God has sent down Message just exactly the way He did in Sodom. Just exactly. He sent one to the church out there and the Lot group; and to Sodom; and He sent to the Elect, and so forth. And proved it, that the church is setting exactly in the condition it was in the days of—of Lot, as Jesus said it would be again. Friends, it's on our hands, what are we going to do with it? Say, "Blood on your hands?" Yes." (THE.TOKEN_BAKF.CA V-22 N-8 SATURDAY_64-0208)

"They said they was going to... America, "God bless America, it's--it's a nation, it's a Christian country." It's a million miles from being a Christian country. **I don't even pray for it.** How can I pray for it, and it won't repent under the mighty powers of God demonstrated before it, and denying, and closing the doors to it, and walking away? I commit it to God. And she's going further away, and now she's going to sink. Just watch what happens." (TRYING.TO.DO.GOD.A.SERVICE.title JEFF.IN V-4 N-8 65-0718M) "**I'm neither Democrat or Republican. I'm a Christian.**" (THE.WORLD.IS.FALLING.APART_ALBQ.NM FRIDAY_63-0412M)

CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR

The Truth About The Original Sin

For years we have been taught and believed that Adam and Eve, our first parents in the garden of Eden, ate an apple from the tree in the midst of the garden, and through this act of disobedience the whole world plunged into sin.



WAS IT AN APPLE THAT EVE DID EAT?

Why should it be an apple when apples were never mentioned in the Word of God in reference to the Garden of Eden? Although the Bible speaks that they were not to eat of the TREE of the knowledge of good and evil, but never can we find in the entire Scriptures that it was an apple that have caused our transgressions and fall (**Genesis 2:17**). It will be difficult for many readers to believe this, but of a truth, it was SEX or ADULTERY with the SERPENT that caused the fall of EVE and ADAM, through which sin came into the world and brought each of us under its curse.

THE SEED OF THE SERPENT

Here is where we receive the true revelation of the SERPENT'S SEED, and here is what really happened in the Garden of Eden. The Word says that Eve was beguiled by the serpent. She was actually seduced by the serpent. Satan took advantage of the serpent's physical characteristics to use him to beguile Eve. Remember that it was Lucifer's ambition to build himself a greater kingdom than Michael did in heaven, before he was kicked out on earth. And still, he wanted to pursue his evil plan in this world after that. And the only way for Satan to accomplish what he wanted to do was to enter the serpent in Eden even as he entered by evil spirits into the swine at Gadara. He could not have a child directly by Eve as did God by Mary, so he entered into the serpent and then beguiled Eve. He seduced her and by her did Satan have a child vicariously - CAIN, the seed of the serpent, who bore the full spiritual characteristics of Satan and the animalistic (sensual, fleshly) characteristic of the serpent, and a murderer, too.

It says in **Genesis 3:1**, "*Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made.*" This beast was so close to a human being (and yet was pure animal) that he could reason and talk. He was close to a man. He was almost man. He was an upright creature and was somewhat in between a chimpanzee and a man, but closer to a man. He was so close to being human that his seed could, and did mingle with that of the woman and cause her to conceive. Before Adam ever had a carnal knowledge of Eve, the serpent had that knowledge ahead of him. And that one born of it was CAIN. "*Cain was of (born of, begotten of) that "Wicked One", according to I John 3:12.*

Notice what God said to the SERPENT in the garden. **Genesis 3:15**, "*And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed, It shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel.*" If we give credit to the Word that the woman did have a seed, then the serpent must have surely had a SEED also. If the SEED of the woman was a MAN-CHILD apart from the man, then the SEED of the serpent will have to be in the same pattern, and that is another male must be born apart from human male instrumentality.



THE SEED OF THE WOMAN

As the Seed of the woman was literally God reproducing Himself in human flesh, so the seed of the serpent is the literal way that Satan found he was able to open the door to himself into the human race. It was impossible for Satan (for he is only a created spirit-being) to reproduce himself in the manner which God reproduced Himself, so the Genesis account tells how he produced his seed and introduced or injected himself into the human race.

"Her (Eve's) eyes, with sight she saw the serpent. He was beautiful, handsome, far better than her own husband. He was the most subtle of all the beast of the field. And he was probably a fairer man than her husband; he look like a great masculine beast standing there. How great he was, and he was trying to tell her what a great thing it was. And the first thing she did, she opened up her mind. And when she did, human reasonings caught it. "Why, wouldn't that be a thrill." (GREATEST.BATTLE.EVER.FOUGHT.title JEFF.IN 62-0311)

THE MISSING LINK BETWEEN MAN AND ANIMAL

When this illicit act happened between Eve and the serpent, God cursed the serpent. He changed every bone in the serpent's body so that he had to crawl like a snake. "**And the Lord God said unto the SERPENT, because thou hast done this, thou art CURSED above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy BELLY shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life**".

Science can try all it wants to, and it won't find the MISSING LINK between man and animal. God saw to that. Man is smart and he can see an association of man with animal and he tries to prove it out of evolution. There isn't any evolution. But man and animal did mingle. That's one of the mysteries of God that has remained hidden, but here it is revealed. It happened right back there in the midst of Eden when Eve turned away from Life to accept Death.

Immediately after EATING the FRUIT (remember that we are the FRUITS of our mother and father), they quickly knew that they were NAKED. And they hid themselves from God and made aprons of fig leaves to cover their NAKEDNESS (**Gen. 3:7-8**). SURELY this must speak to our understanding that it was SEX, and NOT EATING APPLES (or else Adam and Eve could have made aprons for their mouth rather covering their private parts). Also take note that after this affair, God did not curse Eve by punishing her with more apples to eat, but said, "**Unto the woman He said, I will multiply thy sorrow and thy CONCEPTION; in sorrow thou shalt BRING FORTH CHILDREN, and thy desire shall be to thy husband..**" (**Gen. 3:16**). This tremendous act has brought forth the advent for man's sexual reproduction, which was never God's original plan, because God just speaks His children into existence and they come forth out of the dust, just like the way He created the first man, Adam.

The fruit or result of Eve being sexually known by the serpent and Adam was that she conceived both CAIN and ABEL. The truth of the matter is that Eve had in her womb TWO sons (TWINS) from SEPARATE IMPREGNATIONS. She was carrying TWINS, with Cain's conception sometime previous to that of Abel's.

To those who think that this is not possible, let it be known that the medical records are replete with cases where women have carried twins who were of separate ova and separate insemination with the fertilization of the eggs being days apart, and NOT ONLY SO, but some of the records show that the twins were fathered by separate males. Recently worldwide coverage was given to a Norwegian mother who was suing her husband for support for herself and her twins, one of which was white and the other black. She admitted that she had a Negro lover. The two conceptions were about three weeks apart. In Beaumont, Texas, in 1963, the records again set forth a multiple birth wherein pregnancies were many days apart, in fact so much so that the woman almost died along with one child in childbirth.

SCRIPTURE'S TWINS

From that time on when Satan has successfully injected his SEED into mankind, there has always been TWINS warring in the Scriptures. We can see Cain & Abel, Esau and Jacob, Ishmael and Isaac, Moses and Pharaoh, Judas and Jesus, to be the SEED of the WOMAN and the SEED of the SERPENT, having the ENMITY one with the other.

ENOCH, THE SEVENTH FROM ADAM

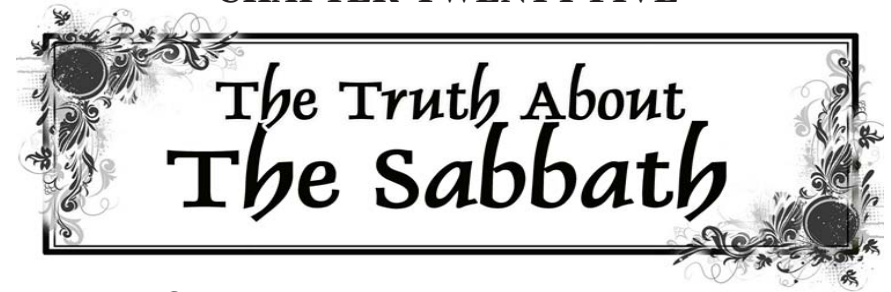
It is amazing that Jude 14 records that ENOCH was the SEVENTH from Adam, which confirms that CAIN was really NOT the son of Adam, but the SON of the SERPENT. **The genealogies of ADAM was on this wise : (1) Adam, (2) Seth, (3) Enos, (4) Cainan, (5) Mahaleel, (6) Jared, (7) Enoch.**

Notice that Cain was never mentioned in the list of the Bible as a son of Adam; and Abel, of course, was no longer mentioned because he was murdered by Cain, and did not have any descendant.

In the New Testament, we can find traces of the serpent seed through the persons of the religious **Pharisees and Saducees** as John the Baptist addressed them as such. **Matthew 3:7-** *"But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"* Jesus called them the same thing in **Matthew 12:34 -** *"O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."* Also in **Matthew 23:33-** *"[Ye] serpents, [ye] generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"*

"Satan, the serpent, almost had a soul. God knowed they'd look for those bones, and there's not a bone in a snake that looks like a man. He was... That's the curse of him. He stood upon his feet just like a man. Notice, then that seed, which was next to the human seed... Satan himself, the spirit, knew that that was the only seed that would pregnate the woman, 'cause the chimpanzee won't do it. They've mixed it and everything else; it won't do it. But he knowed that the germ of life that was in the chimpanzee, would not come to the field of the woman--egg; but he knowed the serpent's seed would do it, so he dealt with the serpent." (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0830M)

CHAPTER TWENTY-FIVE



INTRODUCTION

The Sabbath, as we know it from the New Testament, is NOT the keeping of a certain day. We have no command whatsoever to keep Saturday for a Sabbath, nor do we have any commandment to keep the first day of the week, which is Sunday, as a Sabbath.

Many people keeps days. Others make Sunday an idol, a worship day. Others make Saturday as the worship day. Both the Sunday worshipper and the Sabbath keeper are absolutely wrong, according to the Word of God. Sabbath to a Christian is no longer the keeping of holy days, new moons or seasons. It means "eternal rest" to one's soul by the New Birth. We have to go by the Word of God, not by what the Adventists say, nor by what the Protestant says, nor by what the Catholic says.

SABBATH MEANS "REST"

Hebrews 4:8, "*For if Jesus had given them **REST** (or rest day), then would He not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a rest (Sabbath keeping) to the people of God. For he that is entered into his **rest**, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His.*"

Reading the key phrase in the last part of the verse, it says that "**God ceased from His own works.**" God gave Israel the seventh day for their Sabbath, in commemoration of His own work wherein He created the world and all that was therein, and then stopped creating. He ceased from His labors. **He rested.** Now it was fine to give a Sabbath rest to a people who were all in one place at one time, so they could all keep a certain day. Today half the world is in light while the other half is in darkness, so it wouldn't work at all. But that is just an argument from the natural.

Let's see what the Bible teaches us about this Sabbath rest. "*For he that is entered into **his rest.***" This entering in is not only entering in, but **remaining in**, the **rest**. It is an **'eternal rest'** of which the seventh day is but a type, to the Christian.

"SEVEN" MEANS COMPLETION. **'Eight'** goes back to the **'first'** day cycle again.

Jesus' resurrection was in the first day of the week, giving us eternal life and eternal Sabbath rest. Thus we see why God could not give us any one certain day of the week as a Sabbath (rest). We've 'entered into' and do 'remain in' our rest, which Israel could not do, having only a shadow of the true substance which we enjoy. Why go back to a shadow when we have reality now?

How we receive this rest, or continuing Sabbath, is at the invitation of Jesus. He said in **Matthew 11:28,29**, “*Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me;... and ye shall find rest (or keeping of the Sabbath, not a day, but eternal life, Sabbath) unto your souls.*”

No matter how long you have been laboring under your load of sin, whether it is ten years, thirty years or fifty years, or longer, come with your tired weary life and you will find His rest (the true Sabbath). **Jesus will give you rest.**

Now exactly what is that rest that Jesus will give?

Isaiah 28:8-12, “*For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean. Whom shall He teach knowledge? and whom shall He make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: For with stammering lips and another tongue will He speak to this people. To whom He said, This is the rest (Sabbath) wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest (or keeping of His Sabbath); and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.*”

Here it is prophesied right here in Isaiah. And it came to pass about 700 years later at Pentecost when they were all filled with the Holy Ghost exactly as it was said they would be. **This is the true Sabbath that was promised. Thus when they were filled with the Holy Ghost they ceased from their worldly works, their worldly doings, their evil ways.** The Holy Ghost took charge of their lives. They entered into rest. **There is your rest. That is your Sabbath. It is not a day, nor a year, but the eternity of being filled and blessed in the Holy Spirit. It is you ceasing, and God doing. It is God in you willing and doing of His good pleasure.**

Oh, that people might come unto Him and find that rest. There is a cry in all hearts for that rest but the majority don't know the answer. So they try to still the cry by a religious process of keeping certain days or accepting denominational creeds and dogmas. But failing in that, many try drinking, carousing, and every physical excess, thinking that by worldly pleasures there can be some satisfaction. But in such there is no rest. **They smoke and take pills to quiet their nerves. But there is no rest in earthly potions. They need Jesus. They need the heavenly remedy, the rest of the Spirit.**

Then the most of them go to church on Sunday. That is good but even there they have no idea of how to approach God and how to worship Him. **Jesus said that true worship was in Spirit and in truth, John 4:24.** But what kind of worship can you get in a church that knows so little of God it puts up a Santa Claus at Christmas and bunnies at Easter? Where did they get that? They got it from the pagans and made it a part of the church doctrine.

But when one turns to the Lord and is filled with the Holy Ghost he ceases from all such things. He has a rest in his soul. He really begins to live, and love God and worship Him.

THE NEW BIRTH IS OUR SABBATH

The Law of the Old testament was only a shadow of things that was to come in the New Testament. The Old says, “Thou shalt not commit adultery”. The New saith “Whosoever looketh upon a woman with lust has already committed “adultery” with her in his heart”. The Old Testament states, “Thou shalt not kill”. The New Testament states, “He that hateth his

brother without a cause is already guilty of killing or murdering his brother.” Notice that the New Testament even magnified the meaning of the Law. And so is the same concerning the Sabbath. The Old saith, “Keep holy the Sabbath Day”. The New saith, “Come unto Me all of you who labour and are heavily-laden, and I will give you Sabbath (rest). For I am the Lord of the Sabbath.” If Jesus Himself never hesitated to heal the sick on the Sabbath Day and was condemned by the Pharisees for doing such, it just follows that Jesus was not anymore concerned about making holy that certain literal observance of a Sabbath day. Jesus was pointing us to the “New Birth” as the real true Sabbath or “rest”. Didn't Jesus say to Nicodemus, “Except a man be born of water and of Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven.” This “New Birth” or in the state of “being born again” is now the real Sabbath to the Christian believers of today.

HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS

Here in the succeeding verses of the Book of Hebrews Chapters 3 and 4, we find God solemnly warning us to fear, lest we fail to enter into that Sabbath (rest) of God just like the children of Israel who provoked God and perished in the wilderness

HEBREWS 3:7-19 - “*Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: when your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in [their] heart; and they have not known my ways. So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest). Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end; While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. But with whom was he grieved forty years? [was it] not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? And to whom swore he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.*”

HEBREWS 4:1-11 - “*Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left [us] of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard [it]. For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he spake in a certain place of the seventh [day] on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. And in this [place] again, If they shall enter into my rest. Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God [did] from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.*”

SUNDAY OR SATURDAY?

“No, sir, there's not, not a Scripture in the Bible, nor in the New Testament, for us

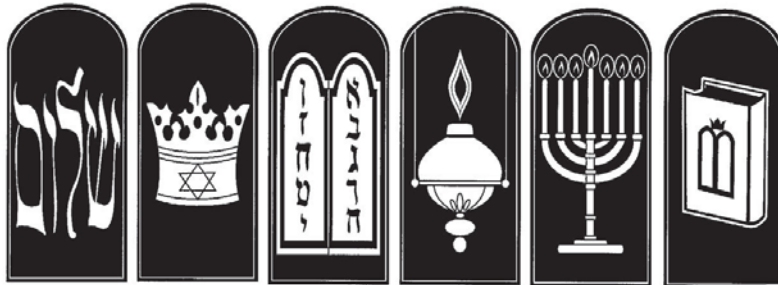
to keep either Saturday or Sunday. But the reason we keep Sunday, is a memorial of the resurrection." (QA.ON.GENESIS.title JEFF.IN COD 53-0729)

"Now, He said, in other words, about the sabbath, He said, "Come to me, all ye that labour and heavy laden, and I will give you rest unto your souls, **sabbath unto your souls,**" **not to the physical body, to your soul.**" (QA.ON.GENESIS.title JEFF.IN COD 53-0729)

" **Isaiah 28:18, read it. "With stammering lips and other tongues will I speak to this people. This is the rest."** Not Sunday ain't the rest day. **The Holy Spirit is the Rest day.** You Advent brethren, not the seventh-day sabbath is the rest. The Holy Spirit is the Rest. "With stammering lips and other tongues will I speak to this people. And this is the Sabbath. This is..." "Sabbath" means "rest." This is the Rest to the soul; you have eternal Rest. Like God, when He made the world, the seventh day, He rested after that. He rested; He went on resting. When we enter into God, we rest all the time; not from one Sunday to another. We rest with eternal; we got Eternal Life. **The Holy Spirit gives you Rest.**" (UNFAILING REALITIES OF.GOD.title JEFF.IN V-16 N-1 60-0626)

"**The Holy Ghost is our Sabbath;** the Bible said so, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and heavy laden, I'll give you sabbath to your soul." Not a "day." Paul said, "You that keep a day, I'm afraid of you." See, that's right. Yes, sir. "There remaineth a rest (Hebrews 4) to the people of God, a sabbath-keeping. For we which have entered into His rest, hath ceased from our works, as God did from His." (SHALOM.title SIERRA.VISTA.AZ V-13 N-5 64-0112)

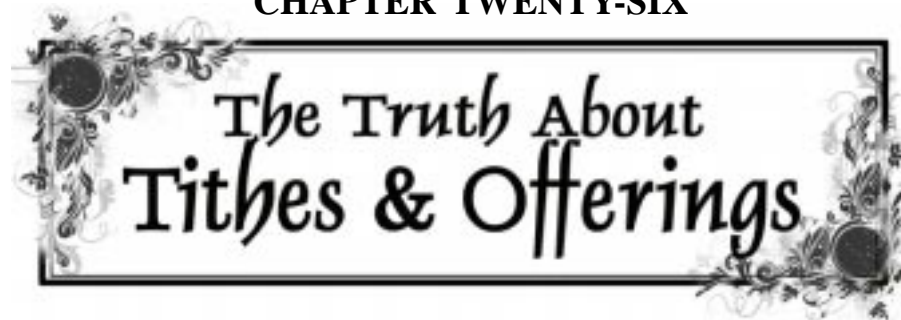
COLOSSIANS 2:16-17, " *Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an **holyday**, or of the new moon, or of the **sabbath** [days]: Which are a **shadow** of things to come; but the body [is] of Christ.*"



ISRAEL'S SYMBOLIC ICONOGRAPHY



CHAPTER TWENTY-SIX



THE ORIGIN OF TITHING

TITHING first appears in the Holy Bible in **Genesis 14:20** in connection with Abraham and Melchizedek. Abraham, though not yet living under the Law, for the Law was given under Moses, paid tithes to Melchizedek, and was offered the very first communion of bread and wine. The Hebrew word for TITHES is *MAASER*, and for OFFERINGS, it is *MINCHAH*.



OFFERINGS first appear in the Scriptures in **Genesis 4:4-5**. The Lord gives us a wonderful example in the lives of Cain and Abel in the area of bringing their OFFERINGS unto the Lord. But we've seen that even though both children brought offerings unto the Lord, God had pleasure in Abel's offering because it was done in the spirit of revelation.

In **Ephesians 5:10** we are told that, we should be at all times, "*Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord*". We do need to know and understand what is required and pleasing to our Lord, and what is displeasing to Him, in order that we might think, say and do what is good, acceptable, and perfect according to the will of God (see: Romans 12:1-2). Second Corinthians 1:20 says that all God's promises are "Yes" in Christ. So the blessings promised to the giver in the Old Testament, such as Malachi 3:10, are still available and valid for us Christians until today.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TITHES AND OFFERINGS

There is, however, a difference between TITHES and OFFERINGS, not only in language but most especially in spirit. A **TITHE** means "ten percent of all benefits that come our way, such as, our salary, inheritance, gifts and even the interest one might earn on bank accounts, etc." While **OFFERINGS** is over and above our ten percent TITHE. By this I mean, that once you have responded in the area of your TITHES, now you have the freedom to graciously give your *MINCHAH* (OFFERING) as you are directed and made aware of by The Spirit of God as to the particular need or needs, that are presented to you through your congregation, church, or fellowship.

Please remember that both the TITHES and OFFERINGS need to be given in your congregation or church where you attend, "**Bring ye all the TITHES into the storehouse**", and wait for God's blessings.

First Corinthians 9:14 says those who preach the Gospel should live from the

Gospel “even so” as the priests of the Old Testament lived from their temple service. God gave the tithe to them (Numbers 18:21). To be “even so” today requires tithing to continue.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:13-14 NKJ -“Do you not know that those who minister the holy things eat of the things of the temple, and those who serve at the altar partake of the offerings of the altar? Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel.”

NUMBERS 18:21 NKJ-“Behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tithes in Israel as an inheritance in return for the work which they perform, the work of the tabernacle of meeting.”

We tithe because we have a personal financial responsibility to our church. We have a pastor who tend to our needs and the management of our church and they need to be able to live, too. “Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; that useth his neighbour’s service without wages, and giveth him not for his work ” (Jeremiah 22:13).

A BLESSING AND A CURSE

The Lord promises you in Malachi 3:10 that He will “open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it ”.

In the New Testament we read in **Luke 6:38** ...that when you are obedient to The Word of God in your TITHES and OFFERINGS, then you should expect an abundance of blessings; “Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again”. The Lord God Himself will bless you as you are obedient in word and in deed in bringing cheerfully your TITHES and OFFERINGS unto the LORD our God.

Therefore, as you TITHE, the Almighty God promises to likewise bless you; on the other hand, if you do not, then you are ROBBING God. The end result is recorded in the Holy Writ, “Ye are cursed with a curse”.

Malachi 3:8-11 states this:

⁸ “Will a man rob God ? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. ⁹ Ye [are] cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, [even] this whole nation. ¹⁰ Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that [there shall] not [be room] enough [to receive it]. ¹¹ And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. ¹² And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.”

I don’t know about you, but I want to be blessed of God as often as possible, and not cursed. It’s up to you, whether you will be totally obedient or disobedient.

As we know, “robbery” is the act of taking something that does not belong to you. God specifically used the term “robbery” in Malachi to show that the tithe (which means

a tenth) belongs to Him. We must understand that God is the owner of this earth, and everything on it belongs to Him. “The earth is the Lord’s, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein” (Psa. 24:1).

Elsewhere, the Bible says, “The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, says the LORD of hosts” (Hag. 2:8). Before we become possessive about the treasures of this world, let us first remember that He created this planet and everyone on it, and even though Satan holds a temporary dominion through sin (2 Cor. 4:4), the earth still belongs to God. As a result of your obedience unto The Almighty God, here is a beautiful promise that is extremely wonderful and full of grace found in Malachi chapter three and verse eleven:

“And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field; saith the Lord of Hosts”.

A TEST OF OBEDIENCE, STEWARDSHIP AND DISCIPLINE

Unfortunately, many Christians TODAY misunderstand the idea of tithing. They often think of it as giving a tenth from “their own” property to God. However, in reality it is God that has done the giving to us, and claims the return of only 10% of His own property. Tithing is not taking a tenth of our own money and giving it to God, but it is returning a tenth of what was already His to begin with.

The scripture says, “But who am I, and who are my people, That we should be able to offer so willingly as this? For all things come from You, And of Your own we have given You” (1 Chron. 29:14). God is so generous to us. He gives us the 90% and retains only 10% of what is rightfully His.

Tithing is a test of our stewardship over the property of God, a test of our honesty to return to God what is rightfully His, a test of our obedience to do what He told us to do, and a test of our love and desire to please Him with our lives. Tithing is a demonstration that we believe in God, and that we acknowledge that He is the provider of all material blessings. If you haven’t the faith to believe that the tithe belongs to the Lord, neither can you have faith in Him to meet your financial needs. After all, if you don’t believe that the tenth is His, you must not believe that the whole earth is His either. Without that confidence in His supremacy, there could be no confidence in His ability to provide our needs.

God asks for our tithes because He knows that money is one of man’s most significant stumbling blocks. Greed and fear force us to hold tightly to our money. Many people worship money and will do whatever it takes to get it and keep it. When we are able to freely and joyfully give our money to God, we achieve a freedom like no other. Our obedience in financial stewardship reveals a maturity of character that God treasures. When we honor Him with our financial obedience, He blesses us. “And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.” (Malachi 3:12) (For understanding, read Malachi 3-10-18)

Some claim they can’t afford to pay their tithes. But let me ask, “Can you afford to be cursed? Can you afford to not have God’s blessings and protection over your finances? Can you afford to be considered a thief or robber of God’s property? Or can you afford to be a person who does not obey the Word of God?” The fact is, you cannot afford not to pay your tithes, because this is the principle that God has chosen to bless you!

Another person once asked, “Why does God need my tithe?” In answer to this question, He really doesn’t need your money or anyone else’s. Remember, God is the owner of the whole universe and all its wealth. However, He has chosen to use your tithes and offerings for the expenses of maintaining “spiritual meat” in His house (Mal. 3:10). **On the first day of the week you are to bring your tithes and offerings to the “storehouse” of your Church where you are spiritually fed** (1 Cor. 16:2). How important it is that we are faithful in our tithes and offerings, as this is God’s method of funding the preaching of His Word and the spreading of the Gospel (1 Cor. 9:13-14).

A CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE

Though “Tithing” is one of the most controversial issues being debated in the Christian world today, God has given us a “seer” who taught us the real absolute on the issue of “tithings”.

Regardless of any theologian’s interpretation or doctrinal view that says that “TITHING” is no longer applicable to today’s New Testament Christians, I say, God has given us a vindicated prophet today that tells us that TITHING is still a significant part of the Christian life. The Word comes NOT to theologians, but always to God’s prophets (Amos 3:7)

Unless one is a true believer of the End-Time Message, he or she will find it hard to believe and follow this teaching, for it is a “revelation” that has to be accepted by faith in the Word. For the Bride of Jesus Christ, for them who believe that God has sent us a vindicated messenger in the Spirit of Elijah (Malachi 4:5-6) to turn our hearts back to the original faith of the Apostolic Fathers, back to the true teachings of the Bible, “tithing” is a forever-settled issue. Those outside the Bride-Body, is free to believe whatever they wish to believe. **But for the Bride, we believe in “tithing”.**

REV. WILLIAM BRANHAM ENDORSED “TITHING”

1. TITHING IS AN OBLIGATION AND A CHRISTIAN DUTY

“I do believe that every Christian is obligated to pay tithings because it is a commandment of the Lord. “And blessed is—are they that do all His commandments, that they might have a right to enter into the Life, the Tree of Life.” Now, **I do believe that tithe-paying is essential to a Christian experience.**” (QA GOD BEING MISUNDERSTOOD; JEFF COD 61-0723E)

“But, you know, I feel like this, that a member of a church, their first obligation is with their tithe and offerings, is to support their church. If you’re members of these fine churches that’s represented here, you support your church. **That’s your first duty to God. “Bring your tithe and offerings into the storehouse.” And the storehouse, you surely know what that is; it’s where you get your food.** So there’s where you get your spiritual food, and your obligation is to your church and not to an evangelist like me.” (LET.US.SEE.GOD.title SAN.JOSE.CA V-14 N-2 59-1129)

“Brother, sister, the church ought to get in God’s program, then the church will move all right. Just like suppers and dinners and so forth to appropriate money, that’s not God’s way of doing it. **Pay your tithes; that’s what God wants you to do.** See? Just

keep in God’s program, and **He’ll bless the giver and so forth. He promised it.**” (BEGINNING OF JESUS FAME; CONNERSVILLE.IN FRIDAY_ 53-0605)

“Because **they reject God’s way of paying tithes.** Certainly. Why do they take a creed? Because they don’t want the Bible. Why they take a error? **‘Cause they don’t want the Truth.**” (GO.AWAKE.JESUS_SHREVEPORT.LA V-17 N-9 SATURDAY_ 63-1130E)

2. BROTHER BRANHAM PAID TITHES

“**But just as loyal as I ever could, I paid tithes.** And when I took my own money from the church here or from my campaigns, I’d take more... **I’d give a tenth.** Then I’d give it out to the ministers, and **give the rest of it to ministers.** Then when I couldn’t do that, then the thing I did, I kept ten percent and give God ninety. And then, when the law told me I couldn’t do that, I’d have to take... And if I did, it was going to be charged to it, then I had to take and bypass it into foreign missions and so forth, and then just **take a wage out of that of a hundred dollars a week; and I pay my tithes from that.** Yes, sir. **I believe in paying tithes . It’s one of God’s blessings that’s proven to be a blessing. You say, “That’s of the Old Testament.” It is of the New Testament, too. Yes, sir!**” (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS_ JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY_ 64-0823E)

“And I went down there and worked during the depression, and—and they brought their tithes in. Instead of me keeping it and not working, **I put my own tithes in, and my offerings in, and the money in, and we built the tabernacle here.** And it’s built on the alms of the people that they give to me to make a living with. I worked and put it back in the tabernacle, and that’s the reason they call it Branham Tabernacle.” (UNPARDONABLE.SIN_ JEFF.IN V-26 N-8 SUNDAY_ 54-1024)

617-Q-146 049 146. “**Brother Branham, don’t you feel that everyone who claims to be a Christian should pay tithes, pay their tithes into the storehouse of the Lord? Please give Scripture to this question.** All right, if you will... **That is right,** that the Bible said in Malachi the 4th chapter, “**Will a man rob God? And you say, ‘Where have we robbed Thee?’ In tithe and offerings. Bring all your tithe and offerings into My storehouse and prove Me,**” saith the Lord, “**if I will not open up the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that there’ll not be room enough to receive.**” **That’s a challenge to any individual.** And if I only had the time, and would not get to this little Scripture that I wish to get to in about the next ten minutes, **I would like to give you a personal testimony of how that I was even hungry, and my mother and them hungry, and my daddy sick, but I took my tithes out first and give it to God,** and you ought to see what happened. I have never seen in my life, that any man or a woman, that if you only make one dollar a week, will bring the ten cents of that money and put it into your storehouse, your church where you come, **if God don’t bless that, call me a hypocrite.** Yes, sir. **That’s a challenge to anybody. And every Christian should pay tithes. That’s right. It should be done.**” (QA GOD BEING MISUNDERSTOOD; JEFF COD 61-0723E)

“**A minister, he’s to live by the Gospel.** But I was young; I was healthy, why shouldn’t I work and not be an obligation to the people? Not because that they wouldn’t do it; they would be glad to do it. But I just felt like if the rest of them worked, then I’d work also. **So I worked and—and paid my tithings right at the church . I believe in tithe paying. Now... God has blessed (to) me millions of times.**” (MY LIFE STORY; CLEVELAND.OH SUNDAY_ 50-0820A)

“**And the church ARE THOSE who come and support the church with**

their presence, with their tithe and offerings, are always the ones that has legal say-so in the placing of such.” (PLACING.OF.DEACONS.title JEFF.IN COD 58-0720E)

3. AS THE ROYAL SEED OF ABRAHAM, WE ARE TO FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE

As you see, Abraham lived under “grace” and not under the Law. Yet, he was the first one to introduce “tithings” to the seed of Abraham.

“And to you people that don’t believe in tithe paying, look at this. The Levitical priesthood paid tithes. And the Bible said that Levi paid tithes when he was in the loins of Abraham, and that was his great, great grandfather. And when Levi was in the loins of Abraham, when Abraham paid tithes to Melchisedec, the Bible reckoned Levi paying tithes. How ought you people to live? If your sins are visited to the children, what about your blessings?” (FAITHFUL.ABRAHAM.title LA.CA 59-0415E)

“Notice, we want to go back and think. Paul here is referring back to an Old Testament character. In the Book of Genesis we take up the life of Abraham from the 12th chapter of Genesis: God giving Abraham the promise, and through Abraham would come the righteous Seed. **And Abraham as believed by many to be a Jew, he was not. Abraham was a Gentile, a Chaldean from the city of Ur.** And he became God’s servant, not because he was different from anyone else, but because of the election of God.” (THE.COMMUNION_ JEFF.IN ER 21-34 THURSDAY_ 57-0418)

4. NOTHING WILL EVER SUBSTITUTE GOD’S “TITHINGS”

“Today they’re trying to take the place of God’s tithing. They’re trying to adopt something. They’re trying to make it different. They go down and have **bunco games** in the churches, **play lottery. Lottery will never take the place of God’s tithings. Suppers, blanket selling, picnics to raise money to pay different debts off. It’ll never take the place of God’s eternal tithe and offerings; it’ll never do it.** But yet we’re trying to do it.” (ENTICING.SPIRITS.title JEFF.IN DE 79-112 55-0724)

“We got to have some kind of a sale to pay the...” When it gets to a place like that, the church ought to close it’s doors. **Pay your tithes and the pastor will be paid.**” (AS.THE.EAGLE.STIRRETH.UP.HER.NEST YAKIMA.WA THURSDAY_ 60-0804)

5. TITHING GOES TO THE MINISTER

680-Q-161 085 161. Would it be wrong to use tithes on church building funds?

“Well now, here—here’s a touchy little thing for the minister. That’s right. In the Bible they had a box they’d set at the door in the Old Testament when the—building. This box was a fund where the people put in there for the repairing... You’ve read it many times in the Old Testament. They kept up the buildings and things like that... All the repairs on the buildings was taken care out of that fund. **But a tenth of that went—a tenth of the tithings—all the tithings went to their priests, their pastors. Yes, tithings are to go for nothing else. I know people take their tithes and give them to a widow woman. That’s wrong. If you’ve got anything to give the widow woman, give her, but don’t give her God’s money. That’s not yours in the first place. That’s God’s.**” (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 61-1015M)

I TIMOTHY 5:18 - “ For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer [is] worthy of his reward.”

I CORINTHIANS 9:13-14 - “ Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live [of the things] of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.”

A CHALLENGE TO OBEDIENCE

I challenge you to become a tither and a giver to God, and “prove” His promise to bless you, just as He invites you to do in Malachi 3:10. Give to God in faith, expecting Him to bless your return (Mark 11:24), and give cheerfully, expressing joy and confidence in giving to God (2 Cor. 9:7). The same proportion that you open your faith to give to Him, He will use that same proportion as His measurement to bring blessing back to you! “Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. **For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you” (Luke 6:38).**

“If there’s any strangers with us, we’ve made that a policy to never beg, bum, push people for money. We pass the collection plate, which is just a... That’s a religious act. I’ve tried it many times not even to pass the collection plate at all, but it don’t work. See? **Because giving is a part of our religion.** It’s a part of our duty. No matter if it’s just a dime or whatever it is, or a penny, it’s all... So you remember Jesus seen a widow passing by one day where the rich men was putting in much of their treasure in the treasury. And this widow passed by, maybe a couple little, hungry children walking by her side and gave everything she had, three pennies. And Jesus said, “Who paid the most?” Now, if I’d been standing there, I’d said, “Don’t do that, sister. We--we... Look, we got plenty of money.” But He never stopped her. See? He--He knew He had something greater for her down the road. So see, after all, she had a home in glory that she was going to. And He never stopped her. He let her put three pennies in, because it was just--she wanted to do it. And it was... She’d had to want to do it with children, and a widow, and only three pennies to live on. She--she had to want to do that. So you see, **when people want to give, you’ve got to give them the opportunity to do so.**” (MAN.RUNNING.FROM.PRESENCE.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-8 65-0217)

CAN A PASTOR TAKE A PART-TIME JOB?

Sure. Paul made tents. Brother Branham worked in the Public Service Company and as a Game Warden. If a pastor has yet a small congregation and tithing is not that sufficient enough for his family’s needs, by all means he can work as long as it does not conflict with his main priority of preaching the Gospel, visiting the sick, and giving comfort to the needy. Not until his congregation has grew bigger and can already support the needs of the family and ministry, then he may quit secular work as he sees fit. On the other hand, it is quite worse and unethical for a minister to press people for money or resort to begging for support from foreign missionaries due to the lack of financial resources. But I believe that if God called you to be His minister, God will support you.

Brother Branham testifies of his job in the message **QUEEN.OF.THE.SOUTH GREENVILLE.SC 58-0620:**

“ I worked seventeen years as game warden and for a electrician, as a public service company, and pastored the Baptist Tabernacle at Jeffersonville,

taking what tithe that was giving in, never even seen it, passed right through the church, and built the church and so forth. And paid tithes and offerings to the church, seventeen years without one penny. And I wished I had a job that I could go to with a pick and shovel, or a hammer, or something another, is about all I could--got gumption enough to do, dig a ditch or something, work, some electrical work, and wouldn't have to take up an offering anytime. **If I could do it, I'd gladly do it.**"

"But we want some kind of a backing up. A man thinks because he become a minister, if he don't go up to some great organization to get them to back him up, well, he will not be able to preach. If God called you to preach, preach if you stand alone. Preach anyhow. God spoke to you. Stand out there and preach. It's your God given right." (WHAT.HEAREST.THOU.ELIJAH.title CHICAGO.IL 59-0609)

"If God sends you He'll take care of you. If He hasn't sent you, then let the denomination take care of you then. But--but you... if God sends you, He'll take care of you." (QA.ON.THE.HOLY.GHOST.title JEFF.IN COD 59-1219)

SOME RELATED SCRIPTURES ON 'WORK'

II THESSALONIANS 3:10-12- *"For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.*

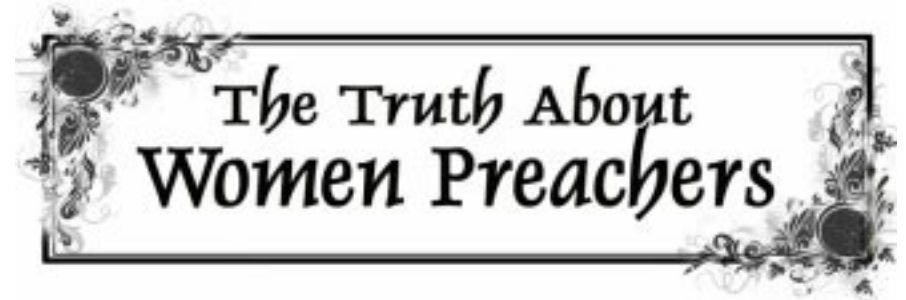
I TIMOTHY 5:8 - *"But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."*

ROMANS 13:8 - *"Owe no man any thing."*

"Clean your lives up; pay your debts; owe no man. Jesus said, "Now... Now, I don't mean things like your house rent and stuff. You got to do it. Get all your things off your hands. Get everything right. Make ready. Get ready. Remember in the Name of the Lord, something's fixing to happen". (KNOWETH.IT.NOT.title JEFF.IN V-2 N-10 65-0815)

"Owe no man nothing." That's lingering debts that you could pay. Pay them. That's owing no man nothing. It doesn't mean... My, we owe our rent, our telephone bill, we--and whatmore. We--we owe those things, and we pay them. But an old lingering debt that you could be paying on, pay it off. See? Now, don't go with anything hanging on you like that... I remember a time when I was sick once when I was a boy. I came out of the hospital owing about two thousand dollars. And there used to be a drugstore here, Mr. Swaniger; I owed him about three or four hundred dollars in medicine bill. He didn't even know me, And the man... I went to him. I didn't know him, and he'd just send it up there anyhow, never refused to send it; and I said, "I owe you." And I said... I believe, not Swaniger, it was Mr. Mason at--down on Court Avenue and Spring. And I said, "I owe you. And I'm--I'm just still awfully weak, but I'm trying to go to work. Now, if I can't pay you..." I'd just become a Christian; I said, **"First thing, Mr. Mason, as my duty to God, I owe Him my tithes. I want to pay Him my tithings first."** And I said, **"Then my next duty is pay my debts."** I said, "My father's sickly, and he--and we got... There's ten of us children in the family." But I said, "I'll... If I can't pay you no more than twenty-five cents on that bill each payday... If I can't pay you even the twenty-five cents, I'll come by and tell you about it. I'll tell you, 'I--I can't do it this time.'" And I, **by the help of God, I paid every bit off.** See? But that's what I mean. See?" (CHRIST REVEALED IN HIS OWN WORD; JEFF.IN V-4 N-10 65-0822M)

CHAPTER TWENTY-SEVEN



INTRODUCTION

God cares for women as much as He does men. Yes, women are as significant to the home, church, and society as men are. In Christ, women enjoy equality in spiritual position and blessings before God as men do. This does not mean, though, that there is to be no difference in men and women in their appearance and responsibilities. There is the reality which needs to be obvious in the church and society today: Men and women were obviously created by God differently!

KNOWING HER RIGHTFUL POSITION

Men and women were created for different roles. The Bible affirms that **men** are to be the **leaders** in the home, church, and state. Women were not created to rule these divine institutions; men were. Even the five-fold ministry of **Ephesians 4:11** was so designed in the Scriptures for men, and not for women.

In the beginning, man and woman were co-equal in their position before God. But when Eve fell in transgression when she listened to the serpent, the covenant was changed. The woman was now to be under subjection unto the man as evident in the succeeding scriptures:

I TIMOTHY 2:14-15 - *"And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety."*

GENESIS 3:16 - *"Unto the woman He said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire [shall be] to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee."*

EPHESIANS 5:22-24 - *"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so [let] the wives [be] to their own husbands in every thing."*

The **prophet Isaiah** was condemning **Israel** when he said that women ruled over them (Isa. 3:12). The **prophet Elijah** was also condemning **Ahab** because his pagan wife **Jezebel** was overpowering him. **Samson** was turned out of the will of God because he listened to the dictates of **Delilah**. And **Adam** himself failed God because of listening to his wife **Eve**.

AN ISSUE OF USURPATION OF AUTHORITY

In the church, according to the Bible, no woman is qualified to be a pastor or a deacon or in any other leadership position over men. Who says that? God Himself said it through His New Testament mouthpiece, the **Apostle Paul**.

1 Timothy 2:11-15 clearly states: *"Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety."*

1 Corinthians 14:34-37 states: *"Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but [they are commanded] to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church."*

How could a woman possibly be a pastor of a church when she is forbidden to teach or to have any authority over men?

Women can only become pastors if churches willfully and openly reject the Bible's teaching. Unfortunately, churches today, even the Pentecostals, are often infected by worldly temperament. Women Liberation has invaded the churches. Thus, the rebellion of women in the world is provoking similar problems in the churches, and we find women desiring and demanding leadership roles in many churches.

God is a man, and the church is a woman. Therefore, the woman ought to be under subjection to the man as the church is under subjection to Christ, and not vice versa.

WOMEN IN THE 5-FOLD MINISTRY?

The MAIN ISSUE can be summarized as follows: "Can a Woman be ordained to the pastoral ministry?"

If you believe the Bible, the answer is a solid NO!

The Bible speaks very obvious on this subject leaving no room for speculation and confusion, or even, debate. The problem is that churches today too often are looking to sources other than the Bible to justify their vain convictions. The result is an intoxication of ideas that reject the authority of Scripture.

Though women may serve in the church in various capacities as long as those capacities do not violate the principles of **authority** and order and male leadership, then that is all right. Women may be in spiritual authority over **other women** and **children** but **not over men**.

I do not negate the fact that there are many women that have great abilities. But it is important to remember that this issue has nothing to do with **worth or ability**. It has everything to do with **order** and **authority**. God has placed the family unit, and the very Church Itself, in proper order.

1 Corinthians 14:40 states, *"Let all things be done decently and in order."*

Hebrews 13:17 *"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you."*

Women may serve with great results in the church however not as **Pastors, Elders or Deacons**. Jesus chose twelve men to be the foundational leaders of His Church, and the apostles were bid to choose seven men also to be deacons.

To ordain women as Pastors/Elders/Deacons is a violation of the Word of God and due to either a lack of scriptural understanding, or simply an attempt to make the Bible say what meets man's carnal desire. We must not allow cultural pressure or political correctness to dictate to the Church its authority structure.

Since the qualifications listed in **1 Timothy 3** also state that a **deacon** must be *"the husband of one wife"* (1Tim. 3:2), it is therefore clear that the office of a deacon should be held by **males**.

A very important scripture concerning who is to be an Elder or Pastor is the following one; **1 Timothy 3:4-5** *"One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)"* This passage clearly links the authority of a **man** in his **home** to the authority of **men in the Church**. It is clear that God also put men in charge of His Church. God has established his authority structure and has clearly place men in leadership over women.

WHAT BROTHER BRANHAM TAUGHT US

Here are a few doctrinal issues and nuggets concerning "WOMEN PREACHERS", as gleaned from the sermons of Rev. William Marrion Branham.

1. A WOMAN CAN SING, TESTIFY, SPEAK IN TONGUES, PROPHECY, BUT NOT TO TEACH NOR TO PREACH

"The question was if the woman has got a gift of tongues and she wants to speak, I believe that when that time comes on, **she has a right to speak out in the gift of tongues, but not to preach or to usurp any authority over men**. When she's a preacher, of course she is over men." (THE.CHOOSING.OF.A.BRIDE_LA.CA.V-2 N-28 THURSDAY_65-0429E)

"One wanted to know if it was wrong for women to testify, or to sing, or give messages in tongue, interpretate the messages, or prophecy in the church.

No, it isn't wrong; it's a—as long as it comes in the place in order. See? The church is in order, and only when... The real, true way to do it is for those who speak with tongues and things or messages are given before the message from the pulpit, never during that time; 'cause the Holy Spirit's moving just from one place at a time, as Paul spoke of there. **But women are gifted with prophecy, and gifted with tongues and interpretations, and everything but being preachers. They're not to be preachers. They're forbidden to preach in the churches (That's right.), take the place, or be a teacher, or anything in the church.** But as far as gifts, the woman has all those, can occupy one or any of those nine spiritual gifts according to I Corinthians 12, and is under no bondage that her message should not come forth in its place." (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS_ JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY_61-1015M)

"You never seen a woman high priest; you never seen a woman a priest nowhere in the Bible. You never seen a woman a preacher in the Bible. Certainly, some of them was prophetess and so forth, Miriam and different ones, and Esther or one of them was a judge over Israel. Sometimes they were queens over them and so forth like that, king and queens. At the decease of the king, the queen had to take his place till they elected another king, and so forth. In Tucson—in Tucson, Arizona, we got a woman judge there in the city. That's the reason the city's so polluted. And we got... **A woman ain't got any business in politics. She's got no business in the—in over—over any authority in the church. Her place is a man's queen at home. Outside of that she has nothing.** And we know that to be the truth. You'll never find... I know that sounds old fashion, but I'm responsible." (KNOWETH.IT.NOT.title JEFF.IN V-2 N-10 65-0815)

2. A WOMAN MUST NOT INVADE THE PULPIT

"Now I know you ladies don't like this kind of preaching, but sister, you are dead wrong in what you are doing. The Bible forbids you to cut your hair. God gave it for a covering. He gave a command for you to wear it long. It is your glory. When you cut your hair you signified that you left the headship of your husband. Like Eve you walked out and went on your own. You got the vote. You took men's jobs. You left off being females. You ought to repent and come back to God. And if all this wasn't bad enough, a whole lot of you took the idea that you could invade the pulpits and the church offices that God reserved for men and for men only. Oh, I touched a sore spot then didn't I? Well, show me one place in the Bible that God ever ordained any woman to preach or take authority over a man, and I will apologize for what I have said. You can't find that I am wrong. I am right, for I stand with the Word and in the Word. If you were Spiritually rich you would know that is true. There is nothing true but the Word. Paul said, **"I suffer not a woman to teach nor to usurp authority over the man."** You can't possibly take a place amongst the five-fold ministry of Ephesians 4 and not take authority over men. Sister, you had better listen to that Word. **It was not the Spirit of God manifesting in a Spirit-filled life that told you to preach because the Spirit and the Word are ONE.** They say the same thing. Somebody made a mistake. Somebody was fooled. Wake up before it is too late. **Satan fooled Eve, your mother; he is fooling the daughters now.** May God help you." (THE.PATMOS.VISION_ JEFF.IN ROJC 69-130 SUNDAY_ 60-1204E)

3. THE WOMAN, NOT THE MAN, WAS DECEIVED IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN

"She (Eve) persuaded him (Adam) out of the will of God and caused him to do something that he should not have done, and, by it, caused death to the whole human race. **That's why the Bible forbids her to teach, or to preach, or to handle God's Word, in any manner.** I know, sister, many of you say, "The Lord called me to preach." I'm not going to argue with you. But I'm going to tell you, **the Word says you not to do it.** "She shall not teach, or usurp any authority, but to be in silence." "Well," you say, "the Lord told me to do it." I don't doubt that one bit. Did you hear my Message the other night about Balaam? **Balaam got the first, straight-cut decision of God, "Don't do it." But he kept on fooling around till finally God told him to go do it. God might permit you to preach.** I don't say He didn't. **But it's not according to His original Word and plan.** "For she is to be under obedience, as also saith the law." It's true. Therefore, she's not supposed to do it." (CHOOSING.OF.A.BRIDE.title LA.CA V-2 N-28 65-0429E)

"Oh, don't you see, that's why **Paul said a woman should never preach the Gospel.** She was—she was in the... She was the one that was deceived. "I suffer not a woman to teach or to usurp any authority, but to be in silence. (See?) For—for Adam was first formed and then Eve. **And Adam was not deceived, but the woman**

was deceived, her being in the transgression." Said, "Notwithstanding, now, she's not lost; she shall be saved in childbearing (if she's got a husband), and so forth; she continues on in faith and sobriety and all holiness with such, she'll be saved. But never permit one to teach or to usurp authority." See? Paul said, "Don't you do it." Said, "Now, I think I have the mind of the Lord," he said. They said, "Why, the... Why, the prophets over there prophesied and told us that we should preach." He said, **"What? Came the Word of God out of you, and came it to you only? If any man thinks himself to be a spiritual or a prophet, let him acknowledge that what I say is the commandments of the Lord."** See? That's right. He knewed what he was talking about. But said, **"If he be ignorant, just let him be ignorant.** That's all. See? If he won't listen to it, well, just let him go on; he's headed right straight down to the gully. See, but just go ahead." But there, them two spirits... Reason... Like they got women on the **police forces**, out on the streets. **That's a disgrace to the American flag to put them mothers out there on the street and tens of thousands of men without a job.** Why, it's a woman's nation; it's a women's place; a woman will take over. **It's woman worship.** It's that Catholic dogmatic spirit, worshipping a woman for a god. Here's that just... It's just setting right. Don't you see the setup? There's nothing that God could've give a man any sweeter than a wife, a real wife. But when she gets anything beyond that, she's—she's out. That's exactly. **God never intend women to work in any these places and to do them kind of things like that.** Them women, you're—they're to have children and raise their children. **They're all little preachers, every one of them, but they have their own pastoral at home with their kiddies, bringing up their children.** All right." (THYATIREAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.6)

4. SHE SHALL BE SAVED IN CHILDBEARING

God reconciled, or recognized Abraham's faith. He give him the seal, a sign of circumcision as a seal of the covenant. See, He give him... He said, "Now, Abraham, I recognize your faith, so I'm going to give you a sign now that I have received you." **So he circumcised Abraham, and that was a seal of the covenant.** And now in this day...Now, a woman could not be in that covenant: only a married woman. Find out, **couldn't circumcise a female;** so it had to come in, **so her and her husband are one.** They're not no more two; they're one. How many knows that? The Scripture says so. So her being married, then she--she become one. And go on down here and look over here in Timothy, said the same thing, said, "Now withstanding **she shall be saved in childbearing,** if she continues in faith and holiness with all sobriety." (WHY.ARE.WE.NOT.A.DENOMINATION?.title JEFF.IN V-11 N-7 58-0927)

"Not by having a baby makes her saved, but because that she is raising children, doing her duty, not raising cats, dogs, and whatmore to take the place of a child, as they do today, giving it a mother's love so that she can go out and run around all night. Some people do that. Sorry, but they do it. That's awful rude for me to say, but the truth is the truth. See? They don't want a baby to be tied down with it. But in childbearing, if she continues in faith, holiness, and all sobriety, she'll be saved." (QA.ON.THE.HOLY.GHOST.title JEFF.IN COD 59-1219)

5. A REAL WOMAN IS A JEWEL

"So, but now, **a good woman is a jewel in a man's crown.** She should be honored. She... My mother's a woman, my wife is, and they're lovely. And I've got thousands of Christian Sisters who I highly respect. But if—if they can respect what God made them, a motherhood and a real queen, that's all right. She's one of the best things that God could give a man, was a wife. **Besides salvation, a wife is the best thing if she is a good wife.** But if she isn't, **Solomon said, "A good woman is a jewel in a man's crown, but a—an ornery one or no-good one is water in his blood."** And that's right, it's the

worst thing could happen. So a good woman... **If you've got a good wife, brother, you ought to respect her with the highest.** That's right, you should do that. A real woman! And, children, if you've got a real mother that stays home and tries to take care of you, keeping your clothes clean, sends you to school, teaching you about Jesus, you should honor that sweet old mother with all that's in you. You should respect that woman, yes, sir, because she's a real mother." (MY.LIFE.STORY_LA.CA.FOOTPRINTS.BOOK.SUNDAY_59-0419A)

"There is nothing that God could give a man outside of salvation better than a nice wife. There's no man can console, no--no person can console a person when they're tired; they'll won't confide in anyone like they do their own wife. And what a fortunate thing you brothers are when you've got a nice little wife that's clean, and upright, and moral, and you can come in when you're tired and weary and set down, and she can talk to you. She can do more with you than anybody else. That's right. She's a jewel; she's a queen." (FLASHING.RED.LIGHT.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-4 63-0623E)

6. BEING A "DOMINATING FEMALE" IS ANTI-CHRIST

"**Now a woman is NOT meant to have an iron disposition.** She is, according to the Holy Scripture, **to be submissive to the male.** That is commanded of her. Woman who is truly female, all female, will be of that disposition. Not a door mat. No real male makes a female a door mat. But she will want to be under authority and not rule over the male, for he is the head of the house. **If she breaks that image that God made for her, she is perverted.** Any male that lets the woman take authority has also broken that image and he is perverted. **That is why a woman CANNOT WEAR THAT WHICH PERTAINETH TO A MAN (Deut. 22:5) OR CUT HER HAIR (1 Cor. 11:6, 15).** She is never to wear garments that pertain to a male or cut her hair. When she does she is intruding into the male domain taking authority and perverting herself. **And when a woman invades the pulpit which it is COMMANDED SHE MUST NOT DO, she shows what spirit she is of. Being a dominating female is antichrist and the seeds of the Roman Catholic Church are in her** though she may deny this ever so vehemently. But when it COMES TO THE WORD, Let God be true and every man's word a lie. Amen." (344-2 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.9)

Our nation has come so little until they've even taken the jobs away from the men, and put women out here in these places, till **ninety percent of them, nearly, are prostitutes.** And talk about man being gone, sure, it's because they got women out there in their jobs. And they got so lowdown till they **put women as peace officers on the street. That's a disgrace to any nation...** I don't say all women shouldn't sometime have to work; maybe they got a sick husband or something another, they have to work. But if they don't have to, they shouldn't do it. Their place is at home, their little castle; that's exactly where they should be... **Put the woman back in the kitchen where she belongs, then everything will be all right. But you put her out there in public work, she's gone...** Listen here, **the man is the ruler; don't you think you can rule the house. You're not the ruler of the house.** You're absolutely... You're not a slave now, but you're a helpmate. And Adam... The man has the rule over his wife, and he's responsible solely for his wife. **God makes the man answer for his wife.**" (QA.HEBREWS.PART.3.title JEFF.IN COD 57-1006)

"Today, women is so brasen. Every... Their husband can't even talk. They got to stick right out there, a cigarette in their hand, a pair of shorts on, doing all the talking. How a perverted race of people; she's got to be chief cook and bottle washer, everything else. **When she leaves the kitchen, she leaves her place of duty** (right) as a mother. Now, we find out, women then stayed back and behaved theirself, acted like ladies; their head was the one who did the decisions and things." (JEHOVAH.JIREH.PART.2.title GRASS.VALLEY.CA JJ 73-106 62-0706)

CHAPTER TWENTY-EIGHT



INTRODUCTION

Is it possible that the length of a person's hair could have anything to do with pleasing God?

Such an idea may at first seem strange. But before the question is dismissed, it would be wise to consider two statements of Scripture: ***"If a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him . . . if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for hair is given her for a covering"*** (1 Corinthians 11:14-15).

In the Bible, divinely appointed symbols represents things. The night Jesus was betrayed, for example, he gave His disciples bread to eat and a cup to drink.

God has chosen for the length of people's hair to symbolize their relationship to him and to the authority he has placed over them. The truth is represented in **I Corinthians 11:3-16**.

THE PRINCIPLE OF AUTHORITY

The subject of I Corinthians 11:13-16 is **AUTHORITY**: ***"the head of every man is Christ; and of the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God"*** (verse 3). This verse introduces and provides the basis for the following discussion about covering the head.

"Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head." (verse 4) **Christ is man's head.** It is therefore Christ who is dishonored if man prays or prophesies with a covered head.

"But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven" (verse 5).

The man (husband or father) **is the head of the woman** (wife or daughter). It is therefore the man who is dishonored if a woman prays or prophesies with uncovered head. This dishonor is the same as if her head were shaven.

Not only is it a shame if the woman is shaven, but it is equally a shame if she is shorn. ***"For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to shorn or shaven, let her be covered"*** (verse 6). The word **"shorn"** is simply the past participle of **"shear,"** which means **"to cut."** This is the meaning of the Greek

word *keiro*, from which “shorn” is translated.

SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

What is the theological basis of this teaching?

“*For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man*” (verse 7). God has chosen that a man’s uncovered head reflects His image and glory in man; woman’s covered head reflects the glory of the man.

This reflected glory is based on the order at creation. “*For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman: but the woman for the man:*” (verse 8-9).

These things are important even in the spiritual realm is revealed in the next statement: “*For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels*” (verse 10). Angels are spirits. It is not just in the physical realm that the authority represented by the length of hair is important; even angels take note of a person’s obedience or disobedience in this matter.

After establishing the divine order of creation and of authority, the passage affirms that a man and the woman are equally important to each other and of equal value in the kingdom of God (verses 11-12).

THE COVERING

The inspired Apostle Paul believed the church at Corinth would naturally understand the validity of his teaching on this subject: “*Judge in yourselves: it is comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered?*” (verse 13). He did not think this should be a surprise to Christians, for the lesson of a clear distinction between male and female in this matter is deeply rooted even in nature: “*Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have a long hair, it is a shame unto him? But if a woman have a long hair, it is glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering*” (verses 14-15).

The words “*have long hair*” in these verses are translated from Greek word *komaō*, which means “to let the hair grow.”

The word “*hair*” in verse 15 in the phrase “*her hair is given her for a covering*” is translated from Greek *come*, which refers to “*uncut hair*”. This further explains verse 6, which declares it to be a *shame if a woman’s hair is shorn (cut) or shaven. Her long, uncut hair is a glory to her, for it illustrates her loving submission to her husband or father.*

On the other hand, it is a shame for a man if he allows his hair to grow uncut. For a man to cut his hair reflects his submission to Christ; **uncut hair on a man symbolizes rebellion against Christ.**

The covering mentioned in this passage is the woman’s uncut hair. Verse 15 is the only place the word “*covering*” a noun, appears in the passage. Previously, the words “*uncovered*” and “*covered*” appear. These two words are adjectives; they do not specifically declare what is the covering. But verse 15 specifically says, “**Her hair is given**

her for a covering.” The word “*for*” is translated from the Greek *anti*, which means “*against*” or “*instead of.*”

Here the Bible itself declares that the woman’s long, uncut hair is given to her instead of (for) a covering, and this is the inspired explanation of verses 5 and 6. Thus, if a woman cuts or shaves the hair on her head, it is in the eyes of God a shameful dishonor of her father or husband. If a man allows his hair to grow long, it is therefore a shameful dishonor of Christ.

QUOTES:

“Now I know you ladies don’t like this kind of preaching, but sister, you are dead wrong in what you are doing. The Bible forbids you to cut your hair. God gave it for a covering. He gave a command for you to wear it long. It is your glory. When you cut your hair you signified that you left the headship of your husband. Like Eve you walked out and went on your own. You got the vote. You took men’s jobs. You left off being females. You ought to repent and come back to God.” (344-1 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.9)

CONTENTION

The passage concludes, “**But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God**” (verse 16).

Contention is always the result of pride (Proverbs 13:10). If any man proudly argued against this teaching, he needed to realize that **none of the churches had a custom of allowing men to pray or prophesy with their heads covered with long, uncut hair. Nor did they permit women to pray or prophesy unless their heads were covered with long, uncut hair.**

CONCLUSION

The sincere person who wishes to please God will want to obey His Word in every respect. He will partake of the bread and cup of the Lord’s Supper with the greatest of reverence, because these symbols represent the body and blood of Christ (verse 20). **And a man will cut his hair while a woman will allow hers to grow, because these symbols represent their relationship to God and to God-given authority.**

QUOTES:

“I know we ladies today—or you ladies, rather, wear hats. You say that’s your covering. That’s wrong. **The Bible said a woman’s covering is her hair. And if she cuts her hair, it’s a common thing for her to pray.** That right? That’s Scripture. See? So now, women are supposed to wear long hair, regardless of what you want to think about it; that’s what’s THUS SAITH THE LORD. If you can show me any place...You say, “Well, my hair’s long. See, it’s down to my shoulders.” That was short hair, “Christ...” You said, “had... Christ had long hair.” No, He never. Christ had shoulder length hair, so they say. Just... They just pull it around this way and cut it off, shoulder length hair. Look at the Greek word on that in there, and you’ll find out. Feminish hair... **A man shouldn’t have long hair, ’cause it’s feminish,** way down long like this. But He just cut it off here at His shoulders, where they cut it off, around His head, just bob it off like that. That was short hair. **So ladies with hair to their shoulder, it’s still short hair.** Now, I don’t say that would send you to hell or take you to heaven. That don’t have nothing to do with it. But the order of the

church is for women to have long hair." (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 54-0103E)

"Women and men that won't follow God's Word and His Teaching after they claim to be born again, there's something wrong. I'm going to speak with the women just a minute. If a woman that knows that God's Word condemns bobbed hair, and wearing shorts, wearing slacks, and dressing immorally, and haven't got the decency enough to let your hair grow out and put on clothes that look like a Christian, you're **deceived**. I don't care what you've been through. You might've spoke in tongues like pouring peas on a dry cow hide. You might've--you might've danced in the Spirit till you shook the whole building. That don't have one thing to do with it. It shows that the love of the world is still in you, when God condemns that. He said, "It's not..." **A woman should have her hair long**. And nature itself teach you that men should have short hair, because God is over man, and man over woman. And if a woman cuts off her hair, she dishonors her head, which is her husband. **If a man lets his hair grow, then he dishonors his head, which is Christ**. See?" (YOU.MUST.BE.BORN.AGAIN.title JEFF.IN V-11 N-5 61-1231M)

"And if your church, a Pentecostal church that tells you that long hair stuff is just fanaticism, "You've got a spare tire on the back of your head," and so forth, them kind of things, **the man is possessed of the devil; for God's Word said it's a shame for a woman to cut her hair**. She'll dishonor her head. And if she dishonors her husband, and her husband is the church, and the church is Christ... She is a dishonorable religious prostitute: **naked** and don't know it. Naked? Don't the Bible said the woman's covering is her hair? Isn't the hair give to her for a covering?" (KNOWETH.IT.NOT.title JEFF.IN V-2 N-10 65-0815)

"And you Pentecostal brethren, letting them women cut their hair, when **the Bible said that's her glory**. And it's even uncommon for her to pray with her hair like that. And yet let her come up in the pulpit and preach the Gospel, sing in a choir, teach a Sunday school. **Shame on you**. You ought to be ashamed of yourself. Why am I against organization? You think I could ever cater to something like that? I know the reason you do it, brother. You know better, but if you'd teach against that, you'll be turned in to the headquarters, and they'll excommunicate you. **Bless God for your courage if you'll do it**. That's right. Yes, sir. God will honor you." (WHY.AGAINST.ORGANIZED.RELIGION.title JEFF.IN V-12 N-1 62-1111E)

"What we need today is men. We need Gospel preachers. And any preacher that'll stand in the pulpit and hold back on those things, I got little respect of him being called of God. Right. A man that's ashamed to stand in the pulpit and tell the God's truth, when he knows it's an immoral thing for a woman to cut her hair... The Bible... **A man's got a right to leave his wife and give her a divorce when she cuts her hair**. The Bible said so. Who's the head of the woman? Her husband. And the Bible said, "If a woman cuts her hair she dishonors her head." No dishonorable woman should be lived with. Amen. She cuts off her glory. " (SEAL.OF.GOD.title LONG.BEACH.CA 61-0216)

"Oh, they say, "Our church don't pay no attention to that." You know why? They're blind. "It's no harm to cut your hair." The Bible says it is. It's even a undecent thing for you to even cut your hair and even pray. You say, "Well, a woman should be covered." And the Bible said her hair is her covering, not a hat; her hair. What if Moses said, "I'll take off my hat instead of my shoes?" That wouldn't have worked. God said, "shoes"; God meant "shoes." He said, "hair," not "hat." (RECOGNIZING.YOUR.DAY.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-1 64-0726M)

CHAPTER TWENTY-NINE



INTRODUCTION

We are living in a time of moral confusion and our generation's immorality is reflected in many of today's styles.

Today's fashion industry has little regards for modesty and its products often projects look that are inappropriate for someone who wants to mirror Christ.

The marvelous grace of God in our hearts compels us to reflect His holiness in the part of our being that other people see. When a person becomes a Christian, his experience changes every facet of his life- not just the inward person but the outward person as well.

A BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE

The Bible instructs us to wear modest clothing that is, clothing with godly appearance. Of course, our outward appearance cannot substitute for inward holiness. Adam and Eve covered themselves with fig leaves after they sinned, but God found their efforts inadequate. By making clothing of animals skins for them, He confirmed that they indeed needed modest clothing, but He also revealed that the holiness in appearance must be associated with God's provision for our sins. Only by the death of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, do we obtain the righteousness of God that we seek to reflect outwardly.

God instructed Israel's high priest to wear holy garments, "for he represented a holy God" (Exodus 28:2). God also ordered the priests to wear clothing that covered their nakedness and forbade elevated altars upon which priests would walk and thereby expose their nakedness (Exodus 20:26; 28:42).

ABOMINATION THROUGH THE WRONG USE OF GARMENTS

Deuteronomy 22:5 enunciates the moral principle of a clear distinction between male and female in outward appearance: one sex must not wear styles of clothing associated with the other. It states, "*The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so [are] abomination unto the LORD thy God.*"

Proverbs 7:10 speaks of a woman with "*the attire of an harlot.*" Clearly, certain garments are associated with sin and are not suitable for godly people to wear.

The principle that God wants His people to reflect His holiness applies to the New Testament Church (Peter 1:15-16). **We are called to be living epistles read of all people**, declaring to the world God's holy nature and His abiding presence (II Corinthians 3:3). Our outward appearance is one way in which we are unspoken witness of the transforming power of Christ.

I Timothy 2:9 admonishes "*that women adorn themselves in modest apparel with shamedfacedness and sobriety, not with broided hair, gold, or pearls, or costly array.*" I Peter 3:3 gives similar instructions.

I Corinthians 11: 16 teaches that a woman should have a long hair, for it is her glory, and that a man should not have a long hair. A person's hair serves as an important visible symbol of his or her submission to God's plan of authority and as a distinguishing mark between the sexes.

Revelation 16:15 uses clothing as a symbol to instruct the church to stay close to God: "*Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.*"

Clearly, God puts emphasis on the outward appearance of a person. To an extent, **clothing reflects the condition of the heart, and it sends a message to others about a person's values.**

A RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

Advocating modesty of dress and outward dedication does not mean advocacy of salvation by works. Wearing godly dress is not a meritorious work to earn salvation rather it is a response to the saving grace of God. The blood of Jesus is our only righteousness. Our salvation comes from God, never from our good works. To think that we could earn His marvelous grace by adhering to dress codes would be a terrible mistake.

But to accept the grace of God and then be indifferent to Christ's commandment for the holy living would discredit His mercy. If the church preaches Christ and His saving grace without teaching biblical guidelines to live by, it leaves people open to confusion and failure. Deliberate and continuous disobedience to God Word will lead to the loss of saving faith.

Who can view the Cross without wanting to conform to Christ? Who would want to continue his or her old sinful patterns of living when Jesus Christ died to bring deliverance from those sins? When people comprehend His holiness, they desire to become holy.

While it is true that the blood of Jesus cleanses from all sins, it is also true that genuine love for Him restrains a person from presuming upon His marvelous grace. In our success-oriented society no one considers it odd if a company requires its employees to conform to a dress code. Why then should a church that teaches neatness and modesty for the purpose of honoring the holiness of God be considered narrow, restrictive, or legalistic?

If we are to honor God in our hearts, it is consistent to honor Him with an outward dedication. **I John 2:15** instructs us, "*Love not the world*": surely then, **we would be foolish to mirror worldly values in our appearance.**

THE PROTECTION OF MODESTY

Adhering to a modest godly standard of dress and conduct offers protection from the surge of immorality that plagues our generation. Clothes and appearance transmit nonverbal signals. Christians who verbalize godliness but at the same time nonverbally declare sensuality and ungodliness destroy the effectiveness of their gospel witness.

The primary purpose of many fashion designs is to exalt the ego, attract undue attention to the flesh, stir desires, and ignite passion in others, thereby appealing to the lust of flesh, the lust of eyes, and the pride of life, which the Bible condemns (I John 2:16). If we are honor to the holiness of God, we must not dress in such styles and with such motives.

We must not naively ignore the complex causes of immorality and marital infidelity, but neither should we ignore the influence that sensual dress has on adultery and fornication. If a man looks with lust upon a woman he commits adultery in his heart (Matthew 5:28). If a woman provokes a lustful look by her appearance is she not partly responsible for the man's sin? If people would dress in ways that do not provoke lust, the moral fiber of our society would be strengthened.

The danger of overemphasizing any discipline in the Christian life is that some people allow the discipline to become a legalistic code. Some people who harbor unholy attitudes such as hatred, bitterness, envy, and strife falsely think they are spiritual because they wear modest clothes.

Such distortions are hypocritical and wrong. But we cannot dismiss the need for modesty in dress because some distort it. The biblical alternative to legalism is not permissiveness or license but self discipline motivated by grace, faith, love, the Word of God, and the Holy Spirit. (See John 14:15; I Corinthians 9:14-27; II Timothy 2:24-27; John 2:3)

For the sake of our children, we must teach them to respect the holiness of God in all areas of life. Allowing or encouraging preteens and teenagers to dress in many of today's fashion is invitation to social and spiritual problems.

A dress code will not automatically remedy the decaying moral fiber among youth, but it does remind them of God's commandments. We must begin somewhere to teach children and youth moral responsibility, and standards of modesty in dress offer us this opportunity.

When we honor God and His Word in our hearts and in our outward appearance, He places an umbrella of protection over our families. While moral decay sweeps modern society and many modern churches, we are able to remain relatively untouched. **The world may scoff at our modesty, but we dare not lay down our cloak of protection and our obedience to the Word of God.**

ON TATTOOES, what the Bible says about it

LEVITICUS 19:28- *Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I [am] the LORD.*

We need to remember that our bodies, as well as our souls, have been redeemed and belong to God. Although 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 does not directly apply to tattoos or body piercings, yet it does give us a principle, *“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.”* This great truth should have a real bearing on what we do and where we go with our bodies. *“For whatsoever is not of faith is sin”* (Romans 14:23). *“Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God”* (1 Corinthians 10:31).

ON MAKE-UPS

“You put all this make-up on, but what does it do, friend? There’s only one woman done that, and you know what God did to her? He fed her to the dogs. So if you see a woman wearing that, say, “Howdy do, Miss Dog-meat.” That’s exactly what she was. God fed her to the dogs: **Jezebel.** You know you don’t want to be of her daughters, but I don’t blame it on you. It’s because it’s tradition. It’s handed right down, and it’s a disgrace.” (HAS.LORD.SPOKEN.ONLY.TO.MOSES.title W.PALM.BEACH.FL 53-1130)

“Let me tell you something, sister. There was only one woman in the Bible that ever painted her face. Her name was Jezebel. And God fed her to the dogs. So if you see a woman wearing paint, you know she’s dog-meat in the sight of God.” (BEHOLD.I.STAND.AT.THE.DOOR.title GREENVILLE.SC 58-0617)

Yes, it’s the truth; we teach against it. God help preachers to get down to the Gospel. Listen, ladies, there was only one woman in the Bible that ever painted herself to meet a man, and that was **Jezebel; and God fed her to the dogs.** So when you see them wear that, say, “How do you do, Miss Dog meat.” That’s exactly what it was: God fed her to the dogs. You don’t want to be like her.” (PRODIGAL.title CLEVELAND.OH 50-0827)

“When you see a woman with a lot of makeup on, it goes to show **she’s empty inside. She’s false inside.** That’s exactly right.” (WHY.AGAINST.ORGANIZED.RELIGION.title JEFF.IN V-12-N-1 62-1111E)

“Now, if you--if--if you didn’t have any hair, and--and you wanted to wear some hair, it’d be all right, but wear one that looked like human. And if you didn’t have any fingernails, and--and you wanted to get some fingernails, don’t get them like hulls off of navy beans, get them--get real fingernails. If you haven’t got any of these things, it’s all right. If you haven’t got any teeth, get you some if they make you some, get them. But don’t pull your God-given teeth out just because they’re a little crooked, and they’re good teeth to get some. Don’t dye your hair, or something, and look like something that come out of the--some mire somewhere. Don’t... If you’re colorless, and you want to make yourself look like you got some color, it’s all right, I imagine. But don’t make yourself look like Jezebel, like a barn somewhere being painted.” (WHY.AGAINST.ORGANIZED.RELIGION.title JEFF.IN V-12-N-1 62-1111E)

ON EARRINGS

“And I can prove to you that that come from the Devil. I can prove to you that nothing in the... The originate of it was **heathens.** And as long as you wear it, **it’s a mark of a heathen.** Now, I just come back from Africa, and I’ve been in the Hottentot jungles and found out just exactly where **earrings,** where all that stuff come, and all this, a lot of jewelry **wrapped your necks and ears** and everything, where that comes from. **It’s the heathens. And the Bible don’t want a Christian to be a heathen.** And you don’t want... I don’t say that you are a heathen because you do it, but you’re making yourself

look like one. It’s because your pastor didn’t tell you the truth. The Bible said so.” (CHURCH.AND.ITS.CONDITION.title JEFF.IN CH 1-34 56-0805)

“In the Old Testament when a man had been sold to slavery, there come a year of Jubilee every fifty years (forty-ninth year and then the year of Jubilee). And when a slave heard this, and he wanted to go free, there’s--there isn’t nothing that can keep him from going free. He can throw down his hoe and say, “So-long,” go back home. The trumpet sounded. That’s right. But if he don’t want to go, and he’s satisfied with his slave master, then he’s taken into the--the temple, and **they take an awl (you know what an awl is), and they pierced his ear, and put a hole in his ear. And it’s a mark that he can never go back.** Is that right? He has to serve this master for all time. I don’t care how many more times the Jubilee sounds, whatever happens, he’s absolutely has--has sold out his birthright of being free.” (SECOND.SEAL.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0319)

“You keep fasting, keep praying; getting the kids together, get rid of all the sin around your home, as Jacob said, “Take off your **earrings** and wash your garments.” Get ready.” (ISRAEL.AT.THE.RED.SEA.2.title JEFF.IN IC 65-96 53-0327)

“Today you got too much Hollywood evangelism, some little sissified guy with manicured hair, and stand up to a bunch of women with **earrings** hanging down like the devil’s stirrups, and enough **paint on their face to paint a barn, and bobbed hair,** and every... That use to be a sin among you Holiness people. What happened? You did run well. The Bible still says it’s a sin. That’s right. Oh, you Pentecostal people use to be very holy, but what happened? You did run well. Paul said, “What does hinder you?” **If it was a sin then, it’s a sin now. The devil might’ve went out of fashion, but he didn’t go out of business. He’s still in business.** That’s right.” (FIVE.JUNCTIONS.OF.TIME.title STURGIS.MI 56-0122)

IMMORALITY OF WOMEN IN THE LAST DAYS

“In this day when women is perverted, most perverted in these last days. The Scripture says so. Why? It’s the going out of the age. You remember what was the first perversion? Was a woman. That’s right. And in the last day... We never had this; we’ve had six thousand years that ladies tried to remain ladies. Now they try to act like men, put on clothes like men, cut their hair off like men, and so forth. They never did do that in any other age. The Bible predicts this, that they’d do this in the last days. And here you are, a perversion of women. No wonder the Bible said, “Those that escaped out of--out of--out of Zion shall be glorious in the sight of the Lord in that day.” See, how that those who escape...” (JEHOVAH.JIREH.PART.2.title GRASS.VALLEY.CA JJ 73-106 62-0706)

“Also we can see here plainly these **vulgar, ungodly, filthy programs** that we **have on television of Hollywood sex queens.** We can see the filth of this city as these kids, little old girls walking up and down the street here with little bitty tight clothes, twisting around, and it cold enough to freeze them to death. They don’t know that that’s the devil doing that. They are possessed of an evil spirit and don’t know it... You see the teenage queens they call them, these stripteases out on the street. Used to have to go to some vulgar show on the side to see a striptease. Just open your eyes, look out on the street. That’s all you have to do now. The whole thing’s a striptease. Sure. What do they do it for? To tantalize, tempt; that’s the only thing she can do it for. She does it because she’s filthy. She does it because she’s made that way. She don’t realize that she’s a instrument in the hands of Satan. That’s what she is. **Even in our schools today they’re teaching sex acts.** Our rotten world of woman worship... (MARRIAGE.AND.DIVORCE.title JEFF.IN V-3-N-13 65-0221M)

"Did you know that's an unclean spirit come on you? Do you know a little lady goes down the street all sexy-dressed, do you know that woman's going to have to answer for committing adultery? Well, she might be as pure as a lily to her boyfriend, or to her husband. But the Bible said, Jesus said, "If... **Whosoever looketh upon a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.**" **And then, if you dress like that and some sinner looks at you in that way, at the day of the judgment when he answers for committing adultery, it'll be with you. And it'll be your fault, because you presented yourself to him.**" (HEAR.YE.HIM.title KLAMATH.FALLS.OR 60-0712)

"Do you know **the fall came by women at the beginning?** And fall... The end is going to wind up the same way, women coming into authority and ruling over men, and so forth. Do you know the Scripture says that? You know the day that she puts on man's clothes and bobs her hair, all of those things are contrary to God's Word and... You know she represents the church? When, **you watch what women are doing, and you'll see what the church is doing.** That's exactly right.." (CHOOSING.OF.A.BRIDE.title LA.CA V-2 N-28 65-0429E)

"**Never in six thousand years has it ever been that women ever desired to cut their hair, dress like men, be perverted. We're at the end time.** And America, anyone who knows prophecy, knows that America is represented by a woman. This is called "woman's freedom." Freedom for what? To do as she pleases, sin. " (JEHOVAH.JIREH.PART.2.title GRASS.VALLEY.CA JJ 73-106 62-0706)

"She's naked on the street and don't know it. She's a prostitute on the street. **Women with these shorts on in God's sight is a prostitute and don't know it.** Notice, take our women. Now, if you want to see what condition the church is in, watch the way women are acting. She always represents the church." (SATAN'S.EDEN.title JEFF.IN V-2 N-20 65-0829)

"When the sons of God saw the daughters of men, they were fair, they took unto them women. Then the sons of God fell from their estate with God and become **woman chasers.** And if that ain't the picture of today, I don't know what is. That is true. Men... Even look at our churches today; look at everything you wish to; notice it. Everywhere, it looked in that day, must've been pretty women. **Men became slaves to them says history, that men became actually slaves to the women, because they were so pretty, that they become slaves.** They literally made shrines and worshipped. And just think, they literally worshipped female flesh and blood in that day. That's history. Now, watch. We find that, the same thing today. We see in the history that such sex appeal they had in them until the sons of God made unto themselves shrines of women. That's of **Venus** and so forth. See? They--they made shrines and bowed to these. When you say, "Brother Branham, we don't have such things as that today; you couldn't compare that with this day." I beg your pardon. I believe it's worse today than it was then. What do we see? TV... You can't even pick up a newspaper but everything that you see is spread with females: **pretty women on every whiskey package, in magazines, sexy, immoral dressed.** All the TV is--everything is some sexy-dressed woman, some pretty woman. And we find out on--on cigarette advertisements, everything that you can look at, you find that it's some attractive woman. You can't even see the advertisement of a pair of silk stockings 'less you see some kind of a thin shaped legs going through it. **What about today when the billboards, the television, everything you see is immoral, vulgar, sexy, ungodly-looking women?"** (FLASHING.RED.LIGHT.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-4 63-0623E)

Female flesh, they're flesh and blood; they're not gods. To my opinion (God forgive me if I'm wrong.) **it is a wholesale striptease.** You can't hardly blame a man if he's not a-a Christian but what would fall, and fall into temptations in such a place that he would do something wrong, till he--he could not hold himself. It's amazing that there's not more ravages goes on, because so many of it, the women's in for it. But if it wasn't, how could you blame the man? Put blame where blame belongs. Women was the cause of the first fall, and women ends up the time. She started it; she ends it. No wonder the Bible said, those that escape out of Zion shall be glorious in the sight of the Lord. (FLASHING.RED.LIGHT.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-4 63-0623E)

And in the days of Lot women were so low in their morals until they was not used as women should be used, but they were perverted until they--it become so common, that women become so common that they--they--**men lived with men.** The natural perversion from the sex cells had changed its position, because that **women had become so cheap.**

Jesus said here in Luke 17, "As it was in the days of Sodom..." Remember that **men had misused women in such a way until the natural act of life was no more desired.** And oh, it's awful to say this from the platform, but this is... If it ever was Truth, it ought to go from here. And it is so bad today till there is tens of thousands times thousands of them on the increase everywhere, perversions: **Sodomites.**" (FLASHING.RED.LIGHT.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-4 63-0623E)

"How perverted. **That's what Satan does. He perverts the nations. He perverts the church. He perverts the people. He is a deceiver, a perverter of the original Truth.** God made a man a man. He made a woman a woman, and He dressed them different, and He meant for them to stay that way and to act that way. One is feminine, and the other one is masculine. He separated Adam in the garden of Eden and did this, separated Eve from him. Now, wears her bangs, she cuts her hair like his, and he tries to wear his like hers. She wears his outside clothes, and he wears her inside clothes. .. Notice in this perversion, it's become from a man to a woman and from a woman to a man, and don't know it: a very good product of Satan's Eden if you'll watch the streets today, at our modern people." (SATAN'S.EDEN.title JEFF.IN V-2 N-20 65-0829)

"**A man, put on them little old sissy looking shorts,** and get out here. He... I don't think there is much man to him. **He is the biggest sissy I know of.** See, she's got her perverted Adam to act like she (See?), wearing her underneath clothes. She seen what she could do out yonder when she took off all her clothes, but her underneath ones; that's **the shorts, of course that's a woman's underneath clothes.** And here her Adam is wearing them now, which according to God's original Word is an abomination for a woman to put on a garment that pertains to a man, and a man put on a garment pertains to a woman, from the original Word. Think of it." (SATAN'S.EDEN.title JEFF.IN V-2 N-20 65-0829)

CHAPTER THIRTY



On Marriage And Divorce

INTRODUCTION

“**Marriage and Divorce**” has been one of the most controversial issues in the tenets of Christianity. **We have two schools of thought** on “Marriage and Divorce”. One of them says that a **man can only be married once unless his wife is dead**. And the other says that **if the wife or the husband (either one) has committed adultery, either one of them can be put away and could remarry again.**” If we compare both teachings with the Scripture, both schools had some lapses in their teaching.

Questions on Marriage and Divorce have confronted the prophet Moses in the Old Testament, and the same questions had been asked of our Lord Jesus Christ in the New Testament by the Pharisees.

The controversy is centered on **MATTHEW 19:3-9** -

³ *“The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? ⁴ And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made [them] at the beginning made them male and female, ⁵ And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? ⁶ Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. ⁷ They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? ⁸ He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. ⁹ And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except [it be] for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.”*

This same issue confronts us today. What could be the grounds whereby a man or a woman can truly leave his/her wife or husband legally, and marry another? Is divorce sanctioned by the Bible? What is the difference between adultery and fornication? Can a man have more than one wife? Can a minister marry a widow?

Questions like these need to be answered. We can’t just get by with any teaching unless it is truly supported by the Holy Bible. And by the grace of God, we have today the perfect interpretation of the Word through a God-sent prophet, William Marrion Branham. When the seven seals were opened in 1963, the mysteries of God had been unveiled, including the correct teaching on Marriage and Divorce, which Brother Branham had expounded in his sermon on February 1965 before his death.

GOD’S ORIGINAL PLAN - ONE MAN, ONE WOMAN

God’s perfect will was to bring His people back to His original plan. The original plan in the creation was just one man and one woman - Adam and Eve. That was God’s perfect plan, one pair for each, for both man and animal.

But because of the hardness of the people’s heart in the time of Moses wherein there arose problems of **fornication** and **adultery** within the camp, the writing of divorcement was permitted to be issued unto those who could not live peaceably with their common-law husband or wife. And although **polygamy** was legalized in the Old Testament (for instance, David having 500 wives, and Solomon having 1000 wives), yet our Lord Jesus Christ clearly pointed to us that such situation **“was not so in the beginning.”** When the Law was turned into Grace during the advent of the New Testament, Jesus has emphasized that there ought to be only one man and one woman in marriage. Through the writings of Saint Paul, the revelation about this issue was stated in his letter to Timothy... **“a bishop must be the husband of one wife... a deacon must be the husband of one wife...”**(1 Timothy 3:2,12). These were Paul’s admonition to Timothy which, Timothy, ought to represent the **5-fold ministry** in Christianity today. **In approaching this salient issue, I will be quoting Biblical verses, in line with Brother Branham’s sermons,** as we delve into this controversial topic to answer some controversial questions surrounding the teaching on “Marriage and Divorce”.

KEY TERMINOLOGIES

MARRIAGE -HEBREW.LEXICON — STRONG’S.NUMBER.5772 **ownah {o-naw’}**

-- apparently meaning to dwell together; (1) cohabitation, conjugal rights; - a relationship in which two people have pledged themselves to each other in the manner of a husband and wife, with legal sanction; The social institution under which a man and woman establish their decision to live as husband and wife by legal commitments and religious ceremonies.

DIVORCE -HEBREW.LEXICON — STRONG’S.NUMBER.1644 **garash {gaw-rash’}**

(1) to drive out, expel, cast out, drive away, divorce, put away, (2) used of divorce, to dismiss from the house, to repudiate. --- a judicial declaration dissolving a marriage in whole or in part, esp. one that releases the husband and wife from all matrimonial obligations. A formal separation of husband and wife according to established custom

ADULTERY -HEBREW.LEXICON — STRONG’S.NUMBER.5003 **na’aph {naw-af’}**

a primitive root; TWOT — 1273; v1a (1) to commit adultery, usually of man, always with wife of another ---- A voluntary sexual activity (as sexual intercourse) between a married man and someone other than his wife or between a married woman and someone other than her husband. An extramarital sex that willfully and maliciously interferes with marriage relations

FORNICATION -HEBREW.LEXICON — STRONG’S.NUMBER.2181 **zanah {zaw-naw’}**

---(1) to commit fornication, be a harlot, play the harlot 1c2) to force into prostitution ---voluntary sexual intercourse between two unmarried persons or two persons not married to each other

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's)

1. DOES THE VOW IN ITSELF MARRY A COUPLE BEFORE GOD?

The answer lies in (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS/COD 64-0823E) :

“As long as they take that vow, they’re married. Just like a boy, if a boy promises a girl to marry her **under good faith**, he’s obligated to that girl. **He’s just as good as married her**. The only thing the law does, is give you a bill of rights to live together to keep from being common-law husband and wife. But when a man tells a woman, “I will marry you, Honey; I will take you for my wife. Will you take...”, **he’s married. Your vow is sacred; that’s what marries you anyhow**. There’s not no preacher can marry you, no magistrate, or nothing else; it’s your own **vow** to God and to this **man**. **When you promise, you are married.**”

The standard vow used in most marriages goes like this: “*To have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness or in health, to love and to cherish ‘till death do us part.*”

Let me just point out that Brother Branham was clear on it in saying that a “promise to marry **under good faith**” marries a boy to a girl. “Under good faith” means an “honest-to-goodness” promise, something that’s “not hypocritical”. This truly marries a boy to a girl by that vow. But if the promise of a boy or a girl is not under “good faith”, meaning that it was said under the guise of deception or a lie, that vow does not in any way marry the boy to the girl, and vice versa. It must be done “under good faith”.

2. CAN A WOMAN REMARRY ONLY AFTER HER FIRST HUSBAND IS DEAD?

Brother Branham explained this issue in the sermon **INVISIBLE UNION OF THE BRIDE 65-1125**:-

“The prophet Paul here is saying that a woman cannot remarry until her first husband is dead. She cannot remarry as long as her first husband is a-living. She, by no circumstances at all... She must remain single as long as her first husband’s a-living. And if she should do such a sin, she shall be called an adulterous.”

This teaching is supported by **ROMANS 7:2-3**-

“*For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to [her] husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of [her] husband. So then if, while [her] husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.*”

3. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FORNICATION AND ADULTERY?

A person asked Brother Branham this question in **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS- COD 59-0628E, Question # 91**:

91. Brother Bill, what is the difference between fornications and adultery, Matthew 19:9?

“He answered, “Jesus said in Matthew 19:9, “Whosoever putteth away his wife and marries another, except it be for the cause of fornications, commits adultery.” The difference between fornications and adultery, the word could be applied either way. But to make it clear what he was talking of there, that—a woman that’s unmarried cannot commit adultery, because she has no husband to commit adultery against. It’s uncleanness for her. **She has to confess that to her husband before they are married if she’s did that. If not and her husband finds it out later, he has a right to put her away, because she took a false vow.** For the Bible said, “Be it well...” or ritual says. “Be it well known to you (I have it in mine) if any couples are joined otherwise than God’s Word does allow, their marriage is not lawful. I will require and will charge you both as you’ll surely answer in the day of judgment when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, if either of you know any impediment why you should not be lawful joined together, do you now confess it.” There you are. See? **So fornications is what a girl, when she lives unclean, that’s fornication, ‘cause she has no husband. But when she’s married, and then when she lives like that, she commits adultery against her husband.**”

4. IS IT OK FOR A MAN TO TAKE BACK HIS PREVIOUS WIFE WHO HAS BEEN MARRIED TO ANOTHER MAN?

The answer lies in **QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 61-1015M**:

“**No, sir. Get over in the Levitical laws. You go back to that woman, she’s somebody else’s property. You’ve defiled and made yourself worse off than ever.** No, you should not take a wife back who’s been married to somebody else. Now, “Could I turn to her who has been married before or should I—or should I be free?” You are free. Stay free. Yeah, you don’t go back again. **No, sir. She’s married to somebody else; stay away from her.** That’s right. Don’t... That defiles...?... You understand. If we had a little more time, I’d like to get into that. But just for your question, my brother, whoever you are. **No, sir. Don’t you go back and take that woman when she’s been married two or three times since she married you. That’s wrong.**”

“If you are married at this time, and you both are saved, and you’re filled with the Holy Spirit, and you love one another, and you’ve got little children (Now, remember this is me, not the Lord. See?), **go ahead and live together; be happy; ‘cause you couldn’t live with your first wife or you wouldn’t have married her.** Then if you leave this and go back to your first one, you’re doing worse than you did in the first place. See? So you see, you’re all messed up; there’s no way of getting out of it. There’d only be one way truly that I can say from the Bible: both of you live single. See?” (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS JEFF.IN COD 64-0823M)

5. IS IT OK FOR A MAN TO TAKE BACK HIS PREVIOUS WIFE WHO HAS REMAINED SINGLE?

The answer lies in **QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS JEFF.IN COD 61-1015M**:

“I married a couple here not long ago that’d been married before, and they divorced and went away, and—old couple. Oh, it was Brother and Sister Puckett; that’s exactly who it was. They just couldn’t get along and had a little spat between them;

they divorced. **She lived just as true and single as she could be, and he lived the same way.** And after while, they seen how silly they was, and they come back and wanted to be married. I said, **“Sure.”** See? **“That’s all right, that’s what you should be.”** So they... **Well, they was married all the time. They never had been divorced;** just give them papers to live together as husband and wife; that’s all, ‘cause **they was married in the beginning. There’s no such things as any believer ever being reconciled to remarriage again, with a living companion, who has been separated but has remained single. They were always married all the time in the sight of God.”**

6. CAN A BELIEVER LEAVE AN UNBELIEVING PARTNER AND RE-MARRY A BELIEVER FOR THE SAKE OF SERVING THE LORD?

“But now just to say, “I... Brother Branham, I got married and my wife's an unbeliever, and here's a sister over here I can marry. I'm going to leave this one and marry that one.” Oh, no. No, indeedy. **Your vow is until death you separate, and there's nothing else in the world will permit you to marry in the Bible until your companion is dead.** That's right. The only grounds... **There's no remarrying nowhere at all, except a dead companion.** That's all. See?” (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 62-0527)

This case has also been answered in QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS_ JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY_ 62-0527: **“IS A BROTHER OR SISTER IN THE LORD, CAN MARRY OR REMARRY AND BE FREE, IF THEY LEAVE THEIR COMPANION TO REMARRY AGAIN?”**

NO. Now, let's take... begin at the 10th verse (I Corinthians 7):

10 And unto the married I command, [yet] not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from [her] husband: 11 But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to [her] husband: and let not the husband put away [his] wife. 12 But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. 13 And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. 14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy. 15 But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such [cases]: but God hath called us to peace. 16 For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save [thy] husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save [thy] wife? Now, watch his subject. See? And you read on down in before this, on through the chapter you find that they thought, “If we married a wife and she was... we... I got married and I become a believer, and my wife wasn't a believer, let me put her away.” Oh, no. That isn't it. You can't do that. See, see?

“...if any brother has a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away.” (That's, not because of marriage; that's because of unbelief. Not “remarry” again. See, stay with her.)

And if the woman which hath a husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. (That's right.See?) For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart... Now, if the unbeliever says, “I'm not going to live with you any longer; you've become a Christian.” To... A man tells his wife, “Because you've got saved, and going to get out of the world where we was once in, I'm going to leave you.” Now, **there ain't nothing you can do about it; let him depart.** See?

Or the woman say to her husband, “I'm not going to mix up with that bunch of holy-rollers. I'm not going to do this. I'll separate and leave you.” **Don't you leave the church, you let her leave.** See? **A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such case, that is, if your companion is putting you away and wants to depart for it. You don't have to just hold onto them. If they're wanting to leave you and they're going to leave you for the cause of Christ, let them leave. But you can't remarry.** “But God has called us unto peace.” See? Now, **not that you can remarry again;** he's already stated that, but **you don't have to live with an unbelieving husband or an unbelieving wife if they are not willing. If they're willing,** say, “Now, you go on to church. Now, if you want to go down there, that's your business. You want to go to your church, you go ahead. For me, I don't believe it. And I—I'll do anything for you; I'll not stand in your way, you go ahead,” **then you just remain there, knowing not that your sanctified life will sanctify that believer, cause them to believe.** See? Either side, man or woman... See? You... But now just to say, “I... Brother Branham, I got married and my wife's an unbeliever, and here's a sister over here I can marry. I'm going to leave this one and marry that one.” Oh, no. **No, indeedy. Your vow is until death you separate, and there's nothing else in the world will permit you to marry in the Bible until your companion is dead.** That's right. The only grounds... **There's no remarrying nowhere at all, except a dead companion.** That's all. See? (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS_ JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY_ 62-0527)

7. CAN A MAN LEAVE A WOMAN WHO HAS BEEN UNTRUE BEFORE MARRIAGE AND HAS AN UNCONFESSED SIN OF “FORNICATION” AND THEN MARRY ANOTHER?

This question was answered in a situation where Brother Branham talked with a woman who had committed such act of fornication before marriage but has never confessed it to his husband, as narrated by Brother Branham in the sermon QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 59-0628E:

“A woman come not long ago, and she said, “Oh, I've confessed all that.” She was nervous, and had a breakdown, and said, **“I confessed all that to God.”**

I said, **“You have to confess it to your husband. It wasn't God that you committed adultery against; it was your husband.”** That's right.

And if a man marries a woman and she has lived unclean before she marries him, and then she comes to him, if they've been married ever so long, and then she comes to him and says, “Honey, I want to tell you something. I did run out with another man; I never told you.” **Jesus said he has a right to put her away and marry another, because they're not married in the beginning, 'cause she falsely told a lie against him.**

She has a sacred trust of virtue committed to her by her Lord: a certain virtue. Nothing else holds it but a woman. That's right. That's committed to her by God. **She must not defile that virtue.** If she even does something wrong, she must confess that to her husband before he takes her; and make it right. Just the same as the church that was married to the law has to come also before Christ, before the second marriage; she has to confess

that. **If she doesn't and she lives with her husband for ten years and then confesses it, he has a right to put her away and marry another woman. That's the Scripture. Fornication is unclean living.**" (INVISIBLE UNION OF THE BRIDE- 65-1125)

8. CAN A MINISTER MARRY A WIDOW?

Brother Branham answered this question in MARRIAGE.AND.DIVORCE 65-0221M:

"Now, this may hurt just a little bit till we get down to the bottom of it. I'm just going to show you truth of it. **There is no minister that can marry a widow.** Did you know that? You want to read that? All right, you get in Leviticals—Leviticus 21:7 and Ezekiel 44:22 and it will show you that **the priesthood was not to marry a woman that's been touched by man.** This type is of the **virgin Bride of Jesus Christ, because they handled the fire of God, the priests did, Aaron's sons.** (We haven't got time to read it all and get out by noon. We got twenty minutes yet.) And them's Aaron's sons that handled the—the—the fire of God. **So they could not marry a woman that had been touched by another man.** The unchanging God said so. They could not marry another woman (and woman had been touched by a man), showing in type here, if you want to see it, that the church of the living God is purely, unadulterated the Word of God and not a denomination that's been handled by man." (MARRIAGE.AND.DIVORCE 65-0221M)

9. CAN PASTORS AND DEACONS HAVE MORE THAN ONE LIVING WIFE?

Scriptures can directly answer this question.

1 TIMOTHY 3:2-13 --- **"A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of ONE wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. Likewise [must] the deacons [be] grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being [found] blameless. Even so [must their] wives [be] grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. Let the deacons be the husbands of ONE wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus."**

10. HOW CAN A CASE OF ADULTERY BE MADE RIGHT BEFORE GOD?

In this situation, Brother Branham tells us about a case of adultery and how it was made right by those involved, in the sermon **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - COD 64-0823E:**

"You know, many times in the visions, how the people come, women and men; the

Holy Spirit digs up them things that they've done down in life and (you've heard of it and you seen it, you know. See?)—and tell them things that they've got to do it. They say, "Well, I—I've already made it right with the Lord." **But you owe it to your husband or to your wife to go tell them. That's right. You're supposed to confess that.** Now, this person, if she's the one that's guilty, she has did it; she went to her husband. Now, you've cleared yourself, sister, because between... You—you committed adultery against your husband. **You went to your husband and cleared yourself to your husband; then you went to the man and the husband and cleared yourself there. You are clear. If your husband continues to—to want to live with you, that's up to him. He don't have to do it now, but he—but if he wants to live with you and forgives you, then you be lady enough to never be guilty of such a thing again. But if he doesn't forgive you, then that's his—that's his own business. He can put you away. Exactly right.** But now, the man that you had the act with, now, he's the one's got to go to his wife and take his wife and come back to you. You've done your part, now it's his time to do his part. See? The second party... This woman had the act with the man, and she took her husband, confessed it, and went to the man and confessed it, and made it right. Now, the next man was a married man also; now, he's got to go to his wife and take the wife and come back to this wife. Then it's all right. See what I mean? It's made up then. **But outside of that, you'll still be guilty, and down in your heart you'll be condemned."**

In **QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS-COD 64-0823E, he speaks again of another case:**

"I had a woman not long ago up there that had that since the First World War. And she said, "Oh, Brother Branham." **She'd spent hundreds of dollars with psychiatrists and everything.** And I was setting there watching her in that room. Meda brought her up there. She was setting there ringing a handkerchief through her hands like that, said, "I feel the world's going to burst, and I..." all like this. I just kept setting there. I said, "Now, there's something about... You've got something in your life somewhere?" "No, I'm a Sunday school teacher." I said, "All right." Set there a little bit and watched. **I said, "I see a little green car, and you're with a blond headed man, and a train almost hits the car."...?...** She said, "Don't you tell nobody that." I said, "Your husband was in the army at the time." **She started crying, jumped up, "Don't you say that to nobody."** See? That was way down in her subconscious. **She said, "I've confessed that to God a long ago."** I said, "But wait a minute. **You never done a wrong against God. You done a wrong against your marriage vow.** You've got to go back to your husband and make that right first." She said, "He'll leave me." I said, "God has left you anyhow. So now, which one do you want to leave you?" I said, "Go to him." And she said, "Oh, I—I... He'd do this, and I got two children." I said, "Well, that's all I can tell you. **Psychiatrist never pulled that out of you, but the Holy Spirit has revealed;** and I never seen you in my life." She said, "That's exactly right." Said, "Well, I—I just can't tell him." I said, "Well, I... Glad I met you." Went on in the other room, and she come back in there. Meda said, "She wants you in there again." I went there; and I said, "What do you want?" And she said, "Brother Branham, I can't tell that to my husband." And I said, "Your husband's a black headed man." "Yeah." I said, "**He's got the same thing to confess to you.**" She said, "Oh, not my husband." I said, "You'd better go get him and come here." I said, "Do you know a certain woman that wears a pink dress, that works in the office of a certain kind of a automobile company?" She said, "Sure." I said, "Don't they call her a certain name?" "Yeah." I said, "**Two weeks ago they set under a beech tree with a—setting in a little brown Chevrolet car with license number so-and-so, and was in the same act.**" She said, "Not my husband." I said, "All right, you go get him and come here." **She left. A few minutes, here they come back. He said, "It's the truth."** I said—I said, "You see? Now go tell God." But first, when you come to the altar and remember there's ought, go first and make that right. And as long as this other party here is

guilty of not telling his wife... This wife has made herself clear. Now, it's up to her and her husband. But this other man and his wife has to come clear in it. And you cannot... **No matter what you do, it'll haunt you as long as you live until you wash it clean. There's only one way to do it: Confess it. If it takes the skin off of you, do it anyhow. Tell the truth, then you've got it right. Amen."**

11. WILL CHRISTIANS TODAY WHO ARE FOUND IN THE SITUATION OF LIVING WITH A SECOND OR THIRD WIFE/ HUSBAND BE FORGIVEN OF COMMITTING THE SIN OF ADULTERY?

Yes. The prophet said that if this Word-Message-of-the-Hour has been revealed to you and has accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour, and you have repented of your sins and had been baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, no matter if you are in that condition today, you are forgiven of all your sins. **But don't commit the same mistake again. "Stay where you are"** and just continue serving the Lord. The blood of Jesus cleanses you from that sin as you serve Him faithfully and as long as you're walking in the Light of this Hour. Listen to what the prophet of God said:

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0823M:

"Here's what I say. Let me say this, not the Lord, let me say it. If you are married at this time, and you both are saved, and you're filled with the Holy Spirit, and you love one another, and you've got little children (Now, remember this is me, not the Lord. See?), **go ahead and live together; be happy; 'cause you couldn't live with your first wife or you wouldn't have married her. Then if you leave this and go back to your first one, you're doing worse than you did in the first place. See?** So you see, you're all messed up; there's no way of getting out of it.

So under the modern conditions, I command you to go to your home with your wife now. If you are happy with her, live with her, raise your children in the admonition of God; but God be merciful to you if you ever do that again. You teach your children to never do a thing like that. Bring them up in the admonition of God. And now that "you are as you are", let us go now to late evening hour that we're living in and press towards the mark of the high calling in Christ where all things will be possible."

But if you intend to go back to your previous wife, you can no longer take her back if she's been married to another:

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 61-1015M:

"You go back to that woman, she's somebody else's property. You've defiled and made yourself worse off than ever. No, you should not take a wife back who's been married to somebody else. Now, "Could I turn to her who has been married before or should I—or should I be free?" You are free. Stay free. Yeah, you don't go back again. **No, sir. She's married to somebody else; stay away from her.** That's right. Don't... That defiles...?... You understand. If we had a little more time, I'd like to get into that. But just for your question, my brother, whoever you are. **No, sir. Don't you go back and take that woman when she's been married two or three times since she married you. That's wrong."**

12 . CAN A BELIEVER MARRY AN UNBELIEVER?

"And no believer should ever marry an unbeliever, under no circumstances: should always marry believers. But Ahab had done this evil thing. And no doubt but what Jezebel was a beautiful woman. And he'd fell for what she looked like in the stead of what she was. That's... So many people make that same mistake to this day. And she had brought idolatry in the nation, among the people. And the people, the priests, their ministers, had fell victim to this great popular demand." (BE.CERTAIN.OF.GOD.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-12 59-0125)

KEY HIGHLIGHTS ON "MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE"

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TWO SCHOOL OF THOUGHTS ON MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

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We have two schools of thought on marriage and divorce. And that is, one of them says that **a man can only be married once unless his wife is dead.** And that's one of the questions. **But you go to following that, you go overboard.** And then the next says, "Oh, if the **wife or the husband (either one) has committed adultery, either one of them can be put away and married again.**" You find yourself overboard with that. So see, it's neither southeast or northeast; we want directly east. You run out of Scripture when you go this way. You run out of Scripture when you go that way. We want to know where Scripture meets Scripture and know what's the truth of it. Each takes a different way and fail to bring up the correct answer, but there still must be an answer.

It's just like today; there is two great schools of doctrine in the church: one of them is Calvinism; the other one is Arminianism. One of them is **legalist**, and the other one's **grace.** And we come to find out that the people who believe in grace (the Calvinists), they say, "Bless God, it don't hurt me to smoke; it don't hurt me to drink. I can do these things; I've got eternal security." Then we find the other side (on the legalists) said, "Oh, I would like to bawl him out; I'd like to show him a piece of my mind, but I'm a Christian; I have to keep still." See, you find yourself on two different roads, and **neither one of them is right.** Now, that's hard to say that, but it is the truth. We find ourselves on two different roads: one going one way; one, another. Now, let's see what truth is.

ONLY ONE PAIR IN THE BEGINNING: ONE ADAM, ONE EVE

If Jesus said, "Go back to the beginning," there was only one pair of anything on earth. There was one Adam, one Eve. They were joined by God alone. One female horse, one male; one female parrot, one male, at the beginning, as He told us to go back, there was only one pair of anything.

IT WAS THE WOMAN WHO CAUSED THE FALL, NOT THE MAN

Do you realize it was one word that Eve doubted that caused all the

trouble? One spoken Word of God, **Eve doubted to be the Truth, and it caused every sickness, every disease, every suffering baby, caused every hospital to be built, every operation was ever performed, every death that ever died**, for one person to believe one—**disbelieve one word**. There you are. (SPOKEN.WORD.ORIGINAL.SEED JEFF.IN V-3 N-162-0318M)

Then it was the woman that caused the separation of the lovely home. It was not a Cherubim that bothered the earth. It was not Adam that threwed the home out. It was not anything else that throwed the home out and throwed the whole thing out of continuity, but a woman: Eve. And it is here, that the beginning that Jesus spoke of, was broken. Jesus said, “At the beginning God made one male, one female, of each kind.” **And now, when this woman, not the female horse, not the female dog, but the woman, she broke the entire continuity of God’s operation on the earth and throwed everything into death. The woman, not the man, she broke the covenant.** She broke the covenant because why? She stepped across the borders of God’s Word.

At the Garden of Eden, what caused death, and all this sorrow, every heartache, every little dying baby, every rattle in the throat, every ambulance screaming, every hospital, every graveyard? Was because Eve doubted one Word, not all of It, it just perverted It. Now, God said, “Man,” there, “he was to keep every Word of God.” Now, that’s the first of the Bible. **In the middle of the Bible, Jesus come**, and He said, “**Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God,**” not just part of Them, every one. In the last of the Bible, **Revelation 22**, Jesus give the testimony of Himself. The Revelation of His—of the Bible is Jesus Christ. And He said, “Whosoever shall take one Word out of here, or add one word to It, his part will be taken from the Book of Life.” (From LEADERSHIP.title COVINA.CA V-7 N-7 65-1207)

Now, we see, being that the continuity is broken, then **the lifeline was broken**. Also, the time line was broken. **The covenant was broken**, everything shattered. **What caused it? A woman.** That’s what broke the covenant. Now, if you want to read that, you can read it: Genesis 3.

EVE, NO LONGER CO-EQUAL WITH ADAM

Now, it was then man was made to rule over the woman by God’s Word. She was no more coequal with him. She was coequal in nature, you know. **But when she broke God’s Word, God made a man to be a ruler over her (Genesis 3:16**, if you want to put it down). **She was no more equal with the man. She was a breaker of God’s Word. She was right with man, coequal with him.** But we all know now that **she lost her co-equalness with man when she sinned**, and God said, “Man will be your ruler from here out.” Now, that’s the Scripture. **GENESIS 3:16** – “**Unto the woman he said**, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire [shall be] to thy husband, and **he shall rule over thee.**”

THE WOMAN MUST NOW BE SUBJECTIVE TO THE MAN

That’s why God forbids her to teach His Word. That’s right. I Timothy 2:9-15: “**I suffer not a woman to teach or to have any authority...**” See? And also I Corinthians 14:34: “**Let your women keep silent in the churches, for it’s not permitted to them to speak, for they are commanded to be in silent, also saith the law.**” But today what does the church do? They make her pastors, evangelists, when the Bible completely forbids it. And the Bible said: “... as also saith the law,” making it run in continuity, the whole thing... **That’s why God won’t let her teach, won’t let her do**

anything in the church but to set still with a veiled face.

EVE IS A BY-PRODUCT, SHE IS NOT IN THE ORIGINAL CREATION

Notice, the reason that she did this, she was not in the original creation. She is not in God’s original creation; she is a byproduct. Therefore, at the beginning, as Jesus referred to it, she was not a original created being of God. **She’s a byproduct of a man. Remember, Adam was both masculine and feminine in the original creation: one.** But then he was separated by a rib. Notice. But a byproduct... And notice, the only one of all God’s creation of every animal and anything else, **she was the only one designed this way. Every other female was in the original creation. Every other female was in the original creation, but EVE was NOT in the original creation (See?), that had to be made that way.**

She was not in the original beginning creation. She was in Adam, but not in a female sex herself at the beginning. She was a byproduct, made.

Notice, there’s nothing designed to stoop so low or be filthy but a woman. A dog can’t do it; a hog can’t do it; a bird can’t do it; no animal is immoral, nor it can be, for it is not designed so it can be. A female hog can’t be immoral; a female dog can’t be immoral; a female bird can’t be immoral. A woman is the only thing can do it. **Notice, the reason animals couldn’t do it, a female animal, they were in the original creation, but the woman was not in that original creation.** She is designed alone for filth and unclean living. A dog can’t; no other female can. It’s just the woman that can. A dog or any other animals: **once a year, and that for her babies, not for sexual pleasure**, but for her babies. The old sow hog, the old slut dog: once a year, one moment; that’s for her babies. **But a woman is designed for any time she desires. She is the only specie of female that is made prettier than the male.** There’s not another specie among anything. All other creatures of God is beautiful males, such as in animals, birds, and so forth. **Always the male is pretty. Look at the big buck deer: big fine horns, great specie, and the little humble doe. Look at the big rooster with all of his pretty feathers and the little brown hen. Look at the birds: the cock and the hen. Why? Why was it such of all the creatures of God?** Every creature in the male is the prettiest. **Between the sheep, between the—the hogs, between the horses, between anything else, it’s always the big male that’s pretty, and in the birds; but in the human race it’s the woman that’s pretty, not the man. If he is, there’s something wrong. It’s crossed up seed somewhere, originally it’s that way.**

Pretty... **Did you know at the first destruction internationally of the world was because of pretty women?** “When the sons of God saw the daughters of men were fair, they taken unto them women.” Is that right? (The Days of Noah-Genesis 6) She was made to deceive like she did Adam at the beginning, **telling him that the fruit was pleasant and so forth to deceive him and take him away from the Word.**

WOMAN WORSHIP IS HEATHENISM

Now, the heathens used to make her a god. Did you know that, a goddess? Sure did. They make her a **goddess**, for they did have **sex acts in their worship**. They claimed that she was a creator. In her womb she carried the seed and created. That’s a lie. There’s only one Creator; that’s God. But you remember Paul there? **Diana of Ephesus**, a image of a rock, said the goddess of heaven throwed down. Don’t you see how heathen

worship is? And we, not knowing it, turns right straight back to heathen worship again to women, the very lowest creature on the earth: woman worship. She'll sway men any way she wants to. And not knowing, all that beauty on the outside, a hell's on the inside. Solomon said her—her gates is the gates to hell. **I know, sisters, I've—you've got your place (just a moment) and a wonderful character that God can mold in you**, but I'm just trying to speak on the other side to show what you're actually from the beginning. A good woman is a good thing. I know that. I know it by real women. I've met real women that's genuine, just as real as any man that ever walked. She's a byproduct and a piece Of him. But it's up to her; she's made so she can be filthy. And she's given the right to refuse or to accept.

Let me show you that America is a woman. On our coin is a woman's picture. Everything in here is a woman. Tell me, there isn't enough bootleg joints in the country would have. **You can put forty bootleg joints in this city and put three prostitutes, of good looking women that twist themselves down the street; they'll send more souls to hell lusting after them than all the bootleg joints you could put in the city.** That's exactly right. Who is it then? It's woman. What is she? She's the **god of America. The American people has become a place to a worship of goddess.** I have the deepest and highest respects for women. My mother is one, my wife, and I have young daughters. And a woman that keeps her place and is a lady, there is nothing any more precious outside of salvation to our nation, than a real woman. But when it comes to a place to worship women, then you're out of the Bible plan. **There's no plan in the Bible for us to worship any woman, a Mary, or the Saint Cecilia.** There's not one speck of Scripture for it; and contrary, it's against such.

Go anywhere you want to and look. If you don't believe people bows at the shrine of naked women, look out on the street today. As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be. Look out, if you don't believe it, Just go anywhere. **Open up a paper; open up a magazine; look at a billboard. What do you find?** Remember what said, "When the sons of God saw the daughters of men was fair, they taken unto them women"? **Never in six thousand years has it ever been that women ever desired to cut their hair, dress like men, be perverted.** We're at the end time. And America, anyone who knows prophecy, knows that America is represented by a woman. This is called "woman's freedom." Freedom for what? To do as she pleases, sin. **God looks at character. Man looks at natural beauty.** It's deceiving. **And that's why a woman was given that beauty for deception, to deceive. A beautiful woman, if she don't use it in the right way, it's a curse to her.** That'll send her to hell quicker than anything else I know of. If she just—if... She could be pretty, sure; as long as she stays with her husband and does what's right, and that—that's fine and dandy. But she can take that same thing, and, my, how she can deceive with it, for it was give to her to do so.

WOMAN WAS MADE FOR MAN, NOT VICE VERSA

And He (God) made her for man and not man for her. Did you know that, that woman was made for man, and not man for woman? How many knows that? The Bible teaches it. All right. **She was given a place in man before the fall, equal over all creation, but after fall, he was her ruler. She must keep silent in all matters. If she'd have stayed in her original condition, she would've never been no fall.** But she caused the fall in the interruption that broke the whole continuity of God and throwed death, sorrow, and everything else on the earth. **She was made thus.**

TWO COVENANTS

The covenant was coequal. But now after the fall there's another

covenant made. Now, she was no longer ruler with him. Each must have a separate covenant. ... **We got another covenant now. Notice, it's another covenant. Now, there's a covenant for the product and the byproduct. Now, there's a double covenant. First it was just a covenant. Adam and Eve was coequal: one man, one woman.** Now, the woman sinned. And what does she do? That throwed them all to death, and God had to make a covenant by that, another covenant.

In the beginning there's only one man and one woman, one male, one female. But when she crossed that line and brought this sin, now the world's to be repopulated again by sex; not by creation; by sex. That's the reason Jesus had to come through the woman to bring it back to its original beginning again, without sex desire. He's **virgin born.** But, hallelujah. there will come a time where it won't be no more sex, but **God shall call His children from the dust of the earth, back like they was in the original.** Not through any woman, but through the molding of the clay and the cosmic lights and the petroleum; He'll create again like He did Adam at the first time.

Then when the double covenant was made by man and woman through sex (another covenant altogether; not the original covenant, but another covenant), now what's introduced? **Polygamy in all.** Then after the beginning, **polygamy was introduced both in man and in beast, after the beginning, the fall. Second covenant: one male, many females; one buck deer, a whole harem of does (That right?); one bull a whole herd of cattle, cows; one rooster, a yard full of hens (That right?); one David, after His own heart, with five hundred wives,** with a hundred children born to him in one year of different women: a man after God's own heart; **one Solomon with a thousand wives.** But notice now, **it wasn't so at the beginning.** But now, it's after the beginning.

Notice. (Don't fail this now; take it all down to your hearts.) **But not one of those women could even have one more husband.** He's the original creation, not her. **Not one of those women could have one more husband, but that one husband could have a thousand wives.** That's **THUS SAITH THE LORD.** That's the Bible.

Job 14 there, it says, "Man that is born of woman is of a few days and full of trouble." Is that right? Through the woman come death. **Through the man in the original creation, come Life.** To be born of woman is death; be born of Christ is Life. **Get the idea?** First Adam and Eve type the second Adam and Eve.

HE CAN REMARRY, BUT SHE CAN'T

MARRIAGE.AND.DIVORCE.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-13 65-0221M:

Matthew 5:32. I want you to notice here, to support this same idea of one and many. Matthew 30... I think it's Matthew 5:32—31 to begin with. **It has been said, "Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:** (Now, Jesus speaking, the One said, "From the beginning." Now, watch.) But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving the cause of fornication, causes her to commit adultery:... (See?)... whosoever shall put away his wife, saving... the cause of fornication, **causes her to commit adultery:... (Why? She'll marry again.)... and whosoever marries her that is divorced committed adultery. See, she's got a living husband, so no man can marry her.** Care what she does and who she is, she's got a living husband. There's no grounds for her at all. **But it's not for him: causes her, not him.** Get it? You have to make the Word run in continuity. See? **Nothing saying he couldn't, but she can't.** See? 'Causes her, not him. That's just exactly what the Bible says. "Causes her..." **It is not stated against him to remarry, but her.**

Why? **Christ in the type.** Notice, it is stated that **he cannot remarry, only a virgin.** He can remarry; he can marry—he **can remarry again if it's a virgin; but he can't marry somebody's else's wife. No, indeedy. And if he does marry a divorced woman, he is living in adultery;** I don't care who he is. **The Bible said, "Whosoever marries her that is put away, liveth in adultery."** There you are, not no divorcee. Now, you notice in I Corinthians 7:10, notice, **Paul commands the wife that is—that divorces her husband to remain single or be reconciled, not to remarry. She must remain single or to be reconciled back to her husband. She cannot remarry; she must remain single.** But notice, **he never said about the man.** See, you can't make the Word lie. From the beginning, the sex law by polygamy.

ONE LORD JESUS, MANY BRIDE

And at the end there will be one Lord Jesus and His Bride many: singular. You get it? There was one David on one throne, one king after God's own heart, with five hundred wives. **Jesus, setting on His throne (Hallelujah.) in the millennium, with a Wife like it was at the beginning, created out of the earth by the hand of Almighty God in the resurrection, of many members.** There you are.

Now, He plainly shows here in these types there is one Christ and many members of that Wife. Notice, He can put us away for spiritual fornications and false doctrine anytime He wants to, but how dare you try to put Him away and make it. **The man can put away his wife and marry another, but not the woman put away her husband and marry another.** See all the shadows and types there perfectly balanced out? See?

And any woman that refuses a man his child, has no right to be a wife to him. Amen. You remember in the Bible when the king married **Esther** because the queen refused. He just got him another one. And when the... What happened when she refused to come out with the king, to obey him? The same thing it is with a woman that refuses to be wife to her husband. **And so is it with the church that refuses to be come pregated in the age that we now live in to bring forth children of this age. We're not Lutherans; we're not Wesleys; neither are we Pentecostals.** We've got to be the children of this age through the **pregnancy of the Word of God** to bring forth a Child of this age, the Seed Child. **Amen. I hope you understand. Couldn't be pregated, no. So what did He do? Put her away in divorcement. That's right. But she dares put Him away. He put her away.**

A GOOD WOMAN IS A JEWEL

Notice. Now, the woman's got her place, and she is a jewel. Solomon, this man that had ten thousand wives—or had a thousand wives, rather, he said that **a man that's found a wife has found a good thing. He said a good woman is a jewel in his crown; that's an honor, but an unrighteous one is water in his blood.** That's his life. He said, "There might be one righteous man found in a thousand." (Solomon said this.) But said, "You wouldn't find one righteous woman in a thousand." Solomon said that. See?

Now, notice that, that how it is. But you see, woman, you are—you are a jewel if you want to be a jewel, but the desire has to be by you. And you see why the marriage and divorce was, that Jesus pointed back yonder? It was because your kind was the cause of all sin. That's the reason polygamy and divorce and things was introduced. At the beginning it never was so and it won't be so in the world over yonder.

When you got a direct revelation from God that's your wife and the same thing, that's yours the rest of your life. See? But what man joins together anybody can put apart. But what God joins together no man better dare to touch it. **"Whatsoever God joins together," He said, "let no man put asunder."** Not what some half-drunk magistrate, or something else put together, or some backslidden preacher with a bunch of creeds in a book that'd let them do anything in the world and the Word of God laying right there. See? I'm talking about what God joined together.

MISINTERPRETED THEOLOGY

Now, we are found in this mess because of misinterpreted theology. That right? That's why you women married the second time and you men, because misinterpret theology. Now, I want to show you something that He told me. And if God, our Creator, was questioned the question when He was here on earth (Jesus Christ), and when His delivering prophet came forth (Moses) down in Egypt to bring the children out of—of Egypt to put them in the promised land; and Jesus said here that Moses seen the people in this condition, and he granted them a writing of divorcement because the situation was what it was. Moses found such as, "Let him suffer..." God permitted Moses, that prophet sent to the people, to grant this writing of divorcement to them. **And in I Corinthians the—the 7th chapter, the 12th and 15th verse in the New Testament prophet, Paul, who met the same thing in the church and spoke this: "This is I, not the Lord." Is that right? Because of the divorce condition. It wasn't so from the beginning. But Moses was permitted it, and God recognized it righteousness.** And Paul also had a right when he found his church in that condition.

Now, you believe this to be true and believe it to come from God. And by the vindication of His Cloud and His Message that's brought me this far, should not God upon the mountain permit me to do the same thing to suffer you to go on the way you are and do it no more. Go with your wives and live in peace, for the hour is late. The coming of the Lord is at hand. We haven't got time to break these things up. Don't you dare try to do it again. I'm speaking only to my congregation. But if you are married—and God bore me witness to that on the mountain that I could say this (a supernatural revelation because of the opening of the Seven Seals and this is a question in God's Word): **let them go on in as they are and sin no more.**

STAY WHERE YOU ARE

Here's what I say. Let me say this, not the Lord, let me say it. **If you are married at this time, and you both are saved, and you're filled with the Holy Spirit, and you love one another, and you've got little children** (Now, remember this is me, not the Lord. See?), **go ahead and live together; be happy; 'cause you couldn't live with your first wife or you wouldn't have married her. Then if you leave this and go back to your first one, you're doing worse than you did in the first place.** See? So you see, you're all messed up; there's no way of getting out of it. There'd only be one way truly that I can say from the Bible: both of you live single. See?

So under the modern conditions, I command you to go to your home with your wife now. If you are happy with her, live with her, raise your children in the admonition of God; but God be merciful to you if you ever do that again. You teach your children to never do a thing like that. Bring them up in the admonition of God. And now that **you are as you are,** let us go now to late evening hour that we're living in and press towards the mark of the high calling in Christ where all things will be possible. (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title.JEFF.IN COD 64-0823M)

CHAPTER THIRTY-ONE



This topic is presented to answer the many questions that have arisen concerning end time Christian believers taking part in the festivities of the CHRISTMAS SEASON. Is the celebration of Christmas biblical? Does the birth of Jesus really fall on December 25? What about Santa Claus, gift-giving, the Christmas tree, and other tinsels? Are they really biblical?

INTRODUCTION

CHRISTMAS originated from the word "Christ-Mass" which is a Roman Catholic tradition, a special mass performed in celebration of Christ's birth.

Christmas was not among the earliest festivals of the Christian Church. It was not celebrated, commemorated, or observed, neither by the apostles nor in the apostolic church — not for at least the first 300 years of church history, after Catholicism took over the first church of Rome which was originally established by Apostle Paul. It was in the year 350 A.D. that Pope Julius-I declared that Christ's birth should be celebrated on "December 25". History reveals that the Church at Jerusalem commenced the celebration of Christmas only during 440 A.D., following the leadings of Roman Catholicism.



ANCIENT HISTORY

Ancient history reveals that in past ancient pagan civilizations, it is no coincidence that December 25th was also the birthday of their pagan gods. All of BABYLONIAN and ROMAN FESTIVALS were characterized by 5-7 day celebration periods of unrestrained or orgiastic revelry and licentiousness held between the 17th and the 23rd of December. December is the time of year when days began to lengthen and ancient man was blessed with a "regeneration of nature" and held an annual celebration for it.

Specifically, **December 25th** was the **Victory Festival of the "SUN-God"** in the pagan **Babylonian world**. In the **ancient Roman Empire**, the same celebration can be traced back to the **Roman Festival** called "**Saturnalia**", which honored Saturn, the harvest god, and Mithras, the god of light. They held the circus during this time of the year. Both festivals were celebrated during or shortly after the **winter solstice**, between the 17th and 23rd of December.

WHAT THE END-TIME MESSENGER SAID ABOUT "CHRISTMAS"

To those of us who believe in this End-Time Message, we all recognize that God sent us a vindicated prophet for this age in order to restore our hearts back to the **FAITH of the Pentecostal Fathers and to the true teaching of the Bible**. And at the same time, he was sent by God to reveal to us **ALL the MYSTERIES** that's been hidden in the Word according to the prophetic commission he was given as stated in Malachi 4:5-6 and Revelation 10:7. It is therefore from this viewpoint that I want to address this controversial issue on "Christmas".

The following is an outline of key quotations from the sermons of Rev. William Marrion Branham as pertaining to the celebration of **Christmas**. You must read between the lines.

1. CHRIST POINTED US TO HIS DEATH, NOT TO HIS BIRTH

"Christmas is not mentioned in the entire book of the Bible. Never one time did Jesus refer them to His birth, but to His death." (SIRS.WE.WOULD.SEE.JESUS JEFF.IN V-3 N-23 61-1224)

2. JESUS CHRIST WAS NOT BORN IN DECEMBER; HE WAS BORN IN APRIL

"It couldn't have been Christ's birthday. It just absolutely could not have been. He'd have had to be born in March or April, 'cause He was the Lamb. And He was a male sheep and borned in under the ram, Aries. It had to be. You see? And—and sheep are not born in December anyhow. Sheep are born in the spring. And then another thing, the hills of Judaea now, there's twenty feet of snow on them. How could the shepherds have been out there?" (WHO.DO.YOU.SAY.THIS.IS?.title PHOENIX.AZ V-6 N-9 64-1227)

"Christmas is not a Protestant holiday. It's a Catholic day. The 25th of December was months and months before our Lord was born. **Our Lord was born in April. But He wasn't born in December.** If you've been in Judaea in December it's colder than this, so—you know He wasn't born in December. And it's spelled, it's C-h-r-i-s-t-m-a-s, a mass for Christ. It's the Christ-mass." (DIVINE.HEALING.title JEFF.IN V-26 N-10 54-1219M)

"And by the way, Christ wasn't born on the twenty-fifth day of December either. He couldn't have been. If you'd ever been in Judaea, the hills are full of snow, worse than it is here: He (was) born in April when all nature comes forth. Now, but it's a tradition. And why—why do we do those things? Because we follow the traditions of men instead of the commandments of God. Then something like that wouldn't matter, but they just make a commercial day out of it. It's a disgrace, a shame for them to do such things as that." (PATMOS.VISION.title JEFF.IN ROJC 69-130 60-1204E)

3. CHRISTMAS ORIGINATED FROM THE ROMAN "SUN-GOD" FESTIVAL

"We celebrate this 25th day of December for the birthday of Christ, but,

of course, anyone knows that it wasn't Christ's birthday. That was the Roman SUN god's birthday, that when the church was converted into, or, brought into Catholicism, was formed at the council at Nicaea. **Instead of it being the sun god's, they made it the Son of God's birthday.** And it was the sun god's birthday, and they just taken the Son of God and made that His birthday, to blend it in with their pagan tradition. **And it's no means at all being Christ's birthday.** He could not been born at that time, because Judaea is about the same on the—on the... high up in the equator as this is, and we—we find out that in Judaea in the wintertime, 25th of December, **she's blizzardly and cold. Shepherds cannot be on the hill,** and many reasons that it couldn't be. And then He was nature born like all other nature, He—He came forth in the spring, **usually when the lambs are born in the spring; and He was the Lamb.** Now, I believe He was born, myself, March, April, or somewhere along in there in the early spring." (WORLD.AGAIN.FALLING.APART.title SHPLAV-17 N-4 63-1127)

"But this being the **25th of December**, why, making it the birthday, **this is the sun god's birthday** (See?), the Roman Baalim, the **sun god.** See? And the sun is just exactly halfway around now. **And from the 20th unto the 25th was when the Roman circus was in celebration of the sun god's birthday.** And the... So they said, "**Well now, to please the—both Christian and pagan, we'll make instead of sun god, the Son of God and the sun god together. So we'll put it all together and make it the same birthday and make it on the 25th.**" So it seemed to please the pagan and the nominal church then, or the first church of Rome was just... It was just all right with them, so they didn't care. **So they made it both sun god and Son of God's birthday.**" (SIRS.WE.WOULD.SEE.JESUS.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-23 61-1224)

"**This was done by the Roman Catholic church** before it become the Catholic church in Rome, about 86, 106, somewhere along in there, or 306, rather. Now, we find out that **the Roman pagans worshipped Jupiter**, which is the **sun god**; and they worshipped **Ashtoreth**, which was the **moon god**, or otherwise the mother of the—the mother of heaven. Well, to bring this down, they said that **Ashtoreth, or god's mother of heaven was no more, and reflected herself in Mary.** So it still remained idolatry, **connecting Christianity to idolatry.** Then also, and they suffered, or worshipped and respected the birthday of their sun god, which was Jupiter. It's when the sun from December the first until December the twenty-fifth." (FALLING.APART.OF.THE.WORLD.title JEFF.IN V-10 N-6 62-1216)

"But then **when Christianity was brought into Romanism and mixed at Nicaea**, then they had the sun god, Jupiter, the sun god of Rome, his birthday was on the—between the—about the twenty-fifth day of December. Because **the Roman circus started on the twenty-first and lasted till the twenty-fifth, which was in celebration of the sun god's birthday.** So blending Romanism paganism to—Christianity, they said, "**Let's make it the Son of God's birthday, and then we can all agree upon it.**" See, it's always been on systems of compromising to the Truth, every time, has always been." (WE.HAVE.SEEN.HIS.STAR.title TUCSON.AZ V-13 N-8 63-1216)

"Pergamos was invited. All right, they was invited to a feast after the Nicene Council. They was invited to the **feast of Winter Solstice**, which means the sun, **worship of the sun**, which was a pagan god, which fell on December the 21st, the shortest day in the year. And the years... The same time doesn't change till December the 25th. **All heathens celebrated it, the sun god's birthday.** The sun god's birthday was the shortest day in the year, December the 21st. And anyone that ever read the history of the churches know that heathens worshipped on that day. **It was a celebration.** Well, the Romans had—they had the **big games, the Roman circus.** How many seen this here, whatever it was here not long ago, they had, "Ben Hur"? See? Now, the Roman circus; that's what the Romans had on that sun day, in commemoration of the **birthday of the sun god.**"

(PERGAMEAN.CHURCH.AGE.title JEFF.IN ROJC 229-285 60-1207)

4. CHRISTMAS IS NOTHING BUT COMMERCIALISM

"Today, Christmas means a carton of caramels, a carton of Viceroy, a bottle of Four Roses, or Seagram, wrapped up in a pretty Santa Claus paper." (WMB, God's Wrapped Gift - 12/25/60)

"But it's [Christmas] got to be a place where it's a curse to little children. Some little neighbor down the street can have plenty, and the other little fellow don't have nothing, and they look. And the whole thing is altogether wrong. That's all." (The Falling Apart Of The World - 12/16/62)



"And it's all just a myth, and Christ is not in it at all. And the people has turned in to **buying whiskey, and—gambling, and fashions.** And a—a man that... A merchant that can sell his goods through Christmas time can live the rest of the year almost. See? It's such a great holiday, **commercial.** And poor little kids on the street, their parents are not able to—to visit them with a—a present like from Santa Claus, and they walk down the Street, and their little dirty hands and their little red eyes. **I—I just hate to see it come along.** It ought to be a solemn day of worship to God, instead of a **heartache** and a **headache.** And the things that's done, **there's nothing to Christ about that.** But we're right in the midst of all this now." (WHO.DO.YOU.SAY.THIS.IS?.title PHOENIX.AZ V-6 N-9 64-1227)

"Here a few weeks, or even right now, there's reindeers, and Santa Clauses, and—and jingle bells, and all kinds of things hanging up, which is **pagan eremony. It's an article of the Catholic church. People paying great prices and swapping presents and things like that, pagan.** Christmas is a day of worship. And by the way, **Christ wasn't born on the twenty-fifth day of December either.** He couldn't have been. If you'd ever been in Judaea, the hills are full of snow, worse than it is here: He born in April when all nature comes forth. Now, but it's a tradition. And why—why do we do those things? Because we follow the traditions of men instead of the commandments of God. Then something like that wouldn't matter, but **they just make a commercial day out of it. It's a disgrace, a shame for them to do such things as that. A pagan ceremony: when did Santa Claus have anything to do with Jesus? When did the Easter rabbit or a chicken, or colored up with some kind of ink or something, or some kind of little white rabbit have anything to do with the resurrection of Jesus Christ? Don't you see how the commercial world.**" (PATMOS.VISION.title JEFF.IN ROJC 69-130 60-1204E)

"Oh, brother, sister, how nice it would be if each one of you, if each one of us, us, me, if each one of us could lay aside all this here Christmas tinsel (See?) quit all this swapping gifts, one with another, all of this nonsense of the world, and just take off our pride and lay it down, and stomp the thing under foot, say, "Lord Jesus, guide me to that perfect Light," Watch something supernatural happen. The Holy Spirit will come in a phenomenal way. See?" (WMB, We Have Seen His Star - 12/16/63)

"Say, "I want to follow the Morning Star, Christ. I want to follow and find my Jesus this day. **I want to get away from all this here Christmas tinsel and things, because**

someday it's going to be burnt with unquenchable fire." And all those who are in[tolerating] with it, will be burned with it." (We Have Seen His Star - 12/16/63)

"Why, they started buying Christmas present months ago, and what is it but a heathen trait. There's nothing about it godly. Oh, they try to say, "Give gifts, to the wise men." That's just an oasis for a devil's excuse. You want to give something, it's your life to Christ. Don't give to one another; give it to Him. That's what He died for. That's His purpose of coming." (The Falling Apart Of The World - 12/16/62)

5. CHRISTMAS IS A MYTH AND A PAGAN CELEBRATION

"We take the word "Christmas." It's very seldom you ever hear Christ's Name mentioned. You don't hear it mentioned. The lights and tinsel is all on Santa Claus, not on Christ. The people hardly knows what Christmas is really for. They've just paganized it and paganized it till it's all become pagan." (Sirs, We Would See Jesus - 12/24/61)

"Studying on mythology and all these myths, Christmas itself is a myth. It's not nothing real about Christmas. Christmas wasn't even mentioned in the Bible; they never worshipped the birthday of Christ. Wasn't no such a thing. That's a Roman Catholic dogma and not a Christian teaching, no Scripture for it nowhere in the Bible and for the first hundred years after the Bible (See?) nothing of it. It's just a myth. Santa Claus, commercial, everything, the whole thing is wound up into a big conglomeration." (Christianity Versus Idolatry - 12/17/61)

I wish that really the people could understand in this world, what really Christmas is. Now, the first word Christmas is a kind of a Catholic expression. It means "Christ's mass." See? It was ordained or was begin with the Roman church. And Christ was no more born on the twenty-fifth day of December than I was. It's just a complete conglomeration of dogma. That's all there is to it."

(The Falling Apart Of The World - 12/16/62)

"And the people on the streets, with their high-heeled shoes, and they're twisting up and down the streets, and running into stores...And here the other day, my wife was telling me, someone said, "I won't know what to get daddy. Brother's going to get him a quart of whiskey, and the other one said he was going to get him some champagne....." Celebration of Christmas, pagan, devil-worship." (Christianity Versus Idolatry - 12/17/61)



"Today I was thinking of the cathedrals a ringing out, and the bells a tolling, and so forth like that; and people going to the church, and making ready, and the women buying their Easter hats and so forth. What has this come to? My, how I can't understand where a rabbit has anything to do with the resurrection (See? No, sir.), or how a Christmas tree has anything to do with the birth of Christ. It's pagan, friends. We've got off the path somewhere. That's right. But now a real born again man or woman realizes, because there's life within you, tells you that that's wrong. Is that right? [Congregation responds: AMEN!] (WMB, The Cruelty Of Sin - 04/03/53)

"Notice, Eve met hers her fall. And so did the second Eve met hers at Nicaea,

Rome, gave to it a denomination, creed, accepted dogmas instead of the Word; taken down pagan idols like Jupiter and so forth, and put up Paul and Barnabas. And took down the sun god and the moon god, Ashtoreth, the moon god, with round kosher on it, and made her being the mother of the sun god which is Jupiter. And changed the birthday of Jesus from April, where all nature, where He was born under the ram, 'cause He was a ram, and changed that up to the sun god's birthday in the solar [winter solstice] there.... the sun god's birthday, not the Son of God. And every one of us play Santa Claus, and decorate trees, a heathenism, and things like that, and then call ourselves Christians? What's the matter with the Christian church?" (Harvest Time - 12/12/64)

6. SANTA CLAUS TAKES AWAY THE GLORY FROM JESUS CHRIST

Santa Claus or the "Father Christmas" is a corruption of the Dutch "Saint Nikolaas." ("Saint Nicholas" was the 4th century Catholic bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, who gave treats to children; he was canonized by the Roman Catholic Church, "regarded as a special friend and protector of children." The red suit comes from the fact that Catholic bishops and cardinals in Italy wear red.) Santa Claus was also known as "Kris Kringle," a corruption of the German "Christ Kindl"—Christ Child.



Santa is the blasphemous substitute for Christ!

He is routinely given supernatural powers and divine attributes which only GOD has. Think about it. He is made out to be omniscient — he knows when every child sleeps, awakes, has been bad or good, and knows exactly what every child wants (cf. Psa. 139:1-4). He is made out to be omnipresent — on one night of the year he visits all the "good" children in the world and leaves them gifts, seemingly being everywhere at the same time. He is also made out to be omnipotent — he has the power to give to each child exactly what each one wants. Moreover, Santa Claus is made out to be a sovereign judge — he answers to no one and no one has authority over him, and when he "comes to town," he comes with a full bag of rewards for those whose behavior has been acceptable in his eyes.

But the Santa Claus myth distorts the truth of Christ's birth by subtly blending truth with the myth of Santa Claus. When Christian parents lie to their children about Santa Claus, they are taking the attention of their children away from God and causing them to focus on a fat man in a red suit with god-like qualities. All of this teaches the child to believe that, just like Santa, God can be pleased with "good works," done in order to earn His favor. Also, they teach that no matter how bad the child has been, he will still be rewarded by God — just as Santa never failed to bring gifts. Even in homes of professing Christians, Santa Claus has clearly displaced Jesus in the awareness and affections of children, becoming the undisputed spirit, symbol, and centerpiece of Christmas.

Here are some quotes from Brother Branham's sermons regarding "Santa Claus":

"What's any more of a myth than Santa Claus? Never was such a thing.

Telling children lies, you'll be responsible for it at the day of the judgment. Yes. No wonder people don't know what to do. They just don't want the real thing. They'll take anything artificial, but they don't want the real thing. They don't want the gifts of God. Certainly. They don't want Jesus; that's one thing." (God's Wrapped Gift - 12/25/60)

"It's Christmas. All the tinsel up-and-down the street of **Santa Claus, a German fiction, a Catholic dogma... There's not one ounce of it true. And it takes the place of Jesus Christ, in the hearts of too many Americans. Christmas don't mean Santa Claus.** Christmas means Christ. It's not some man with a pipe in his mouth, and coming down a chimney. Teaching your children such as that, what do you expect them to grow up to be? **Tell them the Truth, not on some fictitious story.** Tell them there's a God of Heaven Who sent His Son, and that's what Christmas means. And He's near coming again." (Where Is He, King Of The Jews? - 12/21/58)

"It's Christmas time; get out these **Santa Clauses** and stuff; away with that **nonsense of commercializing.** Wherever you heard about Santa Claus in the Bible? **It's a Roman mythology;** there's nothing to it at all; there is no such a thing. **Don't teach your children such nonsense as that.**" (Why It Had To Be Shepherds - 12/21/64)

"**Kris Kringle's run over the country.** Who was he? A German, a Catholic saint years ago, an old man went about doing good. **And today it's become almost a worship.** That's right. It's all right to tell the kiddies, or whatever you want to do, as far as I'm concerned. But the thing of it is, it's so easy to fall in that rut on the other side, and push out Christ, the real fundamental thing of Christmas. And man take Kris Kringle instead of real Christmas; that's right, "No room for Him in the inn." (The Deity Of Jesus Christ - 12/25/49)

"**I know that we people here do not teach our children of such a myth as Santa Claus. We do not believe in telling anybody a lie, so you're not going to lie to your children. Such stuff as that, that's mythology to its heights, of such a thing as taking the place of Christ at Christmas.** And Christmas has lost... Christmas is no more a worship; it's a celebration: **drinking, gambling, carousing, just pagan to the limit.** And it's not... And I wanted to... Maybe after Christmas I'll speak again on Christmas (You see?), so that it won't deprive the little... But you can't tell that to little children like that. They see little fellows on Christmas night getting Christmas presents and things like that; they don't understand it. See? They just—they're too little. And we've got to remember them, that they are—that they have things in common. We've got to bring ourself down to remember them little fellows." (CHRISTIANITY.VERSUS.IDOLATRY.title JEFF.IN V-8 N-2 61-1217)

QUESTION: What about a Christmas play in a Holy Ghost church?
ANSWER: Well, if it's about Christ, it might be all right. But if it's about Santa Claus, I don't believe in him. I've grown away from that. I don't believe in Santa Claus at all. See? And some of these little Christmas things they have, **I think is ridiculous.** But I think they've took all Christ out of Christmas and put Santa Claus in it." (Questions And Answers On The Holy Ghost - 12/19/59)

6. THE PROPER PERSPECTIVE REGARDING THE CELEBRATION CHRISTMAS

"**Let me make this clear. I do not believe that Jesus would care what day you worshipped His birthday on** (if it's the 25th, 26th, or whether it's April, May, June, July, or whenever it might be), just so you worship - **you worship Him on any day.** But here's what it is. They have taken the sacredness from Christmas to make it not a Christmas, a worship day, but a celebration. See? You hear people say, "We're going to

celebrate Christmas." That's wrong. We should never celebrate Christmas. Christmas is a day of worship, not a celebration." (Sirs, We Would See Jesus - 12/24/61)

"**God bless you.** Not exactly a "Merry Christmas," but **God's blessings of Christmas be upon you.** May the Christ of Calvary hide you in Himself, and blanket you, and so wrap you and enshroud you in His Word till His Word will be made flesh in you, is my prayer. God bless you." (Sirs, We Would See Jesus - 12/24/61)

"You love each other? [Congregation says "Amen."—Ed.] Turn around and shake hands with each other, say, "God bless you. Christ be with you." **Instead of "Merry Christmas," say, "Christ be with you," as you turn around.** Now don't leave yet, just turn around and say, "Christ be with you." Christ be with you." (DEITY.OF.JESUS.CHRIST.THE.title JEFF.IN V-20 N-12 49-1225)

"On this Christmas eve, Lord, we're grateful for the Gift of God...Though this be some, as we believe in our hearts, some pagan superstition of the day that they have tried to mold it and make it be like a mass - **Christ-mass. But we are not coming in that way of Santa Claus, and Christmas trees, and decorations; but we're coming in the Name of the Lord Jesus to worship the God of heaven** that was made incarnate, flesh like us, and dwelled among us to redeem us, and suffered the reproach of the Name, suffered the reproach of the cross to let a worldly institution put Emmanuel to death, in order that He could bring us to Eternal Life." (Reproach For The Word - 12/23/62)

"And give us the Spirit, **the true Spirit of Christmas. When today that when pagan ceremonies, Christmas trees worshipped, fiction stories of a—a man named Santa Claus, and of our Easter rabbits, and the different fashions that the commercial world has capitalized on, may it be laid aside, God.** Let us enter into Christ the Word, for we asked it in His Name and for His glory. Amen." (WHY.IT.HAD.TO.BE.SHEPHERDS.title TUCSON.AZ V-6 N-15 64-1221)

"So I appreciate your all's prayers. And by God's help and grace, a very **Merry Christmas to every one of you.** Remember my saying; **this is not Santa Claus this is for Jesus.** You see? "**Christmas means Christ.**" And we were riding last night showing the kiddies all the houses decorated and everything, which is awful nice. But I thought, if I ever had on--anything on my house that I ever wanted to write, would be a neon sign: "**Trusting Christ Will Be In Your Christmas.**" That's right. **Put Christ back into Christmas.**" (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 59-1223)

"Now, if you'll bow your heads again, **I want to wish each one of you a very merry Christmas:** May the great **Christmas Present,** the first one and the only and the original and the only one there is, **Jesus Christ,** be afresh in your heart tonight. May the Holy Spirit come to you and bring you ministering gifts and things from God, that you--a gift that you might live a better life." (GOD'S.GIFTS.ALWAYS.FIND.PLACE.title JEFF.IN V-6 N-13 63-1222)

CHAPTER THIRTY-TWO



Most people today rely too much upon doctors and medicine to heal them of their sicknesses. Although there's nothing wrong with that, but the Bible, God's Word, is so rich with promises whereby a Christian could avail of healing and deliverance simply by FAITH.

If we could believe that our soul can be saved by faith, how much more ought we to believe that our BODY can also be healed by faith. The former seems to be even harder than the latter. But the Bible says that **"All things are possible to them that believe."** The Bible tells us that the Pharisees charged Jesus of committing blasphemy because they've heard Him say that He could forgive sins. Jesus rebuked them and said, "Which is easier? To forgive sins or to say "rise up and walk" to the man that was lame?" We saw that in the Bible Jesus proved that both forgiveness of sins and healing are available and are possible to them that believe.

WITH HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED

Divine Healing is an act of faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ at the cross of Calvary. Jesus did not just redeem us from our sins and transgressions, but He has also healed us from our sicknesses at that very moment. **Isaiah 53:5** states, **"But He [was] wounded for our transgressions, [He was] bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace [was] upon Him; and WITH His STRIPES we are HEALED."**

It takes faith to be able to claim and believe God's promises. Faith is the "evidence" of things that you do not see, feel, taste, hear or touch. Faith believes God's Word no matter what circumstance nor opposition there is.

If you are a true Christian believer, Divine Healing is a sure promise of God for you. A true servant of God will never deny Jesus' own teachings regarding divine healing and miracles. The days of miracles is not yet passed. This gift of healing by the Holy Ghost is a promise unto you, unto your children's children, unto them that's afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

"He was wounded for your transgressions; with His stripes you were healed. There's no man on earth that can heal you, no doctor, no hospital, no medicine. We haven't got one medicine that any doctor will say will heal you. If he does, he certainly doesn't know what he's talking about. To heal is to replace or build tissue. No medicine will build tissue. Medicine will take germs and kill germs that's tearing down tissue, but it won't build the tissue. God has to do that alone, which is creation.

He's the only One Who can create. Satan cannot create. He can pervert what's created, but he can't create. **God is the only Healer there is. There never was a drop of medicine, hospital, or operation that ever healed anybody. The Bible said, "I'm the Lord Who heals all your diseases."** Medicine's all right. They take it to poison germs, just like rat poison to poison rats. But it doesn't heal the house where the rats has eats holes in it. You see? That's right. It doesn't patch the place. God has to do that through creation. Operation is fine. It moves an obstruction, bad tooth, a growth, appendix, so forth. That's all right. It sets a broken arm when it's broke. That's all right. But God does the healing. See? God's the only One can heal. It's nothing, no mystery. It's just true." (QUEEN OF SHEBA.title CHICAGO.IL.58-0107)

"Divine healing lays in Calvary. And the only thing that you can do is point to Calvary. And there's where your salvation lays. You wasn't saved just five years ago, ten years ago, or twenty years ago, or how long it was. You wasn't saved then. See? You were saved nineteen hundred years ago. When Jesus died at Calvary, He took the sins of the world away. You just accepted your salvation so many years ago. But everything that God can do for both sickness and sin has already been appropriated in Calvary. And the only thing that a minister can do, is to point you to where... what God has already did for you in Christ. Do you understand it? A man could come to the altar; he could pray all night. He could cry, he could beg, he could plead, walk up-and-down the floors, make restitutions. But until he believed and accepted, he'd still be a sinner. For Hebrews 3 said, "Jesus Christ is the High Priest of our confession," profession, the same translation is confession. He's the High Priest of our confession, therefore, He can't do nothing for us, until first, we confess that He has done it. And then He goes to work as a high Priest, making good what we profess, that He has done. What... And He will make good anything that He included in His atonement. And there **He was: "Wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquity, the chastisement of our peace upon Him; with His stripes we were healed."** Not, we will be, or we ought to have been, but we were, passed tense, already healed. God did it back there in Calvary, and the only thing we do, is reach up and receive it by faith, and believe it, confess it." (LIFE.IS.THE.HEALER/ INDIANAPOLIS.IN 57-0611)

"Look. Now, look, friends. I want you to look this away and believe with all your heart. **If Jesus Christ died at Calvary and there He settled to God the full penalty for sin and sickness, then it's all left. Is that right? It's all settled.** Then there's not a person in the world that could do anything towards healing you. It's already been done. No one could save you. It's already been done. The only thing that you have to do is confess your faith in it. Is that right? How many knows the work is finished? When Jesus died and then said it's finished, it was finished forever. That's right. Then as far as any man coming through saying, "I have power to heal you." He's telling you something wrong. "I got something here I can put on you to heal you." That's wrong. **Only thing that ever be done to heal you was done there at Calvary. He was wounded for your transgressions; by His stripes you were healed. You were healed."** (RAISING.JAIRUS.DAUGHTER.title SHREVEPORT.LA.56-0731)

SCRIPTURES ON DIVINE HEALING

Jesus said "These SIGNS shall follow THEM that BELIEVE, in My Name they shall cast out devils.. they shall LAY HANDS on the SICK, and they shall recover." (Mark 16:17-28)

Surely, this promise is only for TRUE believers and not for doubters and make-believers. Doubting these promises of Jesus just show the lack of faith in an individual.

We are not serving a historical God who like most people think that God has no more power to heal today. Who are we to limit God? *“Jesus Christ is the SAME yesterday, and today and forever” (Hebrews 13:8)*. Divine healing is the basic commission that Jesus gave to all of His disciples and to all true servants of God till today. He told them to “heal the sick, cast out devils.”

Matthew 10:1 confirms it, *“When He had called unto [him] his twelve disciples, he gave them POWER [against] unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to HEAL all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.”*

We can never find one verse in the Bible where God ever took this promise out.

James 5:14-16 states: *“Is any sick among you? Let him call for the ELDERS of the church; and let them PRAY over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the PRAYER of FAITH shall save the SICK, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. CONFESS [your] faults one to another, and PRAY one for another, that ye may be HEALED. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”*

“And I believe that healing is a finished work, that’s been completed for two thousand years. When Jesus died at Calvary, He saved you from sin and healed your sickness. And every blessing, redemptive blessing is yours by faith in that finished work. See? It’s yours if you can believe it. As one said some time ago, “I don’t believe in Divine healing. I don’t care what you say.” I said, “Certainly not. **It wasn’t given to unbelievers; it was me—given to believers. He that believeth...**” **There is a question mark. If you’re a believer, Divine healing is for you. If you’re not a believer, it’s not for you. And each person in here that’s sick does not have to come to this platform. They do not have to do one thing but confess their sins to God.** Sin is unbelief; we all know that. Because you smoke, drink, gamble, commit adultery; that’s not sin; that’s the attributes of your unbelief. See? It’s because you don’t believe Jesus is the reason you do those things, if you do. But if you believe Him, you don’t do those things, is because you are a believer. So there’s only one initial sin, and that’s unbelief. And if you believe God, then you can just accept it anywhere you may be. God is everywhere.” (IT.IS.I.BE.NOT.AFRAID/CHATAUQUA.OH 1959-0811)

“ Now, Divine healing is not a hocus-pocus. It isn’t touching a totem pole or pouring some mysterious stuff from—that’s run out of somebody’s hands on you. Divine healing is an act of faith in the finished work of Calvary. That’s just as purely the Gospel as I know how to place it. It’s a finished work that Christ died for at Calvary. “He was wounded for our transgressions; with His stripes we were healed.” **Now, healing is not on the same basis as salvation. When you’re borned again, you receive a new spirit, new Life, Immortal, cannot die. But when you’re healed, it’s just an attribute of the Divine love of God that healed you temporarily for a while.** Your body must be borned again just like your soul. You will die. Lazarus was raised from the grave but died again. See? But if there is no Divine healing, which is the earnest of our resurrection, there is no resurrection. And if there is no freedom from sin, and living above sin, and free from sin, then there is no heaven to go to. This is just the earnest of our salvation that we have now through the works of the Holy Spirit. So **Divine healing has already been purchased for every creature. It’s your faith in the finished work of Calvary.**” (HEAR.YE.HIM.title CHATTANOOGA.TN 58-0301E)

“What is it? Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever; made the lame to walk, the blind to see, the deaf to hear, devils would be cast out, and the commission follows on. Amen. And that thing is perhaps being done around the world tonight among

faithful, believing members of the Body of Jesus Christ; and Divine healing doesn’t lay within me. And each of these brethren setting here, your pastor, you don’t have to wait till they have a Divine healing program to be healed. **Every one of these men has got just the same authority that I or anyone else has got to pray for the sick. And that’s all we can do, is pray for the sick. And not only them, but if they’re off somewhere and can’t get to you, that good Holy Ghost filled sister or brother that lives next door to you has the same authority** (That’s right.), same thing. If you can’t get to your pastor... **The Bible said, “If any among you sick, call the elders of the church, let them anoint the oil, and pray over the sick. The prayer of faith shall save the sick.”** Said, “God shall raise them up.” Not the minister—God shall raise them up. “And if they did any sin, it shall be forgiven them. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for the other.” Is that right? One another be prayed for. See? “That you may be healed. For the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” That’s all you need. Be filled with God’s Spirit. And you’d be surprised if you only knowed the gifts that setting right in this building tonight. Yes, sir.” (EXPECTATION.title WOOD.RIVER.IL 54-0220)

SICKNESS AND SIN GO TOGETHER

SICKNESS is a result of SIN. When Adam and Eve were created by God, they had eternal life. Sickness and death were never in Adam’s vocabulary. Sickness and death were only issued in when man had transgressed God’s laws. Eve disbelieved God’s Word when God said “the moment you eat of the fruit of the tree thereof, that day you shall surely die.” Eve’s unbelief caused every death and every sickness of man on earth. Eve’s doubting was the main reason why hospitals and cemeteries have to be built on earth.

Brother Branham preached a lot about it:

“Now, sickness is an attribute of sin. It’s just one of the things that come because of sin. Now, if you’ve done something in your life that you know that’s wrong, well you **make that right.** That’s usually the cause here at the platform, is to trace down and find something in their life there, that they did that caused them not to be able to be healed until they are—until they make that right. **And then when they make that right with God, then God will heal them.**” (AS.I.WAS.WITH.MOSES/ LA.CA 1951-0503)

“Well, what is the head of all this cause that we’re here this morning? What’s the head of all of it? What made all this sickness and sin and disgrace? It was sin. See? Before you had any sin... **Sickness is a attribute, or something that follows sin.** If you don’t have no... In other words, it’s something that come out of sin. See? Before there was any sin, there was no sickness or nothing: no worry, no nothing, no old age, no breaking down, no heartaches, no broken homes, no nothing. See? It was just perfect. Well, what caused it, was sin, s-i-n. Well, then, sickness followed sin. Broken homes, attributes, immoral livings, and all those things followed sin. Now, if you kill sin, you’ve got to kill the attributes, haven’t you? You can’t—you can’t touch... You can’t fool with sin, ‘less you’re fooling with this. And when you fool in this, it results in sin. See? Now, **if you kill sin, then you kill the whole thing.** And now—now, you say, sickness, sometimes you have sick, and say, “Did I sin?” Oh, might not have been you sinned, but you remember, the sicknesses visit up... the iniquities of the parents upon the children, and the children’s children, and their children, on to the third and fourth generation. See? And it’s just a wearing down, wearing out of the human bodies, and sin piling up, and so forth. Like **venereal**, and so forth, it visits on down.” (HE.SWORE.BY.HIMSELF/JEFF.IN V-26 N-11 1954-1212)

“Just think. What caused every sickness, every heartache, every death, every trouble, every sorrow, this little spastic child, all these things, cripples, blind, every hospital to

be built? Because one person just misbelieved one little part of the Word. That was Eve. Satan just coated it to her, not quoted, but coated it to her, said, "Surely the Lord's too good..." **You hear so much today about being God being a good God. He is a good God. But remember, He's a God of holiness, a God that cannot overlook sin.** The penalty has been paid for, and you've got to accept it on His grounds. And remember, He's a God of anger, a God of wrath. And you'll stand before an angry God, not just a God of goodness and mercy. Tonight He's your Saviour. That day He's your Judge. So be sure that you don't leave one thing undone, friend. It—it won't... It don't pay. Don't—don't just haphazardly go at it. Be sure, double sure, 'cause you don't get another chance. This is your only chance while you're here on earth." (VOICE.OF.THE.SIGN/DENHAM.SP.LA 1964-0321E)

"You couldn't kill a—a **dog, hit it in the head and kill it**, without killing its foot also. See? You'd have to kill the rest of its body. So **the head of it is sin**, and all this weary and sickness and all attributes, even death itself, is all wrapped up caused by sin. Man didn't have to die, didn't have to be sick. He didn't have to weary, didn't have to shift for himself. Everything come after the fall." (AT.THY.WORD.LORD/JOHNSON.CITY.NY 1954-1207)

REPENTANCE IS A REQUIREMENT FOR HEALING

Man has to repent for his sins before God could ever heal him. It is a requirement of the Bible. That's according to **II Chronicles 7:14**: "**If my people, which are called by my Name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and TURN from their WICKED ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will HEAL their land.**"

In **Exodus 15:26**, God spoke, "*If thou wilt diligently **hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put NONE of these DISEASES upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I [am] the LORD that HEALETH thee.***"

"**Sickness was issued in as an attribute of sin, which had to bring death. Sin is death. And sickness follows sin. Worry, follows sin.** Did you ever notice what a horrible thing worry is? There's not one value in it at all." (WHEN.THEIR.EYES.WERE.OPENED.title SPINDALE.NC 1956-0420)

"**Now, I don't care now; you might have been through prayer lines a hundred times, but you standing now and you that's sitting, if there is sin in your life, unbelief, confess it right now. Don't dare to come in here without that.** If you—you could come through here and no matter how much a man was anointed, and would stand and lay hands on you, you'll certainly miss it a—a hundred miles unless you believe it. You must believe it. You've got to confess it. You've got to." (HE.CARES.DO.YOU.CARE?.title JEFF.IN V-12 N-4 63-0721)

"**If there's condemnation in your life, straighten that first.** See? If you got condemnation in your... I... Or you might have Oral Roberts and—a dozen more people who has faith to come here and pray over you, and jump up and down, and pour oil on you by the gallons, that it—you know, it—it won't move.. Go make that thing right. Go out there and confess that sin to your husband, to your wife. Go do this thing." **It'll never do you any good, no matter who you prayed for, till you make that right.** Condemnation's in your heart, and God will not come into that heart condemned. See? God don't dwell in that; you got to make it right." (PERFECT.FAITH.title JEFF.IN V-6 N-11 63-0825E)

"Now, if there's something hanging over you, sin, and you don't confess that, you could anoint that person, pray for them, do everything you want to do, it'll... **Satan will stay right there as long as you got unconfessed sin in your life.** Or some times something that you haven't done, something you neglect to do. And in there God reveals it if there's anything wrong. **Then you make that right; your healing is complete.**" (DO.YOU.NOW.BELIEVE?/OWENSBORO.KY 1953-1106)

"Sometime it's **unconfessed sin. You could pour a gallon of oil on a person, and scream till you got hoarse; it would never move that devil. No, sir. You've got to confess that.** That's what discernment does, say, "Go make that right; bring that out." (WORKS.IS.FAITH.EXRESSED/SHREVEPORT.LA V-7 N-1 1965-1126)

"**No matter how much you scream, how loud you scream, how much you pray, that Devil's got a legal right to stay right there, and he will stay there too.** That's right. He's got a right to stay there. Not only that, but if you supposed to have done something and didn't do it, he has a legal right of disobedience. So there's what it is. Combing that person, you find out just where that cause is. Then you know where to start for the cure. See? It's unconfessed sin, many times. So you watch what you say, stomping this one out and stomping that one out. See? That's right. See? Faith will move. But not when he's got a legal right. Satan knows what his rights is, and what he—he hasn't got a right to. That's right. Clean yourself up before God and come before Him pure and holy; ask then. See? And now, search your life out." (EXPECTATION.title BINGHAMTON.NY 54-1206)

DEVIL TORMENTORS

Sicknesses and diseases are nothing but "Demons".

Sicknesses are "**tormentors**" that come into men's body to shorten their days on earth. In the days of Jesus, there were no such things as cancer, epilepsy, leukemia, tuberculosis or tumors. These are but mere medical terminologies today. They are actually "devils". Jesus just cast them out from the bodies of people. **Luke 7:21** states—"And in that same hour He (Jesus) cured many of [their] infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many [that were] blind He gave sight."

You say, "A cancer's spirit?" "Yes sir." I can prove to you that that is a life and the devil. Now, as old fashion, as it seems to be, but there's not a sickness in the world but what's caused by the devil. **Sickness came from the devil.** Sickness is a—is a direct or indirect result from sin, maybe not your sin, but something you inherited. Before we had any sin, we had no sickness. After sin came, then sickness was the attributes of sin." (HEALING.WHAT.CANCER.IS.title CHICAGO.IL 53-0904)

"A cancer, what is it? A germ. What's a tumor? A germ. What's tuberculosis? A germ. **All those diseases are germs called cancer, tumor, tuberculosis. That's medical terms. What they are is demons, in the line of the Scripture. They are tormentors,** comes into your body to shorten your days on the earth. Now, God doesn't intend them to be there. He doesn't want them there. But Satan, the arch enemy of God and man, is the one that puts them there. They're his little dev—little imps, demons. Ask the doctor what starts cancer. Ask him where tumor comes from. When I was interviewed at Mayo Brothers, years ago, I asked them. I said, "Isn't that beginning of a germ?" "Yes." I said, "Isn't a germ life?" Yes." I said, "Doctor, where does that life come from?" He said, "Nobody knows." It's a devil. That's right. What it is, is a life. Now, remember, **the devil can't create. But the devil can take and perverts something that God has created.** You understand? Perverts. Now, that was a life that's been perverted from a germ of life to

a germ of death. That's what the devil does to your very life, your life." (HEALING OF JAIRUS' DAUGHTER/1955-0227E)

"We got medical names, call it cancer, epilepsy, and all kinds of things. But Christ called them devils. The word devil, is a "tormentor". (WHEN THEIR EYES WERE OPENED/ SPINDALE.NC/ 1956-0420)

"A growth is a—demon; every sickness is of the devil. God would—don't put sickness on His children; the devil does that. See? And if Satan cast out Satan? You say, "Why, the devil heals too." Well, Jesus said he couldn't. He said, "If Satan casts out Satan, his kingdom's divided." So he can't. Only God can heal. Medicine and doctors do not claim to heal. Mayo Brothers is one of our best authorities. They said, "We do not claim to heal"; said, "we only claim to assist nature. There's only one **Healer; that's God.**" **They can sew a** place up in your hand, but they can't heal it. They can only sew it up. A dentist can pull a tooth, but who's going to heal the place? A doctor can take appendix out, but who's going to heal the place he cut? God does. Medicine doesn't grow tissue; medicine's only a aid. God is the Healer. A doctor can set your arm; but when he comes and sets your arm, and you don't go out and you're not well... The doctor does his part, what he's taught to do, and knowledge to do. He sets your arm, but he leaves it for God to heal. That's right. All healing is of God. So now, you just believe Him." (DEEP.CALLETH.TO.DEEP/WASHINGTON.DC 1954-0624)

"But a tumor, cancer, or any of those growths, they don't have any certain form, because they have—they're not made in any image of human being. Some of them's got legs, and some of them's round like pancakes, and some oblong, more. What is it? It's demons. Jesus called them devils. Was He right? Certainly, He was right. Because the word, "devil," means "a tormentor," cancer, tumor, and diseases that torment you." (WHAT IT TAKES TO.OVERCOME.ALL.UNBELIEF/YAKIMA.WA 1960-0729)

"Now, we've applied it in a healing service, always to the healing side: **cancer, tumor, cataract, tuberculosis. All those things are not natural things; they are supernatural and are demons;** the Scripture plainly vindicates that. But that is demons in the body with growths like cancer, got life in it, and the life of that is a demon. Growth of a cataract, the spread of tuberculosis, and, other diseases; it's demons. That's in physical form." (ENTICING.SPIRITS/ JEFF.IN DE 79-112 1955-0724)

"Two thirds of the angels was kicked out. **And those demon spirits come into people and habitate their body.** See what I mean? They're demons that once... They was once existed and they come into the people and give them a nature. Jesus cast seven of them out of Mary Magdalene: Pride, boast (big people, you see?), unclean, filthy, vulgarity, emulations, strife, all these things. See? (QA.ON.GENESIS.title JEFF.IN COD 53-0729)

These demons in the **physical realm** are called tumor, cancer, pneumonia, arthritis, cataract, rheumatism, tuberculosis, epilepsy, ashtmatic conditions, germ diseases, ulcer, deafness, blindes, etc. In the **spirit realm**, they are known as nervousness, fear, depression, arrogance, insanity, insecurity, self-pity, evil ambitions and immorality. In **religious realms**, Brother Branham named them as unclean spirits, spirit of doubt, superstition, unbelief, false doctrines and demons impersonating Christianity. And we are given the power to cast them out, to rebuke them and to adjure them, to leave the person, in the Name of Jesus Christ (**Mark 16:17-18**). Becuase in the authority of the Name of Jesus Christ, every demon in hell is subject to that Name (**Acts 3:16; 4:12**).

And you never cast a devil out by the wrong attitude. It takes love to do that. And love is the most powerful force that there is in the world. Now, if you notice, a devil is always

hate. Hate is of the devil. And when people hate someone, remember it is a terrible devil to despise or dislike. You mustn't do that." (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 59-1223)

"Now, in that man was some of these spirits that was cast out of the swine in Gadara. Some of those poor people are out here in the insane institution beating their heads against padded bars, cells. **Remember, devils never die. Devils always live, but there will be a time where devils will have to die. They will become totally annihilated.** But now they are alive, and they work from generation to generation upon human beings. Some of them is in the form of cancer; some is in the form of epilepsy; some is in the form of tuberculosis. They get into the flesh, but seemingly they are powerless until they can get into a person. They have to operate through a person, which brings to another thought, that the Holy Spirit is--covers the earth but It is almost helpless until It gets into you and to me. God is depending on you and I. See? The Holy Spirit... The earth is full of the Spirit of God, but It's poured out. But It--It cannot operate until It comes into us, we human beings, to operate." (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 59-1223)

"When a--a demon is cast out of a sick person, the first few days, "Oh, I feel wonderful." Then begin to say, "I'm--I'm sicker than I--than I ever was. I've lost my healing." **Just as sure as faith took it out, unbelief brings it right back again.** As faith kills it, unbelief resurrects it. Jesus said, "When the unclean spirit's gone out of a man, he walks in dry places and he returns back with seven other devils. And if the good man of the house isn't standing there to protect that door, he will come right on in. **And the good man of your house is your faith,** say, "Stay away." That's it." (DEMONOLOGY.1.PHYSICAL.title CON.IN DE 21-40 53-0608A)

"And when you hear anyone say Satan can heal, he's wrong. Only God can create. **Satan cannot create. He can only pervert what has been created.** There's only one omnipresent. Satan cannot be omnipresent. God alone is omnipresent, omnipotent, infinite. And no medicine can create cells to heal. There's doctors that can cut out old cells; there's ones that can straighten arms, or set arms, or pull extractions of the tooth; but there's no one, no powers in all the earth and all hell that can create cells outside of Almighty God. "I am the Lord that heals all your diseases." (WHAT DOES TAKE MAKE.CHRISTIAN.LIFE.title CHICAGO.IL 57-0113.)

"Jesus said if Satan can cast out Satan, then his kingdom's divided." I said, "Now, who am I going to believe? You, or what Christ said? **Satan cannot heal.** Christ said so. He's working against himself. **He cannot heal.**" (FROM.THAT.TIME.title SPOKANE.WA 62-07130)

"Satan cannot create life. He can only pervert what God has created. Satan has no way...?... There's only one Creator, that's God. **Satan couldn't heal;** medicine couldn't heal. There's nothing else can heal but God, 'cause He's the only Creator. And anybody that's intelligent would know enough to know that there is not a medicine, or a drug, or nothing in the world that can create life. God is the only solemn One can in creation alone, for He said, "I am the Lord that healeth all of thy diseases." (THIRSTING.FOR.LIFE/ CHICAGO.IL 57-0630)

NO MAN CAN HEAL

There's no man that could heal either. No doctor, unless he's a quack, will ever tell you that he can heal. Any man who claims that he can heal is outrightly denying God's Word. **Psalms 103:2, 3, "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth ALL thine iniquities; Who HEALETH ALL thy DISEASES."**

A doctor can move an obstruction or an appendix. Yes, he can put a bone together, but he can't heal. A doctor can only give medicine to kill germs, but the medicine itself does not heal. Medicines, such as antibiotics, only kills the bad germs down which kill the good germs that destroys your body. **Medicines are just like rat poisons.** They kill the rats that destroy the house but it doesn't heal the house where the rats have eaten holes in it. Medicine doesn't patch the holes. God has to do that through re-creation of body tissues and through cell multiplication. **To heal means "to replace or build a tissue". No medicine ever builds a tissue.** God alone has to do that for that is "creation" in itself. There's not even a man who can make a blade of grass to grow, how much more to heal his fellow men.

"Now, I salute every doctor. Yes, sir. Every medical science, God bless them for the help that they've done for people. That's correctly. What would you do in the world today without it? I thank God for medical science. I thank God for my automobile. If God hadn't let science make me an automobile, I'd have a hard time walking up here. For electric lights, and for soap to wash my hands with, and toothpaste to scrub my teeth with, certainly, I thank Him for everything, because all good things come from God. But let me tell you, there's not one speck of medicine ever did cure any sickness. And there's not one doctor, now 'less he's some quack, but a real doctor will tell you that they do not claim to be healers." (DEMONOLOGY.1.PHYSICAL.title CON.IN DE 21-40 53-0608A)

"Now, there's no one can heal. Healing is a finished product of God. If any man tells you that he can heal you, if he's a doctor and can tell you he can heal you, he's wrong. **Where there's only one Healer, that's God. A doctor can give medicine; he can put medicine in a sore to kill the germs in it, so it'll get well. What does happen? The—the medicine doesn't heal. The medicine only keeps the bad germs down, kills the bad germs that kill the good germs, that kill you. So science works on different poisons that they put into your system to poison certain germs that won't poison you.** That's what science does. That's what medicine is, is something that'll kill a certain germ and it won't kill you. These antibiotics kill both to a great big extent. So therefore they—that's the reason they're hard to take. Like penicillin, sometimes it kills a person. **Now, a doctor can move an obstruction. He can put a bone together, but he can't heal. God's the One Who does the healing. God produces the calcium. God produces the—the multiplication of the cells to build your body back, where they've moved appendix or something like that. God is the only Healer.**" (FAITH/ JEFF.IN 1957-1229)

"And I believe that **healing is a finished work, that's been completed for two thousand years. When Jesus died at Calvary, He saved you from sin and healed your sickness. And every blessing, redemptive blessing is yours by faith in that finished work.** See? It's yours if you can believe it. As one said some time ago, "I don't believe in Divine healing. I don't care what you say." I said, "Certainly not. It wasn't given to unbelievers; it was me—given to believers. He that believeth..." There is a question mark. If you're a believer, Divine healing is for you. If you're not a believer, it's not for you. And each person in here that's sick does not have to come to this platform. **They do not have to do one thing but confess their sins to God.** Sin is unbelief; we all know that. Because you smoke, drink, gamble, commit adultery; that's not sin; that's the attributes of your unbelief. See? It's because you don't believe Jesus is the reason you do those things, if you do. But if you believe Him, you don't do those things, is because you are a believer. So there's only one initial sin, and that's unbelief. And if you believe God, then you can just accept it anywhere you may be. God is everywhere." (IT.IS.I.BE.NOT.AFRAID.title CHATAUQUA.OH 59-0811)

"I was talking to a--one of the finest doctors there is in the southern states, in his office not long ago, a very fine specialist in Louisville, a real gallant man. And I said to him; I

said, "Doctor, I want to ask you a question." He said, "All right." I said, "I noticed your medical sign, the staff, you got a serpent wrapped around a pole. What does that stand for?" He said, "I don't know." And I said, "It stands for this: **It was a symbol of Divine healing where Moses lifted up the brass serpent in the wilderness (See?), which was only a symbol, only a symbol of the true Christ."** Now, today, medicine is a **symbol of Divine healing.** And though many of them don't believe it (real good doctors do believe it), but some of them don't believe it, but their very emblem that they hold up testifies to the power of Almighty God whether they want to believe it or not. **That's right. There's a brass serpent hanging on a pole on the medical emblem."** (SEVENTH.SEAL.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0324E)

"When the brass serpent was lifted up in the wilderness, it was for an ensign, that God said whosoever looks upon the serpent, believing, will be healed of their snakebite, and the snakebite was caused because they had murmured against Moses and God: sinned. And God made an atonement for sin. And in there their sickness was an attribute of their sin. You see it? The snakebite that was killing the people was an attribute of the sin that they had committed. And when God made them an atonement for their sin, it brought in the attribute—their healing. See what I mean? When Jesus atoned for sin, He atoned for sickness. **"He was wounded for our transgressions, and with His stripes we are healed."** The apostle said, "By whose stripes we were (past tense, already) healed." It's already done; the—the price was paid." (WILL I FIND FAITH WHEN I RETURN.title LA.CA 51-0508)

"There's one Healer; that's God. God is the only One Who can build cells, make life; therefore, it's not in the power of man to do that. A doctor can set a bone, or give you medicine to poison germs, that he put so much in it, and an antidote to keep it from killing you, and kill the germ and so forth. He can do that. But the tissue that's been torn down, or bone that's been broken, the appendicitis that's been taken out, the appendix, he cannot heal that. It takes God. God heals. Man can remove a—something that's causing it, if it's possible to move that organ, he can cut it out, and cut off the blood veins and pull that, or that tissue out, that's a wild cell, like tumor, cancer, or something. If he can get ahold of it, he can remove that. But to heal, he cannot, and he'll tell you that. And, now, **healing is of God alone.** God alone has purchased for us our healing. It's up to us to do everything that we can, in our life, and in every way that God has give us, for our healing, but it's God that heals. If God calls you to go home tonight, there isn't enough medicine in the world to keep you here. There's nothing going to keep you here. And if He determines you to stay on the earth, no matter how many physicians says you're going tonight, you're not going. So it's just all up to God." (SIRS.WE.WOULD.SEE.JESUS/DALLAS.TX V-19 N-8 1964-0304)

"The doctor can set an arm where it's broke, but he can't heal it. The doctor can pull out a tooth, but he can't heal where it come out of. He can cut out an appendix, but who's going to heal? See, there's no medicine that will build cells. Cells is—is growth (See?), and nothing can heal that. No one can. And to have growth is a multiplication of cells, which is creation. And there's one Creator: that's God. See? And He has to knit that place together, put that bone together. The doctor can set it but (You see?), they have to... It takes calcium, potash, and so forth, to go into that bone to mend it together. Now, if I was cranking my car out here, or fooling with it and broke my arm, and I run into a doctor, and said, "Doc, you're a healer. Heal my arm right quick. I want to finish my car." He'd say, "You need mental healing boy." That's right. "Well, if you're a healer, heal my arm." He's not a healer. See? He'd say, "I can set your arm. God has to heal it." So then (See?), the Scripture's always right. "I'm the Lord Who heals all of thy diseases." That's right. We're thankful for hospitals, and medicine, and so forth. **They aid nature, but they do not heal. No, they're not healers. God's the Healer. The Scriptures cannot lie.** See? " (GREATER.THAN.SOLOMON.IS.HERE/PORT.ALBERNI.BC 62-0725)

GO AND SIN NO MORE

Once a man or woman had sincerely repented of their sins, God is obligated to heal them of their diseases. It could be instantly or gradually, depending upon God's grace and mercy.

But as long as people don't repent, no matter how many medicines they take, and no matter how many hospitals they go to, no matter how many pastors pray over them, they can never receive Healing unless they deny the works of the devil in their lives. Satan has a right to stay in their bodies if they continue to live in sin.

"Go ye and sin no more, or a worse thing come upon you." Jesus said, "Which is easier to do? Say thy sins be forgiven thee, or take up thy bed and walk"? It's all on the same. And so I believe in **James 5:14**, said, **"If any among you are sick, let them call the elders of the church; let them anoint them in oil and pray over them. The prayer of faith shall save the sick, if they've done any sin, it shall be forgiven them. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that you may be healed."** That's the duty of every Christian minister. Every minister of the Gospel has a right to pray for his congregation, and they have a right to believe God and be healed. Divine healing doesn't belong to one man or one group. It belongs to all the people. The gift of healing was not given, to be sent out to have different healing campaigns across the country. It's all right for them to be, but that isn't the purpose. There ought to be a healing campaign in every church, all the time, going on everywhere." (GOD.IN.HIS.PEOPLE.title LITTLE.ROCK.AR 50-0227)

Satan can only be cast out by a true repentance and a full surrender to God's perfect will. Mary Magdalene did.

Luke 8:2- *"And certain women, which had been HEALED of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, OUT of whom went SEVEN DEVILS."*

John 5:14- *"Afterward Jesus findeth him (the blind man) in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: SIN NO MORE, lest a worse thing come unto thee."*

Divine Healing is therefore based upon **Faith in the Word of God** and upon genuine repentance.

HEALING BY CONFESSION

"If you believe in healing, and believe that God has healed you, confess it, and God will make your body obey your confession, for He's the High Priest of your confession; setting at the right-hand of the Father now with His own Blood to make intercessions for any confession upon anything that He died for. And He died to rid sin. And sickness is the result of sin. "He was wounded for our transgressions, with His stripes we are healed." Remember that. Have faith. Don't waiver. Stand on it." (ATTITUDE AND WHO IS GOD?/CLEVELAND.OH 50-0815)

"Listen to me. I'm going to say something big. **Every time that you look at your symptoms, you're delaying your healing. Don't dig it up again. It's committed to Him that promised to heal, Him that heals the rest of them.** When you pass through the prayer line and hands is laid upon you, the Bible said, "the prayer of faith shall save the sick." Don't say, "Well, let's see if I feel any better, my heart any better, my hands..." Don't do that. You're delaying it. Commit it to the ground because it is a seed. What does a seed do?

Look at a little—look at a little—little apple tree out here. You people raise a lot of apples. Look at a little apple tree when it's no more than what we call in the east, a sprig, a little tree about like that. Did you know that every apple, that'll ever be on that tree is in it right then? If it isn't, where did it come from? Where did it come from? And that apple tree that's got—going to produce you hundreds of bushels of apples, where did they come from? When you set that little plant out, about like that, just out of an apple seed, and set it out there, and every apple that'll ever be on there, it's got in it then, potentially every—hundreds of bushels of apples that You'll collect off of it, and it ain't a half-inch high. Amen. There You are. Where does it come from? It's in the apple then. And when you are planted into His death, burial, and resurrection—planted in Christ, and receive His Holy Spirit Life in you, everything that you've got need of all the way through the journey is in you right then, for you become the Seed. See it? God in His Word. Now, what does a tree have to do? When you plant it, the only thing you have to do is water it, and then it's got to drink. The leaves are in it; the apples are in it; the—everything's right in the tree. But it's got to drink. It's got to drink more than its portion. And as it drinks, it pushes out, pushes out leaves, pushes out blossoms, pushes out apples. But it's got to keep drinking, drinking, drinking, in order to push out. **And when we take a promise of God, drop it into our heart, we keep watering it with faith; and it keeps pushing out, pushing out.** Hallelujah. When Christ is planted in our heart, the Holy Ghost, the only thing we do is drink in the Word of God. And it pushes out salvation; it pushes out Divine healing; it pushes out glory; it pushes out everything that we have need of; is right in us when we're planted in Christ Jesus." (SHOW.US.THE.FATHER.title SALEM.OR 62-0722)

"And when we turn aside today looking at this, and looking at conditions, and looking at symptoms... Oh, we say, "Now look, I was prayed for last night. You see, my hand's no better." And it never will be like that. No, sir. **You don't look at the symptoms; you look at the promise. Amen. The promise is what it is. Look Who made the promise. It was God Who made the promise. It's God's Word Who's in authority. It's God Who spoke the promise. That's Who it is. And you look at your symptoms. Symptoms are one of the greatest hindrance God has to work with, is symptoms.**" (SECOND.MIRACLE.title ERIE.PA 51-0729E)

"Never permit a negative thought to come in your mind if you can help it. When it starts that, don't entertain it. Well, you say, "I can't help the thoughts from coming." Well, that'll be like the farmer that said he couldn't stop—he couldn't stop the birds from flying over his place, but he could sure stop them from roosting." So that's a—that's a good thing. You see? You can't help the thoughts when they come, but don't—don't—don't entertain them; just pass it on. "No, sir. Jesus Christ is my Saviour; all things are mine by God. And I—I'm going to keep them. I'm going to testify of them." And God can only bless you as you confess that He has done it for you. See, He's the High Priest of our confession. Is that right? Hebrews 3. He said that He's the High Priest of our confession. He can only do for us as we accept it, and believe it, and confess it." (LAW.title CHICAGO.IL 55-0115)

"But them cancers and things are absolutely devils enformed in a body of flesh, moving up, taking your life. Now, if I would do like the doctor, if I could cut it off, lay it on the ground... Or, just like say for instance, you was a cancer yourself on this earth. Now, here's Divine healing. If I wanted to get rid of you in the way of the doctor's way, I'd just keep have to rub your body or something another till it just all vanished off the earth. There wouldn't be no more of it, just like the doctor takes the growth off of you. But in the form of Divine healing, if you was a cancer, I'd just call your life out of you and you'd go on. Your life would leave you, but your body would be here just the same as it was. **Now, there's where sight and time is God's worst enemy in Divine healing...** I doubt whether many of the people get it, because after while you begin to find the people coming back, saying, "I had my healing, Brother Branham, for two or three days, but bless God it left me." I find it. I think

it's because they don't set the meeting right. The people don't understand. I've had men to come to the platform and be totally blind, cancers or cataracts over their eyes, and read this Bible after being prayed for, walk down, in three or four days be just as blind as they was in the first place. **What happened?** Anyone knows that when the life has gone out of any flesh, it **shrinks** for a while. Is that right? Anybody ever, here, kill a deer or a cow, or anything like that? Sure. All right. You weigh it tonight, you hunters out here, friends of mine. You kill the deer and you throw him on the scale, tell the boys how much he weighs. Watch out. In the morning he's going to be several pounds lighter than what he was. When a human being dies, the undertaker, the first thing, takes the false teeth or an eye, whatever it is in there, takes it out, because it shrinks, it'll push out, because **the human body shrinks**. Every other flesh shrinks. **When the Life's gone out of the cell it begins to move down and shrink**. It'll do that for about seventy-two hours. **And then it'll start swelling**. Let a little dog get run over out here on the road. Let him lay out there in the sun for about three days, and watch what happens, he's a bigger dog than he ever was. Just swells up. Is that right? Well, that's the **same thing takes place when a demon is cast out of a sick person**. The first few days, "Oh, I feel wonderful." Then begin to say, "I'm—I'm sicker than I—than I ever was. I've lost my healing." **Just as sure as faith took it out, unbelief brings it right back again. As faith kills it, unbelief resurrects it**. Jesus said, "When the unclean spirit's gone out of a man, he walks in dry places and he returns back with seven other devils. And if the good man of the house isn't standing there to protect that door, he will come right on in. And the good man of your house is your faith, say, "Stay away." That's it. But now you watch a patient that's healed, and ordinarily—'less it's an outstanding miracle. Which, *Divine healing and a miracle is two different things*. Divine healing is one thing and a miracle's another thing. But an ordinary run of Divine healing, when the unclean spirit's cast out, a cancer devil, when it leaves the person, oh... Now, or say we'll take something so you can see more visual. I'll say the **cataract**. What happened when that man... If you'll notice a blind person. I don't know whether I've ever had any here or not, yet, cataract eyes... I'll let them stand for a few minutes. Why? So that that **shrinkage** begins to take place. Tell them to come back, give us a testimony. Oh, my. They can see wonderful. "Oh, my. Just, I can see things. Yes. I..." What's the matter. Life is gone. **The body of the cataract is shrinking**. Well, it'll do that way for a couple days. Say, "Oh, I'm getting so well." And after while they begin to get a headache. Don't feel so good. Get up the next morning, "I'm losing my sight again." Some of them said, "Uh-huh, he just was worked up; that bunch of holy-rollers got you worked up." **Don't you believe that. That's a lie of the Devil. If you believe that, you'll go right back blind again**. But if you'll just hold on, say, "No, Lord, I believe." Then what happens? That body swells for so long. It covers over that sight again. **That cancer in the body will swell**. You'll become hurting and aching again. Then you'll get horribly sick, terribly sick. Why? That big growth of dead flesh in you is laying there, **dead**. You go back to the doctor and he will say, "Oh, that's nonsense. There's a cancer right there. I can see it." Sure, it's there, **but it's dead**. Hallelujah. **Now, the bloodstream has to purify the body. Every time the heart pumps, it throws the blood around the body, and it picks up that infection. Sure, it'll make you sick**. What if you had a chunk of meat hanging in you somewhere, or long as a snake, or something big around as your finger, and hanging in there, and it was dead, that much dead meat hanging in you, and it's rotting? Well, of course, your bloodstream has to keep that pure, as it pumps through. But there's a dead body, the thing hanging there, because the life is gone from it. The power of God through faith drove it out. He's a demon; he has to leave. **But the reason, the people's not instructed; they go away, and give up, and that same devil's standing right there to take over again. When God tells you anything on this platform through His Spirit, when you under inspiration, don't you doubt that, or a worse thing will come upon you**, He said. For Jesus said, "**The last estate of that man was seven times worse than it was at the first place**." Is that right? When the unclean spirit went out of a man, he walked around in dry places, come back with seven other devils. So don't you disbelieve, stay right with It. Mean It from your heart. Say,

"No, sir. I'll not be moved. **No matter how sick I get, that doesn't have nothing to do with it**." And the first thing you know, you'll be getting cleared up. Everything will be all right then. See, it's dead. The—the operation that the doctor would've taken from you, that same growth is laying in you with no life in it. You say, "Life in it, Brother Branham, will it take my life?" No, sir. **That life is a separate life from yours**. I've just showed you that you are a life and become a being, and it's a life and becomes a being. **And you're of God, and it's of the devil**. You see what I mean? **Demonology**. Now, you ought to see what that thing looks like when you stand and look at it. I've been about seven years teaching across America, having these healing services. I just got a good notion, starting back across the country teaching the Bible and on demonology, how the people can understand what to do. And that's the reason they go to these meetings a lot of times and fellow... If you don't understand, the people come out... And many times... Now, remember, that fellow that come and said he had a gift of Divine healing... **The gift of Divine healing was in you** if you got healed. It's you, the one. **Any gift operates by faith. And no matter how much gift of Divine healing I got, I believe it with all my heart. But you could stand here and, if you haven't got the same kind of faith, it don't do you no good. I could pray for you for hours and weeks and months. It isn't the preachers with the Divine healing; it's you that's got the gift of Divine healing, that believes in being healed, 'cause it's by faith. By faith... Every operation of God is by faith. The whole armor of God is by faith. We haven't got one natural thing of this world. Everything of the Christian church is a faith act**. Look at the armor of God, love, joy, peace, long-suffering, goodness, meekness, gentleness, patience. Is that right? Everything's supernatural, nothing natural. So we don't look at the things natural, because we're operating supernatural. And the only way we can base it, is faith, is on what God said was the truth, and we look at the unseen. And we call those things which are not as though they were, like Abraham did when he got his... Amen. Abraham called those things which was not, like God did, as though they were. Being a hundred years old, staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief." (DEMONOLOGY.1.PHYSICAL.title CON.IN DE 21-40 53-0608A)

"You watch, I see the blind come to the platform and receive their sight and read the Bible. Two or three days, come back just as blind as they ever was. Say, "**How lasting is Divine healing?**" **Just as long as faith is**. "**How lasting is salvation?**" **Just as long as faith remains**. Is that right? All right. If God can make it leave here, He can keep it away. The same faith." (SECONDHANDED.ROBE.title BROOKLYN.NY 56-1206)

THE TESTIMONY OF JOHN RHYN

"**There was a blind beggar in Fort Wayne**, and there where we went that day and he was prayed for in the meeting. That was the night before the piano played "The Great Physician Now Is Near," without anybody by it. And when he was blind... He was Catholic, by faith. And he—he stopped in the line, and I looked at him, and I said, "Your name is so-and-so, **John Rhyne**." "Yes." "You're a **beggar** on the corner. You've been blind for years." "Yes, that's right." "You're a Catholic by faith." "That's right." I said, "**THUS SAITH THE LORD, you receive your healing**." Said, "Thank you, sir." I said, "Thank the Lord." He said, "But I can't see." I said, "That has nothing to do with it. You are healed."

And he said, he went down along... They helped him off the platform. The natural man couldn't see nothing. They couldn't see no results from that at all. "Why," said, "he's just as blind as he ever was." So two of his friends brought him back and put him in the prayer line again, and run him through again; Howard let him pass through. When he come back again, he said, "Mister, you told me I was healed." I said, "You told me you believed me." He said, "I do believe you. I have no reasons not to believe you." Said, "You've told me all things in my life," and he said, "I don't know what to do." Said, "There was a woman back there

testifying that she had a goiter a few minutes ago, and it's gone away." I said, "Then if you believe me, why are you questioning me? I'm telling you the Word of God." He said, "**What must I do, sir?**" Knowing he was Catholic and had to have something physical that he could hold to, I said, "**Just keep testifying, 'By His stripes I am healed,' and give Him praise.**"

The old man, for the next two weeks, or three, he stood on the corner and he sold papers; he would holler, "Extra! Extra! Praise the Lord, I'm healed. Extra! Extra! Praise the Lord, I'm healed." When he come back to the meeting the next night, I couldn't hardly preach, for him. He would raise up and holler, "Everybody keep quiet. Praise the Lord for healing me. Praise the Lord for healing me." As a Catholic, he didn't know how to take ahold of faith, but he know if he kept on saying it, and kept on, kept on, kept on, until that sixth sense would go to work... That's right. "Praise the Lord for healing me." He was standing on the corner, hollering, "Praise the Lord for healing me. Extra! Praise the Lord for healing me." And he'd walk down the street, and there somebody'd come by, say, "How are you, John?" "Praise the Lord for healing me. All right." And they laughed at him, and made fun of him.

And another little newsboy led him over to the barbershop for a shave about two or three weeks later from the meeting. And the barber put him up in the chair and lathered his face. And he said, "John," he said, "I understand..." Some little smart-aleck, and he said, "I understand that you was down to see the Divine healer when... [Blank.spot.on.tape—Ed.]here." He said, "Yes, I went down." He said, "I understand that you got healed," just to make fun of him. And the old man said, "Yes, praise the Lord, He healed me," **and his eyes come open. Out of that barber chair he went with a towel around his neck, the barber trying to catch him with a razor in his hand. And down the street they went. Why? God's Word had went to work.** " (SUPER.SENSE.title JEFF.IN V-20 N-7 59-1227E)

IS MEDICINE OF GOD?

"Is it wrong to take medicines? Do I show a lack of faith if I take medicines?" This couple of questions has been asked by a majority of believers sincerely. I say, let's have Brother Branham answer it:

"**We're not against medicine. Medicine is of the Lord.** But medicine cannot heal. Medicine only can—can **assist nature** in God's Divine plan of healing. There never was a medicine ever healed anyone. There's no doctor will tell you that." (WE WOULD SEE.JESUS/BLOOMINGTON.IL 61-0409)

"People can't understand that **medicine is sent of God.** Why, brethren, if it's not, it's of the devil. Sure it is. **God is where medicine won't reach.** Certainly. **Medicine is of God...** There's many a man out there with medicine and surgery and stuff that denies God and everything else, but there's a many one that believes Him too. **If it helps people, it's of God.** I don't have to—I don't have to take that **car** and ride home tonight; I can walk if I wanted to, but God made me a car, so I thank God for it. All these things come from God, but use them sensibly; don't go insane with them. See?" (TAKING.SIDES.WITH.JESUS.title JEFF.IN COD 62-0601)

"**We have to admit that there's been many lives saved and helped by operations, many helped by medicine,** many helped by chiropractic, many helped by osteopathic, and many healed by prayer. So if the right kind of a motive was behind it, we'd put our arms together and march forward to try to help our suffering friends, humanity, the

minister, the doctor, the chiropractor, the osteopathic, all together. But when you see men who runs someone else down when the man is proving he's doing a good work, then there's a selfish motive behind it. It's either for money, or fame, or for something. God wants us to work every one hand in hand to try to make life's journey a little more pleasant as we're journeying through." (GREATER THAN.SOLOMON.IS.HERE.title PHOENIX.AZ 57-0228)

"**You know God heals by music.** Did you know that? Uh-huh. God heals by music. **God heals by love. See? God heals by medicine. God heals by prayer. God has many ways of healing. It depends on what type that you need.** Sometimes a little love stretched out will just cure an old sore, an old place that's been a grudge or something. It'll heal it right over, just a little love, a little care. Sometimes when you feel all down, and, as we call it, a street expression, down in the dumps (See?) just put on one of those tapes, that **music** or a record, and go to playing it. The first thing you know you're patting your foot, or your hand, and it's all over then. You're right up and ready to go again." (LOOK.title PHOENIX.AZ 63-0428)

MAJOR SCRIPTURES ON HEALING

II CHRONICLES 7:14 - *"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."*

DEUTERONOMY 7:15 -*"And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee."*

EXODUS 15:26 -*"And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I [am] the LORD that healeth thee."*

MATTHEW 4:23 -*"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people."*

ACTS 10:38 - *"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: Who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him."*

MATTHEW 10:1 - *"And when He had called unto Him His twelve disciples, He gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease."*

ISAIAH 53:5- *But he [was] wounded for our transgressions, [he was] bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace [was] upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."*

CHAPTER THIRTY-THREE



Why does God allow trials and sufferings in a Christian's life? Does it mean that when we are in deep trial and in deep suffering that God has already forsaken us or that He is punishing us for our sins? Are we promised a flowery bed of ease once we accept Christ and after we have been born-again?

INTRODUCTION



Trials are but a normal part of a Christian life. No one can evade them nor escape them. They come as a natural part of daily life's circumstances. Trials are a significant part of God's permissive will, to test us and to bring us into perfection. I Peter 4:12-13 exhorts us, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy."

I PETER 1:7 states, "That the *trial* of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ."

What we ought to do is to face our trials squarely and sensibly with prayer and supplications and with trust in God. The Bible says that "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." Trial is a part of the Christian Heritage. "Count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing [this], that the *trying* of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have [her] perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." (James 1:2-4). Blessed [is] the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. (James 1:12)

The problems we face will either DEFEAT us or DEVELOP us - depending on how we respond and react to them. Unfortunately, most people fail to see how God wants to use problems to perfect our lives. The Bible says that "All things work together for good to them that love the Lord." If you love the Lord, your problem was sent to you by God for a purpose. Some people react foolishly (by blaming others and some even resort to committing suicide) and resent their problems rather than pausing to consider what benefit these problems might bring.

FIVE USES OF PROBLEMS

Here are 5 ways wherein God wants to use problems in our lives:

1. God uses problems to DIRECT you.

Sometimes God must light a fire under you to get you moving. Problems often point us to the right direction when we are going the wrong way. **Problems often motivate us to change.** Is God trying you to get your attention? **Sometimes it takes a painful situation to make us change our ways.** **Jonah** run away from God's commission and went to Tarshish. He reaped a storm, got thrown away from the ship, and got swallowed by a fish two days and three nights, instead of smoothsailing to Nineveh.

2. God uses problems to INSPECT you.

People are like **tea bags**. If you want to know what's inside them, just drop them into hot water! Has God tested your faith with a problem? What do problems reveal about you? When you have many kinds of troubles, you should be full of joy, because you know that these troubles test your faith, and this will give you patience." Look at **Job and Abraham** as our example. Job never murmured but thanked God in the midst of his loss and suffering with boils knowing that God is able to restore him back some day. "The Lord giveth; the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the Name of the Lord", that was his guiding thoughts. Abraham was promised by God a son to become the Father of nations. Yet later on He asked Abraham to offer this only son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain. Did Abraham complain? No. He had a revelation that God is able to raise his son back from the dead. But when they both passed the test, they were blessed by God even greater than before.

3. God uses problems to CORRECT you.

Some lessons we learn only through pain and failure. It's likely that as a child your parents told you not to touch a hot stove. But you probably learned by being burned. **Sometimes we only learn the value of something ...health, money, a relationship... by losing it.** David said, "It was the best thing that could have happened to me, for it taught me to pay attention to your laws" (**Psalms 119:71-72**). David reaped what he sow when He committed adultery. He even sent Uriah to battle to die and be killed in order for him to legally take Batsheba for a wife, amidst having 500 wives already. He lost the joy of his salvation. He was ousted by his son Absalom and his kingdom was divided and ruined. Yet with deep repentance He was able to gain back the favor of God. His son Solomon by Batsheba was even considered by God to erect His temple.

4. God uses problems to PROTECT you.

A problem can be a blessing in disguise if it prevents you from being harmed by something more serious. Last year a friend was fired for refusing to do something illegal that his boss had asked him to do. He was an accountant and was asked to cheat on the income tax return of the company but refused to do it considering that He is a Christian and could not compromise on it. His unemployment was a problem - but it saved him from being convicted and sent to prison a year later when management's actions were eventually discovered. "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good (**Genesis 50:20**). Consider Joseph as an example. He was rejected of his brethren, sold to Egypt for

30 pieces of silver, was imprisoned for a crime he did not make, yet through all these trials and miseries, He held on to God with faith, and God made him governor of Egypt. He saved his own family (Jacob his father, and his 11 brothers) at the end, when the great famine in Egypt took place.

5. God uses problems to PERFECT you.

Problems, when responded to correctly, are character builders. God is far more interested in your character than your comfort. Your relationship to God and your character are the only two things you're going to take with you into eternity. "We can rejoice when we run into problems... they help us learn to be patient. And patience develops strength of character in us and helps us trust God more each time we use it until finally our hope and faith are strong and steady" (Romans 5:3-4). Consider **Paul and his sufferings**, which built his character – **Paul was beaten, shipwrecked, imprisoned, stoned, had a thorn in the flesh) yet all these trials made him stronger than ever.** He said in **II Cor. 12:7-10**- *"And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."*

Here's the point - God is at work in your life - even when you do not recognize it or understand it. ROMANS 8:28, *"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to [his] purpose."* It is much easier and profitable for you when you just cooperate with Him. It is hard to kick against the pricks.

GOD HAS REAL CONFIDENCE IN YOU

Brother Branham, in the following quotes, teaches us how to deal with trials positively:

"When it looks like everything's gone wrong, God's giving you a trial. He's got confidence in you. He don't have to baby you around. You're not a hotbed plant, a hybrid. You're a real Christian. God's giving you a test, see what you'll do about it. Amen. No wonder Peter said, "These fiery trials, why, **count it a joy.** It's—it's more precious to you than gold." And many times we hum and haw, "Oh, well. If I just..." Well, that—well, that's something God give you to overcome. He—He—He knows you'll do it. He's—He's—He's put his trust in you." (VICTORY.DAY:title SIERRA.VISTA.AZ 63-0421)

"You mustn't question anything to God. "For the footsteps of the righteous is ordered of the Lord." And every trial is put upon you to prove you. And the Bible said they're more precious to you than gold. So if God let a few light afflictions happen to you, remember, it's for the correction of you. "Every son that cometh to God must first be chastened of God and tried," child-trained. There's no exceptions, "Every son that cometh..." **And these afflictions are done or brought—brought about to see what attitude you'll take.** See, it's God on this proving ground. That's all earth is, is a proving ground, and where He's trying to prove you." (HEBREWS.CHAPTER.4.title JEFF.IN HEB 57-0901E)

TRIED AND TESTED

"He that cometh to God must first be tested. Tested what? With the Word. That's God's test. Do you believe it? He that cometh to God must be tested. That only shows a true child (See, see?): be tested. And when the test comes on, you can't overcome 'less there's a test give to you. **And when a test is given, it's to see whether you can overcome or not.** And Jesus said, "To him that overcometh," the test. The test is the greatest thing that ever happened to you. And I believe it's written in the Scripture, Peter said that our trials are worth more to us than precious gold. It's a testing time; it's... And one good evidence to us that God is with us, when we're tested, for all children of God are tested and tried." (HOW.CAN.I.OVERCOME.title JEFF.IN V-4 N-12 63-0825M)

God brings tensions into the church, "For every son that cometh to God must be tried, and proven, and tested. He lets sickness strikes you. He lets diseases come on you to test you and to prove you, to show the world that you're truly the seed of Abraham. He permits it by His own will. He permits disasters; He permits the friends to turn against you. He permits all these things, and turns the Devil loose to tempt you, and he'll do all but take your life. He could throw you on a bed of affliction; he could turn your neighbors against you; he could turn the church against you; he can do most anything, and it's God's will for him to do it. **We are taught that it is more precious than gold to us."** (POSSESSING.THE.ENEMY'S.GATES.title JEFF.IN V-11 N-6 59-1108)

"Unless we suffer with Him we cannot reign with Him. You have to suffer to reign. The reason for this is that character simply is never made without suffering. **Character is a VICTORY, not a gift.** A man without character can't reign because **power apart from character is Satanic.** But **power with character is fit to rule.** And since He wants us to share even His throne on the same basis that He overcame and is set down in His Father's throne, then we have to overcome to sit with Him. And the little temporary suffering we go through now is not worthy to be compared to the tremendous glory that will be revealed in us when He comes. Oh, what treasures are laid up for those who are willing to enter into His kingdom through much tribulation." (117-2 SMYRAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.4)

"You see, they could not figure out God's love. They thought that love meant no suffering. They thought that love meant a baby with parental care. But God said that His love was "elective" love. The proof of His love is ELECTION--that no matter what happened, His love was proven truly by the fact they were chosen unto salvation (because God hath chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth). **He may commit you to death as He did Paul. He may commit you to suffering as He did Job. That is His prerogative. He is sovereign. But it is all with a purpose.** If He did not have a purpose, then He would be the author of frustration and not of peace. His purpose is that after we have suffered awhile we would be made perfect, be established, strengthened and settled. As Job said, "He puts strength in us." (Job 23:6b) You see He, Himself, suffered. **He learned obedience by the things that He suffered.** He was actually made perfect by the things that He suffered. **Hebrews 5:8-9,** *"Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered; And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him."* In plain language, **the very character of Jesus was perfected by suffering.** And according to Paul He has left His church a measure of suffering that they, too, by their faith in God while suffering for Him, would come to a place of perfection. Why did He want this? **James 1:2-4,** *"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."* (117-2 SMYRAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.4)

"Think it not strange concerning the fiery trials that are to try you." That is what Peter said. Is it strange that God wants us to develop a Christ-like character that comes through suffering? No sir. **And we all have trials. We are all tried and chastened as sons. Not one but goes through that.** The church that is not suffering, and is not being tried, hasn't got it--it isn't of God. **Heb. 12:6**, "*For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.*"

LIBERATION FROM WORLDLYISM

"And sometime it takes hard trials to break the bands of the world off of us. Sometimes God lets us have a little trial, you know, to see what we'll do, to take you out of the world. Or other words, let you have a little trial and knock you out of that organization, and that idea that "the Methodist is the only one, the Baptist, or the Pentecostal, or that's—that's the only group they got. If you don't believe it like my church believe it, you don't believe at all." Sometimes He lets a little trial happen. Maybe you got a sick baby. Maybe something takes place right at the hour of death, maybe someone taken from you, or something. **What's it to do? To break you away, to show you something, open your eyes.**" (SHALOM.title SIERRA.VISTA.AZ V-13 N-5 64-0112)

"That's the way God does His church. He gives you trial after trial, test after test, trial after trial, test after test, until the life of Christ is reflected in your life, until you become peaceful, sober, meek, gentle, humble, ready, submissive, willing, turn your head from the things of the world and looking straight to Calvary to the One Who's doing the beating. Many times you think it's strange because fiery trials, and sickness, and persecutions; **it's only done to test you, to get the dirt out of you, to get the sludge out of you, to get the slowness out of you, to wake you up** to the place where you can look and see the reflection--or men can see the reflection of Christ in you: Christ in you, the hope of glory." (TIME.TESTED.MEMORIALS.OF.GOD.title JEFF.IN 57-0818)

"And now He says to His own, "As many as I love, I REBUKE AND CHASTEN." **To rebuke is to reprove. To reprove is to `expose with a view to correction.' Chasten does not mean to punish. It means to "discipline because the subject's amendment is in mind."** This is exactly what we find in **Hebrews 12:5-11**, "*And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children. My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him; For whom the Lord loveth, He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the Father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but He for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.*" (355-1 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.9)

"Happiness does not consist of how much the world's goods you own, but how contented you are with the portion that's allotted to you. That's right." (LIFE.STORY.title LITTLE.ROCK.AR 50-0200)

GROWING PAINS OF HIS GRACE

"And when somebody begins to make fun of you, say, "She's old fashion. Look at him, he's... Oh, I'll tell you; he used to be..." All right, **just remember, it's growing pains. That's that persecution's good for you. It's growing pains.** Oh, yes, **He permits crosses and crossroads and junctions.** He always does that in order to perfect us for His service. He permits those things to happen. Can't you understand that? **He does that so He can perfect you for the calling He's called you for. That's your growing pains.** He did **Daniel** that way, you know. He did the **Hebrew children** in the fiery furnace. What did the fiery furnace do? **The fiery furnace only broke the bands that had them bound.** That's all the furnace did, just burnt loose the bands. **Sometimes it takes trials to break the bands of the world off of us, take you out of the world.** Might be have to take you out of your creed first. **Like the man drowning in the river, you have to take him out of the river 'fore you get the river out of the man.** That's about the way God has to do sometime. Let them throw you out, one time, then they get the world out of you. Got to--got to get you out of the world first. Sometime these growing pains is what does that. Oh, yes." (SHALOM.title PHOENIX.AZ V-22 N-1 64-0119)

"The cloudy skies and storms of life are no signs of God's disapproval. Neither are bright skies and still waters signs of His love and approval. His approval of any of us is only IN THE BELOVED. His love is elective which He had for us before the foundation of the world. Does He love us? Ah yes. But how shall we know? We shall know because He SAID SO, and manifested that He did love us for He brought us to Himself and gave us of His Spirit, placing us as sons. **And how shall I prove my love to Him? By believing what He said, and by conducting myself with joy amidst the trials that He in His wisdom allows to come to pass.**" (118-2 SMYRAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.4)

GOD PURGING OUR CHARACTER

"Now, if you ever notice, how that when the disaster struck **Job's home**, and the children was all killed and everything... And all Job had was destroyed. **God wasn't rebuking Job. He was only purging Job.** Amen. I like that word, a purge. The branch that bears fruit, then God purges it, that it'll bring forth more fruit. **The trouble of it is, we think sometimes God's angry with us. But He's only trying to purge us that we'll bring abundance of fruit, giving us a few trials.** The Bible said that they're worth more to you than precious gold. Did you ever know, that every son that cometh to God, must first--first be tried, whipped, child whipping correction? It's not easy. When God gives you a whipping, you go out here and say, "Well, I'll mingle around a little bit." God will give you a real old fashion spanking for it. And I tell you, if we had more of that in the natural today, we'd have better children. God wants His household straightened out. **So He gives you a little whipping, so you can get straightened up. Makes you love Him more.** My father used to give me whippings, and I thought, "Oh, my." I wished I could call the old gray-headed brother, father of mine, back from the other lands today. I would respect every whipping he ever give me. I never got even as much as I needed. I thought so then, but I don't now, because it corrected me. Though he didn't do right himself, yet he wanted me to do right. Amen. He wants us to. **If the earthly parents wants us to so well, what about our heavenly Parent the Lord Jesus? He has to correct us.** And the Scripture says, "If we cannot stand chastisement, or a whipping, child-correction, then we become illegitimate children and not the children of God." See? After all the turmoil, and everything was over, and then, God had taken all of his sheep, and his cattle, and his horses, and things, then, at the end of his chastisement, or purging, God, doubled to him. If he had ten thousand cattle, He give him twenty thousand cattle. See? Oh, isn't that marvelous? **God purged Job for**

the purpose to bless him. (APPROACH.TO.GOD.title CHICAGO.IL 55-0123A)

Even it's the oldest book in the Bible, Job. When he was broke out with boils, looked like everything had gone against him. And his—his Christian, or his religious friends said, "Job, you've done evil." **Many people want to say, because somebody's sick that they did evil. That's not the truth. Job was a perfect man.** God said so. But sometimes, God let's affliction hit His people to test them for their faith. **He was testing a saint not rebuking a sinner.** And God does that to test. Jesus said—the Scripture says every son that cometh to God must be tried, tested, child-trained. And then they're proven to be right children of God. And now, in Job's case, when all his riches was taken from him, and all of his children was taken, all of his friends was—turned their back upon him, set seven days, accusing him of being a secret sinner, yet Job not he—knew he was not a sinner; because he stood firm on what God had promised. God required the burnt offering. And Job had offered it for he and his children, and he knewed he was justified; because he had offered God's appropriate offering. **How we could draw from that today, when we know that we've come in the Presence of God with faith believing, there's nothing going to change that.** God said so, and that settles it. Then when he got so in his distress and set on the ash heap, scraping his boils, his body was broke out in boils. And his wife said, "Job, why don't you curse God and die?" He said (now, he never called her a foolish woman, she—he said, "You speak like one") he said, "Thou speakest like a foolish woman. **The Lord gave, and the Lord taken away. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.**" **He would not curse God.** He knewed that he hadn't done. He said, **"I came into the world naked, and naked I shall return."** (SHOW.US.THE.FATHER.title DAWSON.CREEK.BC 61-0521)

"Didn't mean much more to Job then. **He didn't need no more encouraging.** He was a prophet. The Spirit of God come on the prophet. He rose from his ash heap, shook himself. The lightnings begin to flash; the thunders roar. The prophet got in the Spirit. He said, **"I know my Redeemer liveth. And at the last day, He will stand upon the earth. Though the skin worms destroys this body, yet in my flesh I'll see God,** whom I shall see for myself. Mine eyes shall behold and not another. **For we brought nothing into this world and it's certain we take nothing out. The Lord gave, the Lord taken away. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.**" What are we discouraged about? "I'll see Him at the last day," yet just as full of boils as he could be. "Yet in my flesh I'll see Him." Amen. Oh, my." (ANGEL.OF.THE.COVENANT.title PHOENIX.AZ 54-0301)

"I remember the time standing at my latest temptation, my hardest. My wife was laying in the morgue, a corpse. My little baby was laying dying. Healthy little child a few hours before, but it tookin' meningitis. And I went to the hospital. They had it an isolated ward, and the flies was all over it's little eyes. I was just a young minister, about twenty-five years old, mother dead, the baby laying dying. I went in reverently, got down on my knees, and I said, "Lord God, what have I done? Has there been anything that I've done to transgress You? Are You doing this... Or, why You tearing my heart apart? Don't take my little baby." I said, "Lord, I love that little thing so much." She was just big enough that when I come around the corner and blow the horn, she'd raise her little hands out and go, "Goo, goo, goo." And I just love little children. And there she laid there. The meningitis had drawed her, just in a few hours, her little blue eyes had cross, her little hand trying to wave good-bye to me. Oh, I couldn't stand it. I thought, "Oh, God, what can I do?" I knelt down to pray, and when I prayed, looked like a black sheet come down. **God refused to hear me.** What about that? I raised up and looked at the little thing.

And Satan come to me. He said, "Now, will you serve Him? Now, what do you think about Him? Your daddy died about a--two weeks ago in your arms. A doctor killed him with a dose of medicine." Said, "Your brother, less than a month ago, was killed

up there on a--on the road, and you picked him up and his blood running out of his body, where a drunk run over him." Said, "There lays your wife down here in the morgue. **And now, He's taking your baby out of your arms." Said, "You still love Him?"** I said, **"Though He slay me, yet I love Him. If He sends me to hell at the judgment day, He's just. I love Him anyhow."** (HEAR.YE.HIM.title SASKATOON.SASK 57-0519A)

SATAN CAN NEVER TAKE YOUR LIFE WITHOUT GOD'S APPROVAL

"And remember, no matter how great the distress is, Satan cannot take your life until God has finished with you. There is nothing can happen to you unless God permits it. There is no evil can come unless God permits it. And it's for your good He's working. Let's think, there when the floods came to destroy the world, it could not destroy Noah. Noah could not be destroyed, because that God had a work for him to do. Satan could not take them. He could not drown **Noah** in the flood, until the purpose of God had been finished. **He could not burn up the Hebrew children until the purpose of God had been finished.** He could not kill **Job** with boils and troubles until the purpose of God had been finished. Neither could the lions eat **Daniel** until God's purpose had been finished. Neither could death and old age take **Abraham** until the purpose of God had been finished. **And neither can it take you, or can it take me until the purpose of God of our life is finished.** So we gather from their consolation. **And why does God let troubles come? God harnesses trouble, puts bits in its mouth, and makes it obey Him, and those troubles bring us into a closer fellowship with God.** There had been no rainbow until the flood came. But after Noah was pressed into that condition that he was in, to float forty days and nights in a storm and the little ark pitching up and down in the water, it was after the flood was over that he saw the rainbow for its first time, the covenant of hope, the covenant of promise. After he'd went through the tribulation, then he saw the promise. That's the way you see the promise, after you've gone through the tribulation. I've liked that poem, or psalm: Must I be carried home to Heaven on a flowerly bed of ease, While others fought to win the prize and sailed through bloody seas? **We ask for comfort and peace; God gives us the best He could give us: trials and tribulations. That's better than comfort and peace. Our comforts is just beyond the river.** It wasn't until the **Hebrew children** was forced into the fiery furnace, on one of their most outstanding trials, that they seen One like the Son of God stand among them. Their troubles produced the Son of God standing among them in the breezes to wave away the heat wave. But not until they went into the fire did that Comforter appear. It was **Daniel** who had purposed in his heart that he'd not defile himself with the things of the world, and was forced through a trial, whether he'd pray to God or go to a lions' den. **But it was after the heat was put on, and he was thrown into a lions' den, that after that, he saw the Angel of the Lord standing** in the midst of him, keeping away, that great Pillar of Fire standing between him and the lions. And the lions could not get him, because he'd went through the trials and temptations and troubles. He knew that his God was able to deliver him from that. It was Abraham, after he'd seen the ground get barren, and the drought come, and Lot separate himself and go down to live deliciously into the world; it was after he had heard the whines and cries of his herdsmen, with no grass for his cattle, but he maintained in the land that God gave him and told him to sojourn in. And as on that day, after he'd been tried till his—his patience was at the end; it was on that day that when after the trial was over, he spoke face to face with Elohim under the oak that day. It was after he'd suffered his trials, after he'd went through the troubles that he'd been through, that God appeared to him in the form of a Man, and set there and told him he was married and his wife's name was Sarah, and said she laughed at Him in the tent behind. It was there that Abraham called Him Elohim. **It was after the trial and tribulation.**" (I.KNOW.title JEFF.IN.EASTER.MESSAGE.BOOK 60-0417S)

MOLDING US INTO CHRIST'S CHARACTER

“Long years ago before they had the smelters, they used to take the gold, and how they would know how it was right or not, with all the sludge was out of it, all of the iron pyrite (that's fools gold), all the fools out of it, they—beaters beat it, and beat it, and turned it, and beat it, and turned it until the beater sees his reflection in the gold. That's the way God does His church. He gives you trial after trial, test after test, trial after trial, test after test, until the life of Christ is reflected in your life, until you become peaceful, sober, meek, gentle, humble, ready, submissive, willing, turn your head from the things of the world and looking straight to Calvary to the One Who's doing the beating. Many times you think it's strange because fiery trials, and sickness, and persecutions; it's only done to test you, to get the dirt out of you, to get the sludge out of you, to get the slowness out of you, to wake you up to the place where you can look and see the reflection—or men can see the reflection of Christ in you: Christ in you, the hope of glory.” (TIME.TESTED.MEMORIALS.OF.GOD.title JEFF.IN 57-0818)

“And sometimes we think that our burdens... I might inject this right here, that we think our burdens are so heavy sometimes, that there's nothing like it in the world. Do you know all those things are good for you? They are all to mold you, make you. Prophets and sages was molded on the backside of the desert in the hot blazing sun, through tribulations, and trials, and persecutions. And these things that we have today, there's nothing happened to us that hasn't happened to other Christians before. Other Christians has had to stand in the hour of darkness like this, and even be fed to lions for their testimony.” (WE.HAVE.SEEN.HIS.STAR.title TUCSON.AZ V-13 N-8 63-1216)

“As it taken Him four thousand years to make this Masterpiece, now He's been for nearly two thousand years making another Masterpiece: a Bride for Christ, another Masterpiece. In so doing it, He does it by His never-changing method, the same way He made the Masterpiece: His Word. That's the way He makes His masterpieces. Because it can only be a perfect masterpiece when it's the perfect Word. Any dirt, trash, injections, it'll break; but the heavens and earth will pass away, but that Word will never break. You remember, in cutting of diamonds, you have to have a perfect tool to do it with, not just any piece will do it. I've seen tons of them big grinders crash right through it and move them big tons over, and pass that diamond right on through. No, it don't break the diamond: has to be cut.” (MASTERPIECE.THE.title JEFF.IN V-4 N-7 64-0705)

“You've got to have a battle. If everything comes lazy, why, you're... What are you overcoming? They overcome by the Word of God and their testimony, the Blood of Christ. You've got to overcome something, and you've got to have some obstacles. And people that different, and fuss with you, and tell you you're holy-rollers, and things, you—that's put before you, it's a trial. If you haven't got that, then you're not even in the battle. What did you join the church... What did you join the Army and get training for? To lay around, strut up and down the streets and show off? That's the way some Christians act, that we want to be looked up to. You ain't going to be looked up to. You're going to be looked down on. “For all that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecutions.” Pick up the Sword, cut everything free from you, and keep going on.” (PRESUMING.title CLEVELAND.TN 62-0408)

“Don't be scared. God's driving the winds. God's driving the ark. He has all things provided. Why, Noah wouldn't have had any victories, wouldn't have been storms and trials. If we're just put through a little safe tunnel to run through, there's no joy. The storms of life, what makes us have the joy. We'd never know what daylight was 'less we had some dark. We'd never know what a hilltop was 'less we had a mountain. We'd never

know what good health was 'less you had some sickness. You'd never know how to enjoy salvation 'less you was once a sinner. God's made all things, the law of contrast. He loves you.” (ARK.THE.title JEFF.IN V-26 N-18 55-0522)

“Great fearful waves are out here before us, but we know just beyond that wave yonder we're nearing the shore. See? We're nearing the shore. Just stay stable. Just stay in the Word; stay with God. No matter how you feel, what anything else, stay right with the Word. Let--let--let it stay stable. When you see all these great big old clouds around us, and storms a-coming, and atomic bombs, and everything else they're talking about; but our stabilizer is right straight in the Word. God said it would be here; we'll crest every one of them. Yeah. We'll go right over the top of them. Yes, indeed. They--they can't sink us; they can't drown us. You put us in the grave; we'll come out again. That's just all there is to it. There ain't no way in the world to keep it down there. We'll caress every one of them, 'cause our great Chief Captain is calling at the other side. (We're anchored in Jesus, The storms of life I'll brave; I've anchored in Jesus, I'll fear no wind or wave)” (CHRIST.REVEALED.IN.HIS.OWN.WORD.title JEFF.IN V-4 N-10 65-0822M)

THE BENEFITS THAT TRIALS AND TESTING BRING US

A TEST OF COURAGE

Some trials test us in one way and some in another. Some test our courage. Satan sometimes tries to frighten us by making a great show of threatening. Sometimes he makes things look very dark. He whispers to us that we shall surely be overwhelmed. If we but have courage to meet these, we shall be able to overcome them. Often we have but to face them boldly in order to chase them off the ground and to stand victorious on the field of battle. Other trials test our faith. When sickness or disease take hold of us, it is then that faith is tested. When the adversary tries to bring doubts in our minds about God's faithfulness or the truth of his Word, and the faithfulness of his people, then faith is the weapon that we need to use to overcome him.

A TEST OF LOYALTY AND FAITHFULNESS

There are trials that test our loyalty. We are brought face to face with the question whether we will be loyal to God and his truth, or whether we will take some seemingly easier way and compromise his truth for the sake of getting off easier ourselves. We are often put in a position where our loyalty is tested, where we have to stand right by the truth without deviating from it in the slightest degree, no matter what comes. Sometimes we must make a choice between Christ and our friends. The question is then one of loyalty. To whom shall we be true, Christ or our friends? To whom shall we submit ourselves, and whom shall we obey? He has said, “Be thou faithful unto death.” Shall we do it? Shall we do it no matter what it means nor how long a struggle it means? The battle is half won when we are fully decided to stand loyal whatever comes. Battles of this sort may be decided before we enter into them, and then we have only the fighting to do. The result is certain. The old saying, “Well begun is half done,” is certainly true in the Christian life, especially when it comes to the matter of being decided to do the right and stand loyally by the truth whatever comes.

A TEST OF OUR HUMILITY

There are things that test our humility. There are plenty of people who for their own purposes will flatter us and try to make us think that we are great personages or

that we have done some great thing. They will praise us and “make over” us generally for some selfish purpose. If we heed what they say, we may become puffed up over it, and come to esteem ourselves more highly than we ought. If we do something that is praiseworthy, we very often find within ourselves a feeling of having done so well that we become elated over it. This also is a test of our humility. Let us keep our feet on the ground no matter how much God blesses us. No matter how much praise comes to us, no matter how many things are said in our favor, let us keep balanced, and let not our humility be turned into pride.

A TEST OF OUR LOVE FOR GOD

There are things that test our love. Can we love God just as much after he has let us pass through a hard trial as we did before? If our brethren do something to wound us, can we still love them? If people misunderstand us and attribute wrong motives to us, can we still love them? These are the tests that count. These are the tests that test love. These are the things that prove whether it is genuine or not. If we are despised and persecuted, misrepresented and abused, can we still love? If people are our enemies, can we still love them?

A TEST OF OUR STEADFASTNESS

There are trials that test our steadfastness - whether we will just stand still and suffer and endure until God sees that it is enough and takes us out of the fire. **Other things test our patience.** These are often very small tests, and the smaller they are, the more they test our patience. Sometimes we need to keep a good hold upon ourselves and “let patience have her perfect work,” that we may be “perfect and entire, wanting nothing.” No matter in what way we are tested, if we have a will to be true God will see to it that we have grace to trust him, so that we may overcome and be “more than conquerors through him that loved us” (Romans 8:37).

SOURCES OF TRIALS

CIRCUMSTANCIAL TRIALS

Many trials are only the natural result of circumstances. Sometimes circumstances are in our favor, and work for our happiness, peace, and contentment. Sometimes we have smooth sailing, and everything goes pleasantly. We are courageous and confident and rejoicing. The sun shines brightly out of a cloudless sky, and every prospect seems fair. But this does not always last. Sooner or later the clouds must come and the storm-winds beat upon us. We must have the rough weather as well as the pleasant, the storm as well as the calm. The sunshine and the calm are very needful in life, and they work out a definite purpose; but the storms and the rain and the wind are likewise needed; they also fulfill their purpose. Trials will come; we cannot evade them. We cannot look ahead into the future; so we may plan and build up hopes, only to have our air-castles come crashing down around our heads. If we have set our hearts upon these things, we are likely to look very gloomily upon their wreck and to feel very bad over the result.

If we permit ourselves to give way and grieve over the failure of our plans and hopes, we may make ourselves and those around us miserable. Sometimes people let go their hold on God just because they do not get their way in things. They let disappointment so discourage them that they just give up trying to do right. That is acting like a spoiled child. If our plans and hopes fail,

God will not fail. Sometimes it is a real blessing to us that they do fail; for God can plan far wiser for us than we can for ourselves, and we ourselves can act more wisely after we have failed than we did before. Never fret on account of disappointments. They grow rapidly under such treatment, both in size and in intensity.

Losses may come to us; our property may be swept away or burned up. If we have our hearts set upon our possessions, this may touch a tender spot, and we may let it darken our lives and make us morose and dissatisfied. Poverty may come and the many difficulties incident thereto. How greatly such things may try us will depend upon how much we rebel against the circumstances or how easily we submit to and adapt ourselves to the inevitable. How greatly we are affected by our trials depends on how much we open our hearts to them and encourage them.

Sickness may lay its heavy hand upon us or our loved ones, and try every fiber of our being. It may play upon the chords of pain a threnody that thrills with exquisite torture, or it may fire our blood with fever until the sparkle has gone from the eye and the glow of health from the cheek, or it may bind us in chains helplessly captive. Death may come and take those dear by the ties of nature or friendship and leave sorrow and grief to be our companions. These things try the soul, but they must be borne. We cannot escape such things, for they are the common heritage of those who dwell in the tabernacles of clay. They belong to mortality and to the mutable things of time.

PERSECUTION FROM OTHER PEOPLE

JOHN 15:18-21 - *“If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name’s sake, because they know not him that sent me.”*

MATTHEW 5:10-12 - *“Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.”*

There are trials that come to us as the result of the acts or attitude of others. How few are man’s kindnesses to man! How great his inhumanity! How much of the human distress is needless and comes only by the inconsiderate or evil acts of others! Christ said that we should not marvel if the world should hate us. Neither should we marvel if it should act out its hatred in malicious persecution. **Our Lord has told us that offenses must come. To be a Christian means to be a target for the world’s hatred. We can count this a part of our heritage. Sometimes we shall have cruel mockings and have our names cast out as evil. We cannot endure these things without some sense of pain.** How much we suffer under them will depend on how we meet them. If we praise God and go resolutely on our way, strength will be given us, and we shall overcome, and instead of hindering us, persecution will bring us rich treasures of grace and blessing.

Sometimes we may be tried over what others do when they have no thought or intention of causing us a trial, and perhaps are wholly ignorant that they are causing us to be tried. Very often people allow themselves to be tried when things need not be a trial if they will hold the right attitude toward the supposed offender. We

can let ourselves be tried over trifles if we will, when if we would act as a real man or woman, we could pass over them quite easily and do it joyously and not suffer to amount to anything. The trouble with so many is that they are like petulant children, who are hurt or displeased at almost anything. If someone has really done something on purpose to try you, you should not give him the satisfaction of knowing that it hurt. Keep the hurt out of sight. Hide it away and over come it, and, if possible, let it be known to none but God. Bear with meekness what happens. Pray for your persecutors. That is the surest way to keep God in your own heart. "Father, forgive them," is the plea that takes the sting out of persecution.

SATAN AS PERMITTED BY GOD

Some trials come directly from Satan, with God's permissive will. For some reason we are left liable to his attacks. He attacked Job, destroyed his children, his possessions, and his health. God could shut him clear way from the world, just as he has shut him away from heaven, if he chose. But for some purpose he sees fit to let us be exposed to his attacks here. Many persons feel like a little boy who once said: "Mother, I wish God would kill the devil. Why doesn't he do it? I would if I were big enough." But Satan is limited in his work against us, and God is ever on our part, so that he can never go beyond God's will for us, so long as we leave ourselves in God's hands and rely upon him for the needed help. God does see fit sometimes to let him try us severely, but there never need be any cause for despair. God will not suffer us to be tempted more than we are able to bear. If Satan makes the temptation, God makes the way out. Sometimes he does not let us see the way out, even when he has prepared it, and we have to resist and endure the temptation until he sees that it has gone far enough. Then he shows us the way out. Sometimes he will take us and lift us clear out of it by his own hand. At other times he will put our adversary to flight. Our part is to endure and trust; God's part is to make the way of escape. We must endure patiently until our deliverance comes.

GOD'S PROVING GROUNDS

Sometimes God himself tries or proves us. "I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried" (Zechariah 13:9). **The purpose of God's trying us is often that we may know ourselves.** If we become self-sufficient, or go to rejoicing in our own works, he will likely send upon us or permit to come upon us something that will bring us to know our insufficiency and need of help from him. **Danger is often the only thing that can help us to know our own weakness; so God often lets a danger come in order to bring us to our senses.** We should not let such a thing discourage us, but get the lesson that our strength is from him and that our best efforts, if merely of ourselves, can avail little. He who trusts in God has strength enough for his needs.

God sometimes tries us that we may know him better. He wants us to know just how dearly he loves us, and how earnest is his care for us, and how faithful he is to us; and so he lets every hope and resource fail us and distress fall upon us. **When everything fails, and we turn to him, how real is his help!** how sweet is his comfort! If, however, when we find ourselves in such a situation, we despair and give up, we lose the blessedness that he was preparing us for. We grieve his loving heart and cheat ourselves. Hold fast and wait for him to work out his purpose. He afflicts only to heal. He grieves only to turn the grief to rejoicing, and to give greater rejoicing than could come through any other means. Our trials are the root upon which our blessings grow. These roots may be bitter, but the fruit is sure to be sweet if we patiently wait for its maturing. Too many want the fruits of joy, but are not willing to have the trial. Many choice fruits grow on thorny trees, and he who will gather the fruit may expect to be pricked now

and then by the thorns.

SELF-MADE TRIALS: YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW

But the trials that are hardest to bear are the ones we bring upon ourselves. Many people suffer as a result of their own indiscretion. If you commit a crime, there is a law to prosecute you. People sometimes act unwisely or unbecomingly, and people buffet them for their faults. There is the golden rule that say, "Do not unto others what you want others not to do unto you." If we break that rule, it's because of our own fault that we suffer. In return, we will be ridiculed or condemned; your names will be on the tongue of the gossip, and you have no one to blame but yourselves. If we do not act wisely or worthily, we need not expect to have the trust, confidence and esteem of others. If we are buffeted for our faults, the only Christian thing to do is to endure with meekness and patience and try to do better next time. Whatever we sow, we shall reap. This is one kind of trial that is always bitter medicine. It brings no joy. The best thing we can do is to take our bitter medicine and make no wry faces about it.

We sometimes do things or say things that bring heaviness upon us. We heap blame and condemnation upon ourselves. We feel regret and sorrow, and cannot get done chiding ourselves. How many of these self-made trials could be avoided if we would have been careful always to watch ourselves and to think of the outcome before we speak or act. When we have brought such a trial upon ourselves, we can only brace up and endure it manfully. We need to learn well our lesson, but we need not let ourselves be crushed under it. Do not let yourself brood over it. Brooding will not help matters. Resolve to do better next time and ask God to help you. Rise above the trial. If you have learned your lesson, God will help you out. He does not want to bruise you over it. He may chasten you sorely, but he will do it for your profit, not for your destruction.

I ASKED GOD; BUT GOD SAID "NO" - By Claudia Weizs

I asked God to take away my bad habits. God said, "No." "It is not for Me to take them away, but it's for you to give them up."

I asked God to grant me patience. God said, "No." "Patience is a by-product of tribulation; it is not granted, it is learned."

I asked God to spare me pain. God said, "No." "Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares, yet it brings you closer to Me."

I asked God to boost my spirit to grow. God said, "No." "You must learn to grow on your own, I will just prune you to make you fruitful."

I asked God, "Can you make me whole?". God said, "No." "Your spirit is already whole; and your body is only temporary."

I asked "God give me all things that I might enjoy life". God said, "No." "I will give you Life, so that you may enjoy all things."

I asked God to give me true happiness. God said, "No." "I'll give you the blessings; Happiness is an outlook that's up to you."

I asked God to help me love others, as much as He loves me. God said..."Ahhh, you finally you got the idea. Therefore, share love... love your enemy, And pray for those who persecute you. LOVE is the real reason why I sent my Son Jesus."

John 3:16 - "For God so LOVED the world that he gave His only begotten Son, so that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting Life."

CHAPTER THIRTY-FOUR

The Seven Dimensions

INTRODUCTION

Man lives in a multi-dimensional environment. Heaven and hell is just across the chasm. When we die, we just change dimensions. If you are a Christian and have been born again, you go to the **Sixth dimension**, a place of **Paradise**, where the dead in Christ goes back to being young again in a celestial body, waiting for the day when Christ shall come back to earth again in the rapture to pick up and raise their mortal bodies from the dust of the earth into one that's immortal and incorruptible, unto a glorified body, which is set to reign and rule with Christ in the Millennium and in the new heaven and earth.

If you are a **sinner** who missed to heed and/or has rejected the Gospel and then you died without having been able to repent of your sins nor having been able to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, you go to a place called **Fifth Dimension**, where the souls of the wicked are imprisoned, awaiting the day of the final Great White Throne Judgment, to be judged according to what they've done in their bodies.



We, human beings, are subjected to seven dimensions around us.

Brother Branham revealed these seven dimensions to us in his sermon PRESENT.STAGE.OF.MY.MINISTRY JEFF.IN 62-0908: "Now, **light, matter, and time**. And our five senses contact them dimensions. Our sight contacts light, our feeling contacts matters, and so forth. Now, but we have contact through **science**, the **fourth dimension**, as it was. Because coming right through this building now comes pictures, voices of radio, pictures on television, that our senses does not contact that, but yet they have a--a tube or crystal that picks up those ether waves and manifests them. So, you see, right in this building now is live actions of people in the air, live voices. They're here. We know it. They're absolutely the truth. And the only thing you do, they--they catch it on... I don't understand the mechanics of--of those things that science has invented, but we know that it proves to us there is a fourth dimension. Now, the **fifth dimension is where the sinner, the unbeliever dies and goes to**. The fifth dimension is the--kind of the--well, the horrible dimension. Now, this man...And **when a Christian dies, he goes into the sixth dimension**. And **God** is in the **seventh dimension**. Now then, you see, the Christian when he dies, he goes under the altar of God, right into the Presence of God, under the altar. And he's at rest."

LIGHT - THE FIRST DIMENSION

The first dimension is Light. Without light, there would be no living things on earth. Without light coming from the sun, the earth and everything on it will freeze and will cease to exist. God said in the beginning, "**Let there be Light! And there was Light**". **God Himself is Light.** **I John 1:5** states, "*This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **God is light**, and in him is no darkness at all.*"

TIME - THE SECOND DIMENSION

The second dimension is Time. Time began and was issued in the economy of mankind when man fell from grace. Adam was supposed to be eternal. He was a perfect man created in the image of God not prone to death nor sickness. But due to the Fall, when Eve was deceived by the serpent into eating and partaking with the forbidden fruit and dragged her husband Adam into it, death entered into human life. "*But of the fruit of the tree in the midst of the Garden, thou shalt not eat, for the moment that you eat thereof, that day you'll DIE*", Genesis 3 tells us. Man began to age and to weaken after the fall. "*Man [that is] born of a woman [is] of few days, and full of trouble,*" that's according to Job 14:1. Time will cease one day after everything has been restored by God back to its original condition.

The whole nature today is groaning for the manifestation of the sons of God. All of nature has been perverted, and one day, the new Garden of Eden will be restored back by the second Adam, Jesus Christ, to live in it with His Bride. In Malachi 4 it says, "The righteous shall walk upon the ashes of the wicked". **II PETER 3:10-12** "*But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. [Seeing] then [that] all these things shall be dissolved, what manner [of persons] ought ye to be in [all] holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?*" One needs to have the "Zoe" (eternal life) of God in him in order for him to live beyond time element. They need to receive Christ, the Giver of "eternal life".

MATTER - THE THIRD DIMENSION

The Third Dimension is Matter. "Matter" is defined as "anything that have mass and occupies space". Everything that we see around us, from botany life to animal life, from land formations to water forms, these are known as "**matter**".

Man is made out of sixteen elements from matter. These **sixteen elements** are: **1. Calcium 2. Chromium 3. Copper 4. Iodine 5. iron 6. Magnesium 7. Manganese 8. Phosphorus 9. Pottasium 10. Selenium 11. Zinc 12. Molybdenium 13. Flouride 14. Oxygen 15. Hydrogen 16. Sulfur.** If you lack any one of these elements, you will have a system imbalance. You will feel weak. That's why we need to eat, take some rest, avoid vices, and nourish this "temple" in which the Holy Ghost of God dwells upon.

In order for man to contact his environment, God gave man five senses: hear, taste, smell, feel and see - in order for him to be able to contact the surrounding material world in which he lives. Faith is the sixth sense that God gave us. **Faith is the "evidence of things that we do not see, hear, fell, smell or taste"** (Hebrews 11)- yet these things that we believe upon are true. "**Fact**" is far more different from **Truth**. It is a **fact** that every man that is born on this earth will die. But the **truth** is, if you are born of the Spirit of

God, you shall no longer die. That's according to Jesus Himself: "*He that believeth on Me, though he were dead yet he shall live. Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me, shall never die.*"

SCIENCE - THE FOURTH DIMENSION

The Fourth Dimension is Science. Science involves things that are unseen to the natural eyes but they exist based on natural laws, yet are not quite plain to a common man's understanding. **Electricity**, for example, cannot be **seen**. But when one gets to know the **law of electricity** and apply these laws today, he could run a whole city's machineries, lighting systems, communication systems, and transportation systems.

When **Thomas Edison** discovered the principle of light and came up with the **light bulb**, he unveiled some hidden mysteries from the fourth dimension. When **Albert Einstein** learned how to split the atom and introduced the **theory of relativity**, he broke into the realms of scientific advancement which gave man a basis for future discoveries for both human knowledge and progress.

Television, as a product of science, for example, can pick up sights of events from far-flung places and bring them to you through your TV monitors **live** and in **real time**. This was only made possible when man discovered and caught the **lightwaves** and **radiowaves** from the earth's stratosphere. The same technology works for satellite systems. Scientific discoveries like the **Cathode rays**, the **x-ray** and other applications using **laser technology** can make a lot of jobs easier now than it was before when science had not yet unveiled that such things are real. Television and electricity, according to Brother Branham, was here already even in the time of Adam, but man was not yet able to harness them.

How about today's technology such as the invention of cars, bullet trains, submarines, airplanes, rockets and spaceships? The internet, for example, was only made discovered for human use during the last part of the 20th century and is a fulfillment of Bible prophesy. It was prophesied that in the last days, "*knowledge shall increase.*" Consider the invention of nuclear weapons and atomic bombs that could wipe off a whole nation from the map. These latest discoveries are being taken advantage today by mad scientists who could tamper into God's laboratory to find ways and means to destroy their perceived enemies - his fellow mankind. Brother Branham mentioned that most of the sicknesses of people today are considered as "fourth dimension" diseases, meaning, they are brought about by scientific wastes, pollutants, toxins, hybrid food and by radioactive materials.

Science came as a result of man's partaking of the fruit of the Tree of knowledge of good and evil. Science is not a perfect will but a permissive will of God. There's both good and evil in science. The gunpowder can help people hunt for food but it can also kill people. Yes, the car can bring people to different destinations but it can also kill innocent lives if driven by drunk and reckless drivers. One day, science will be done away with in the new civilization that Christ will establish upon this earth. We won't need cars there. We will fly faster than the speed of light just like angels do. You will go through walls, just like Jesus did after His resurrection. You will just speak to nature and it will obey you - say, "tree and mountains, you move right there!" Didn't Jesus promised that "if you have the faith of a mustard seed", that you can move mountains and do all these supernatural things? Adam had that same power before he fell. It will be restored back to us by God comes millennium time and the great hereafter. There will be no wars over there. The lion will sit with the lamb, and the wolf with the lad. Everything will be peaceful once the kingdom of God is restored back on earth.

"Now, we have--know there is another dimension, which is the fourth dimension, because **science** has probed into it and found it, and it is radio. There's no senses of our body can detect **radio or television** over that ether wave. Yet right through us now is coming people's voices. Right through here is coming television pictures. But we have nothing in us, no way at all to contact that in ourselves. It takes a crystal on some sort, a magnet, to contact that. But it speaks that there is another dimension. Now, that's four dimensions. Then, I think the fifth dimension is where the sinner dies, where he goes. Now, I think that when the sinner dies he goes to this fourth dimension. Notice. The first thing, he cannot go in the Presence of God because he is a sinner, and his time is up on earth." (COUNTDOWN.THE.title SHREVEPORT.LA 62-1125E)

HELL - THE FIFTH DIMENSION

The Fifth Dimension is Hell. It is where the **wicked** and the **unbeliever** go after they die. Brother Branham described this place so well in his sermon "Souls in Prison, Nov. 10, 1963. Hell is a dimension and is different from Hades (physical grave) or from the Lake of Fire.

"**Now, Jesus, after He had finished His ministry, preached to those souls that were unsaveable**, that could not ever be saved. Now, the Bible tells us that. He went and preached to the souls that were in prison that repented not. When mercy was given to them, they spurned mercy, and now they're waiting for the judgment." (SOULS.IN.PRISON.NOW.title JEFF.IN. V-2 N-22 63-110M)

I PETER 3:18-20- "*For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also He went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.*"

"But after the days of His preaching, His ministry continued on, 'cause the last group He preached to was the **souls that were in hell**, that could not be forgiven. I clearly read that from the Bible here from II Peter. See? He went and preached to souls that were in prison (which is hell) locked up until the day of the judgment, 'cause, you see, the judgment isn't now, and there's no burning hell now. Somebody tell you that a guy's in burning hell now, that's wrong. See? A judge of this earth is just enough to never condemn a man until he's brought to trial. And God will never throw a man into the fiery furnace until first He is condemned by God's Own Law. He rejected mercy, so you see, he first has to have a trial, and the trial is the great white throne judgment, but now he's in a place called the **prison house**. As I saw the vision of both places, have by the grace of God (I say this not to be sacrilegious and if it's wrong, God forgive me), **I believe I've been in both places** (See?), in both places. And **I've seen the redeemed and blessed**, and I've seen the lost and where they were at. And that's why I stand as your brother today to warn you to flee from that downward path. **Don't you never go that road.**" (SOULS.IN.PRISON.NOW.title JEFF.IN. V-2 N-22 63-110M)

"Say, here is a line like this. And in here there's all **mortals**. On this side, or that side, men are influenced by one side. This side comes from God. This side comes from the devil. Now, let's just take it a great conglomeration of blackness, and gaiety, and muck, and sin, and divisiveness of this world. Every once in awhile, you'll see a little **white spot**; that's a **Christian, like a light**. Now, **those that are in darkness are influenced from beneath**. **Those that are lights are influenced from above**. Now, when you leave either one of these channels, you go into the **realm of spirit**. This is the mortal realm, the

dimensions that we live in. Now, if you go this a way... Listen close. If you go this a way, the first dimension is the **spirits of the dead**. Peter spoke of it: "in prison, that repented not by long suffering in the days of Noah." The wicked unregenerated man, when he dies, his spirit goes into this realm. **The next realm below that is demons**. The next realm **below that is hell.**" (GLORIFIED.JESUS.title PHOENIX.AZ 55-0225)

HEAVEN - THE SIXTH DIMENSION

The Sixth dimension is Heaven or Paradise. It is where the Christian goes when he/she dies. His/her body lies in the grave, but the spirit goes to a place called "paradise" waiting for the time that Jesus will raise the dead in Christ as spoken in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-27. **Brother Branham** had gone to this place in a trance. Let's hear him explain it fully well (taken from the Sermon "**Having Conferences**" **June 8, 1960**):

"**Now, remember friends, here lays my Bible.** If I'm a fanatic, I don't know it. My... If I am, I—I don't know nothing about it. I—I believe my heart's with God, and I believe He's proved that before you. I may be wrong in some things, but if it is, it's—it's unconsciously wrong. See? And then, when we were...

I was thinking about that, and I kept **hearing** something say, "**Press on.**"

I said, "Who is that?" I said, "It must be my wife." I said, "What did you say, honey?" She never moved.

I shook her. I said, "Meda?"

She said, "Uh?" She was sleeping well.

And I said, "Well, it wasn't her."

I listened again. It said, "Keep pressing on."

Now, I know visions. **This could have been a vision**; if it was, I never had one like it. And I said, "Maybe it's me saying it."...

And I heard it say, "Keep pressing on, pressing on."

I said, "Who are You that's talking to me? Who is in this room?"

And that's the way it comes, just like visions here. It's just as real, just a voice, just the same as you hear mine, said, "Keep pressing on."

And I said, "Keep pressing on?"

Said, "**The great reward is just ahead.**"

And I said, "You mean I passed the curtain?"

Said, "Yes." Said, "Would you like to see it?"

I said, "I would. It would help me, if I could just see."

And something happened; **I felt myself leaving this body**. Now, I never had a vision like that. I, looking back, seeing myself laying there, leaning up against the headboard of the bed with my hands up like this. See? And I looked at myself, and I thought, "I'm dying." And I started moving out, and the first thing you know, I—I come into a little place that kindly set something like that.

And as soon as I got there, here come thousands of people, and everybody looked young. Now, I'm in a mixed multitude. I'm your brother. And you watch, I say this in the Name of the Lord. You'll each meet me there if you'll be right. But these young girls coming to me, throwing their arm around me and hollering, "My precious brother..."

Now look, I've... When I was a sinner, I never run around. I wasn't ornery to run around with women. And I don't care how saintly a man tries to live and how godly he lives, if a woman puts her arms around a man, it's a human sensation. Now, you just might as well... I don't care, you can call yourself sanctified (and I believe in sanctification too), but you're still a human. Just exactly right. And there's a sensation. I don't say you'd do wrong, certainly not. The power of God keeps you, and you go on. But even in that place, that human sensation wasn't there.

And here come people just throwing their arms around, saying, "My precious brother." **All them women had long hair, white garments, bare-footed.** They were young, about... Looks to be about eighteen years old, twenty. I... They'd grab me and throw their arms around me, and say, "Oh, our precious brother," and just hug me like that, and walk away. And somebody else...

I seen my first wife come up. Now, she died when she was about twenty-two; she hadn't changed. She come running. I said, "Surely, she'll call me husband."

And she walked up, and she begin smiling, threw her arms around me. She said, "My darling brother." And then she hugged some woman that had just hugged me, some girl.

And here come men, looked like they were—had kindy shaggy hair down on their shoulder. And **they were the nicest looking people I ever seen: eyes as starry, pearly white teeth. They were throwing their arms around me, and saying, "Oh, our precious brother."**

And one of them hollered at the other one, said, "Think, he's arrived. He's arrived at last."

And I thought, "Have I died and this is... I've come into glory? Is this it?" And I thought, "It couldn't be."

And I looked, and that voice that had spoke to me down in my room, I heard it again. I looked back, and I seen myself laying there on the bed. I never had anything like that to happen. It's done something to me; I can never be the same no more. So then, it... I—I looked, and I thought, "What is this?" I thought, "Well, all them people looked young." And I looked down, and I was young. **I—I had turned back to a young man again. I said, "Well, this is strange."** And I looked and... **I can't explain it.** There's no words that I can think of. If I'd say superb, or—or—or supreme, or—or or perfect, that wouldn't touch it. They—they... There—**there was no tomorrow; there was no yesterday.** They—they—**they were in eternity. And they never got tired; they never had to eat. Yet they had senses: I could feel them; they could speak; they was looking at me.** They had senses.

And I said, "I—I don't understand this."

And that voice said, "This is perfect love." Said, "Isn't that what you spoke the Holy Spirit was?"

I said, "Yes."

"And this is perfect love."

And about that time, a big bunch of men lifted me up and took me to a place, and set me up kindy high, like a—a stand or something. And here was people; I could see them by the **tens of thousands coming from everywhere, every one young**, beautiful, running, hugging me.

I said, "Well, I don't get this."

And just then, **a beautiful young woman run up.** And she said, "Oh, my darling brother." She said, "We're so happy to see you. Welcome." And she walked away. And I said, "Praise the Lord, sister." I looked around me.

And then I thought, "What is this? What's going on? What's happened?"

Just then a voice said, "In the Bible where it's said that Jacob was gathered with his people and the other one; this is liken unto that, where you'll gather with your—where you will gather with your people."

I said, "All them Branhams?" I said that, "I—I never believed there was that many."

He said, "**They're not Branhams.**" Said, "**They're your converts;** they're your converts." Said, "That woman that you're admiring," said, "**you know how old she was when you led her to Christ?**"

I said, "I have no idea."

Said, "**Past ninety.**" Said, "See, **she's young forever.**"

And she looked up at me. She said, "Brother Branham, Jesus will

come someday, and then we'll go back to earth." And said, "Then we'll receive our glorified body; then we'll live together forever."

I said, "Well, I... Well, what—what—what do you set me up here for?"

And they said, "You was a leader; you led us."

I said, "Oh, let me see Jesus if I've passed over. I want to see Him."

And that voice said, "You can't see Him now." Said, "He will come, but first He will come to you." And said, "Judge you by the Gospel you preached..."

And I said, "The Gospel I preach?"

"Yes."

And I said, "Will Saint Paul have to stand before his converts?"

Said, "Absolutely, he will too."

I said, "I never varied one word; I stayed just exactly the way the Bible said it. I don't care what anyone said, or did not say; I stayed right with it like that. So if Paul's group is saved, mine is too." And a great scream from looked like thousands and thousands said, "We know that."

I said, "Praise God, I never was so happy that I stayed true to the Word." See? "I never was so happy."....

Just then, a voice spoke and said, "All that you ever loved, and all that ever loved you, God has given to you. We're all here together." Oh, my, my heart just melted within me. "All that you ever loved, and all that ever loved you, is gathered here with you to meet God."

And I said, "Oh, praise be to God!" And about that time, I felt myself moving. I said, "I don't have to go back, do I?" And I kept... And in just a minute, I was back there at the bed again. Friend, death does not change a man; it just changes your dwelling place." (EXCERPTS from the sermon "HAVING CONFERENCES"; CHATAUQUA OH 60-0608)

GOD - THE SEVENTH DIMENSION

The Seventh Dimension is where God is. God dwells in the seventh dimension. He alone rules the universe by His power and majesty. Heaven is His throne and earth is His footstool. One day, His kingdom will come down on earth. Heaven and earth will embrace together. The power of God will fill the earth and everything will get back to eternity. All those with "eternal life" in them will enjoy the rest of their lives in His presence.

Read the whole chapter of **REVELATION 21** where seventh dimension coming down to earth is discussed. ¹ "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. ² And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God [is] with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, [and be] their God. ⁴ And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God ²² And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. ²³ And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb [is] the light thereof. ²⁴ And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. ²⁵ And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. ²⁶ And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. ²⁷ And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither [whatsoever] worketh abomination, or [maketh] a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's Book of life."

CHAPTER THIRTY-FIVE



INTRODUCTION

God has four guards in His throne and in His kingdom. These are the (1) Lion, (2) the Ox, (3) the Man, and (4) the Eagle, as stated in Revelation 4:7 and Ezekiel 1:10. Catch the revelation regarding these beasts.

Notice that these 4 beasts are always represented in heaven, in the Old Testament, in the New Testament and in the new heaven and earth. They raise up God's standards against evil, in every generation, and especially during the seven church ages. The devil, who comes in the form of the four horse riders (white, red, black and pale horses) in Revelation 6 are what these 4 creatures of God fight against (read the Revelation of the Seven Seals). I have laid out four illustrations on how they are situated in God's four tabernacles, based from the teaching of God's end-time prophet, for our clear understanding.

Based on the Book of Numbers Chapter 2, the Lion guards the East Side; the Ox guards the West Side; the Man guards the South Side; and the Eagle guards the North Side.

1. THE THRONE IN HEAVEN - REVELATION 4:2-11

SCRIPTURE: REVELATION 4:2-11

"And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and [one] sat on the throne. And He that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and [there was] a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. And round about the throne [were] four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and [there were] seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. And before the throne [there was] a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, [were] four beasts full of eyes before and behind. And the first beast [was] like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast [was] like a flying eagle. And the four beasts had each of them six wings about [him]; and [they were] full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and



honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

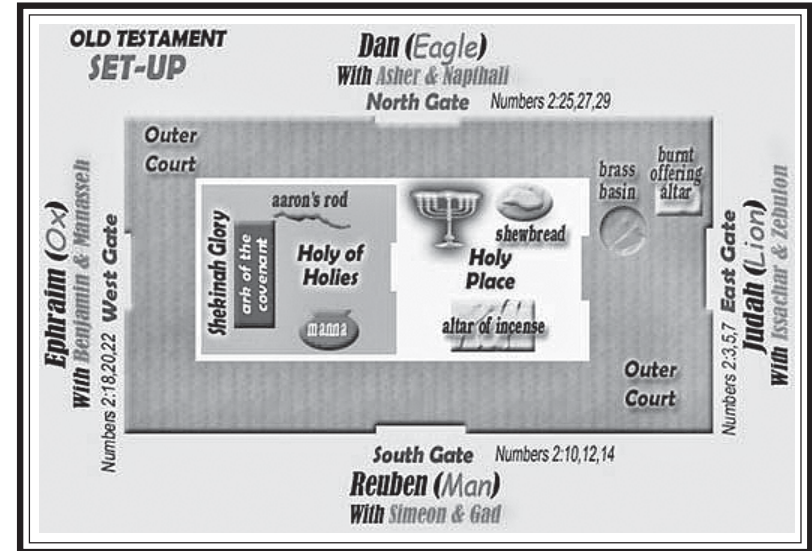
2. THE OLD TESTAMENT TABERNACLE - NUMBERS 2:1-29

In the OLD TESTAMENT, the Four Beasts symbolized the Four Camp groups of the children of Israel guarding the Tabernacle- Tent of God in badger-skins. The LION symbolized the Tribe of JUDAH on the EAST SIDE of the Tabernacle; the OX symbolized the Tribe of EPHRAIM on the WEST; the MAN symbolized the Tribe of REUBEN on the SOUTH; and the EAGLE symbolized the Tribe of DAN on the NORTH.

"Now, if you'll notice, Dan is the head of three tribes; Judah is the head of three tribes; Reuben is the head of three tribes, and Ephraim is the head of three tribes. Three four's is twelve, the twelve tribes of Israel. See each one with their banner; and the banner of Judah was a lion; the banner of Reuben, man; the banner of Ephraim, an ox; the banner of Dan was an eagle. (REV.CHAP.4.PT.3.THURON.MERCY.title JEFF.IN ROJC 645-716 61-0108)

SCRIPTURES: NUMBERS 2:1-29

"And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house: far off about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch."



EAST SIDE - JUDAH (LION)

"And on the EAST SIDE toward the rising of the sun shall they of the standard of the camp of JUDAH pitch throughout their armies: and Nahshon the son of Amminadab [shall be] captain of the children of Judah. And his host, and those that were numbered of them, [were] threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred. And those that do pitch next unto him [shall be] the tribe of Issachar: and Nethaneel the son of Zuar [shall be] captain of the children of Issachar. And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, [were] fifty and four thousand and four hundred. [Then] the tribe of Zebulun: and Eliab the son of Helon [shall be] captain of the children of Zebulun. And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, [were] fifty and seven thousand and four hundred. All that were numbered in the camp of Judah [were] an hundred thousand and fourscore thousand and six thousand and four hundred, throughout their armies. These shall first set forth."

SOUTH SIDE - REUBEN (MAN)

"On the SOUTH SIDE [shall be] the standard of the camp of REUBEN according to their armies: and the captain of the children of Reuben [shall be] Elizur the son of Shedeur. And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, [were] forty and six thousand and five hundred. And those which pitch by him [shall be] the tribe of Simeon: and the captain of the children of Simeon [shall be] Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. And his host, and those that were numbered of them, [were] fifty and nine thousand and three hundred. Then the tribe of Gad: and the captain of the sons of Gad [shall be] Eliasaph the son of Reuel. And his host, and those that were numbered of them, [were] forty and five thousand and six hundred and fifty. All that were numbered in the camp of Reuben [were] an hundred thousand and fifty and one thousand and four hundred and fifty, throughout their armies. And they shall set forth in the second rank."

INSIDE - LEVITES (PRIESTHOOD)

"Then the tabernacle of the congregation shall set forward with the

camp of the LEVITES in the midst of the camp: as they encamp, so shall they set forward, every man in his place by their standards."

WEST SIDE - EPHRAIM (OX)

"On the WEST SIDE [shall be] the standard of the camp of EPHRAIM according to their armies: and the captain of the sons of Ephraim [shall be] Elishama the son of Ammihud. And his host, and those that were numbered of them, [were] forty thousand and five hundred. And by him [shall be] the tribe of **Manasseh**: and the captain of the children of Manasseh [shall be] Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. And his host, and those that were numbered of them, [were] thirty and two thousand and two hundred. Then the tribe of **Benjamin**: and the captain of the sons of Benjamin [shall be] Abidan the son of Gideoni. And his host, and those that were numbered of them, [were] thirty and five thousand and four hundred. All that were numbered of the camp of Ephraim [were] an hundred thousand and eight thousand and an hundred, throughout their armies. And they shall go forward in the third rank."

NORTH SIDE - DAN (EAGLE)

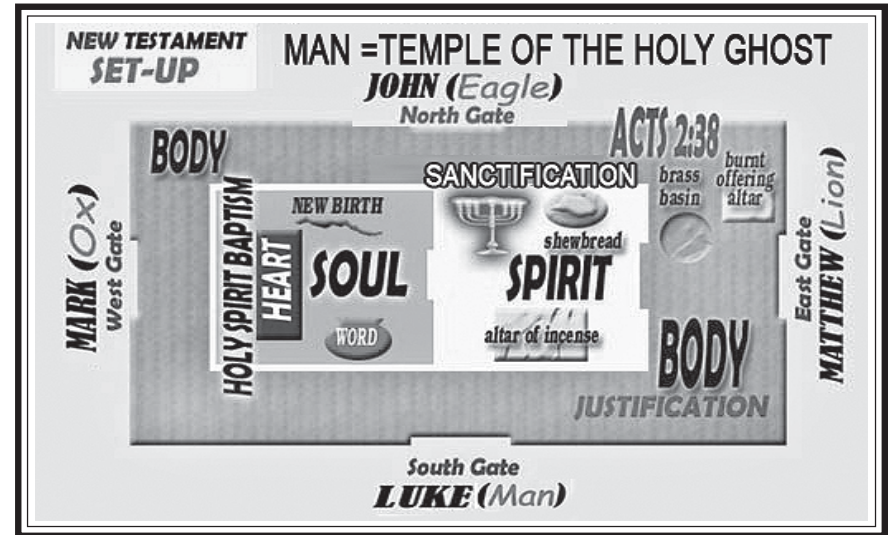
"The standard of the camp of DAN [shall be] on the NORTH SIDE by their armies: and the captain of the children of Dan [shall be] Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. And his host, and those that were numbered of them, [were] threescore and two thousand and seven hundred. And those that encamp by him [shall be] the tribe of **Asher**: and the captain of the children of Asher [shall be] Pagiel the son of Ocran. And his host, and those that were numbered of them, [were] forty and one thousand and five hundred. Then the tribe of **Naphtali**: and the captain of the children of Naphtali [shall be] Ahira the son of Enan. And his host, and those that were numbered of them, [were] fifty and three thousand and four hundred. All they that were numbered in the camp of Dan [were] an hundred thousand and fifty and seven thousand and six hundred. They shall go hindmost with their standards."

³² These [are] those which were numbered of the children of Israel by the house of their fathers: all those that were numbered of the camps throughout their hosts [were] six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty. But the Levites were not numbered among the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses. And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses: **so they pitched by their standards**, and so they set forward, every one after their families, according to the house of their fathers.

3. THE TABERNACLE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

In the NEW TESTAMENT, God's Tabernacle is the Heart of Men. The FOUR BEASTS are represented by the FOUR GOSPELS of Mark, Matthew, Luke and John, which in turn guard man's soul from the deceitfulness of Satan. The LION is symbolized by the GOSPEL of MATTHEW on the EAST SIDE; the OX is symbolized by the GOSPEL OF MARK on the WEST; the MAN is symbolized by the GOSPEL OF LUKE on the SOUTH; and the EAGLE is symbolized by the GOSPEL OF JOHN on the NORTH.

"The mercy seat is still guarded, still got the guards. We found out that those guards are Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, guarding the Book of Acts, the acts of the Holy Spirit done amongst the apostles, which is the Book of Acts of the New Testament. And the four writers of the Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, all guard that mercy seat to show that it is God, the Holy Spirit today. Each Scripture, Matthew, Mark, Luke,



and John, every one of them will back up the true Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and the acts of the Holy Spirit." (REV.CHAP.5.PT1.BRUISED.SERPENT.title JEFF.IN ROJC 717-746 61-0611)

"The "beast," in Bible represents "power." And you notice these beasts were not out yonder in the lake or in the sea somewhere coming up, but they were at the throne of God, and they were worshipping God. Those "four beasts" means "four powers" that come up out of the earth, and those four powers was the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John; one don't contradict the other one. And one of them, the... As the Gospel goes forth as a lion, it's stern, it's bold; the Gospel is brave like a lion, and it's a king like a lion. If it goes towards a man's face, it's cunning and shrewd like a man. If it goes the eagle, it's got the swift wings and the high heights. It... See what I mean? If it goes like the ox, it's the work horse that can pull, the work ox that pull the--the--the burden of the Gospel. The four beasts was the four powers, which were Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, the four Gospels that ring out in the Presence of God." (QA.HEBREWS.PART.3.title JEFF.IN COD 57-1006)

"And the north gate is guarded by the flying eagle, John, the evangelist. Then the physician on this side, Luke, the man." (REV CHAP 4 PT 3 THRONE MERCY.title JEFF.IN ROJC 645-716 61-0108)

The Old Testament of badger skins which is composed of three parts - the Outer Court, the Inner Court, and the Most Holy Place, has now been applied in the New Testament to the body, spirit, and soul of man (1 Thes. 5:23). The "soul" is where the "Shekinah Glory" of God dwells, for man now is the temple of the Holy Ghost.

"And the most High don't dwell in temples made with hands. "For heaven's My throne, and earth is My footstool." And, "Where is the place of My rest, but a body has Thou prepared Me." Amen. There you are. "A body hast Thou prepared Me." God dwells in the statue of a man, reflecting Himself into that being: perfect worship, God in us, being His Tabernacle, God manifesting. (STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN.title JEFF.IN V-2 N-18 62-1014M)

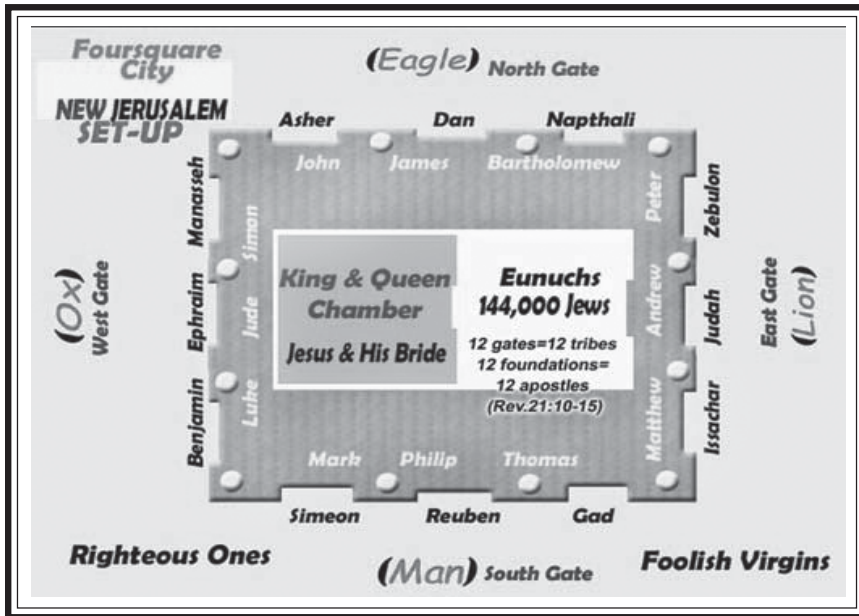
ROMANS 12:1- "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye

present your **bodies** a living **sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God**, [which is] your reasonable service.

I THESSALONIANS 5:23 -" *And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and [I pray God] your whole **spirit and soul and body** be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

4. THE TABERNACLE OF THE NEW HEAVEN AND EARTH- THE NEW JERUSALEM - REVELATION 21

In the NEW HEAVEN AND EARTH, we find the same four beasts guarding the foursquare City of Gold. The Twelve Gates bear the names of the 12 Patriarchs of Israel, while the Twelve Foundations bear the names of Jesus' 12 Apostles. The Bridegroom and His Gentile Bride will be in the King and Queen's Chamber, while the Eunuchs (the 144,000 Jews) will be on the outer court, serving the King and Queen for all eternity. The righteous ones and the foolish virgins who are saved and are permitted to go into eternal life after the Final Judgment at the second resurrection will make-up the nations who are encamped around the city of God.



REVELATION 21:10-27

*"And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that **great city**, the **holy Jerusalem**, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God: and her light [was] like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; And had a wall great and high, [and] had **twelve gates**, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are [the names] of the **twelve tribes of the children of Israel**: 13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. 14 **And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.**"*

CHAPTER THIRTY-SIX



INTRODUCTION

Daniel's "Seventy Weeks" pertains to Daniel's vision of what was going to transpire in Israel for 490 years from their release out of Babylonian captivity to the going forth of the commandment that will cause the Jews to return to build back the holy city of Jerusalem.

Because of Israel's apostasy, the prophet Jeremiah had foretold that the Jews would be delivered as captives to Babylon. In that foreign land they would be confined for **seventy years** (Jeremiah 25:12; 29:10). Sure enough, this prophet's warnings proved accurate. The general period of the Babylonian confinement was seventy years (Daniel 9:2; 2 Chronicles 36:21; Zechariah 1:12; 7:5).

THE PROPHECY

The content of that prophecy, as recorded in Daniel 9:24-27, is as follows:

24 - Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

25 - Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

26 - And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

27- And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

From a study of Jeremiah's prophecy, Daniel had calculated that the time of Israel's captivity which is seventy years was about to end (Daniel 9:1-2).

The year that this vision came to him was approximately in **538 BC**. They went into captivity in the year **606 B.C.** And counting 538 from 606 is **68 years**.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

The 70 year exile to Babylon was about complete as Daniel had discerned from reading Jeremiah's prophecy (Dan. 9:2). He was in prayer about the future of his people because it was their sin and transgression towards God that had sent them into exile. While in prayer, Daniel was visited by the angel Gabriel who had been sent by God to give him "insight and understanding" (Dan. 9:22) regarding a "70 week" program for his people and his holy city (Dan. 9:24-25). Gabriel revealed the events to Daniel all the way until the Kingdom was completely restored and the Millennium set in upon the earth. Upon completion of the 70th week, Israel's "transgression" would be finished, her "sin" ended and her "iniquity" would be atoned for.

The law of Moses had commanded the Israelites to acknowledge every seventh year as a sabbatical year. In the first year of Darius, who had been appointed king over the realm of the Chaldeans (c. 538 B.C.), Daniel, reflecting upon the time-span suggested by Jeremiah's prophecies, calculated that the captivity period almost was over (9:1-2). He thus approached Jehovah in prayer. The prophet confessed his sins, and those of the nation as well. He petitioned Jehovah to turn away His wrath from Jerusalem, and permit the temple to be rebuilt (9:16-17).

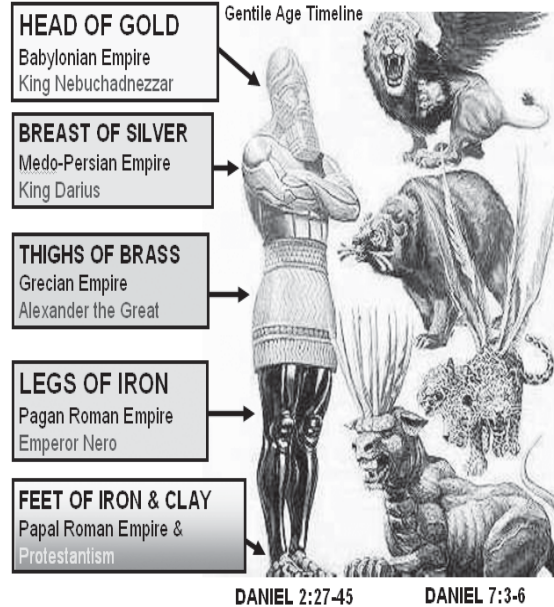
The Lord responded to Daniel's prayer in a message delivered by the angel Gabriel (9:24-27) saying that the house of God would be rebuilt. A more significant blessing would come, however, in the Person of the Anointed One (Christ), Who is greater than the temple (cf. Matthew 12:6).

THE SUBJECTS OF THE PROPHECY

There can be no question about the identity of the subjects of Daniel's prophecy: it concerns the nation of **Israel**, those for whom he had been praying in their captivity, and **Jerusalem**, their capital city.

Daniel had been pondering the future of his people, and in the writings of Jeremiah

DANIEL'S IMAGE & BEAST



he found a partial answer: they would soon be delivered. His subsequent prayer for their deliverance from captivity was interrupted by Gabriel who informed him of still more details of his nation's future—specifically, a period of 490 years.

In the introduction to the prophecy, Gabriel speaks of "your people and your holy city" and of "the holy of holies", which is clearly and always in the Old Testament a reference to Israel's tabernacle or temple. The prophecy throughout employs such terms as "Jerusalem," "the city," and the "the sacrifice and the oblation." The people and city under discussion could not be made more obvious; namely, the nation Israel and her capital city, Jerusalem.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE SEVENTY WEEKS

By the use of a series of categorical phrases in verse 24, it states the six-fold purpose of these seventy weeks: "(1) to bring transgression to an end, and (2) to make an end for sin, and (3) to make reconciliation for iniquity, and (4) to bring in everlasting righteousness, and (5) to seal up the vision and prophesy, and (6) to anoint the most Holy."

This context sets forth the primary purpose of Jesus Christ's mission to Earth. First, the **Messiah would come to deal with the problem of human sin**. He would "finish transgression," make an "end of sins," and effect "reconciliation for iniquity." That theme is developed gloriously throughout the New Testament (Read Matthew 1:21; 20:28; 26:28; 1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 1:4; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:20; 1 Peter 2:24; Revelation 1:5).

DANIEL'S Seventy Weeks, which are equal to **490 years**, are scripturally divided into **three periods**: first, into a period of "**Seven Weeks**"; "secondly, of "**Sixty Two Weeks**"; "and thirdly, of "**One Week**."

The commencement of the Seventy Weeks and of the Seven Weeks, are the same. Both periods began at "the going forth of a commandment causing to return and to build Jerusalem," eighty-three years after the end of the seventy years Babylonian captivity. This imperial decree of the Persian king was the official restoration of the Commonwealth of Israel, at present in continuity "until the times of the restitution of all things which the Deity hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets," from the beginning of the Mosaic Economy (**Acts 3:21**) and until He shall send Jesus Christ to "raise up, or build again the Tabernacle of David," that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof: and to set it up as in the days of old. (**Acts 15:16 ; Amos 9:11**).

THE PROPHETIC CHRONOLOGY

The time element of this famous prophecy enabled the studious Hebrew to know when the promised Messiah would die for the sins of humanity. **The chronology of this prophetic context involves three things: (a) a commencement point; (b) a duration period; and (c) a concluding event.**

The beginning point was to coincide with a command to "restore and rebuild Jerusalem." The time span between the starting point and the concluding event was specified as "seventy weeks." This would be **seventy weeks of seven days** each — a total of 490 days. **Each day was to represent a year in prophetic history**. It was a symbolism denoting a period of approximately 490 years. **Each week meant seven years. One week is equal to seven years.**

The terminal event of this time frame would be the “cutting off,” (the death) of the Anointed One (9:26) in the midst of the seventieth week. Actually, the chronology is divided into three segments, the total of which represents 486½ years. This would be the span between the command to restore Jerusalem, and the Messiah’s death.

If one is able to determine the date of the commencement point of this prophecy, it then becomes a relatively simple matter to add to that the time-duration specified in the text, thus concluding the precise time when the Lord was to be slain.

In computing the dates, it is important to base our computation upon the original Hebrew calendar which has 30 days in every month. We have had three different calendars. In the old astronomy calendar, which is the Julian calendar, there are 365 1/4 day in a year. In the Roman calendar that we live under now, there are 365 days in a year by our calendar. But in the Christian or prophetic calendar we find that there is only 360 days in a year. The Bible said that they prophesied one thousand two hundred and threescore days. Now, if we take the astronomy calendar, it would sure miss it a long ways from being three and one-half years. The Roman calendar is also inconsistent because it has 30, 31 and even 29 days in some of its months and therefore can not be relied upon. If we take the Roman calendar that we have today, it would miss it a long ways. But if you take the prophetic calendar, there’s exactly one thousand two hundred and threescore days in thirty days to the month.

THE COMING OF THE PRINCE

The going forth of the commandment to rebuild Jerusalem, according to Brother Branham, was on the 14th day of March which in the Hebrew it is called Nisan, which means “March.” The issue was given on the 14th day of March, B.C. 445. Here is what he taught us in His sermon the SEVENTY.WEEKS.OF.DANIEL 08-06-1961:

“Now, Jesus, the Messiah, rode into the city of Jerusalem, on the back of a white mule on Palm Sunday, April the 2nd, A.D. 30. And now, from B.C. 445 to A.D. 30 is exactly 475 years. But as we have already seen that the sixty-nine weeks makes 483 years... Now, there’s where the trouble comes, right there. See? We’ve got only with the marking of the Bible here, time, only 475 years, and actually it’s 483 years, a difference of eight years... Now, the B.C. 475 to A.D. 30 are Julian or astronomy years, which are 365 1/4 day in each. But when we reduce them days to our prophetic calendar... Our prophetic calendar brings us to 360 days as we use now in the Scriptures. We have exactly 483 (There it is.)—483. Here we have exactly proof of the prophecy, exactly the truth. For from the time of the going forth to build the temple until the destroying... Or when they rejected Christ and killed Him in A.D. 33—when Christ was killed is exactly 483 years. Now, from the going forth of the commandment to rebuild Jerusalem was determined seven weeks, which meant forty-nine years, and forty-nine years hit it exactly.”

It is in “the midst” of the seventieth week, after the fulfillment of the 486½ years, that the Anointed One was to be “cut off.” This is a clear reference to ACTUAL TIME of the death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Isaiah similarly foretold that Christ would be “cut off out of the land of the living” (Isaiah 53:8).

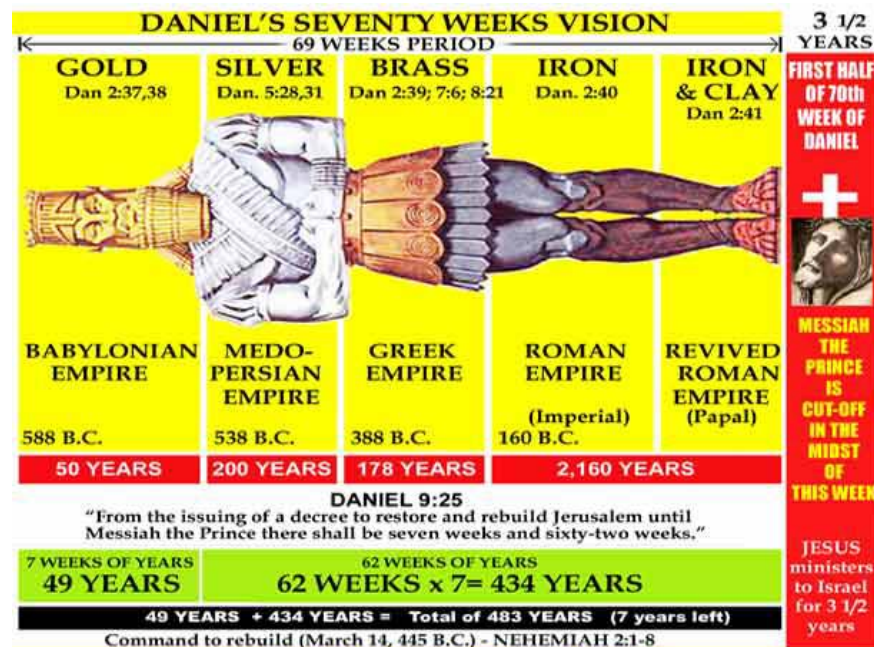
THREE SEGMENTS

The “seventy weeks” of Daniel’s prophecy are divided into three

segments — (1) seven weeks, (2) 62 weeks, and (3) the “midst” of one week (70th).

1. The first division of “seven weeks” (literally, forty-nine years) covers that period of time during which the actual rebuilding of Jerusalem would be underway, following the Hebrews’ return to Palestine (9:25b). This was the answer to Daniel’s prayer (9:16). That reconstruction era was to be one of “troublous times.” The Jews’ enemies had harassed them in earlier days (see Ezra 4:1-6), and they continued to do so in the time of Ezra and Nehemiah.

2. The second segment of sixty-two weeks (434 years), when added to the previous forty-nine, yields a total of 483 years. When this figure is computed from 457 B.C., using the Hebrew Calendar, it terminates at A.D. 30. This was the year of Jesus’ baptism and the beginning of His public ministry.



3. Finally, the “midst of the week” (3½ years) reflects the time of the Lord’s preaching ministry. This segment of the prophecy concludes in A.D. 33 — the year of the Savior’s death.

It is now clear that the First half of the SEVENTIETH WEEK of Daniel pertained to the 3 ½ years ministry of Jesus Christ on earth from the day of His Water Baptism at the River Jordan till his death in 33 ½ A.D. This fulfilled the verses “And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off”.

THE PEOPLE OF THE PRINCE WHO WILL DESTROY THE CITY

No historical revisionism can alter the fact that the Lord Jesus was put to death by His own people, the Jews (John 1:11). This does not sanction any modern-day mistreatment of the Jewish people; it does, however, acknowledge that **Israel, as a nation, suffered a serious consequence as a result of its role in the death of the Messiah.**

Daniel's prophecy depicted the Roman invasion of the city Jerusalem by Titus, the Roman General, who was in-charge of the destruction of the Jewish temple. The prophet spoke of a certain "prince that shall come," who would "destroy the city and the sanctuary" like an overwhelming flood (9:26b). All of this was "determined" (see 9:26b, 9:27b) by God because of the Jews' rejection of His Son (Matthew 21:37-41; 22:1-7).

When the Messiah was cut off, God ceased to deal with the Jews. They did not go any farther. They were then scattered by the Roman Empire. Time extended out a little bit farther. God wasn't dealing with the Jews anymore. He only dealt with them until they rejected Christ. When they crucified Christ, and they cried, "Let His blood be upon us and our children!" and it's been over ever since.

God has failed to deal with them anymore. **God then went dealing with the Gentiles which started the advent of the "Seven Church Ages", wherein God was taking a Gentile Bride for His Son Jesus Christ, by sending seven messengers to the seven church ages to call out a Bride.** God has quit dealing with the Jews right there, because God always deals with Israel as a nation. Israel is a nation. Gentiles are a people. And He had to take a people out of the Gentiles for His Name. **This was the "gap" between the first part and the last part of the SEVENTIETH WEEK of Daniel, which is 3 ½ years on both ends.** Paul made it clear in **ROMANS 11:25-26:** "*For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob.*"

THE REMAINING HALF OF THE SEVENTIETH WEEK

Once the seven Gentile Church Ages are over and the Gentile Bride caught away in the rapture, the remaining 3 ½ years of the Seventieth Week of Daniel will resume back to Israel for God will call Israel to the **Feast of Atonement.** This pertains to the verse "*to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness.*"

Two prophets, Moses and Elijah, will call out and minister to 144,000 Jews, during the Tribulation period, as prophesied in Revelation 11:3-6:

"And I will give [power] unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred [and] threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy (Elijah): and have power over waters to turn them to blood (Moses), and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will."

Moses symbolizes the law, and Elijah symbolizes the prophets. These two witnesses comes back to Israel to introduce them back to the true Messiah and to seal all the elect Jews back to receiving Jesus Christ, their elder brother.

THE 144,000 JEWS

As Joseph in the Old Testament revealed Himself to his brethren, so will Jesus reveal Himself to His Jewish brethren who have sold him and betrayed him. As this scenario takes place, it is also during this time that Tribulation Period is going-on. **Revelation 7:4-8** talks about this prophesy:

"And I heard the number of them which were sealed: [and there were] sealed an hundred [and] forty [and] four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. Of the tribe of Juda [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Aser [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Simeon [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Zabulon [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin [were] sealed twelve thousand."

Brother Branham has told us about this event in his sermon "REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.1:

"Getting back to the story of **Joseph meeting his brethren**, we will recall that not all the brethren came. Joseph knew that and insisted that all the brethren appear before him, or he could not make himself known unto them. Finally they brought the one that was missing, little Benjamin. **It was little Benjamin, the full brother of Joseph, that set his soul on fire. And when our Joseph, even Jesus, will come to the people who have kept the commandments of God and who have gone back to Palestine, His soul will be set on fire. Little Benjamin typifies the 144,000 Israelites from all over the earth who have gone back to Palestine for their redemption.**

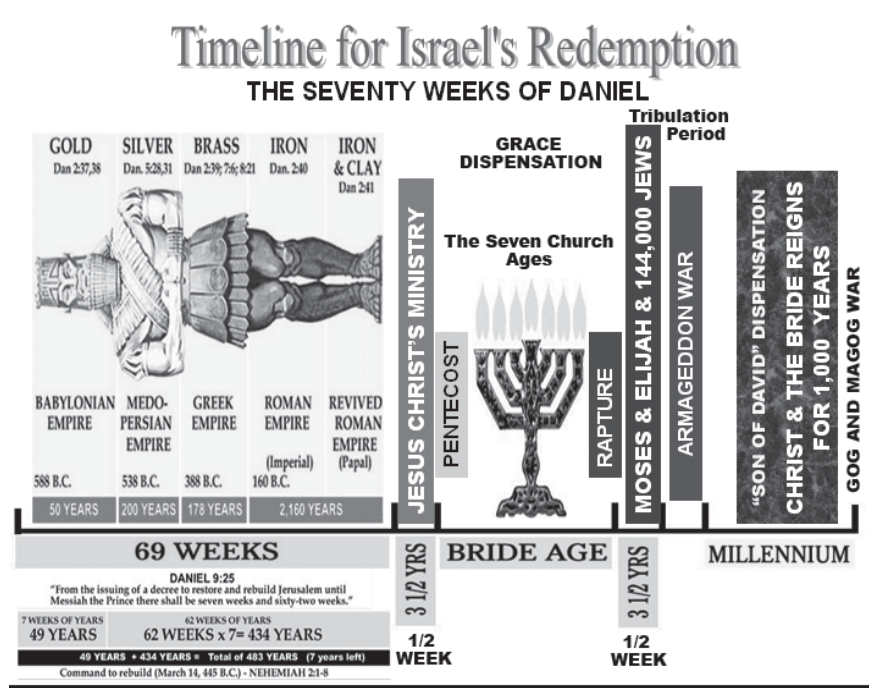
They will be standing there ready to receive Him, Whom to know aright is Life eternal. They will say, "This is our God for Whom we have waited." **Then they will see Him Whom they have pierced. And they will cry out in dismay, "Where did these awful wounds come from? How did it happen?" And they will wail and cry, every family apart, everyone apart in the agony of sorrow.**

Now where will the Gentile Church be while Jesus is making Himself known to His brethren? Remember that the bride of Joseph with the two children were in the palace, for Joseph had commanded, "Let everyone leave me; put them all out from before me." So the Gentile bride was hidden in the palace of Joseph. **Where will the Gentile Church go in the rapture? Into the palace. The bride will be taken off the earth. She will be caught up before the great tribulation to meet her Lord in the air. For three and one-half years while the retributive wrath of God is poured out, she will be in the great Marriage Supper of the Lamb.**

Then will He return, leaving His bride in "His Father's house," while he makes Himself known to His brethren. **At this very time, the antichrist covenant that the Jews have made with Rome will be broken. Rome and her allies then send their troops to destroy all the God-fearing, Word-abiding Jews (Daniel 9:27).**

But as they come against the city to destroy it, there will appear in the heavens the sign of the coming of the Son of Man with His mighty armies to destroy them who have been destroying the earth. With the enemy repulsed, Jesus then comes and presents Himself to the 144,000. Having seen His mighty acts of salvation, they have come to know His power. But also seeing His wounds and knowing that they had rejected Him even to that moment, causes them to cry out in the agony of terror and fear, even as did their brethren of old when they stood before Joseph, being sore afraid that they would be killed. But as Joseph said, "Don't be angry with yourselves. It is all right. God was in it all. He did it to preserve life." Even so will Jesus speak peace and love to them.

Why did the Jews reject Jesus? God was in it all. It was the only way that He could bring out the Gentile bride. He died on the cross to preserve the life of the Gentile Church.



Now these 144,000 are not in the bride. In Revelation 14:4 they are called virgins and they follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. The fact that they have not defiled themselves with women shows that they are eunuchs (Matthew 19:12). The eunuchs were the keepers of the bridal chambers. They were attendants. Notice that they do not sit in the throne but are before the throne. No, they are not in the bride, but will be in the glorious millennial reign."

And immediately after his days shall the great tribulation set in and burn the earth. And then at the return of the church and the Bride, the Bride and Christ shall walk out upon their ashes in the millennium, when the earth is purified by fire. And

there they shall reign. And the heathens that's never heard the Gospel shall be raised in that time, and the sons of God will be manifested. If he's to reign, he's got to have something to reign over; he's got a domain. "And they ruled and reigned with Christ," and Christ ruled with a rod of iron the nations. Then the Gospel... Then the manifested sons of God with the authority just like He had when He was here (See?), there will come the millennium in that reign (See?), upon the ashes.

SEVEN YEARS COVENANT WITH THE ANTI-CHRIST

A "SEVEN YEARS" COVENANT OF GOD WITH THE ANTICHRIST RIGHT AFTER THE RAPTURE IS IMMINENT BUT WHICH MIGHT BE CUT SHORT TO 75 DAYS DEPENDING ON THE URGENCY OF THE ARMAGEDDON WAR.

Let's look at the real context of DANIEL 9:24 to 27:

DANIEL 9:24- SEVENTY WEEKS are determined upon THY PEOPLE ["THY PEOPLE" HERE REFERS TO THE NATION OF ISRAEL] and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

DANIEL 9:25 - Know therefore and understand, [that] from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the MESSIAH the PRINCE [shall be] seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

DANIEL 9:26a - And AFTER threescore and two weeks shall MESSIAH be CUT off, but not for Himself: [It is here that JESUS WAS CUT-OFF (AD 33)]

DANIEL 9:26b - And the "PEOPLE of the PRINCE" that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; ["PEOPLE OF THE PRINCE" here REFERS NOT TO JESUS, BUT to the ANTICHRIST SYSTEM as represented by the Roman General TITUS who destroyed Jerusalem in A.D. 70] and the end thereof [shall be] with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

DANIEL 9:27a - And HE shall confirm the COVENANT with MANY for ONE WEEK:

[ROME shall CONFIRM the COVENANT WITH "MANY"— "MANY" here REFERS to the "NATIONS AND RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD"- A ONE-WEEK COVENANT with ALL PEOPLES OF THE WORLD through a ONE-WORLD RELIGION and through a ONE-WORLD GOVERNMENT for "ONE WEEK", which means ANOTHER "SEVEN YEARS" COVENANT OF GOD with THE ANTICHRIST, right after THE MESSIAH WAS CUT-OFF].

DANIEL 9:27b - And in the MIDST OF THE WEEK ["MIDST OF THE WEEK" here REFERS TO the MIDDLE PART of the 7-WEEK COVENANT (TRIBULATION PERIOD) of God with the ANTICHRIST wherein MOSES AND ELIJAH will be killed] he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make [it] desolate even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

SOME SUPPORTING STATEMENTS FROM THE MESSENGER:

1. "MIDST" OR MIDDLE OF THE WEEK (7 YEARS TRIBULATION) POINTS TO THE KILLING OF MOSES AND ELIJAH :

"Now, AFTER THAT SEVENTIETH WEEK here—the seventieth week... This goes on during this seventieth week. And the three in the MIDDLE OF IT, HE breaks it, because HE KILLS those TWO Pentecostal prophets (Yes, sir.) that smites the earth." (SEVENTY.WEEKS.OF.DANIEL.title JEFF.IN DA 89-141 61-0806)

2. THE 7-YEAR COVENANT OF ROME WITH ALL NATIONS AND RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD STARTS WHEN THE CHURCH GOES UP (RAPTURED)

"When the CHURCH GOES UP, then the CONFEDERATION, the sleeping virgins: Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, lukewarm Pentecost, ALL of them TOGETHER were the confederation, which they've already got their big regime now... And when they do, they'll MAKE a COVENANT that will... Now, his NEW POPE that we got now wants to bring them all in. Can't you see the thing heaping right up? Going to give a talk on it and bring them all in—first time for hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of years, a thousand years or two it's ever been done. But now, he's to BRING them ALL in together and make a CONFEDERATION, and in there the Jews will accept it." (SEVENTY.WEEKS.OF.DANIEL.title JEFF.IN DA 89-141 61-0806)

3. ROME WILL TAKE OVER THE GOVERNMENT OF THE JEWS DURING THE LAST PART OF THE 7-YEAR TRIBULATION PERIOD

46. Brother Branham, you said that ROME would TAKE the government of the Jews at the LAST three and a half years. That is going... The—THE FIRST three and one-half years of the TRIBULATION OR will it be THE LAST three and a half years? Is this correct? It will be the LAST three and one-half years (That's right.), not the first, 'cause it's already passed. (QA.ON.THE.SEALS.title JEFF.IN 63-0324M)

4. ROME WILL MAKE A COVENANT WITH THE JEWS AFTER THE RAPTURE

"And AFTER the CHURCH is taken AWAY, Rome and—and the Jews will make a COVENANT with one another. The Bible said they would, with the holy people. And now notice, they'll make it, because why? This nation is going to be busted, and the rest of the world that's on the gold standard is busted. You know that. If we're living off of taxes, due bills for forty years from now, where are we at? There's only one thing can happen. That's to call in the currency and pay off the bonds; and we can't do it. Wall Street owns them, and Wall Street's controlled by the Jews; the rest of it's in the Vatican, and the Jews has got the rest of it in Wall Street with the commerce of the world." (FIRST.SEAL.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0318)

"For the church system of the Roman Catholic and the Protestant in coming TOGETHER will control the whole wealth of the world system and force the whole earth into its religious TRAP, or will kill them, by refusing them the privilege of buying and selling whereby they would make a living. This will be accomplished simply, for the harlot's daughters are all but gone back to her. In the meantime, Rome has acquired nearly all the supplies of gold. The Jews have the bonds and all the paper. At the right time, the harlot will destroy the present day money system by calling in all the paper, and demanding gold. **With no gold,**

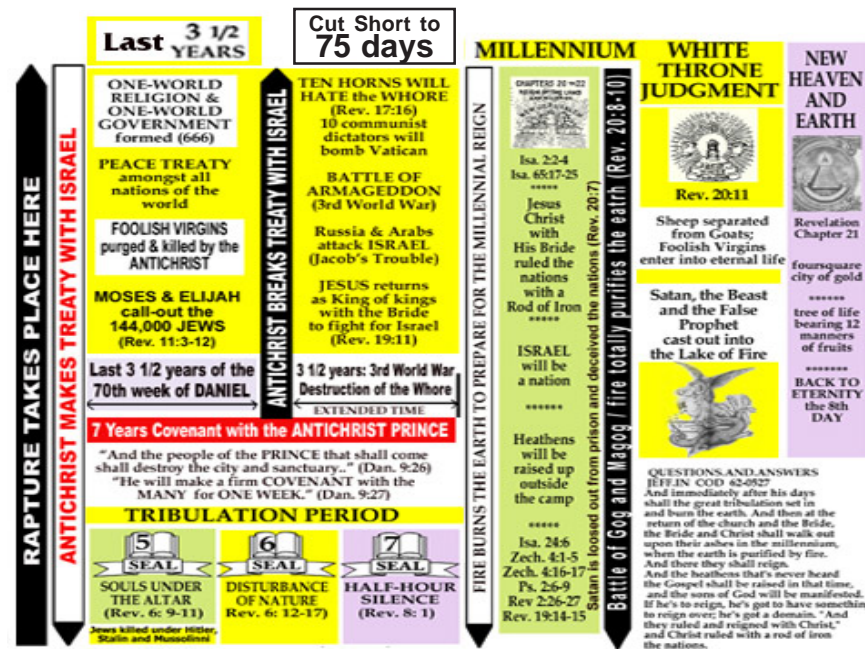
the system falls. The Jews will be trapped and come into the alliance, and the harlot church will take over the whole world." (314-1 PHILADELPHIAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.8)

5. SEVEN YEARS COVENANT WITH ANTICHRIST CUT SHORT

Daniel 12 verses 12 and 13, we find an interesting time frame of 75 days remaining right after Moses and Elijah are taken up (raptured) as written in Revelation 11:11-12 from their three and one-half years of ministry to the 144,000 Jews: "And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them."

The continuation of this event is found in DANIEL 12:11-13, "And from the time [that] the daily [sacrifice] shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, [there shall be] a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed [is] he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days." [1,335 DAY minus 1,260 DAY = 75 DAYS] "But go thou thy way till the end [be]: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days."

It looks like the remaining half of the one-week covenant of God with the AntiChrist will be cut short to 75 days to give way to the Millennial Kingdom. Within this remaining 75 days will transpire the Third World War (Rev. 16:16), ten communist nations (ten horns) will bomb the Vatican (Rev. 17:16), the Russian and Arab countries will attack Israel (Ezekiel 38), and Jesus comes down with His bride to introduce Himself to the 144,000. And then Jesus will remain on this earth after the Armageddon War for the Millennial Kingdom in His "Son of David" ministry.



REVELATION 19:11-16, “And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him [was] called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes [were] as a flame of fire, and on his head [were] many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he [was] clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies [which were] in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on [his] vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”

“Here comes Satan with all four corners of the earth with his Protestants and with his--his Catholics, and all together, marching right up to the battle of Armageddon. All right. And here comes Jesus coming down from heaven with resurrected saints, vindicated Word.” (FOURTH.SEAL.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0321)

Other pertinent prophetic events in Scripture which take place during this time in Israel are as follows:

DANIEL 12:1, “And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.”

ZECHARIAH 12:11, “In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of **Megiddon**.”

ZECHARIAH 14:1-3, “Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. **For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.**

“We’ve had several wars, wars, and rumors of wars, and V-days, and V-days, and V-days, and... **It’ll finally wind up into the great battle of Armageddon.** That’ll be the last of it. When she comes to the battle of Armageddon, that’ll settle the whole thing. **Just before the great millennium, Armageddon is to clean off the earth.** She repurifies herself with this atomic blowing, and the volcanic ash, and thing sinks this soaked blood of men upon the earth, and sin, and crime. She sinks beneath the earth. The volcanic breaks out again, and renews, and cleans the earth for the great millennium. He cleans His church during that time for a people to live here.” (VICTORY.DAY.title SIERRA.VISTA.AZ 63-0421)

ZECHARIAH 12:12, “And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart.”

ZECHARIAH 13:6, “And [one] shall say unto him, What [are] these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, [Those] with which I was wounded [in] the house of my friends.”

“**National force put Israel in her homeland.** National force will put the church in the World Council of Churches. But the power of God will put the people in the Bride...The national forces of the council of churches will drive every organization into it, but the power of God will raise the Bride into glory, out of it.” (RECOGNIZING.YOUR.DAY.title JEFF.IN V-5-N-1 64-0726M)

CHAPTER THIRTY-SEVEN

The Mystery Of the Seven Trumpets

INTRODUCTION

As the Seven Seals were revealed to Jesus' Gentile Bride for her deliverance today, there are also Seven Trumpets meant to deliver Israel and to call her back to the Feast of Atonement. These blowing of seven trumpets were first observed in **Joshua 6:4-16**, but are given again in the Book of **Revelation Chapter 8 and 9** for a parallelism to what Israel will do in these last days. Have these seven trumpets sounded already?

The "Feast of Trumpets" is one of the feast days of the Lord as outlined by God through His prophet Moses in the Book of **LEVITICUS Chapter 23**. This feast comes right after the Feast of Pentecost and just before the Feast of Atonement. The Biblical Israelites never moved without the trumpet sounding. Trumpets are always needed to activate the Jews.



Trumpets had to be sounded to call back the Jews to their homeland in order for them to be able to prepare for the coming "Feast of Atonement" – the revealing of the Messiah to the 144,000 elect Jews.

WHAT THOSE "TRUMPETS" SIGNIFY

A 'blowing of trumpet' in Israel may signify any of these four things: (1) A Holy Convocation, (2) A call to Assembly and Journey (3) a Call to War or Battle, and (4) A call to a Solemnity or Worship.

1. A HOLY CONVOCATION

LEVITICUS 23:24 - "Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first [day] of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of **blowing of trumpets**, an **holy convocation**."

2. CALLING OF THE ASSEMBLY AND JOURNEYING

NUMBERS 10:2 - *“Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps.”*

3. GOING TO WAR OR BATTLE

NUMBERS 10:9 - *“And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppreseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies.”*

4. SOLEMNITY AND WORSHIP

NUMBERS 10:10 - *“Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; that they may be to you for a memorial before your God: I [am] the LORD your God.”*

ISRAEL, BLINDED FOR A SEASON

The Bible tells us that Israel has been blinded by God from the true Gospel of Jesus Christ for the Gentile Bride's sake. God will call a Bride for Jesus Christ out of the Gentile ages to go into the wedding supper of the Lamb before the Gospel can ever come back to Israel again. After this Bride of Christ had been gathered from the seven church ages within a span of almost 2000 years, she will be caught away in the rapture. Israel's blindness will then be exposed to the truth that Jesus Christ is their true and real Messiah.

Apostle Paul confirms this mystery in **ROMANS 11:25-28**, *“For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this [is] my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. As concerning the gospel, [they are] enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, [they are] beloved for the fathers' sakes.”*

THE “FEAST OF TRUMPETS” COMES RIGHT AFTER THE “FEAST OF PENTECOST”

Let us take note that the celebration of the Feast of TRUMPETS comes right after the very Feast of PENTECOST. This shows us that after the Seven Church Ages (7 x 7 = 49) will be the 50th or the “Jubilee” for the nation of Israel - a time for the seven trumpet blowing.

Here are some quotes from Reverend William Branham pertaining to this truth:

“Frankly, it was fifty days from the—from the—from the Feast of Pentecost to the Feast of the Atonement, was fifty days. Now, fifty days is exactly seven sabbaths. And

seven sabbaths is the seven church years—church ages. Get it?” (FEAST OF THE TRUMPETS; JEFF.IN V-3 N-16 64-0719M)

“And between the feast of Pentecost and the feast of Trumpets there was a long period of time, exactly fifty days between Pentecost and the feast of the Trumpets. And fifty days, which Pentecost means “fifty”; and it was the sheaf-waving, or the in-gathering, the firstfruits of the harvest was brought in. And we see that it was in type back there with the natural firstfruits, representing the firstfruits of the Holy Spirit to be poured out upon the people. And we find out then that them fifty days was received by the Gentiles, which God called from the Gentiles a people for His Name—the feast of the Pentecost. And we have been going through that long feast of Pentecost. Now, actually from the fifty days would be exactly seven sabbaths. And seven sabbaths represented the seven church ages to be called in the time of the Pentecostal—feast of Pentecost, to call a people from the Gentiles for His Name. Now, at the end of these seven Sabbaths which has been, there was to be the Day of Atonement, which was the Seven Trumpets. And the Seven Trumpets was to call a day of mourning back for the sacrifice or the atonement. And we find out then that Israel—the Seven Trumpets pertained only to Israel.” (RECOGNIZING.YOUR.DAY.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-1 64-0726M)

“The atonement day followed the trumpet. Now—now, the FIFTY DAYS of the TRUMPETS for us symbolize when the trumpet sounded at PENTECOST, which was fifty days. Now—now—now, after this, the Jews rejected that. Now the Trumpets is to call them back to that atonement (See?), the atonement they rejected. And they rejected, so our eyes could be opened; theirs was closed. And during this time, these Seals opened up and the—the—the Trumpets blowed. And now, in the blowing of the Trumpets, just before the Messiah comes, ‘cause they’ve got to be in Palestine. And you remember God had to harden Pharaoh’s heart to run them out of Egypt; and He hardened Stalin, Mussolini, and all that to get them back into the promised land, where the one hundred and forty-four thousand’s supposed to be. And now, for the first time for thousands of years, twenty-five hundred years, that Israel is a nation with its own flag, own army own—and it—considered in the—in the U.N. First time it’s been... The oldest flag that ever flew on earth, at this time flies again. The five—six-point star of David. He said He’d lift that ensign in the last days, when she’d be coming back. We’re at the end.” (FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-16 64-0719M)

“Now, the Jews has been blinded, waiting all this time, while the Pentecostal firstfruits has been poured out upon the church. And we’ve come down through the martyr ages, and down through the reformer ages, and now in the calling-out age, three sections, same Spirit, like Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, same One. See? But seven church ages, being seven sabbaths, exactly seven sabbaths from the—from the Pentecostal jubilee trumpet—a Pentecostal jubilee feast, until—the waving of the sheaf, and then the Pentecostal jubilee. And then from the jubilee to the atonement is seven sabbaths, fifty days. And at the end of the fifty days is—the atonement is made. You get it?” (FEAST OF THE TRUMPETS.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-16 64-0719M)

A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF “THE SEVEN TRUMPETS”, ACCORDING TO THE TEACHINGS OF REV. WILLIAM MARRION BRANHAM

1. THE SEVEN TRUMPETS SOUNDED UNDER THE SIXTH SEAL

“Notice, the very first trumpet sound, blood, fire, hail, and everything scatter the ground. See? What was He doing? Bringing Israel out of spiritual Egypt (See?) back into his homeland. Now, let me say this right here, that every trumpet that blowed, blowed under the SIXTH SEAL. And we'll get to it in a few minutes where we caught the seal there. **ALL the TRUMPETS sounded under the Sixth Seal, because the Seventh Seal there was silence.** No one knew; that was the minute or hour that Christ would come, as He revealed it to us. **But every TRUMPET sounded under the Sixth Seal, under the PERSECUTION of the JEWS.**” (FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-16 64-0719M)

2. THE SEVEN TRUMPETS PERTAIN TO THE PERSECUTION OF THE JEWS

“And He revealed to me them that SEVEN TRUMPETS sounded under the Sixth Seal, and I've done preached it, supernaturally. See? It's the hand of God, the whole thing. It pertains to Israel; and we picked it up under the Sixth Seal, you all who have that, how the persecution of the Jews...” (RECOGNIZING.YOUR.DAY.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-1 64-0726M)

“Now, they have been scattered, blinded, gathered, and are far into the third day. You see it? They were SCATTERED from Palestine throughout the world. They were BLINDED to reject the Messiah. And now they have been GATHERED in their homeland, ready for the Trumpets to recognize the Atonement. As the Bible said, when they receive it and find Him with the nail scars (after the church is taken), and they say, “Where did You get these scars?” He said, “In the house of My friends.” And He said they would separate, each family, and would cry and weep for days like a family that lost their only son. And remember, that FEAST of Trumpets was to do that—to weep, mourn for the killed Sacrifice; and they had rejected It. They're in their land. They were scattered, blinded, and now gathered. **And it was all under that SIXTH Seal their Seven TRUMPETS sounded to gather them together.**” (RECOGNIZING.YOUR.DAY.title JEFF.IN V-5 N-1 64-0726M)

3. WILLIAM BRANHAM'S MINISTRY (Malachi 4:5-6 & Rev. 10:7) APPEARS IN BETWEEN THE 6th TRUMPET AND THE 7th TRUMPET

“And BETWEEN the SIXTH Trumpet and the SEVENTH Trumpet, there is a prophet to appear before the Gentiles to call the people back to the original Pentecostal doctrine; and the two witnesses of Revelations 11 appear to the Jews to send them to Jesus, while the Church is being taken up—all of them prophets. Amen.” (FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-16 64-0719M)

4. THE “SEVENTH TRUMPET” PERTAINS TO THE COMING OF MOSES AND ELIJAH OF REV. 11 BACK FOR THEIR MINISTRY TO THE 144,000 JEWS

“Now, as soon as this Church, the Bride is drawn together, she's taken up; in that mystery of the Seventh Seal, or the Seventh Seal, the mystery going. **And the JEWS is called by the mystery of the SEVENTH TRUMPET, which is TWO PROPHETS, Elijah and Moses.** And there's where the Pentecostals is all mixed up. They're looking for something to happen, and the Church is done gone, and that's to the Jews.” (FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-16 64-0719M)

“Now, these two prophets, what will they do? It's Moses and Elijah. They'll rise on the scene. They'll tell those Jews their mistake. And out of that Jewish bunch that's there now to be the 144,000, God will call with these prophets... What is it? The Spirit of Elijah off of this Gentile church will just continue right on into that Jewish church, go right on in and call Moses with him. Hallelujah. You see it? And he'll preach the same message of Pentecost to those Jews, that they rejected the Messiah. Amen. You see it? It'll be the same Pentecostal message that these Jews will preach right over to them. And they'll hate those Jews so bad till they'll kill them. And they were hated by all nations, and in the midst of the week... Because that they'd raised up a great powerful 144,000... They had the Holy Ghost, and brother, you talk about doing miracles; they did them. **They stopped the heavens, and it didn't rain in the days of their prophecy, smote the earth with plagues as oft they wanted to. They give plagues and everything else. They'll give them Romans a hard way to go. But finally they'll be killed.** Our God is a terrible God when He's angry. But remember, that's over in the seventieth week, and the church in glory. Amen. The wedding supper's going on. Yes. Now, notice. That's where we seen her coming back to the millennial temple over here at the end of the Jewish age—the anointed. Here He come riding on a white horse; those followed Him on white horses (horse, powers), dressed in white, blood—or vesture dipped in blood, wrote on Him, “The Word of God.” He cometh, the mighty Conqueror (Yes, sir.) to set up the millennium—coming to the temple. Glory. **There He meets that 144,000.**” (SEVENTY.WEEKS.OF.DANIEL.title JEFF.IN DA 89-141 61-0806)

5. THE “SIXTH TRUMPET” SOUNDED DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR: IT WAS THE PERSECUTION OF THE JEWS UNDER HITLER, STALIN, AND MUSSOLINI

“And NOTICE what happens UNDER that SIXTH TRUMPET. They were TURNUED LOOSE on the JEWS, the PERSECUTION of the JEWS. Supernatural devils, nearly two thousand years, then LOOSED by STALIN, HITLER, upon the JEWS.”



You say, “Well, that isn't Roman.” It's the same spirit that done the same things it did to the Christians in the old pagan Roman days (Now, watch the natural Israel and the spiritual Church now, as we separate it here.) turned loose on the Jews. **You remember, under the Sixth Seal how every one of those martyrs are calling—according to the Word of God receive robes? It was given to them by the grace, because they're blinded that they can't see the Gospel, that this people might be called out of the Gentiles for the—**

the Bride. They were given robes; the Bible said so under that TRUMPET, **them JEWS, who absolutely is against Christ and everything. The reason they are, is because the Bible said they're blinded; and they were blinded for your sake.**” (FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-16 64-0719M)

“Look how God hardened Pharaoh's heart to run them out and give them the promise. Look how God hardened Hitler's heart. Look how hardened Stalin's heart, Mussolini's heart, running the JEW. And they had no nation. They'd been murdered and beat down. No wonder they said there, “Let His blood be upon us and our children.” It has been, but God will never forget them..” (GREAT.COMING.REVIVAL.title CHICAGO.IL 54-0718A)

“This has been the time of Pentecostal feast. The JEWS has laid silent;

they rejected it. Now, they've got to be called back to the Atonement. We know WHO the ATONEMENT was; they didn't. And the TRUMPET sound after the Pentecostal Jubilee calls the Jews together. Can't you see how that TRUMPET of PERSECUTION under HITLER and them blasted, and the JEWS was forced to come together to fulfill the Scriptures? Now, you got it?" (FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-16 64-0719M)

"Notice, **TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DEMONS turned LOOSE upon those Jews**, when they BURNED them, they crucified them; they put bubbles in their veins; they killed them till they had no more GAS to kill them with; and they SHOT them till they had no more bullets to shoot with; and they—and they done everything they could do. They cremated their bodies and everything, and hung them on fences, children and all, innocent people. Because they were JEWS, they were done that way. But God said He give each one of them a robe, undeserving as they was, but His grace to blind them so that we could see." (FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-16 64-0719M0)

6. TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DEMONS (REV. 9) TURNED LOOSE ON THE JEWS UNDER THE "SIXTH TRUMPET" THROUGH THE U.N. AND THE PAPAL ROMAN CHURCH:

"Notice, quickly now, **these supernatural DEMONS. Then under the—UNDER the AUSPICES of a UNITED NATIONS, united groups together, eastern and western...** Just like the right and left foot of the image that Daniel saw, how they wouldn't agree and mix with one another." (FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-16 64-0719M)

"Oh, my. **Revelations 9:1, under the FIFTH TRUMPET their king...** Notice (Revelations 9:1 now) **the king of this great group of two hundred thousand horses.** They had a king over them, and if we notice, it was a fallen star. "Why art thou fallen from heaven, Oh Lucifer?" ... **Their king was the king of the bottomless pit, Revelations 17:8-** *"And the BEAST that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and shall go into perdition: and they that dwell upon the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life of the—life—from the foundation of the world, when they beheld the beast which was, which is not, and which yet is."* See? Was, **one POPE dies, another one ascends—beast which was, which is not, which is, which is not, which is, don't change its order.** Pope, same time, everything—everything has to go in the same system. And it shall come where? To the bottomless pits. **And the Bible said here, that the LEADER of these fellows was from the bottomless pits, and that was their KING; and he sets with a TRIPLE CROWN and joining the Protestants with him.**" (FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-16 64-0719M)

7. THE PERSECUTION OF THE JEWS UNDER TITUS, THE ROMAN GENERAL IN A.D. 96, WAS ALREADY PART OF THE SOUNDING OF THE TRUMPETS

"At the **Sixth Seal** when it—when it opened, **the PERSECUTION struck the JEWS in a LITERAL STANDPOINT..** (FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-16 64-0719M)

(Note: The **SIXTH SEAL** or the **PERSECUTION** of the Jews did not start after the rapture only nor during the tribulation period. Their literal persecution started in the time of General Titus who massacred the Jews in A.D. 70 - Author.)

"They've been BOUND for two thousand years almost, almost two thousand years. Not exactly two thousand, 'cause **the ROMANS kept on going (that TITUS in A.D. 96, and on down like that) to KILL the JEWS, the ROMANS. Who was it killed the Jews? Who was TITUS? A Roman general.** And the blood rolled out the gates down there, up to the—the... **Slaughter them little women, children, and everything.** Didn't Ezekiel 9 say they'd do that? Go through the midst of the city and set a mark upon the people who sigh and cry, the—the Holy Spirit. And the rest of them, the slaughtering man come forth, that would be bound ("Hold 'em. Hold 'em." until they went forth), and **slaughtered everything that was in there. Little women—women, children, babies, and everything else, they were all slaughtered.** Exactly, here it is again repeating itself. And here is that **ecclesiastical system coming right back, smothering out, tramping out** everything that's called God. Oh, they got their systems, and organizations, and denominations, but that don't have nothing to do with the Bible. They'll tell you quick they don't even believe in It." (FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-16 64-0719M)

"Now, remember, He was cut off: Messiah. Jews, **God ceased to deal with them. They did not go any farther. Then they were SCATTERED by the Roman Empire.** And have you noticed on my chart here... I want you to get this now and draw it. You notice here where I got the cross? That's where they rejected. But the time extended out just a little bit farther on that. See? Why? Thirty, forty, fifty, sixty, seventy—forty years later **TITUS the Roman general destroyed Israel—Jerusalem, and scattered the people to all the world.** You see, TITUS forty years later... **So actually the Jewish time extended till the complete...** God wasn't dealing with them. He only dealt with them UNTIL they rejected Christ. **Then when they crucified Christ, they cried, "Let His blood be upon us and our children," and it's been ever since.** But before they got scattered... Listen. Oh, brother. Before they got all scattered to all the world, it taken God about forty years to tear up the temple and scatter them out to all the world. But God's failed to deal with them anymore. God failed to deal with them anymore. He went dealing with the Gentile." (SEVENTY.WEEKS.OF.DANIEL.title JEFF.IN DA 89-141 61-0806)

"Now, you see, before **Titus united the nations of his armies together, Israel united themselves together and banded themselves,** that they would not believe Jesus to be the Messiah. They rejected Him, and turned Him out, and crucified Him. And then, when they rejected the salvation that was sent to them, they unite themselves together to do it. Now, hold that in mind: uniting themselves together to reject the message of the hour. They had to do that. And then when they did that, then the national sign come in. The nations begin to unite themselves together, and **Titus brought this great army of Romans and Greeks, and compassed the walls of Jerusalem, penned those people in there now, and they starved to death. They eat the bark from the trees, Josephus, the great historian, tells us. And they eat the grass off the ground. They even boiled one another's children and eat it (See?); as they were mad people.** And then when finally Titus, he was setting back upon the hills, around Jerusalem there, and—and those people in there thought they were doing the will of God when they saw these armies marching in. They had refused to hear that Great Master, Lord Jesus, tell them that." (UNITING.TIME.AND.SIGN.title JEFF.IN V-6 N-10 63-0818)

8. THE THREE WOES (World Wars 1,2,3) WERE A SERIES OF EVENTS ALREADY INCLUDED IN THE "SEVEN TRUMPETS"

THE FIRST WORLD WAR TOOK PLACE UNDER THE FIFTH TRUMPET - REVELATION 9:12 - One WOE is past; [and], behold, there come TWO WOES more hereafter.

"Now, "On four corners of the earth, holding the **four winds**." In other words, here went the "**winds blowing**" in the wars and strife to come all over the world. When did that ever happen? Never until the **FIRST WORLD WAR**. "Holding the winds," and they were striving, going in to take over. And now, here come another One. Now, if you'll watch and refer that Angel, He's the same Angel that come out in Ezekiel 9, when the men come from hinder their gates with slaughtering weapons and was going through Jerusalem to slaughter the Jews. You remember? He said, "**Hold it. Hold it. Stop it, till you go through the city and put a mark on every forehead that sighs and cries for the abominations done in the city.**" Is that right? Then after He did that, then He let them go in and slaughter. **That was the persecution under Titus**. Now, you see, he's the same Angel come forth again, coming from the east, from where Jesus shall come, and He has the Seal of the living God. Glory." (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 54-0103M)



"**Now, when the First World War come, it took every Jew; they scattered to all the nations.** Like the first Scripture that today was asked, how He would scatter them among all nations; there they all are. And here come the winds coming into Jerusalem, everywhere, a world war. And He said, "**Hold. Stop it, until we have seal the servants of our God.**" Other words, "**We're ganging them in from all the nations, everywhere, bringing them in, 'cause we got to get them right in here to seal that hundred and forty-four thousand. Hold it.**" Now, He said, "Hold the

four winds until (in other words) we seal the servants of our God in their forehead (The servants, the Jews.)." John turned and said, "I seen a hundred and forty-four thousand sealed away." **Now, the winds all started in, and they would've covered the earth and the Battle of Armageddon would've took place in the First World War, but... And the World War I stopped on the eleventh month of the year, the eleventh day in the month, the eleventh hour in the day, that the eleventh-hour people could come in, the last call for the Jew. And he's going to receive the same baptism of the Holy Ghost that they got back at the beginning back yonder at Pentecost, be baptized the same way, and everything, the eleventh-hour people moving in. He said, "Hold it now, until we have sealed." "How long You going to hold it?" "Until we have sealed the servants of our God." Now, we—we're sealing the Gentiles; they've been sealed away, thousands times thousands through these persecutions and tribulations; they're sealed away.** But wait a minute, just a minute. Don't let the per... Don't let the time come till we seal these servants." **And he sealed a hundred and forty-four thousand.** Then the winds was let loose again. Now, notice, and **since the First World War there has constantly been a persecution against the Jew.**" (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 54-0103M)

"**Now, the ANGELS were standing on the four corners of the earth, HOLDING the FOUR WINDS.**" What does "**WINDS**" mean in the Bible, any you Bible interpreters here? "**WINDS**" means "**WARS and STRIFE, TROUBLE.**" When was the world all together going to WAR? One time since then, one time the whole world was at war; and that was **WORLD WAR ONE**, when all the **NATIONS** were marching together. And look what he said upon this world war time. All the angels coming forth, the destroying angel to destroy the world in a war... You get it? The Angels of God with destroying weapons, coming forth to destroy the world... **And what did the Holy Spirit say? "HOLD the four**

winds (HOLD the world war until, this GLOBAL DESTRUCTION,), hold it until we have SEALED the servants of our God in their foreheads." The Gentile never was a servant; the Jew's a servant. And John recognized them every one: a **hundred and forty-four thousand of the Jews.**" (MARK.OF.CHRIST.title LA.CA 55-0312)

"In Revelations the 7th chapter, the Angel went forth to destroy (four of them), and was to bring the whole world to destruction. God said, "Just a minute. **HOLD the FOUR WINDS till we SEAL the servants of our God** in their forehead." And He carried the SEAL of the living God. **The SEAL of the living God is the BAPTISM of the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 4:30 said, "Grieve NOT the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you're SEALED until the day of your redemption."** Is that right?" (MARK.OF.THE.BEAST.title JEFF.IN 56-0715)

"Well, the—the **TRUMPET sounded**, and the—and the "**Buy your Bonds**," and so forth, as we all remember it. We'll go over and have this **WORLD WAR**, and we'll settle it. And then they'll organize. They organized what they called the **League of Nations**. And then there's going to be a peace, eternal peace that's all, no more **WAR**. In a merely little twenty years, we were right back in there again, just as hot as ever in another world war. See? Wars... Why? It's greed, jealousy. See? As soon as Kaiser Wilhelm left Germany, then some fellow come in by the name of **Adolf Hitler**, an Austrian, and got those people's minds all scattered up (which was demon inspired), that they could whip the world." (VICTORY.DAY.title SIERRA.VISTA.AZ 63-0421)

9. THE "SEVEN TRUMPETS" IS TO CALL THE 144,000 JEWS BACK TO ISRAEL TO RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS THEIR TRUE MESSIAH

"**I can show something happened in 1919**, but that's when that angel—the **third angel's message struck and the WOE went forth**—exactly, but it wasn't that—that was—when the **war stopped in a mysterious way**. We get that in the 7th chapter when we get to it—when we get to the 7th chapter. You all have heard me preach that many times, (See?) when the Angel's message said, "**Hold the four winds of the earth till we seal the Jews, the servants.**" And now, they kept waiting till all the Gentile age had moved out, then when He come in, then—then He seals the Jews, the **144,000** receives the Holy Ghost. There's the **144,000 sealed: Revelation 7.**" (GABRIEL'S.INSTRUCT.TO.DANIEL.title JEFF.IN DA 1-44 61-0730M)

"Watch now. **The ATONEMENT followed the TRUMPET sound.** See? How beautiful. See? The atonement day followed the trumpet. Now—now, the fifty days of the trumpets for us symbolize when the trumpet sounded at Pentecost, which was fifty days. Now—now—now, after this, the Jews rejected that; now the Trumpets is to call them back to that atonement (See?), the atonement they rejected. And they rejected, so our eyes could be opened; theirs was closed. **And DURING THIS TIME, these SEALS OPENED UP and the—the—the TRUMPETS BLOWED.** And now, in the blowing of the Trumpets, just before the Messiah comes, 'cause they've got to be in Palestine. And you remember God had to harden Pharaoh's heart to run them out of Egypt; and He hardened Stalin, Mussolini, and all that to get them back into the promised land, where the one hundred and forty-four thousand's supposed to be. And now, for the first time for thousands of years, twenty-five hundred years, that **Israel is a nation** with its own flag, own army own—and it—considered in the—in the U.N. First time it's been... The oldest flag that ever flew on earth, at this time flies again. The five—six-point star of David. He said He'd lift that ensign in the last days, when she'd be coming back. We're at the end. There's just no doubt about it; we're here." (FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS.title JEFF.IN V-3-N-16 64-0719M)

“Now, these two prophets, what will they do? It’s Moses and Elijah. They’ll rise on the scene. They’ll tell those Jews their mistake. And out of that Jewish bunch that’s there now to be the 144,000, God will call with these prophets... What is it? The Spirit of Elijah off of this Gentile church will just continue right on into that Jewish church, go right on in and call Moses with him. Hallelujah. You see it? And he’ll preach the same message of Pentecost to those Jews, that they rejected the Messiah. Amen. You see it? It’ll be the same Pentecostal message that these Jews will preach right over to them. And they’ll hate those Jews so bad till they’ll kill them. And they were hated by all nations, and in the midst of the week... Because that they’d raised up a great powerful 144,000... They had the Holy Ghost, and brother, you talk about doing miracles; they did them. They stopped the heavens, and it didn’t rain in the days of their prophecy, smote the earth with plagues as oft they wanted to. They give plagues and everything else. They’ll give them Romans a hard way to go. But finally they’ll be killed.” (SEVENTY.WEEKS.OF.DANIEL.title JEFF.IN DA 89-141 61-0806)

10. THE “1ST, 2ND, 3RD AND 4TH TRUMPETS BLOWED & SOUNDED WITHIN THESE LAST 2000 YEARS: IT INCLUDES THE PURGING OF 1/3 OF THE EARTH’S NATURAL RESOURCES THROUGH MAN-MADE DESTRUCTION BY SCIENCE, HYBRID FOOD, NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND POLLUTION

We can read through all of the world’s history and find out that all known high-intensity earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis, forest fires, and other epidemics had happened in our generation – the LAST generation. Typhoons, tornados, global warming, floodings, hurricanes, cases of ebola virus, AIDS, bird flu, and other pandemics came to existence only during this last generation. These are the results of the “SOUNDING of the first **FOUR TRUMPETS**”... WE HAVE ARRIVED.



A SCRIPTURAL ACCOUNT OF THE SEVEN TRUMPETS OF REVELATION CHAPTERS 8, 9, and 11.

As I present the following Scriptures, please take note that the sounding of the **FIRST “FOUR TRUMPETS”** applies to **NATURAL DISTURBANCES** and **CALAMITIES** occurring and affecting our **ENVIRONMENT ONLY**. IT does not touch on **HUMAN LIFE** being affected. IT only **HAMPERED MAN’S SUPPORT SYSTEM** and his **NATURAL RESOURCES** such as the sources of **FOOD, VEGETATION, FORESTS, WATER, MARINE LIFE, AIR AND SUNLIGHT**. They **ONLY AFFECTED “ONE-THIRD”** of **MAN’S DOMAIN ON EARTH**.

But the “**FIFTH** and the **SIXTH TRUMPETS**” pertain to **HUMAN VEXATION, PHYSICAL TORMENTS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESSES IN BOTH NATURAL AND SPIRITUAL ASPECTS OF MEN’S LIVES BROUGHT ABOUT BY DEMONS OF SCIENCE, EDUCATION, DRUGS, AND ALCOHOL ... AN AGE OF NEUROSIS.**

THE “**SEVENTH AND LAST TRUMPET**” PERTAINS TO **GOD’S WRATH Poured UPON ALL MEN WHO HAD NOT THE “SEAL” OF GOD. IT PERTAINS TO THE “GREAT**

TRIBULATION PERIOD” – THIS IS A TIME OF MAN’S EXTREME TORTURE AND SUFFERING, PHYSICALLY, NATURALLY AND SPIRITUALLY, DUE TO FINAL APOSTASY AND MAN’S REJECTION OF THE GOSPEL. The SEVENTH TRUMPET will sound and take place once RAPTURE IS OVER.

OUTLINING THE SEVEN TRUMPETS:

Here’s a run-down of the seven trumpets as they sound and the resulting effects they bring on earth:

1. 1ST TRUMPET – 1/3 OF VEGETATION AND GREEN LIFE DISTURBED

REVELATION 8:6, 7 – “And the seven angels which had the **SEVEN TRUMPETS** prepared themselves to sound. The **FIRST ANGEL** sounded, and there followed **HAIL and FIRE** mingled with **BLOOD**, and they were cast upon the **EARTH**: and the **THIRD PART** of **TREES** was **BURNT** up, and all green **GRASS** was **BURNT** up.”



This **INITIAL TRIBULATION** pertains to the effects of **DEFORESTATION, ILLEGAL LOGGING AND CUTTING OF FOREST TREES**. It includes the unabated dumping of **CHEMICAL WASTE** in the environment thereby **DESTROYING OUR VEGETATION** and natural green life. IT also **INCLUDES WILDERNESS FIRES**, which start the earth’s deterioration.

2. 2ND TRUMPET – MARINE LIFE DISTURBED

REVELATION 8:8, 9 – “And the **SECOND ANGEL** sounded, and as it were a **GREAT MOUNTAIN** burning with **FIRE** was cast into the **SEA**: and the **THIRD PART** of the **SEA** became **BLOOD**; And the **THIRD PART** of the **CREATURES** which were in the **SEA**, and had life, died; and the third part of the **SHIPS** were destroyed.”



This **INITIAL TRIBULATION** pertains to the destruction of our **MARINE LIFE** and **RESOURCES** due to **CHEMICAL WASTES, NUCLEAR TESTS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL WARFARE TESTS IN THE OCEAN**. Destruction of sea creatures includes **DYNAMITE FISHING, OIL** and chemical **SPILLAGE IN THE SEA, THEREBY, DESTROYING OUR CORALS** AND A **HUGE PORTION OF THE EARTH’S RESOURCES OF MARINE LIFE. SHIPS CARRYING HARMFUL CHEMICALS** which were destroyed by war contaminate our seas.

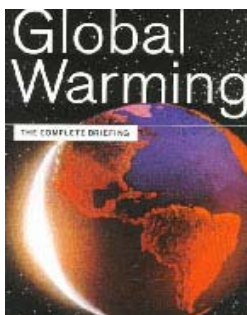
3. 3RD TRUMPET – WATER ON EARTH POLLUTED

REVELATION 8:10-11 – “And the **THIRD ANGEL** sounded, and there fell a great **STAR** from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and

upon the fountains of WATERS; And the name of the star is called WORMWOOD: and the THIRD PART of the WATERS became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made BITTER."

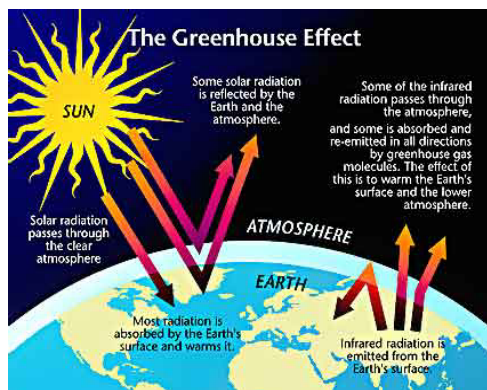
The third trumpet pertains to THE SHORTAGE ON CLEAN AND PURE WATER ON EARTH DUE TO WATER POLLUTANTS DUMPED IN OUR RIVERS AND LAKES – This MILD TRIBULATION HAS triggered the ADVENT OF THE BOTTLED/MINERAL/DISTILLED WATER INDUSTRIES

4. 4TH TRUMPET – GLOBAL WARMING



REVELATION 8:12, 13 – “And the FOURTH ANGEL sounded, and the third part of the SUN was smitten, and the third part of the MOON, and the third part of the STARS; so as the third part of them was DARKENED, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise. And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!”

This INITIALLY pertains to GLOBAL WARMING or the GREENHOUSE EFFECT WHICH WILL FINALLY RESULT TO the BURNING OF THE EARTH by A NUCLEAR BLAST. The fourth trumpet also refers to the MAJOR ECLIPSES OF THE MOON, and recent ALIGNMENT OF PLANETS. CITIES are darkened due to AIR POLLUTION caused by FACTORY WASTES, CAR EMISSIONS OF CARBON DIOXIDE IN THE AIR ALONG WITH OTHER HARMFUL CHEMICALS emitted by MACHINERIES AND FACTORIES.



5. 5TH TRUMPET – FIFTH DIMENSION DISEASES

REVELATION 9:1-12: 1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the BOTTOMLESS PIT.

2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the SUN and the air were DARKENED by reason of the SMOKE of the pit.

3 And there came out of the smoke LOCUSTS upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the SCORPIONS of the earth have power.

4 And it was commanded them that they should NOT hurt the GRASS of the earth, neither any GREEN thing, neither any TREE; but only those MEN which have NOT the SEAL of God in their foreheads.

5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be TORMENTED five months: and their torment [was] as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.

6 And in those days shall men SEEK DEATH, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and DEATH shall flee from them.

7 And the shapes of the LOCUSTS [were] like unto HORSES prepared unto battle; and on their heads [were] as it were crowns like gold, and their FACES [were] as the faces of MEN.

8 And they had hair as the HAIR of women, and their TEETH were as [the teeth] of LIONS.

9 And they had BREASTPLATES, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their WINGS [was] as the sound of CHARIOTS of many horses running to battle.

10 And they had TAILS like unto SCORPIONS, and there were stings in their tails: and their power [was] to hurt men five months.

11 And they had a KING over them, [which is] the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue [is] ABADDON, but in the Greek tongue hath [his] name APOLLYON.

12 One WOE is past; [and], behold, there come TWO WOES more hereafter.

[Note: It was the League of Nations that stopped the First WOE (1st World War)]

The Bottomless pit is opened here in the fifth trumpet and it releases demons of torment through incurable diseases and psychological disturbances. Physical corruption of men's mind brought about by hybrid food, abuse of drugs, use of sedatives and alcohol will have resulted to horrendous hallucinations and appalling psychological distress. Some people will resort to Euthanasia or Mercy-Killing (legalized suicide) just because they will not be able to tolerate pain and sufferings brought about by these tormenting demons in both physical and spiritual realms.

Here are some quotes from God's prophet pertaining to these events:

“Did you read this here—this month's “Reader's Digest” that men and women of this day, little girls from twenty or twenty-five years old is in menopause; that you go through the change of life in the middle-age of life, according to science, between twenty and twenty-five. It used to be around thirty or thirty-five in my age; in my mother's age, a woman never struck menopause till she was forty or forty-five. What is it? It's through science, and the food, the hybrids that's perverted the whole human body till we become a bunch of—of a mass of corruption. Well, if the physical being is corrupted, isn't the brain cell in that physical being? Now, watch the spirit following it. There'll come a time in the Name of the Lord, that people will go completely insane. The Bible said so. They'll scream and holler: great hideous things in their imaginary mind... The radios and things, or television programs are producing it. There'll be such things as ants raise up on the earth that'll be as high as fourteen trees. There'll be... A bird will fly across the earth with wings four or five miles across, and people seeing them; they'll scream and holler and cry for mercy; but it'll be the plague. Wait till I preach on those plagues opening up.”

(KNOWETH.IT.NOT.title.JEFF.IN V-2 N-10 65-0815)



“The whole human race is rotten. Well, if them physical beings of our body is tearing down like that from eating hybrid foods, tensions, that rotten it, does not that also rot the brain cell? Then we can see how women can get on the street naked. We can see how

they can speed through the—the streets at a hundred and twenty miles an hour, all these things. **It's come to a place where the whole nation, the whole world, not only this nation, but everywhere, mentally gone.**" (CHRIST REVEALED IN HIS OWN WORD; JEFF.IN V-4 N-10 65-0822M)

"And then when we open up those, the Lord willing, on those Seven Vials and show those **hideous things... Men will be so insane after while, till they'll imagine they're seeing ants the size of a mountain. They'll be tormenting women, be locusts come upon the earth with long hair to torment women who cut theirs off, hair like women hanging down, and long teeth like a lion, stingers in their tail like a scorpion, and so forth, to torment men upon the earth.** But then it'll be too late to do anything about it. You get right now. See? **Tormenting...**" (CHRIST REVEALED IN HIS OWN WORD; JEFF.IN V-4 N-10 65-0822M)



"Education, and the educational system, science, and civilization is of the devil. It's the devil's civilization. The Bible said so. And our civilization that's coming on will have nothing to do with this civilization at all. It's nothing of it at all. It'll be a different civilization. Into this civilization and this scientific world we got... **More science—scientific we get, further we go into death, things, traps to kill, and everything. In that new civilization there'll be no death, no sickness, sorrow, or no pain. See? There won't be none in there.** So this civilization will have to be destroyed, because it's of the We find out that in Genesis 4 that Cain's people started civilization, building towns, and cities, and so forth, and instruments of music, and become in science. And the **people got further away from God, yet religious.**" (RAPTURE.THE.title YUMA.AZ V-5 N-14 65-1204)

"The Tree of Knowledge produced clever men; men of renown. But their ways are the ways of death. God's people are simple but spiritual minded, leaning toward God and nature, calmly tilling the soil, caring for truth rather than wealth. **The seed of the serpent has brought tremendous commerce, wonderful inventions, but with it all comes death. Their gunpowder and atomic bombs kill in war; and in peace time their mechanical inventions, such as the car, kill even more in a time of peace than do the inventions of war destroy in times of trouble. Death and destruction are the fruits of her labors.**" (107-2 EPHESIAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.3)

"Well now, it is strange; but in this age of plenty and opportunity, when everyone has so much and there is so much more to be had, what with all the inventions to do our work and so many things to give us pleasure, **SUDDENLY, we find mental illness taking such a toll as to alarm the nation. When everybody ought to be happy, with really nothing to be unhappy about, millions are taking sedatives at night, pep pills in the morning, rushing to doctors, entering institutions, and trying to drown out unknown fears by alcohol. Yes, this age boasts of its tremendous stores of worldly goods, but the people are less happy than ever. This age boasts of its spiritual attainments, but the people are less sure of themselves than ever. This age boasts of better moral values and it is more corrupt than any age since the flood.** It talks about its knowledge and science, but it is fighting a losing battle in all fields, **for the human mind and soul and spirit cannot comprehend or keep abreast with all the changes that have come upon the earth.** In one generation we

have gone all the way from the horse and buggy age to the space age, and we are proud and boastful about it; but inside is a dark void cavern that is crying out in torment, and **WITHOUT A KNOWN REASON men's hearts are failing for fear and the world is so darkened that this age could well be called the age of neurotics.** It boasts, but it cannot back it up. It cries peace, and there is no peace. It cries that it has a great amplitude of all things, but it keeps burning with desire like an unsatisfied fire! "There is no peace," saith my God, "to the wicked". (346-1LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE- CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.9)

Here's a better description of our age, as one anonymous writer puts it:

We have taller buildings but shorter tempers;
Wider freeways but narrower viewpoints;
We spend more but still have less;
We buy more but enjoy it less;
Some have bigger houses yet smaller families;
Some have smaller houses but very big families;
We have more conveniences, yet less time;
We have more degrees but less sensibilities;
We have more knowledge but less judgment;
We have more experts, yet more problems;
We have more gadgets but less satisfaction;
More medicine, yet less wellness;
We take more vitamins but see fewer results.
People drink too much; smoke too much; drive too fast;
Get too angry quickly; watch too much TV, but pray too seldom.
We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values;
We sign more contracts only to realize fewer profits;
We talk too much; love too seldom and lie too often.
We've learned how to make a living, but not a life;
We've added years to life, not life to years.
We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbor.
We've conquered outer space, but not inner space;
We've done larger things, but not better things;
We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul;
We've split the atom, but not our prejudice;
We write more, but learn less;
Plan more, but accomplish less;
We learned to rush, but not to wait;
We have more weapons, but less peace;
Higher incomes, but lower morals;
More acquaintances, but fewer friends;
More effort, but less success.
We've become long on quantity, but short on quality.
These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion;
Tall men, but short character;
Steep in profits, but shallow relationships.
These are times of world peace, but domestic warfare;
More leisure and less fun;
Higher postage, but slower mail;
More kinds of food, but less nutrition.
These are days of two incomes, but more divorces;
These are times of fancier houses, but broken homes.
These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, cartridge living,

Throw-away morality, one-night stands, overweight bodies and pills that do everything from cheer, to prevent, quiet or kill.

It is a time when there is much in the show window and nothing in the stock room.

Indeed, we are in neurotic times!

6. 6TH TRUMPET – THE TORMENT OF 200,000 THOUSAND DEVILS

REVELATION 9:13-21 - ¹³ “And the SIXTH ANGEL sounded, and I heard a voice from the FOUR HORNS of the golden altar which is before God, ¹⁴ Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, LOOSE the FOUR ANGELS which are bound in the great river EUPHRATES. ¹⁵ And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to SLAY the third part of MEN. ¹⁶ And the number of the ARMY of the HORSEMEN [were] TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND thousand: and I heard the number of them. ¹⁷ And thus I saw the HORSES in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses [were] as the HEADS of LIONS; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. ¹⁸ By these three was the third part of MEN killed, by the FIRE, and by the SMOKE, and by the BRIMSTONE, which issued out of their mouths. ¹⁹ For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails [were] like unto SERPENTS, and had heads, and with them they do hurt. ²⁰ And the rest of the men which were not killed by these PLAGUES yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not WORSHIP devils, and IDOLS of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: ²¹ Neither repented they of their MURDERS, nor of their SORCERIES, nor of their FORNICATION, nor of their THEFTS”.

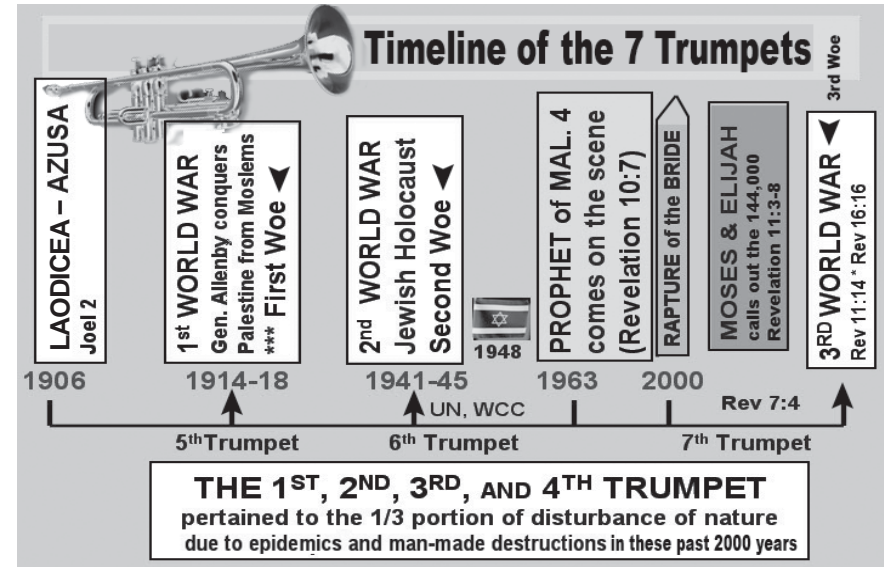
200,000 THOUSAND HORSEMEN, according to Brother Branham, ARE NOT LITERAL HORSEMEN. These ARE SUPERNATURAL DEVILS OF PERSECUTION set LOOSED to PERSECUTE the JEWS under the INFLUENCE of the OLD ROMAN Pagan Empire THEN through Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin during World War 2... AND NOW – these destroying spirits are riding through PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS and MUSLIM EXTREMISTS going all the way to the Battle of Armagedon to persecute the JEWS.

“Note, in Revelations the 9th chapter and the 13th verse (Now notice real close.), under the Sixth Trumpet (Revelations 9:13), under the Sixth Trumpet, note, there was two hundred thousand horsemen that had been bound in the river of Euphrates was turned loose under the Sixth Trumpet. Now, there’s not two hundred thousand horsemen in the world, but there was two hundred thousand horsemen. Notice it. (I want you just jot it down, so you can read it.) They wasn’t natural horses. They breathed fire, and they had breastplates of jasper, and—and they had tails, and the end of the tail looked like a serpent, a snake’s head on the end of it, stinging. See? It was spiritual horses, spiritual devils, chargers, that had been bound in Euphrates all these years, supernatural devils. What was it? The old Roman Empire being revived, the persecution of the Jews. And they’d been bound for nearly two thousand years at the river Euphrates, can’t cross to the promise, a religious sect that was trying to get to the other side. Euphrates, you know, come through Eden. But they were bound there, two hundred thousand devils of persecution.” (FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-16 64-0719M)

“And notice what happens under that Sixth Trumpet. They were turned loose on the Jews, the persecution of the Jews. Supernatural devils, nearly two thousand years, then loosed by Stalin, Hitler, upon the Jews. You say, “Well, that isn’t

Roman.” It’s the same spirit that done the same things it did to the Christians in the old pagan Roman days (THE DARK INQUISITION) (Now, watch the natural Israel and the spiritual Church now, as we separate it here.) turned loose on the Jews.”

(FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-16 64-0719M)



7. THE 7TH TRUMPET – THE COMING OF MOSES AND ELIJAH BACK TO ISRAEL TO RESTORE THE 144,000 JEWS BACK TO THE GOSPEL

REVELATION 11:3-14 - ³ ¶ And I will give [power] unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred [and] threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. ⁴ These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. ⁵ And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. ⁶ These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. ⁷ And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. ⁸ And their dead bodies [shall lie] in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. ⁹ And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. ¹⁰ And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. ¹¹ And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw

them. **12** And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, **Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.** **13** And the same hour was there a **great earthquake**, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven. **14** **The SECOND WOE is past; [and], behold, the THIRD WOE cometh quickly.**"

This event pertains to the coming of Moses and Elijah back to Israel to call out the **144,000 Jews** (12,000 from each of the 12 tribes) back to the Atonement - Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. This seventh trumpet will sound during the Great Tribulation Period. Notice that the **second woe** (World War 2) is past, and behold the **third woe** (World War 3) **cometh quickly**. It is a time between now and the Great Tribulation period. This event will transpire after the Bride is gone in the rapture and the Tribulation period sets in so that the 144,000 Jews will be called out by these two prophets. They will all be purged by the AntiChrist Beast of Rome for their martyrdom. The great earthquake will also take place during this time and will cause the Mount of Olives to be pushed up by a volcanic eruption so that the Temple of the Lord can be established on top of that mountain comes the Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ and His Bride.



Quotes from Brother Branham:

"Now, as soon as this Church, the Bride is drawn together, she's taken up; in that mystery of the Seventh Seal, or the Seventh Seal, the mystery going. And the JEWS is called by the mystery of the SEVENTH TRUMPET, which is TWO PROPHETS, Elijah and Moses. And they come back, and there's where the Pentecostals is all mixed up. They're looking for something to happen, and the Church is done gone, and that's to the Jews." (FEAST OF THE TRUMPETS JEFF.IN V-3 N-16 64-0719M)

"Now, these two prophets, what will they do? It's Moses and Elijah. They'll rise on the scene. They'll tell those Jews their mistake. And out of that Jewish bunch that's there now to be the 144,000, God will call with these prophets... What is it? *The Spirit of Elijah off of this Gentile church will just continue right on into that Jewish church, go right on in and call Moses with him.* Hallelujah. You see it? And he'll preach the same message of Pentecost to those Jews, that they rejected the Messiah. Amen. You see it? It'll be the same Pentecostal message that these Jews will preach right over to them. And they'll hate those Jews so bad till they'll kill them. And they were hated by all nations, and in the midst of the week... Because that they'd raised up a great powerful 144,000... **They had the Holy Ghost, and brother, you talk about doing miracles; they did them. They stopped the heavens, and it didn't rain in the days of their prophecy, smote the earth with plagues as oft they wanted to. They give plagues and everything else. They'll give them Romans a hard way to go. But finally they'll be killed. Our God is a terrible God when He's angry. But remember, that's over in the seventieth week, and the church in glory. Amen. The wedding supper's going on. Yes. Now, notice. That's where we seen her coming back to the millennial temple over here at the end of the Jewish age—the anointed. Here He come riding on a white horse; those followed Him on white horses (horse, powers), dressed in white, blood—or vesture dipped in blood, wrote on Him, "The Word of God." He cometh, the mighty Conqueror (Yes, sir.) to set up the millennium—coming to the temple. **There****

He meets that 144,000." (SEVENTY WEEKS OF DANIEL.title JEFF.IN DA 89-141 61-0806)

"And have power over the waters to turn them to blood and to smite the earth with plagues as oft as they will... What is it? What can bring these things but the Word? They can do nature anyway they want to. Here it is. They're the one who brings on this Sixth Seal. They uncover and open it up. **It's the power of God to interrupt nature. See, the Sixth Seal, is completely an interruption of nature.** Do you get it now? There's your Seal. Who does it? **It's the prophets the other side of the rapture. With the power of God, the Word of God, they just condemn nature. They can send earthquakes, turn the moon into blood, the sun can go down or anything at their command.** Amen. There you are. There you are. See? See how the Seals opened down there in the church age, how it showed the martyrs? And now **here's these two prophets standing here with the Word of God to do anything to nature they want to, and they shake the earth.** And it shows exactly who does it. **It's Moses and Elijah,** 'cause there's their ministry reimpersonated again: both men. Oh, my. Do you see it now? See what the Sixth Seal is? It's those prophets." (SIXTH.SEAL.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0323)

RELATED SCRIPTURE: THE SIXTH SEAL

REVELATION 6:12-17- **12 "And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; 13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. 14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. 15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; 16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: 17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"**

MORE QUOTES ON THE "SIXTH SEAL" FROM REV. WILLIAM BRANHAM:

"Now, we find out also in this that the Sixth Seal now being opened, it was for a threefold purpose. Now, here was the purposes: *The first thing was that the sleeping virgins had to go through the tribulation period for purification. She had to be purged of her sins of unbelief and rejecting the message.* This she was done in the tribulation period. We see they wind up over here in Revelations 7, between the 6th and 7th chapter here, that she had been purged, and she'd been given her robes. Now, **she's not the Bride, but it's the church, the pure people that—that—that **didn't have the opportunity, maybe, to receive the message, or in some way that they were blinded by these false prophets,** and they—they didn't get a chance, and yet they're really sincere in heart, and God knows their heart, and here they're purged during this time. You notice that another purging time; that's for Israel when she gathers. That's the **second fold. God purges Israel in the tribulation period.** Out of the millions that'll gather there, **there'll be a selected one hundred and forty-four thousand, and they will be purged also. God's purging Israel.** Notice, there is a whole earth is to be purged. There will be such a thing that the moon, stars, and all nature will be purged. You see what it is? **The earth is renewing herself, being purged, getting ready for the millennium. The millennium's coming up.** And see, **everything that's got any filth in it is to be purged during the Sixth Seal.**" (SEVENTH.SEAL.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0324E)**

“Look what taken place, the—the earth quaked; the sun went black; and the moon wouldn’t give its light; and the stars shook and fell; and, why, everything happened (See?) right at the time of the opening of this Sixth Seal. **That’s when it takes place, right immediately after the announcing of those martyrs.** See? **The martyrs had been finished.** Now, you see, we’re right close into that hour now. It could be at any time (See?), because the Church is just about ready to take its flight. **But remember, when these things happen, the Bride won’t be here.** Just remember, **the Bride’s gone.** She don’t have to go through any of it. This is a time of tribulation of purification of the—of the church. **It’s put upon her for her to go through it, not the Bride;** He takes His sweetheart out of the way. Yes, sir. She’s... done redeemed Her. See it’s kind of a... That’s His own selection, His own choice, like any man takes his bride. See?” (SIXTH.SEAL.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0323)

“The Bride, when she’s taken from the church, then the church age will cease. **Laodicea goes into chaos; the Bride goes to glory;** and the tribulation period sets in upon the sleeping virgin for three and a half years while Israel is getting its prophecy; **then tribulation sets in upon Israel;** and then comes the battle of Armageddon which destroys all things. And then, **the Bride returns back with the Groom for a thousand years, the millennium reign;** after that comes the white throne judgment; after that comes **the new heavens and new earth and the new city coming down from God out of heaven.** Eternity and time blends together.” (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0830E)

Q&A 16. What happened to the born again believers who are in the various denominations but not in the Bride of Christ? What happens to them?

“Well, I think we explained that awhile ago. See? **They go into the tribulation. They are martyred in the tribulation, come up in the last after the millennium for their judgment** (See?), because the Bible said that the rest of the living... the rest of the dead lived not until the thousand years was expired. Then there was a resurrection, and then come forth the both just and unjust and was judged by Christ and the Bride. He came to the earth with ten thousands times ten thousands of His saints (Is that right?), His Bride. Judgment was set, the books was open... Books was open, and another Book was opened, which is the Book of Life. **He separated from there the goats from the sheep.** Is that right? That had nothing to do with the Bride. She was standing right there in judgment with her Queen—the Queen and King together.” (QA.ON.THE.SEALS.title JEFF.IN 63-0324M)

“The church, the lukewarm, the anything outside of the elected Bride will go through the tribulation period. They will not raise in the first resurrection: “The rest of the dead lived not for a thousand years,” just the foreordained, predestinated, elected Bride, God’s own elections. “Who is it, Brother Branham?” I don’t know? I can’t tell you who it is, but I know it’s going to be there, ‘cause the Lord said they would. See? They are the ones that’ll go up from the tribulation, **but the rest of them will go through the tribulation, go down, and everything will be killed before the millennium.** Then the—the righteous shall come out in the millennium and live a thousand years. And after the thousand years, then the great white throne judgment comes, and then the dead, both right and wrong is raised. And the books are opened, and the Book of Life was open; and the saints, the Wife and the Husband, set and judge the world. And there it comes to pass the saying: “And He’ll judge all nations with a rod of iron.” **All nations shall stand before Him there, and He’ll judge them with the rod of iron. He’ll separate the sheep from the goats and say to the goats, “Depart,”** and the sheeps, “Come, ye blessed of My Father.” (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0823E)

“It’s going to be awful on that morning, all the screams and cries that

you ever hear, rich man throwing their money on the streets, rainbows flickering in the skies, lighting a flashing, thunders a roaring, the **moon turning into blood** and dripping out like drops—dark blood falling, the **sun refusing to shine**, the rocks a roaring, **atoms exploding everywhere, fire falling...**Huh-uh. I don’t want no trouble then. I want to be sure of it. I want to make sure right now, ‘cause you know, this might be the last hour that I be here, you, either one. It’s all over then. The way the tree leans, that’s the way it falls.” (BLIND.BARTIMAEUS.title SAN.FERNANDO.CA 55-1115)

A SUMMARY OF WORLD HISTORY RELATED TO THE “SEVEN TRUMPETS”

For 1900 years since the rejection of Jesus Christ by the Jews, Palestine has been conquered by the Ottoman/Turkish army and was under the hands of the Moslems.

The twentieth century was a time in God’s plan for the Jews to come back to Palestine for the Feast of the Atonement. But there’s no way they could do it since the land of Israel was captured by the Moslems. **WAR was needed to recapture back Jerusalem.** By God’s sovereign will, He used a British general by the name of **General Allenby** to conquer Palestine during the **First World War** and defeated the Turkish army in the so-called **Battle of Megiddo** in **1918.** **General Allenby** took Jerusalem back from the hands of the Moslems and that made way for Israel to be able to make plans of getting back to their homeland.

The **First World War** (first woe) was a permissive will of God in order to open the Land of Palestine for the Israelites to be able to come back to their promise land. The first world war ended with the British occupying the territory that was to become Iraq, Palestine, Trans-Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. With the Ottoman Empire destroyed, Russia paralysed by foreign intervention and civil war, Britain’s military success made her the dominant power in the region of the Middle East.

Yet the **First World War** was not enough force to bring the Jews back since majority of them were enjoying successful lives in the whole of Europe and Russia.



God needed another world war, the 2nd World War, to press the Jews to come out of these foreign countries. Just as God hardened Pharaoh’s heart to drive away the Jews from Egypt to the Promised Land in the time of the Exodus, God did the same thing and raised up the “**Four Winds**” to blow from the four corners of the earth.

God once again ordained the **Second World War** (second woe) to commence and hardened Hitler’s heart (Germany - West wind), **Mussolini’s heart** (Italy - South Wind), **Stalin’s hearts** (Russia - North Wind) and **Hirohito’s heart** (East Wind) to persecute and annihilate the Jews occupying their territories, thereby, driving them away back to their homeland, the land of Israel. These four dictators formed what was known to be as the “**Axis Powers**” during World War 2. This was still the hand of God working according to His sovereign plan.

Another significant factor which God ordained to be part of this “calling out” of the Jews was the shortage of food and the releasing of epidemics, which was under the first FOUR TRUMPETS. Shortage in food causes a nation to attack and conquer other nations in order to scavenge for additional resources. Diseases and epidemics as well can trigger nations to seek out for medical resources and remedies that other territories might have. The sounding of the first **four trumpets** just did these. **One-third of the environment along with its life supports have been destroyed and depleted through pollution, chemical wastes and nuclear warfare, forcing nations to go to WAR because of the scarcity of natural resources and life support system.** But God’s main purpose really was to press the Jews all over the world to go back to Palestine by way of these “four trumpeting” plagues. In parallelism to this, Egypt (the world) in the time of the Exodus suffered and experienced the plagues of God while the chosen people, the Israelites, were being taken out by God’s mighty hand to go to the Promised Land. **So, while it is TRUE that these trumpets pertained only to the Jews, yet the Gentile world was still gravely affected and involved.**

Another end-time consideration wherein God began to manifest Himself in these endtime is the year 1906. It was in year 1906 that the Laodicean Age started. It was also in the same year of 1906 that the restoration of the gifts of the Holy Spirit came down in Asuza Street when God re-appeared through the Pillar of Fire to His Pentecostal people.

Three years after that, in 1909, the Pillar of Fire appeared during the birth of William Branham, a symbol of the fulfillment of Malachi 4:5-6, *“Behold I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord... and he will turn the hearts of the children back to the fathers.”*

The 20th century was also a sign that the end time began - Israel being called out by God to be brought back into Palestine. *When Israel was proclaimed as a nation in 1948, It was also on the same day that the Angel of the Lord appeared to William Branham in a cave, giving him the commission and the gifts of healing and discernment to serve as the first pull and the second pull to call out a Gentile Bride for Jesus Christ.*

I can therefore say that though God deals with the Gentile and the Jew at different times and covenants, we can see here that while God was calling out a Gentile Bride in the Laodicean Age through His prophet, He was also calling-out the Jews back to the Promised Land to prepare for the coming of Moses and Elijah. **Once the 144,000 has been all completed in the Land of Israel, that will also be the time of the going home of the Bride in the rapture. How close are we?**

Another significant turn in the 20th Century was the Industrial Revolution. It was only in the 20th Century that science and technology had tremendously advanced. The radio, the television, the rockets, the bullet trains, the fast cars, the superhighways, the global internet - all of these technology came in only during the turn of the last century, the 20th Century.

After the 1st World War, every nation began to be afraid of one another. They saw that they are vulnerable to attacks if they did not have the ability and capacity to defend themselves. So they formed the **“League of Nations”** to agree on global peace, a peace which was superficial. Every nation saw the need of reinforcing their own armies which then lead to the invention of armaments and war crafts in preparation for any new war that may arise between them. Warfare technology has began along with the Industrial

Revolution. The invention of tear gas, mustard gas, firepower, powerful aircraft, U-boats, tanks, machine guns, and flamethrowers were developed. But when the 2nd World war came, all of these weapons by smaller nations were nothing compared to the Atomic Bomb that America has dropped in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Now, nations have turned to the invention of **nuclear weapons**, especially the communist nations. Every nation has purposed in themselves to develop more advanced and highly-technological weapons to match that of America’s firepower, in preparation for the Third World War (third woe).

The third world war, which is the Battle of Armageddon, will commence between **Israel (Isaac’s lineage)** against the **Arab nations (Ishmael’s lineage)**. America, Russia, China, Europe, and all other keyplayers in war will be caught up in this web of global conflict within the Middle East – and because of each one’s personal interest in the OIL, which is known as “Black Gold”, each one of these nations will strategically side with either Israel or the Arabs, to safeguard their own national interests. We’re nearing that time of the end. Israel and Iran are on the brink of war. America is sending its naval troops in the gulf to support Israel. UN is coming up with sanctions versus Iran. Russia is supplying the arms to Iran. It’s later than we think.

REVISITING THE NAZI HOLOCAUST

The primary goal of the Nazi Holocaust was the extermination of all the Jews in Europe. This purpose was nearly fulfilled. Out of an estimated 8.3 million Jews living in German-occupied Europe after 1939, about 6 million were killed. Although they were the chief targets, Jews were not the only ones. Gypsies, Slavs, and homosexuals were also singled out for special treatment. It is believed that an additional 16 million Poles and Russians were killed during this five-year orgy of slaughter.



Holocaust as a term has normally been used to describe the fate of Europe’s Jews. While the Nazis had little trouble in disposing of people whom they considered inferior, the policy aimed at Jews was the most deliberate and well calculated. The policy found eager support in other European nations as well, where centuries of deeply ingrained Christian anti-Semitism erupted into violence under cover of war. Only in Denmark were heroic national efforts made to save the Jewish population in spite of the German occupation. Most Danish Jews were sent to neutral Sweden to live out the war. Other efforts to save the Jews were made by individuals, such as the Swedish businessman Raoul Wallenberg, and by institutions.

Adolf Hitler’s persecution of Jews began as soon as the Nazis came to power in 1933. A strident anti-Semitism had always been part of his party platform. Jewish businesses were boycotted and vandalized. Jews were driven from their jobs in government and universities. By the Nuremberg laws of 1935 they lost their citizenship and were forbidden to intermarry with other Germans. They became nonpersons in their own country with no claim to rights of any kind. Many fled to other European nations or to the United States. Most, however, stayed behind, convinced that as fully integrated German citizens they were safe. In so doing they failed to understand the seriousness of their predicament.

Nazi intentions should have become clear on Nov. 9-10, 1938, the Night of Broken Glass (Kristallnacht in German), when nearly every synagogue in Germany was destroyed along with many other Jewish institutions. There followed the rounding up of thousands of Jews to be imprisoned in concentration camps. Their wealth and property were confiscated.

Although these outrages were reported around the world, the response to them was generally rather mild. Italy, Romania, Hungary, and other European countries were beginning to follow Germany's lead in persecuting their Jewish minorities. There was almost no organized opposition to what was happening, even on the part of most churches. This silence meant, to Hitler, tacit approval of his policies.

By late 1941, after the invasion of the Soviet Union, the overwhelming mass of European Jewry had been brought under German domination. It was at this point in the war that the Nazi leaders began their "final solution" to what they called the Jewish problem. An earlier plan to ship all Jews to the island of Madagascar was rejected as impracticable.

The Wannsee Conference met on Jan. 20, 1942, in a suburb of Berlin. Fifteen Nazis, headed by Reinhard Heydrich, made plans for the final solution. **All Jews were to be evacuated to camps in Eastern Europe. Many would be killed outright, while others would endure slave labor and meager rations until they died.** Before or after they were killed, they were stripped of every potentially valuable possession clothing, eyeglasses, jewelry, gold teeth, and hair.

Organizing such a massive undertaking seriously detracted from Germany's war effort. It required the cooperation of the government bureaucracy, the military, industry, and the railroads. There were frequent shortages of trains to transport troops because of the thousands of people being shipped eastward to the camps. By 1945, when it was obvious that Germany was losing the war, this goal rather than the war itself had become paramount.

The killings were done by mobile death squads and in concentration camps such as Auschwitz, Treblinka, Belzec, and Majdanek. The Nazis' most effective method of exterminating people was in specially constructed gas chambers, into which the victims were packed wall to wall. After the gassing the bodies were then moved to nearby furnaces to be burned. The Nazis had little trouble recruiting help from among the citizens of occupied countries to staff the camps.

Although Allied leaders and Jewish leaders in the United States knew of the exterminations, Jewish efforts to have the Allies bomb the death camps were unsuccessful. When the war ended and Allied troops entered Germany and Eastern Europe, news of the Holocaust had a shattering effect upon the world, but especially upon a German public already disheartened by defeat. Pictures of the camps were sometimes too gruesome to be published. The damage suffered by the Jews of Europe could never be repaired. One benefit did accrue, however the founding of the State of Israel as a Jewish homeland in 1948.

One of the most useful books about the Holocaust is '*The War Against the Jews*' by *Lucy Dawidowicz, published in 1975.*

CHAPTER THIRTY-EIGHT



INTRODUCTION

What is the hidden mystery behind the Seven Thunders of Revelation 10:3-4? Do they refer to seven Christian "virtues" as stated in II Peter 1:5-8? Or do they refer to seven men that will still come after William Branham to continue this end-time ministry to the seven continents of the world? Are they simply seven more mysteries that are to be revealed to the church in the near future by a return ministry of the prophet? What does the Message-of-the-Hour really teach us concerning these thunders?

The Word of God and the Message-of-the-Hour are written in RIDDLES. Jesus hid it from the eyes of the wise and prudent but revealed it to babes such as will learn. You and I, as the Bride of Christ, must have the proper spiritual understanding in order for us to be able to understand the mystery of these "Seven Thunders". Revelation only comes from God. No man can impart it to another man. All we can do is to present the truth and the Message based on the Revealed Word. This is my personal understanding about it. I respect those who differ.

Question: "WHAT is a THUNDER? "

A **Thunder**, according to the following **Scriptures**, spiritually signifies the "**VOICE of God**":

Psalms 77:18 - "*The voice of thy thunder [was] in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world; the earth trembled and shook.*" "

Psalms 104:7 - "*At Thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of Thy thunder they hasted away.*"

In **John 12:28**, we find **Jesus was talking with the Father**, and the people around Him taught that they heard a **THUNDER**:

Scripture: **JOHN 12:28** - "**Father, glorify thy name**". Then came there a **VOICE from heaven, [saying], "I have both glorified [it], and will glorify [it] again". The PEOPLE therefore, that stood by, and HEARD [it], said that it THUNDERED: others said, An angel spake to him. Jesus answered and said, This VOICE came not because of me, but for your sakes.**"

THE VOICE OF GOD

Rev. William Branham confirms this by saying that the “**THUNDER**” symbolizes the “**VOICE**” OF GOD, in the following extracted sermons:

“When the **THUNDER**... Remember, a loud clapping **NOISE** of a **THUNDER** is the **VOICE** of God. That’s what the Bible said (See?), a clap of **THUNDER**. They **THOUGHT** it was a **THUNDER**, but it was **GOD**. He understood it, for it was revealed to Him. See? It was a **THUNDER**. And notice, the First **SEAL** opened—the First **Seal** **WHEN** it was **OPEN** in the **SYMBOL** form, it “**THUNDERED**”. (FIRST.SEAL.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0318)

“Now, let us **FIND** the **SYMBOLS**. **We found out what the THUNDER MEANS**. That’s perfectly; we **KNOW** that. See? **The THUNDER was the VOICE of GOD when the SEAL OPENED.**” (FIRST.SEAL.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0318)

This prophet of God clearly taught that the “**THUNDER**” was the “**VOICE OF GOD**” that sounded out **WHEN THE SEALS WERE OPENED**, confirming the succeeding Scripture:

REVELATION 6:1: “And I saw when the Lamb OPENED one of the SEALS, and I HEARD, as it were the NOISE of THUNDER, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.”

It has been established by the messenger that “**WHEN A SEAL OPENED, IT RELEASED a “THUNDER” which means that a “VOICE of GOD” or a “MESSAGE from GOD” has been released. A Thunder simply expresses a “HIDDEN MYSTERY-TRUTH” being revealed to the people by God by way of the “THUNDER”.**

Here is my 8-point summary regarding these SEVEN THUNDERS, based on what the messenger of the age has stated:

1. THE MYSTERIES OF THE SEVEN THUNDERS ARE ALREADY WRITTEN IN THE BIBLE BUT WAS MISSED BACK THERE. NOTHING CAN BE ADDED TO THE BIBLE ANYMORE:

“And he said that this—in **THAT DAY** that he see **HIM** come down, and he **EAT** up the **LITTLE BOOK**. And there was... He put one foot on land and one on the sea and swore by Him that lives and ever and ever, that time shall be no more. And when He **DID**, **SEVEN THUNDERS** uttered their **VOICES**. And when the **SEVEN THUNDERS** uttered their **VOICES**, John said he was about to write; and He said, “Don’t write it.” See? And he sealed it... **WHAT IT IS, is a “REVELATION” on what has been MISSED BACK there, to bring to... It’s ALREADY WROTE here; it’s IN HERE; it’s to REVEAL what’s ALREADY’s BEEN WRITTEN (See?), ‘cause you can’t ADD one thing to it or take one word from it.**” (FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS.title JEFF.IN V-3 N-16 64-0719M)

“And then there’s coming forth **seven mysterious thunders** that’s not even written at all. That’s right. And I believe that through those **seven thunders** will be revealed in the last days in order to get the

Bride together for rapturing faith; because what we got right now, we—we wouldn’t be able to do it. There’s something we’ve got to step farther; we—we can’t have enough faith for Divine healing hardly. We’ve got to have enough faith to be changed in a moment and be swept up out of this earth, and **we’ll find that after a while, the Lord willing, **find where it’s written.**** (FIRST.SEAL.THE_ JEFF.IN MONDAY_ 63-0318)

“**Something happened the other day. You read the—or heard the tape, the seven thunders, “What Time Is It, Sir?” See? It happened the other day.** You know these things... The time is at hand, church. The time is at hand. Don’t—don’t—don’t wait any longer. See, how do you know the rapture’s not going on all the time? First thing you know it’ll be past, one disappearing here, and there. It’ll be gone the first thing you know, and you’ll—judgment will strike the world. You say, “Well, I thought this...” “It’s too late now.” You remember, they didn’t know it until the day they entered into the ark, and then it was too late. The foolish virgin didn’t know until she come back and found the wise virgin gone. Then she was left for the tribulation period.” (GOD.HIDING.HIMSELF.IN.SIMPLICITY_ ALBQ.NM FRIDAY_ 63-0412E)

2. BROTHER BRANHAM CAN NO LONGER ADD TO THE BIBLE BY INTRODUCING ANY NEW “THUNDERS” DOCTRINE. THAT’S ACCORDING TO HIS VERY OWN WORDS:

“Now, someone has been, many has been saying to me, and **theologians** said, “Brother Branham, if the Lord God...”

Said, “If—if with your experience that the Lord has given you for His people,” humbly saying this, said, “**you’d be ELIGIBLE to WRITE a—a Bible yourself, your Word that God has manifested.**”

I said, “That **MIGHT** be true.” See, he was trying to **CATCH** me. See?

And I said, “**But, you see, I COULDN’T do that.**”

He said, “Why couldn’t? You have all the qualifications.”

I said, “But, you look, **ONE word CANNOT be ADDED or taken away.**” See?

And he said, “Well then, **them SEVEN THUNDERS (You see?),**” said, “wouldn’t them seven thunders blasting out, won’t that be a revelation be give to some man?”

I SAID, “NO, sir, it would be adding something to it or taking something from it.”

It’s ALL REVEALED IN THERE, and the SEVEN SEALS OPENED up the revelation of WHAT that was. See?” (UNVEILING.OF.GOD_ JEFF.IN V-9 N-1 SUNDAY_ 64-0614M)

3. THE SEVEN SEALS AND THE SEVEN THUNDERS GO TOGETHER:

“**This SEVEN-SEALED BOOK is REVEALED at the TIME of the SEVEN THUNDERS of Revelations 10.**” (BREACH.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0317E)

From this quote, it follows that the **seals** were the “**covering**” of the Book, but the “**thunders**” were the “**contents**” of the Book which are the “**mystery truths**” contained inside the seven seals.

4. A THUNDER MEANT A “VOICE” REVEALING A MYSTERY, NOT “VIRTUES”, NOR ANY “MAN” THAT’S TO COME AFTER BROTHER BRANHAM.

“Now, let us FIND the SYMBOLS. We found out what the THUNDER MEANS. That’s perfectly; we know that. See? **The THUNDER was the VOICE of GOD when the SEAL OPENED.**” (FIRST.SEAL.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0318)

5. BROTHER BRANHAM REVEALED THE THUNDERS BY FULFILLING DUTY # 2

“Now this MESSENGER of Malachi 4 and Revelation 10:7 is going to do **TWO things**. One: According to Malachi 4 he will turn the hearts of the children to the fathers. **TWO: HE WILL REVEAL the MYSTERIES of the SEVEN THUNDERS in Revelation 10 WHICH ARE the “REVELATIONS” CONTAINED in the SEVEN SEALS.** It will be these Divinely revealed ‘mystery-truths’ that literally turn the hearts of the children to the Pentecostal fathers.” (327-1 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CPT.9)

6. THE THUNDERS WERE HIDDEN MYSTERIES WHICH WERE REVEALED WHEN THE SEALS OPENED

Q-395. “Have the SEVEN THUNDERS which EQUALS SEVEN MYSTERIES already been revealed? Were they revealed in the Seven Seals, but are yet—but are yet NOT known to us as the thunders yet?”

Answer: No, **THEY WERE REVEALED IN THE SEVEN SEALS; that’s WHAT the THUNDERS WAS ABOUT.** They was TO REVEAL... The SEVEN THUNDERS that had uttered their VOICES and no one could make out what it was... John KNEW what it was, but he was forbidden to write it. He said, “**BUT the SEVENTH ANGEL, in the days of his sounding, the SEVEN MYSTERIES of the SEVEN THUNDERS would be REVEALED.**” And the SEVENTH angel is a “MESSENGER” of the SEVENTH church age. See?” (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0830E)

7. THE THUNDERS WERE the “MYSTERY TRUTHS” CONTAINED INSIDE THE SEVEN SEALS. THE SEALS WERE JUST THE COVERING

REVELATION 6:1-2 - “**And I saw when the Lamb OPENED one of the SEALS, and I HEARD, as it were the NOISE of THUNDER, one of the FOUR BEASTS saying, Come and SEE. And I saw, and behold a WHITE HORSE: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.**”

Let me say at this point that the Seven Thunders was revealed by Brother Branham, and not by any other man. At the Sunset Mountain, Brother Branham heard a **big blast (thunder)**, and then **seven messages** were given unto him by the seven angels following that big blast of thunder, thereby fulfilling this scripture of Revelation 6:1-2.

“Remember the constellation of the vision of the Angels when I left here to go to Arizona? You remember, “What Time Is It, Sirs?” Do you remember that? Notice, **there was only one great burst of thunder, and seven Angels appeared. Is that right? One burst of thunder, seven Angels appeared.** And I saw the Lamb when He had opened the First Seal, and I heard as it was a voice of a thunder, and one of the four beasts said, Come and see. **Notice, one thunder, seven messages** that’s been sealed up and cannot be revealed until the last day, at this age. See what I mean?” (SEVENTH.SEAL.THE.title JEFF.IN 63-0324E)

THE THUNDERS AND THEIR INTERPRETATION

THE FIRST THUNDER

It’s very plain here that the **FIRST THUNDER** pertained to the **WHITE HORSE RIDER (a symbol)**. But when the “mystery-truth” was explained to us by the seventh angel about this symbol, he taught us that it was the **ANTICHRIST in Spirit Form, impersonating the Word, having a bow without an arrow (a bluffer)**. He also revealed to us that the first announcer which was a **LION Spirit** came from God to counteract the forces of this white horse rider. The announcing Lion signified **BOLDNESS** of the preaching of the Gospel. This was the first mystery in a row of seven. **Take note that the symbol was written, but the meaning of the symbol John was forbidden to write. It was revealed only when the seventh angel sounded his message.** The first seal opened the mystery of the first thunder which was the mystery truth about the White Horse Rider.

Again, “Now this MESSENGER of Malachi 4 and Revelation 10:7 is going to do **TWO things**. One: According to Malachi 4 he will turn the hearts of the children to the fathers. **TWO: HE WILL REVEAL the MYSTERIES of the SEVEN THUNDERS in Revelation 10 WHICH ARE the “REVELATIONS” CONTAINED in the SEVEN SEALS.** It will be these Divinely revealed ‘mystery-truths’ that literally turn the hearts of the children to the Pentecostal fathers.” (327-1 LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK.CPT.9)

THE SECOND THUNDER

When the **SECOND THUNDER** was revealed, it revealed a **RED HORSE RIDER (a symbol)**. But when the “mystery-truth” was revealed to us by the seventh angel, Red Horse Rider pertained to the **CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION** during the dark ages. That was the second mystery-truth of the SEALED VISION of DANIEL and JOHN. It was about the same old Devil riding on a red horse which was then counteracted by God’s higher standard – God’s second BEAST, the CALF/OX – a beast of burden, a beast of sacrifice. When the Christians were persecuted, burned at stake, fed to lions, dying gladly for the Word of God during the Dark Ages, God raised up His standard by giving them a spirit of sacrifice. Surely the HORSE here was RED symbolizing a blood-hungry devil riding on it.

“**THEY WERE REVEALED IN THE SEVEN SEALS; that’s WHAT the THUNDERS WAS ABOUT.** They was TO REVEAL... The **SEVEN THUNDERS** that had uttered their VOICES and no one could make out what it was... John KNEW what it was, but he was forbidden to write it. He said, “**BUT the SEVENTH ANGEL, in the days of his sounding, the SEVEN MYSTERIES of the SEVEN THUNDERS would be REVEALED.**” And the SEVENTH angel is a “MESSENGER” of the SEVENTH church age. See?” (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 64-0830E)

THE THIRD THUNDER

When the **THIRD THUNDER** was revealed, it revealed a **BLACK HORSE RIDER (a symbol)**. That was the **THIRD mystery-truth** of the SEALED VISION of DANIEL and JOHN. When the thunder (mystery-truth) was explained to us by the prophet about who this black horse rider is, it revealed the the Roman Catholic pope's abuses and the creeds and dogmas of the Catholic Church when they charged for novenas, taught about purgatory, and made a commodity out of salvation by making people pay money to bring out the dead from Purgatory (a non-Biblical teaching by the Roman Church). The revelation showed us that it was counteracted by God's higher standard – God's third BEAST- the **FACE OF A MAN** – them REFORMERS beginning from Luther, Wesley, Knox, Calvin, Moody, and other anointed men, all counteracting the black forces of the Catholic Church, reforming the church, and bringing the Bride of their day into justification and sanctification.

THE FOURTH THUNDER

When the **FOURTH THUNDER** was revealed, it revealed a **PALE HORSE RIDER (a symbol)**. That was the fourth **mystery-truth** of the SEALED VISION of DANIEL and JOHN. Death and Hell (it's eternal separation from God to receive the Mark of this Beast) followed it. This pale horse rider which rode along with the ministry of the end-time prophet was again counteracted by God's higher standard – God's fourth BEAST, the **FLYING EAGLE** – the prophetic age, a time for soaring the deeper mysteries of God and a time for the real outpouring of the Holy Ghost. This is the end of the Gentile dispensation, the Laodicean Age.

THE FIFTH THUNDER

When the **FIFTH THUNDER** was revealed while the **SEAL** was broken from it, it revealed the **SOULS UNDER THE ALTAR (a symbol)**. But when the “mystery-truth” of it was revealed, it has been made clear to us that these were the **Jews that died under Hitler, Stalin, Mussolini**, and are **crying for vengeance against the cruel people of this earth who put them in gas chambers and firing lines**. Yet it was promised unto them to wait for a little while until their 144,000 Jewish brethren that need to die and be purged in the tribulation period are called out to the Feast of Atonement by Moses and Elijah of Revelation 11. Then God shall avenge their blood upon their enemies after such time, which will be during the Armageddon War when Jesus comes back to earth to fight for Israel against the Gentile nations.

THE SIXTH THUNDER

When the **SIXTH THUNDER** was revealed, it revealed a **TRIBULATION PERIOD**. It revealed Moses and Elijah coming back again for the **144,000 Jews, the 12,000 remnants from each Israelite tribe**. The sixth thunder will reveal their Joseph again, Jesus, revealing Himself to His brethren, in nail-scarred hands, while they wail in sackcloth with tears in their eyes, realizing that it was **JESUS CHRIST** who is their real Messiah (Zech 12:12, Zech 13:6).

THE SEVENTH THUNDER

When the **SEVENTH THUNDER** was revealed, it revealed a **MIGHTY ANGEL** coming down with a **BOOK OPEN**, and there was silence in heaven for

half an hour, while the SON of MAN ministers here on earth. This event was fulfilled in the ministry of Brother Branham, when the constellation of seven angels came down in Sunset Mountain to reveal the mysteries that were hidden since the foundation of the world. The Mighty Angel (Christ), has fulfilled in the flesh-body of His prophet Hebrews 13:8, “Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever” and has manifested His first pull, second pull and the third pull ministry through the life of William Branham.

There was silence in heaven for almost half an hour because Jesus Christ was on earth “appearing” and fulfilling His promise of Luke 17:30, “when the Son of man is revealed again.” He ministers to His Bride through the life-ministry of His prophet-messenger, and then raptures her Bride at the end of the Church ages and then comes back for the 144,000 Jews through the ministry of Moses and Elijah. He then comes physically with His Bride in the Battle of Armageddon after which commences Jesus' Millennial rule of 1,000 years here on earth with His Bride. Christ came down in these sequence of events, that's why heaven was silent during the opening of the seventh seal - the “coming of the Lord”.

“The seventh seal brings Him back to earth”. The seventh seal ends denominational “time”. Time is no more. There will be no denominations after the seals were opened in 1963. The denominational ages are over. No one can denominate this Message.

These MYSTERY-TRUTHS (THUNDERS) today are what turns our HEART back to the FAITH of our Fathers (Malachi 4:5-6). This is the real SEVEN THUNDER MYSTERY that's still a puzzle to some. But Brother Branham said it's already written in the Word, for no man can ADD or take away from the Word, not even the seventh angel himself. Though the SEVENTH SEAL EVENTS started to happen before the SIXTH SEAL, that is on February 28, 1963, the rapture of the church is still part of the seventh seal (the mystery-going), while the SIXTH SEAL continues on to the Jews and to the foolish virgins after that, until the consummation, the Battle of Armageddon.

The Seventh Thunder mystery which was contained inside the seventh seal reaches until the end of time. Brother Branham said that the “Seventh Seal” is the end of all things, the end of the struggling world, then end of all worldly systems, the END of TIME.

The mystery of the Seventh Seal opened up in 1963 when the Mighty Angel descended in the form of a CLOUD in Arizona bringing that open Book of Redemption to us to call out the Bride of Christ whose names were listed in that Book of Redemption, out of denominationalism. But since “TIME” will only cease after the Millennial Reign, which is still a 1000 years span of time, it follows that the “Seventh Seal” mystery extends from our day till the Gog and Magog war when Satan finally is thrown in the Lake of Fire after being released at the end of the thousand years to deceive the heathens that have populated the earth in the time of the Millennium, just before the White Throne Judgment.

8. THE SEVENTH THUNDER REVEALS THE COMING OF THE LORD (REVELATION 10)

The Lamb took His Book when the Seventh Seal, just ready for it to be opened—the Sixth Seal. Remember, **He hid the Seventh Seal from us**. He wouldn't do it. When the Angel stood day by day telling it, but then He wouldn't do it on that one. **Said, “There's silence in heaven.” No one knew. It was the coming of the Lord.**” (SOULS.IN.PRISON.NOW.title JEFF.IN. V-2 N-22 63-1110M)

While it is true that no one knows the hour nor the day of the coming of

the Lord, not even the angels, but the Father only, yet we know the “season” of His coming. He gave us three major events that will take place while He is coming down from heaven. These are the “shout”, the “voice” and the “trump”.

THREE THINGS HAPPEN DURING THE “COMING OF THE LORD”: 1.SHOUT 2.VOICE 3.TRUMP

1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 - *“For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive [and] remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. **For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God:** and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air.”*

1st Corinthians 15:51-52 - *“Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trump:** for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [must] put on immortality.”*

“Look, I want to say one more thing. Closely now; **don’t miss this. How striking!** From the **seventh angel’s (messenger of the Seventh Seal) Message in Revelation 10, was the seventh seal.**” (THE.FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-16 SUNDAY_64-0719M)

It is plainly stated in the above quotes by Brother Branham that **REVELATION 10 is the “seventh seal”**. This Scripture pertains to the fulfillment of the coming of the Mystery **Cloud** in Arizona, the face of Jesus in the form of seven angels, bringing down the Open Book loosed from the seven seals, and handed down to Brother Branham, the seventh angel-messenger of Revelation 10. Thus, this Scripture has already been fulfilled before our eyes. It’s history to the Bride of Christ right now:

1 And I saw another MIGHTY ANGEL come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow [was] upon his head, and his face [was] as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: 2 And he had in his hand a little BOOK OPEN: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and [his] left [foot] on the earth, 3 And cried with a loud voice, as [when] a LION roareth: and when he had cried, SEVEN THUNDERS uttered their voices. And when the SEVEN THUNDERS had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a VOICE from heaven saying unto me, **SEAL UP those things which the SEVEN THUNDERS uttered, and write them not. 5 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, 6 And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be **TIME NO LONGER: 7 BUT IN THE DAYS of the VOICE of the SEVENTH ANGEL, when he shall begin to SOUND, the MYSTERY of God should be FINISHED, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.**”**

“FINISHED” means completed, perfected and fulfilled. The seven thunders is now open for the Bride. Truly, the seventh seal which is the third pull, is not a “public show”. The Bride is not the public. It is still hid from the eyes of the wise and the prudent, revealed only to babes such as will learn.

CHAPTER THIRTY-NINE



In 1972, I wrote two tracts which have been very well received by those of you who believe William Branham is the end-time prophet of Malachi 4:5-6, and the 7th angel-messenger of Revelation 10:7. The first tract, "A True Prophet To Our Generation," showed scripturally that a prophet with the Spirit of Elijah is to forerun the second coming of Jesus Christ, as John the Baptist foreran Christ's first coming. The next tract, "Is It Later Than You Think?," showed how the supernatural ministry of William Branham fulfilled those prophetic scriptures in precise detail.

For many years, I have believed the voice of that prophet and have tried to walk in the Light he delivered. Nevertheless there were many things I did not understand. At that time, the Message of the Hour" meant this to me: That God had sent His promised prophet to correct our errors in doctrine and to reveal certain mysteries and by these, to prepare a Bride for Jesus Christ. But is this really what the "Message" is all about? Or is this just part of it?

In the last few years, I have taken a deep, prayerful, open-minded look at the difficult things Brother Branham said. I was not interested in "new doctrine", (that is, something Bro. Branham did not preach). But I was concerned with facing squarely everything he had preached, regardless of how perplexing. I knew that somehow the difficulties had to fit together into a perfect whole.

This personal soul-searching began a few years ago when I heard a sermon by a man who used the Greek word 'PAROUSIA'. What he said troubled me because he was presenting the "Message of the Hour" differently than I ever heard it before. I got out my Young's Analytical Concordance and looked up PAROUSIA. It said:

PAROUSIA = a presence; a Being along side.

Of course in the King James Bible it is most often translated as 'COMING'. But it is clear in the Greek that it does not mean 'an entrance'; it means 'AN ENTRANCE HAS TAKEN PLACE AND NOW HE WHO HAS ARRIVED IS THERE WITH YOU'.

As I used the concordance to follow PAROUSIA through the Scriptures, I was forcibly impressed with the fact that the majority of places it is found are end-time scriptures, used by Brother Branham over and over in reference to the hour in which we live. Such as:

Matt. 24:27,37 & 39 – which parallel Luke 17:30
I Cor. 15:23 – speaking of the Translation
I Thes. 4:15 – speaking again of the Rapture

II Thes. 2:8 – it destroys Satan’s power
II Peter 3:4 – scoffers denying it

It was II Peter 3 that really startled me... “There shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, ‘Where is the promise of His PAROUSIA?’ ‘Where is the promise of PRESENCE?’

This verse in II Peter 3 is the second scripture Brother Branham quotes at the beginning of his sermon “Rapture”. As he cried out against creeds, dogmas and traditions, it occurred to me that he was also speaking against the traditional “Pentecostal” concept of the Rapture, because he ends his sermon with this tradition-shattering revelation: **THE ‘SHOUT’ in I Thessalonians 4:16 IS HIS MESSAGE!** This I have known from the beginning and have always accepted without question.

But now, realizing that I Thes. 4 is a PAROUSIA (Presence) scripture, I began to examine it more closely. **Something wasn’t making sense. The text reads, “For the Lord HIMSELF shall descend from heaven with a SHOUT...” I knew unequivocally that Bro. Branham WAS NOT the Lord Jesus Christ. Then what did the Bible mean, “The Lord HIMSELF shall descend from heaven with a shout...” Suddenly, PAROUSIA was revealed to me. A PRESENCE; a BEING along side. Of course!**

Having a copy of W.E. Vine’s Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words, I looked up PAROUSIA.

PAROUSIA – literally, a PRESENCE (para = with; and ousia = being, from eimi = to be), denotes both an arrival and a consequent presence with.

The next logical questions were: **HOW, WHEN and WHY?**

As I re-examined the major events on Bro. Branham’s ministry, my attention naturally came to focus on the Revelation of the Seven Seals.

I have read The Revelation of the Seven Seals many times over the years, and always before, when I came to his sermon, “The Breach”, I would get scared thinking, “Brother Branham surely couldn’t mean what it sounds like he means.” This time I approached it with an entirely different attitude: “What if Brother Branham meant exactly what he said?” From this perspective, all my old ideas about the “Message of the Hour” began to dissolve. In truth, they had to dissolve. The powerful statements the prophet makes in “The Breach” can not fit into traditional ‘Pentecostal’ theology. But they do fit the Bible!

“THE BREACH”, of course, refers to the Biblical narration of events that transpire between the end of the seven church ages and the opening of the Seven Seals. Since God had previously revealed to Bro. Branham the meaning of the seven church ages (Rev. 1-3) and was about to open to him the Seven Seals (Rev. 6-8), it was of obvious necessity that he should deal with “THE BREACH” first, for it positionally places the opening of the Seals in time, location and perspective, clearly showing who it is that does the opening and why. In fact, without a clear understanding of “THE BREACH” it is impossible to catch the full meaning of the Revelation of the Seven Seals.

IN BRIEF: Revelation 4 - a throne is set in heaven. God is on the throne with the BOOK of REDEMPTION in His hand, SEALED with SEVEN SEALS. No one is found worthy to open that BOOK. Then the Bloody Lamb steps forth, takes the Book and breaks OPEN the SEVEN SEALS.

At this point, Brother Branham draws our attention to Rev. 10, letting us know precisely that **the ANGEL which descend is CHRIST (Rev 10:1)** and that **the BOOK open in His hand (Rev 10:2) is that same seven-sealed BOOK of REDEMPTION which was closed in Rev. 5.** (The Breach, pp. 72)

On page 74, he says, “And when the SEALS are broken and the mystery is revealed, down comes the ANGEL, the Messenger, CHRIST, setting His foot upon the land and upon the sea with a RAINBOW over His head. Now remember, **THIS SEVENTH ANGEL IS ON THE EARTH AT THE TIME OF HIS COMING!**”

Wow! What an eye-opening statement! The seventh church age messenger of Rev. 10:7 is ON THE EARTH at the time of the coming of this ANGEL (CHRIST) in Revelation 10:1-6!

WHAT AN AWESOME REVELATION. And it fits with what he said in page 72, **“This Seven-sealed BOOK is revealed at the TIME of the SEVEN THUNDERS of Revelation 10.”** It also fits perfectly with **I Thes. 4:15-16**, “...we which are ALIVE and remain unto the COMING (Presence – PAROUSIA) of the LORD shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the LORD HIMSELF shall descend from heaven with a SHOUT...” **The SHOUT is the “MESSAGE”, delivered by Brother Branham, calling a Bride for Jesus Christ. And the LORD has descended to give that ‘SHOUT!’** The implications of this are staggering!

What then about I Thes. 4:17, where it declares, “...we shall meet the LORD in the air.” There is no denying that physical meeting at the time of the translation. Nevertheless, that does not negate these other scriptures. Nor can we toss out these powerful statements Brother Branham makes, regardless of how contrary they are to what we have been previously taught. It must all dovetail.

As I progressed through **“THE BREACH”**, I next came up against a really tough part. **Bro. Branham makes it very clear that when the LAMB takes the BOOK and opens the Seven Seals, HE is NO LONGER A MEDIATOR.**

QUOTE: “...So, here came the Lamb, now. His intercessory days were over, the mediatorial days. That’s when this ANGEL first stands there” (referring to Rev. 10). “...He comes forth (What?) to take His claims now... He’d done the kinsman work or redemption, but had not as yet called for His CLAIM. Now, He comes on the scene to CLAIM His rights for which He was slain... **He had been a LAMB, an intercessor, a bloody Lamb, but NOW He’s coming forth as a LION. His days of intercession is OVER...** And remember, it comes at the SEVENTH church AGE, and the mysteries of God will be opened up. Now watch real close. **THIS IS SOMETHING YOU MUST GET.** Now, He had been doing His mediatorial work making intercessions for the believer. **For two thousand years He’s been back there, a LAMB. Now, He is stepping forth from Eternity to take the TITLE DEEDED BOOK and to break the SEALS and reveal the MYSTERIES.** When is it? – At the end time ... Break the Seals and release ALL the MYSTERIES to the Seventh Angel whose Message is to reveal ALL the mysteries of God. The mysteries of God lays in these SEVEN SEALS. **And the Lamb comes forth NOW from being Mediator between God and man; He becomes a LION. And when He becomes a LION, He takes the BOOK ...** when the Mediator, when His work is done as an Intercessor, He comes forth ... to take the Book, to reveal the mysteries of God that others has guessed at in all these denominational ages. See? Then the SEVENTH ANGEL (Rev. 10:7) has to be a prophet for the Word of God to come to ... Malachi 4 promised such.” (The Breach – pp 98-99)

What tremendous statements! What should we do with them? Ignore

them? But Brother Branham said, "You must get this!" What is more, Brother Branham is very specific about the time-frame of this event. It happens when the Seven Seals are opened and delivered to the Seventh Church Age Messenger (Read "The Breach", pp. 74 & 104).

As I studied this out, I could see a definite pattern throughout the Seven Seals. On **Sunday night, preaching "THE BREACH", he laid the foundation.** On **Thursday night**, at the end of the FOURTH SEAL, he says, (pp. 332), "...**SOON He's going to rise now and come forth to CLAIM what He has redeemed.**" That fits, because the Seventh Seal us coming up. Then **Friday night**, (pp. 390) "**I believe with all my heart that the DOOR of MERCY is beginning to CLOSE...**" Then, **Saturday night** (pp 408) "... **There's NO MORE BLOOD on the ALTAR. The sacrifice has been REMOVED and there's nothing but smoke and lightning and judgment in there. AND THAT'S JUST EXACTLY WHAT'S Poured out here tonight! The LAMB'S DONE LEFT HIS MEDIATORIAL WORK!...**" (He also spoke of these things in the sermons "Souls in Prison" pp.22-26 and "Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed" pp. 78).

What could it mean? How does it fit? I was much troubled until I read in "**THE BREACH**" on page 97, "Notice where It (the Lamb) came forth – where did it come from? It came from the Father's Throne where He had been seated since He had been slain and raised again. He raised up and sat on the right hand of God – ever living to make intercessions. Amen. **Raised there today as an Intercessor with His Own Blood to make intercessions upon the IGNORANCE OF THE PEOPLE**".

IGNORANCE? That was the CLUE.

The revelation broke open in all its beauty. I realized why Jesus Christ had been in an intercessory position for nearly 2,000 years. It was not to save souls. THE FULL PRICE OF SALVATION WAS PAID AT THE CROSS OF CALVARY! (already). It was FOR THE IGNORANCE of the believers that he interceded throughout the church ages.

Think of MARTIN LUTHER. He was a TRINITARIAN. Brother Branham said in "The Revelation of Jesus Christ," pp. 676 that "Trinitarianism is of the Devil! I say that, Thus Saith the Lord!" Think of it. How could Martin Luther, a church age messenger, believe and teach a doctrine of the devil and he himself be accepted by God, the Bride of Jesus Christ? Simple. Because **Jesus Christ in that Mediatorial position, INTERCEDING on behalf of his IGNORANCE.** Now watch what Brother Branham says, same sermon, same page, preached in 1961, "Now, do you say then ...'Do you believe that all these people that are Trinitarians are of hell?'" No, sir. I believe they are Christians. **BUT THE HOUR IS APPROACHING, BROTHER, WHERE THEY ARE SINCERELY WRONG.**"

And two years later, in March of 1963, by the time the Seventh Seal was opened, the HOUR had arrived. The Lamb had taken the BOOK, loosed the Seven Seals and DESCENDED with a 'SHOUT' to deliver them to the Seventh Church Age Messenger. He is no longer in that Mediatorial position, interceding for his people's IGNORANCE. With the Seven Seals OPEN, the Bride is no longer IGNORANT. She sees Him for Who He really is — the WORD!

That we are no longer in ignorance, Brother Branham declares in many ways and places. In "Souls in Prison" page 24, he says, "**When these Seven Seals were opened, that OPENED THE ENTIRE BIBLE.**" In the Seven Church Ages book, page 328, he states, "...**The Seven THUNDERS in Revelation 10 ... ARE THE REVELATIONS CONTAINED IN THE SEVEN SEALS. IT WILL BE THESE DIVINELY REVEALED "MYSTERY-TRUTHS" THAT**

LITERALLY TURN THE HEARTS OF THE CHILDREN TO THE PENTECOSTAL FATHERS."

On page 45 of "It Is The Rising Of The Sun", he says, "**He (Jesus Christ) is the ONE who opened those Seals; HE IS THOSE SEALS. FOR THE WHOLE WORD OF GOD IS CHRIST, AND CHRIST IS THE SEALS THAT WAS OPENED. What is the opening of the Seals then? REVEALING CHRIST!**"

And just a few months after the Seven Seals were opened, Brother Branham preached his sermon, "Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed". This dovetails perfectly with **Rev. 10:7, "But in the days of the VOICE of the seventh angel, the MYSTERY OF GOD SHOULD BE FINISHED."**

Please don't misunderstand. I am not saying there is no more BLOOD. What I am saying is that there is no more BLOOD covering the sins of anyone outside of the Revealed WORD – for the revealed Word is CHRIST. **THE BLOOD OF CHRIST IS STILL IN EFFECT BUT ONLY FOR THE BRIDE.**

In his sermon "The Token" preached in Sept of 1963, Brother Branham speaks extensively on this subject. Here are a few highlights:

"The BLOOD is the TOKEN, and the token must be applied or... the covenant is not in effect... By faith, they applied the BLOOD. (pp.8) The TOKEN never came into existence until the EVENING TIME. And this is the evening time of the age that we live in... this is the time the TOKEN has to be applied... everything from under that Token will perish. The Blood has identified you. Now the Blood is the chemistry of the Life, but the life is something different from the Blood. The LIFE is IN the BLOOD. (pp.9) .. **The Token for the believer TODAY is the HOLY GHOST – not a blood, a chemistry, but it is the Holy Spirit of God...** It is the only way and the only sign that God will ever pass because It is the Literal Life of Jesus Christ returned back to the believer. (pp. 10) In the days of Wesley... Luther, it was the CHEMISTRY of the BLOOD. But this is the LAST DAY where the TOKEN is required. That makes together the whole unit for the rapture. ... **The WATER age, the BLOOD age, and now the TOKEN Age of the Holy Ghost! (pp.11) It has been the Lamb all the way through.** It was the Lamb in Luther's time, it was the Lamb in Wesley's time. But NOW is the TOKEN time... **Now, the very Spirit Itself is the TOKEN. Not the Blood.** (pp.12)

Let me pause and interject something. If you keep in mind PAROUSIA (Christ's presence here now) as it applies in the descent and 'SHOUT' of I Thes. 4 and Rev. 10, you can understand what Brother Branham is saying here. "The evening time Message is to apply the TOKEN... The HOUR has arrived ... when the TOKEN Himself is identifying Himself right among us and proving that he is the same Jesus yesterday, today and forever, and He is right with the WORD. It has got to be applied. (pp. 20) Are you catching it?.. There is a TOKEN that has got to be applied, and no other time could it have come. (pp.26) **The blood is not the Token now, the Life is the Token.** (pp.27) If you believe the Word, then the Token has got to come. (pp.28) The Token agrees with every Word, see? It has got to because It is the Word. It is the Life that was in the word. (pp.29) **That is the MESSAGE. Come INTO CHRIST!** (pp. 36) He only recognizes the Token! That is the Message of the Hour!

When the Seven Seals were opened, God turned a corner. There was change in dispensations. **Christ left that mediatorial position (as Rev. 5 proves). IGNORANCE IS NO LONGER EXCUSED.**

This is exactly what Brother Branham says in "The Indictment" pp. 19 & 29 –

“Christ is God’s provided Lamb ... **Jerusalem was ceasing.** When? It was in effect UNTIL THAT HOUR; the blood of the lamb was all right until that day. **But NOW, at the crucifixion it changes. The old system is done. There was a new one – the LAMB was at the sacrifice...** God be blessed for seeing this wonderful, heavenly Light in this day, because the churches is doing THE SAME THING today. Until that hour that organization religion is condemned and proved to be sacrificing Christ’s Word, FROM THEN ON COME THE WORD AND THE WORD ONLY!... **The old pascal lamb passed away, and CHRIST become our LAMB at the Day of Crucifixion. And the DAY that the DENOMINATION crucify the Word of God and accepted a CREED in the stead of the WORD, THAT’S THE DAY THE WORD COME INTO FULL EFFECT. THAT’S JUST BEEN RECENTLY”.**

Recently? Yes. The Seven Seals were opened a scant three months before he said that. **Brother Branham draws us an exact parallel between the CRUCIFIXION of Christ at Calvary and the OPENING of the Seven Seals. In truth, they are BOTH EQUALLY IMPORTANT in God’s redemptive plan.** (Read “THE BREACH” pp. 89& 90-116). (PURCHASING the Bride at Calvary’s Cross & CLAIMING the Bride by loosing the Seven Seals of the BOOK of Redemption which is the TITLE DEED of her inheritance.

Brother Branham draws a similar parallel in the sermon “FEAST OF THE TRUMPETS” page 40: “In Revelation 11... the ministry of Moses and Elias calling to Israel out of the Jewish traditions, just as the Seventh Angel’s Message called the BRIDE out of the Pentecostal traditions. Remember, Moses and Elijah is to call Israel out of the old atonement of the lamb, and sheep, and blood and goats, and sacrifice to the real living Sacrifice, TO THE WORD. And the seventh angel’s Message, under the same trumpet, same everything, exactly, the same seal, is to what? CALL THE PEOPLE, THE BRIDE, OUT OF THE PENTECOSTAL AND WORLD TRADITIONS TO THE GENUINE ATONEMENT, THE WORD.

As the veil in the temple rent in two the very hour Christ DIED at CALVARY, exposing the Old Testament MERCY SEAT to full view, so likewise a VEIL was spiritually rent when the SEVEN SEALS WERE OPENED, fully exposing Jesus Christ, WHO IS THE MERCY SEAT. He is no longer in heaven interceding on behalf of MEN’S IGNORANCE, but had DESCENDED with a ‘SHOUT’ which is the FULL REVELATION OF HIMSELF. No more ignorance. It is LIGHT in the evening time. **That is what the SEVEN SEALS are all about – PAROUSIA, the Bridegroom is PRESENT, revealing Himself to the BRIDE.** (Read “THE MIGHTY GOD UNVEILED” 6-29-64 AND “INVISIBLE UNION OF THE BRIDE OF CHRIST” 11-25-65.

There is NO MORE MERCY for anyone OUTSIDE OF CHRIST, who is this revealed WORD.

1 John 1:7 declares, “If we walk in the LIGHT as He is in the LIGHT ... the BLOOD of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.” When the Seven Seals were opened, CHRIST WAS FULLY ILLUMINATED. **Only the Bride is walking in that LIGHT, thus, only the Bride is covered by the BLOOD and cleansed from all sin.** That is why the Bride will be translated but the Foolish Virgins must go through the Tribulation – there is NO BLOOD to cover for their transgressions.

Having at last understood “THE BREACH”, I read with awe and thrill as the rest of the SEALS unfolded before me. Then, when I reached the SEVENTH SEAL, I came up against a very hard question indeed.

Brother Branham makes several statements like this one on page 576, “The SEVENTH SEAL is NOT to be known to the PUBLIC.” In the years past when I came to this

part, I would breath a sigh of relief and think “Good. The Seventh Seal is not open yet, so all those powerful statements he made in “THE BREACH” don’t apply now and I don’t need to think about them.”

Of course, by thinking this way I was ignoring a tremendous portion of Brother Branham’s Message, including the portion on page 74 of the “THE BREACH” where he let us know that the Angel of Rev. 10:1 and the angel in Rev. 10:7 are ON THE EARTH AT THE SAME TIME. I also have ignored the biblical fact that, “In the days of the VOICE of the seventh angel, the MYSTERY of God would be FINISHED.” **If the SEVENTH SEAL was not opened in 1963, then the MYSTERY OF GOD is not finished.**

I began to study the Seventh Seal intensively, with much prayer, desiring to see the whole picture. The revelation came. **Brother Branham said, “...the Seventh Seal is not known TO THE PUBLIC.” THE BRIDE IS NOT THE PUBLIC. It always have been a PRIVATE REVELATION to the ELECT ONLY.** (Matthew 13:10 &11). Then I began to find place after place in Brother Branham’s sermons where he says clearly that the **SEVENTH SEAL IS OPEN.**

FOR EXAMPLE: Before it happened, Brother Branham prophesied, “THUS SAITH THE LORD, THE SEVEN MYSTERIES THAT’S BEEN HID IN THE BIBLE ALL THESE YEARS ... GOD IS GOING TO OPEN THOSE SEVEN MYSTERIES TO US IN THE SEVEN SEALS,” (“What is the Attraction on the Mountain”, pp.22).

Notice he said, “Thus Saith the Lord”, meaning these were not his own thoughts, but God’s Word – ALL SEVEN of the Seals would be open. And they were. “SEVEN SEALS HAVE BEEN OPENED” (“This Day this Scripture is Fulfilled” pp.25).

“GOD HAS TO OPEN UP THOSE SEVEN SEALS... HE OPENED THOSE SEVEN MYSTERIES IN THERE, and shows forth and bring forth those things that have been hid since the foundation of the world – might e revealed in the last days – to sons of God. They brought that forth now before the people and they SEE it.. to this undenominational BRIDE” (“Invisible Union of the Bride of Christ” pp.43).

“But now is Bride-calling. NOW IS WHEN THE SEVEN SEALS HAS BEEN OPENED” (“Doing God a Service Without His Will” pp35, 1965). “And my Message – all the time knowing back there under healing and so forth like that, was just to catch the people’s attention, KNOWING THE MESSAGE WOULD COME. AND HERE IT IS. AND THEM SEALS OPENED, those mysteries and showing those things is what’s happened” (“Rapture” pp. 32) **“But now He’s promised us a FULL SQUARE MEAL, the FULL SEVEN COURSE MENU, FOR ALL THE SEVEN SEALS ARE OPENED** and everything is ready for the Word of God, for those who can receive” (“Seed is Not Heir With the Shuck” pp.24). And in many other like places, **Brother Branham tells us that the SEVENTH SEAL IS OPENED.**

But what about the place on page 26 of “FEAST OF THE TRUMPETS”, where Brother Branham says, **“The Seventh Seal is not open yet.”? Good question.** If you will read the context, you will find that he is talking there about the **FIFTH SEAL, the SOULS UNDER THE ALTAR** killed under Hitler. Which, **OF COURSE, is true – 1n 1938 to 1945, the Seventh Seal was NOT OPEN YET. IT WAS OPENED IN MARCH OF 1963.**

Brother Branham said in “THE SEVENTH SEAL” pages 564 & 565, “And remember, Revelation 10:1-7.. 1-7, chapter 10:1-7, at the end of the Seventh Angel’s Message, ALL THE MYSTERIES OF GOD WOULD BE KNOWN. WE’RE AT THE END-TIME – THE OPENING OF THE SEVENTH SEAL ... **I knew not these seals and THEY HAVE BEEN REVEALED THIS**

WEEK.”

Of course, there are many things we don't know about the SEVENTH SEAL. But then again, there are many things we DO know about it, from Rev. 8th, from Brother Branham's sermon on the SEVENTH SEAL, and also from his frequent mentioning of the subject throughout the last years of his ministry. Such as:

1. The SEVENTH SEAL is in three (3) parts – Shout, Voice, Trump
2. The SEVENTH SEAL is a SPAN of time
3. The SEVENTH SEAL is composed of many accelerating events
4. The SEVENTH SEAL is the culmination of many events
5. The SEVENTH SEAL is the 'King's Sword'
6. The SEVENTH SEAL is the 'Third Pull' of Brother Branham's ministry
7. The SEVENTH SEAL is the "Tent Vision"
8. The SEVENTH SEAL is the COMING of the LORD
9. The SEVENTH SEAL is the HEADSTONE capping the PYRAMID
10. The SEVENTH SEAL is Revelation 10 FULFILLED

When I realized how much Brother Branham actually did say about the Seventh Seal, I began to study everything he said on each point, both before and after the Seven Seals were opened. Since each point is interrelated, a very clear picture of the Seventh Seal emerged – one that lines up 100% with the Bible. Let me go through these **10 points** with you and share a few of the many, many things I've seen.

THE TEN-POINT COVERAGE OF THE SEVENTH SEAL

1. The SEVENTH SEAL is in THREE PARTS – SHOUT, VOICE, TRUMPET

Bro. Branham said, "All the hosts of heaven was SILENT for this HALF HOUR when this Seventh Seal mystery in the Book of Redemption was broke open. Think of it. BUT IT'S BROKE. THE LAMB BREAKS IT. ...As certain as I stand in the platform tonight, I had the revelation that revealed that – IT'S IN A THREEFOLD MANNER" ("The Seventh Seal" pp.557). "And there's three great things that goes with it. And one unfolded ...yesterday, the other on unfolded today, and there's one thing that I cannot interpret because it's in an unknown language" ("The Seventh Seal" pp. 564).

In the sermon "RAPTURE" on pages 29-31, Brother Branham tells us precisely that these THREE parts are the 'SHOUT', 'VOICE' and 'TRUMPET' of I Thessalonians 4:16.

On pages 29 and 31, he is very clear that the 'SHOUT' is his 'MESSAGE'; and on page 34 he tells us that the purpose of the SHOUT is to call the Bride together. I Thes. 4:16 reads, "The LORD HIMSELF shall descend from heaven with a SHOUT.." Brother Branham said, "REVELATION 10 (listen close now) BRIDE CALLED OUT BY THE WORD, CHRIST HIMSELF CALLING OUT THE BRIDE" (Feast of the Trumpets" pp.36). It dovetails.

So also do these statements concerning the events of Revelation 5: "The Lamb broke the Seals and revealed them to His Church IN ORDER TO COLLECT HIS SUBJECTS FOR HIS KINGDOM, HIS BRIDE. See? He wants to bring His subjects to Him NOW." ("The Breach" pp.106) "And when the Lamb slain walked forward from Eternity out of the Father's Throne and took His right, it was a JUDGMENT SEAT! Then He becomes, not a Lamb, but a

LION, KING! AND HE CALLS FOR HIS QUEEN TO COME STAND BY HIS SIDE." ("The Breach" pp. 107).

2. THE SEVENTH SEAL IS A SPAN OF TIME

"And when He had opened the Seventh Seal, there was SILENCE in heaven about the space of HALF AN HOUR" (Rev. 8:1).

Obviously, this is not the mere INSTANT of our translation. In his sermon "Rapture", Brother Branham lets us know that the Rapture, contrary to denominational dogma, is a SPAN of TIME which begins with a SHOUT – that is, his Message.

In "The Breach", page 98 he says, "Here came the Lamb now. His intercessory days were OVER, the mediatorial days. That's when this Angel first stands there. That HALF HOUR OF SILENCE. Watch what takes place in that half hour of silence, when the Seventh Seal, next Sunday night, the Lord willing. HE COMES FORTH (WHAT?) TO TAKE HIS CLAIMS NOW. OH, MY!"

WHY IS THERE SILENCE IN HEAVEN? In Rev. 4:8, we find FOUR living Creatures who are committed to continually praising God day and night. But in Rev. 8:1, when the Seventh Seal is opened, there is SILENCE in heaven. **Why? Simple. THE LORD IS NOT THERE. HE HAS DESCENDED WITH A 'SHOUT' TO CALL OUT HIS BRIDE.**

3&4. THE SEVENTH SEAL IS COMPOSED OF MANY PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL EVENTS THAT RUN TO A CONCLUSION

Naturally, since it is the 'Coming of the Lord', it is going to contain all the interrelated details which comprise that coming – PAROUSIA: the resurrection, the Meeting in the air, and much more.

Notice on page 556 of the "Seventh Seal", Brother Branham says that everything runs out at the END of the Seventh Seal.

QUOTE: (SEVENTH.SEAL.THE 63-0324E 555-6) **We must remember that this Seventh Seal is the end of time of all things.** That's right. The things written in the Seven Seal Book (sealed up of the plan of redemption from before the foundation of the world), it every bit ends. **It is the end; it is the end of the struggling world. It's the end of struggling nature. It's the end of everything. In there is the end of the trumpets. It's the end of the vials. It's the end of the earth. It's the...It's even the end of time.** Time runs out; the Bible said so... The angel said, "Time will be no more," when that—in the days of this great thing to happen. Everything runs out in this time, the end of the—the—at the end of this Seventh Seal... Notice, it's the end of the church age. **It's the—the end of the Seven Seals. It's the end of the trumpets. It's the end of the vials, and even ends the ushering in of the millennium; that's on the Seventh Seal.** It's just like firing a rocket into the air, and that rocket explodes here, and it goes up, then it explodes again. It puts out five stars. One of those stars explodes and blows out five stars from it; and then one of them stars explodes, blows out five stars from it (See?); it fades on out. That's what the Seventh Seal; it just ends the time for the world. It ends the time for this. It means the time for that. It ends the time for this. It ends the time... **Everything just ended up on that Seventh Seal.**

5. THE SEVENTH SEAL IS THE “KING’S SWORD”

This of course refers to the sword which materialized in Brother Branham’s hand early in 1963. Brother Branham was up in the rocks of Sabino Canyon near Tucson, Arizona, praying about a tremendous vision he had a few months earlier – an earthshaking vision where a constellation of SEVEN ANGELS met him. The vision still troubled him. He didn’t understand it and wondered if it could mean his death. The SWORD appeared in his outstretched hand. **“Then a Voice shook down through here that rocked that rocks! Said, ‘It’s the SWORD of the KING!’”** (“The Seventh Seal” pp. 561 & 562). A VOICE spoke back again, said, ‘THE King’s Sword! Not a king, THE KING’S SWORD! See? .. Just then I thought, ‘Now, ever who that is that’s talked to me all my life since a little, bitty baby boy, is standing right here, and I can’t see Him at all.’ I said, ‘The King’s Sword?’ That would be – God is THE KING. And what is this SWORD? ‘THE WORD! IT’S BEEN PLACED IN YOUR HAND.’ Said, ‘DON’T FEAR DEATH. IT’S YOUR MINISTRY’” (“Doing God A Service Without His Will” 1965, pp. 6&7). “Something hit and said, **“Don’t Fear. This is that THIRD PULL”** (“The Seventh Seal” pp. 562).

Between pages 561 and 564 of the “THE SEVENTH SEAL”, Brother Branham draws a connection between the ‘King’s Sword’, the ‘Third Pull’, the ‘Tent Vision’ and ‘Revelation 10’, indicating that each of these pertain to the SEVENTH SEAL. God said to Brother Branham specifically that the ‘King’s Sword’ is. **“THE WORD”**. It’s been placed in your hand.” What does this mean? Brother Branham had been preaching the WORD of GOD for 30 YEARS. What then is God talking about? SOMETHING MORE. He is talking about the FULL WORD, THE COMPLETE WORD, THE FINISHED MYSTERY OF GOD, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF DESCENDING WITH A “SHOUT”, FULLY MANIFESTED – THAT WHICH IS PERFECT IS COME.

Quoting Brother Branham, **I Corinthians 13 says this: “When that which is PERFECT IS COME, that which is in PART shall be done away with. And we have TODAY, by God’s help, THE PERFECT INTERPRETATION OF THE WORD WITH DIVINE VINDICATION! Then that which is in PART is DONE AWAY WITH”** (Quoted from Conduct, Order and Doctrine, page 1005, Question and Answers, 9-23-64).

That which is PERFECT is HERE. The OPENING of the SEVEN SEALED BOOK was not an intellectual dissertation. It was not merely doctrine. It was a spiritual happening! THE SEVEN SEALS ARE MORE THAN DOCTRINE; THEY ARE JESUS CHRIST, THE WORD, PRESENT.

(FULL QUOTE: QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS, JEFF.IN COD 64-0823E) “I Corinthians 13 says this: “When that which is PERFECT is come, that which is in part shall be done away with.” **So all these little things of jumping up-and-down like a kid, trying to talk in tongues, and all these other things, when that which is PERFECT... And we do have today, by God’s help, the perfect interpretation of the Word with Divine vindication. Then that which is in part is done away with.** “When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child; but when I become a man, I put away childish things.” Amen. I go to preaching and then don’t get to these things.”

Speaking of the Seven Angels which met him in Arizona desert in 1963, after they had gone skyward and formed the **“CLOUD”**, Brother Branham says, **“...And IT’S OUR LORD UP THERE. You see? He is the ONE who opened those SEALS. HE IS THOSE SEALS! For the WHOLE WORD of God is CHRIST, and CHRIST IS THE SEALS THAT WAS OPENED. What is the OPENING of the SEALS then? REVEALING CHRIST!”** (“It is the Rising of The Sun” pp. 45). This is PAROUSIA! It is a “WORD” coming and it is not mystical. IT IS REAL. IT IS LITERAL. The LORD HIMSELF has descended from heaven with a SHOUT! HE IS HERE, CALLING HIS BRIDE!

6. THE SEVENTH SEAL IS THE “3RD PULL” OF BROTHER BRANHAM’S MINISTRY

Brother Branham says, In the very day that the Son of man is revealed, Revelation 10:1-7 ... the Seventh Angels’s Message, opening up the Seals ... WHAT IS IT? Not the angel is the Son of Man, but the messenger is REVEALING the SON OF MAN ... Revelation 10 said, “In the days of the sounding of the seventh angel” ... **Notice, the very day when this messenger – not when he starts, but when he begins to DECLARE HIS MESSAGE. See? The FIRST PULL – Healing; SECOND PULL – Prophecy; THIRD PULL – THE OPENING OF THE WORD, THE MYSTERIES REVEALED.** No more higher order to REVEAL the Word than PROPHETS. But the only way the prophet can be a-vindicated is BY THE WORD. **And remember – THE THIRD PULL was THE OPENING of them SEVEN SEALS to REVEAL THE HIDDEN TRUTH THAT’S BEEN SEALED IN THE WORD** (“Anointed Ones at the End Time” pp. 60 & 61).

[QUOTE: ANOINTED.ONES.AT.END.TIME V-5 N-3 65-0725M]: “I wasn’t the One that appeared down on the river; I was only standing there when He appeared. I’m not the One that performs these things and foretells these things that happens as perfect as they are; I’m only one that’s near when He does it. I was only a voice that He used to say it. It wasn’t what I knew; it’s what I just surrendered myself to, that He spoke through. It isn’t me. It wasn’t the seventh angel, oh, no; it was a manifestation of the Son of man. It wasn’t the angel, his Message; it was the mystery that God unfolded. It’s not a man; it’s God. **The angel was not the Son of man; he was a messenger from the Son of man. The Son of man is CHRIST. He’s the One that you’re FEEDING on. You’re NOT feeding on a man. A man, his words will fail, but you’re feeding on the unfailing BODY-WORD of the SON OF MAN.**”

That should establish it in our minds; **THE OPENING OF THE SEVEN SEALS and the THIRD PULL are SYNONYMOUS.** Notice also how Brother Branham connects the revealing of the Seven Seals with LUKE 17:30, the REVEALING of the SON of MAN. Now, watch what he says on pages 237 and 238 of the SEVEN CHURCH AGES BOOK:

“Now this MESSENGER of MALACHI 4 and REVELATION 10:7 is going to DO TWO THINGS. ONE: According to Malachi 4, he will turn the hearts of the children to the fathers. **TWO: He will REVEAL the MYSTERIES of the SEVEN THUNDERS in Revelation 10 which ARE THE REVELATIONS “CONTAINED” IN THE SEVEN SEALS. It will be these DIVINELY REVEALED “MYSTERY-TRUTHS” that literally TURN THE HEARTS of the children to the Pentecostal Fathers.**

SO, the SEVEN THUNDERS of Revelation 10 are the SEVEN SEALS, which is the THIRD PULL, which is the REVEALING of the SON of MAN, which is the KING’S SWORD, which is the WORD, which is JESUS CHRIST, which is PAROUSIA. Quite a clear picture unfolding.

Now, follow in “The Seventh Seal” as Brother Branham zeros in on the Seventh Seal itself as the prime constituent of the 3rd Pull. On the top of page 559, he sums up all he had previously said about the Seventh Seal by stating flatly, **“IT IS THE THIRD PULL.”** That is itself is really direct.

Then on page 561 he talks about the seven Angels which met him in the Arizona Desert. He lets us know that the Seventh Angel carried the Seventh Seal and had a special affinity to him (See also pages 577-578). Next he tells of the SWORD striking his hand, saying, **“This is the THIRD PULL”** (pp. 562-563). Then he speaks of the TENT VISION, saying,

"This is the THIRD PULL" (pp. 564). His conclusion is this: "Revelation 10:1-7, at the end of the Seventh Angel's Message, ALL the MYSTERIES of GOD WOULD BE KNOWN. WE'RE AT THE END-TIME; THE OPENING OF THE SEVENTH SEAL."

Knowing that the Seventh Seal is the THIRD PULL opens up tremendous light on its meaning and significance, since Brother Branham spoke a great deal about the 3rd Pull, both before and after the Seven Seals were opened. It is easy to look into the THIRD PULL in depth. Let me offer just a few thoughts:

In the VISION which came to him in December of 1955, Brother Branham was fishing along with hundreds of other ministers. The Angel of the Lord told him how to catch the 'Big Fish' (The Bride), but admonished him to keep quiet about it. Then he explained to Brother Branham how to make a gentle pull to attract the small fish; then pull the line faster to avoid the small fish from getting the lure. This will attract the attention of the 'Big Fish'. When the 'Big Fish' bites, THE THIRD PULL will bring them in.

But in the vision, Brother Branham began to explain this to all ministers around him. He got overly excited and pulled too hard too soon, catching a little bitty fish and getting his line all tangled up in the process. **Then the Angel of the Lord explained that the first TWO PULLS were the HEALING and DISCERNMENT parts of his ministry**, which he made the mistake of trying to explain to the people, causing many IMPERSONATIONS to rise up. The Angel's admonition was very clear: "DON'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE on the THIRD PULL, which is coming up. DON'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT."

When you understand this point, you can understand why Brother Branham was not more direct when he preached "The Seventh Seal." In fact, while talking about the Seventh Seal in one place, he stops in mid-sentence, lest he say too much (pp. 561). He does the same thing on page 559, then tells us that in his notes he has it written, "Stop. Go no further than this." Also on page 564 he says, "I'd better stop right here. I just feel checked not to say no more about it." You see, he was specifically forbidden by the Angel of the Lord to explain the THIRD PULL (The Seventh Seal). Since he had failed to keep still on the 1st and 2nd Pull, he was not about to fail God on this all-important 3rd Pull. For this was going to catch the BRIDE, and there must not be any impersonations.

But how will the BRIDE see this SEVENTH SEAL if her prophet-messenger does not directly spell it out? A frank question; and one with a simple answer: BY REVELATION. Not a revelation of something beyond what Brother Branham said, BUT A REVELATION OF WHAT IS ALREADY LYING THERE BEFORE OUR EYES.

Some people have felt that Brother Branham must have a personal RESURRECTION and continue his ministry (RETURN MINISTRY) in order to set up a literal 'TENT' and to reveal the Seventh Seal. Understandable, they would quote Orland Walker's dream, which Brother Branham re-tells in "Knoweth It Not", August 1965, six months before he died. There and in several other sermons over the next few months, Brother Branham says, "I'll ride this trail again," or "There'll be one more ride."

I find one main FAULT with this idea: THERE ARE NO SCRIPTURES TO SUPPORT IT. How then can we explain Brother Branham's statements that there will be "one more ride"? Read pages 32-36 of "Knoweth It Not".

Notice that there actually are **FOUR DREAMS by FOUR different PEOPLE**, which Brother Branham let us know are all about the SAME SUBJECT. In the FOURTH DREAM (p.36) notice the LOCATION. It is PALESTINE. When Brother Branham said, "THERE'LL BE ONE MORE RIDE," **I believe he was referring to the SPIRIT OF ELIJAH. It had been used**

FOUR TIMES upon the earth and there will be ONE MORE TIME for it to manifest itself – ONE of the TWO WITNESSES to the JEWS in REVELATION 11. I am not adamant on this point, but it does FIT the SCRIPTURES.

Brother Branham said, "What was in those THUNDERS no one knows. BUT WE NEED TO KNOW. And it will take a prophet to get the revelation, because God has no other way of bringing out His Scriptural revelations except by a prophet" (The Seven Church Ages" p.324).

Concerning the SEVENTH SEAL, he said "It will be revealed in that day, in the HOUR that it's supposed to be revealed in" ("The Seventh Seal" p. 576). If we need to know what this SEVENTH SEAL is, and the revelation can only come through a PROPHET, then the revelation of the Seventh Seal has to be LAYING in the PROPHET'S MESSAGES waiting for Christ to QUICKEN IT to His BRIDE.

7. THE SEVENTH SEAL IS THE TENT VISION

The TENT VISION is the last part of Brother Branham's 1955 VISION of the 3 PULLS. He describes it in many places such as "The Inner Veil" pages 6-7, and in "Visions and Prophecy" pages 17-19. Since Brother Branham connects the "KING'S SWORD", the THIRD PULL, Revelation 10, the TENT VISION and the SEVENTH SEAL, we understand that all these things are various aspects and different angles of the SELF-SAME THING ("The Seventh Seal" pp. 561-564).

Space prohibits me from going into much detail here, but let me point out just a FEW SIGNIFICANT THINGS:

Although Brother Branham most often called it a 'TENT', sometimes he referred to it as a 'CATHEDRAL'. It was HUGE. In 1933, Brother Branham had a vision which casts some light on this. He said: "The morning that I dedicated the tabernacle, a vision came, which is written in the cornerstone here, when the Holy Spirit said to me, "This is NOT YOUR TABERNACLE." And I asked WHERE MY TABERNACLE WAS, AND HE SET ME DOWN UNDER THE BRIGHT BLUE SKIES, and said, "Do the WORK of an EVANGELIST" ("Ever Present Water From The Rock" 7-24-61). **Does the 'TENT' or 'CATHEDRAL' in the Tent Vision represent the WORLD? It certainly will be a WORLD-WIDE BRIDE, each with the SAME REVELATION of CHRIST.**

In the TENT VISION, Brother Branham says he was standing in the air above the crowd, talking with the Angel of the Lord. He describes **the TENT as having THREE PARTS — an OUTER part, then an INNER part of CANVAS, then inside that, a LITTLE SQUARE WOODEN ROOM.** This immediately draws our thoughts to the children of ISRAEL'S TABERNACLE in the wilderness with its THREE PARTS: **The OUTER COURT, the INNER COURT, and the HOLIEST OF HOLIES**, where dwelt the Presence of GOD, and where GOD MET with MAN.

Likewise, it alludes to the THREE PULLS of Brother Branham's ministry. In the vision, the PILLAR OF FIRE enters that little SQUARE ROOM and the Angel said, "I'LL MEET YOU IN THERE." This was FULFILLED exactly, for in March of 1963, when the SEVEN SEALS were revealed to Brother Branham, he said he SPENT all his time in a LITTLE ROOM, and that EACH DAY the PILLAR OF FIRE appeared to him in that ROOM and opened another SEAL (See "The Seven Seals" pp.349-462; also "Souls in Prison", p.23).

Next in the TENT VISION, a line of people were going into that LITTLE ROOM and

coming out the other side, HEALED, exuberant. It was asked, "What happened in there?", and they answered, "I don't know." **I believe these PEOPLE are the TRUE BRIDE OF JESUS CHRIST, who are receiving the SAME REVELATION of the SEVEN SEALS which Brother Branham received; and from the SAME SOURCE – the PRESENCE of JESUS CHRIST.**

[QUOTE] "Then He took me from there, and I saw a great HUGE TENT. I never seen such a TENT! .. And I looked and heard a man get up and say, 'Call the prayer line.' And people began to line up over on this side ... and they lined all the way up (to the platform) and down the street for a prayer line. I noticed .. a little WOODEN BUILDING. And I seen that LIGHT, that they have the picture of, you know, that's always in the meetings; I seen that LIGHT leave me, and go to that BUILDING, and a VOICE said to me, 'I'll meet you in there; THAT WILL BE THE THIRD PULL.' I said, 'Why?' He said, 'We'll, IT WON'T BE A PUBLIC SHOW..' ("Inner Veil" p. 6).

CLEARLY, what transpires in that INNER ROOM of the TENT VISION is the THIRD PULL. The REVELATION grows brighter. Notice how the line going into that LITTLE ROOM stretched from the platform clear OUT of the 'TENT' and down the street. If the 'TENT' does represent the WORLD, this would fit easily, for the translation will be made up of a LIVING BRIDE and RESURRECTED BRIDE, those saints who have fallen asleep down through the SEVEN CHURCHAGES.

I am aware that in one place after the SEALS were opened, Brother Branham mentions he is still looking for a PHYSICAL TENT. Remember what the VOICE said on the Ohio River in 1933, "As **John the Baptist** foreran the First Coming of Christ, so you will forerun His Second Coming." THE TYPE HOLDS TRUE. **John the Baptist declared under divine inspiration, "Behold the LAMB of God that takes away the sins of the world." Yet sometime later, he asked Jesus, "Are you the ONE, or do we look for another?"** (John 1:29-36; Matthew 11:2-3).

Brother Branham said, concerning those Seven Seals, "If I ever preached anything in my life that was inspired, IT WAS THAT!" ("Souls In Prison" p.23) "... The Seven Seals ... was directly the WORD OF GOD" ("Desperation" p. 6).

8. THE SEVENTH SEAL IS THE "COMING OF THE LORD"

Let me quote Brother Branham, "That Seventh Seal hasn't opened yet, you know. THAT'S HIS COMING" ("Feast of the Trumpets" p.26). Remember the CONTEXT HERE. He is speaking of the Souls under the Altar, murdered by Hitler in the 1940's. "Watch that SEVEN, that's the FINISH. THAT WAS THE COMING OF THE LORD. HEAVEN WAS QUIET, SILENT" ("Souls In Prison" p.23). "The Lamb took His BOOK when the Seventh Seal ... was ready to be opened — the Sixth Seal. Remember, He hid the Seventh Seal from us. He would not do it. When the Angel stood day by day telling it, but then He wouldn't do it on that one. Said, 'There's silence in Heaven'. NO ONE KNEW. IT WAS THE COMING OF THE LORD" ("Souls In Prison" p.33). "We find that CHRIST, the Lamb, took the Book in His hand, AND HE OPENED THAT SEVENTH SEAL. But you see, it's a hidden mystery. No one knows it ... right along with what He said, NO ONE WOULD KNOW HIS COMING; THEY ALSO WOULD NOT KNOW ABOUT THIS SEVEN THUNDER MYSTERY. SO YOU SEE, IT'S CONNECTED TOGETHER" ("The Seventh Seal" p.576).

Speaking of the Seven Seals again, Brother Branham says, "Come back here and see those great mysteries hidden in the Bible opened up to us on a new field that we never knowed before, and PERFECTLY BLENDS IN TO THE COMING OF THE LORD JESUS" ("Desperation" p.12).

To understand these astonishing, unexpected statements, we must first rid ourselves of any lingering denominational traditions concerning the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Yet this is not so hard to do, if we compare the First Coming of Christ with His second, bearing in mind that GOD INTERPRETS HIS WORD BY BRINGING IT TO PASS.

The First Coming of Jesus Christ was NOT an INSTANTANEOUS EVENT. It lasted 33 years; even longer if you count the Pillar of Fire appearing to Apostle Paul, producing the New Testament Word. Is it any surprise that the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus is NOT a single, instantaneous event, but rather a SPAN of TIME composed of many interrelated events; including:

1. An ELIJAH MINISTRY forerunning (Brother Branham's Ministry)
2. ELIJAH introducing CHRIST (Opening of the Seven Seals)
3. PAROUSIA (Christ, the Full Word, Here amongst Us, calling His Bride)
4. The TRANSLATION itself (Living Bride changed, past saints resurrected)
5. Meeting HIM in the AIR (The Bride at last MEETS her Bridegroom physically)
6. MARRIAGE SUPPER (Three-and-a-half Years)
7. CHRIST, in a physical body, RETURNING to this Earth WITH HIS BRIDE, His feet once more touching the Mount of Olives (Reveals Himself to the 144,000 Jewish remnant)

"...Because the Seventh Seal, there was silence. NO ONE KNEW. THAT WAS THE MINUTE OR HOUR THAT CHRIST WOULD COME, AS HE REVEALED IT TO US" ("Feast of the Trumpets" p.22).

Brother Branham said, "I draw this text: **God Hiding Himself in Simplicity, Then Revealing Himself in The Same...** I thought it made a text that we might study this before we go into the great teachings of the Seven Seals. Many miss Him by the way He reveals Himself. Now, man has their own ideas of what God ought to be and what God is going to do; and as I have made the old statement many times that man still remains man. Man is always giving God praise for what He did do, and always looking forward to what he will do, and IGNORING WHAT HE IS DOING. THAT'S THE WAY THEY MISS IT. They look back and see what a great thing He done, but they FAIL to see what a simple thing He used to do it with. And then they look forward and see a great thing coming that's going to happen, and nine times out of ten, it's ALREADY HAPPENING RIGHT AROUND THEM, and it's so simple that they DON'T KNOW IT" ("God in Simplicity" pp. 20-21).

9. THE SEVENTH SEAL IS THE HEADSTONE CAPPING THE PYRAMID

It is contained in the Scriptures, "Behold I lay in Zion a Chief Cornerstone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on HIM shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe, he is precious: but onto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the corner, and a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble AT THE WORD" (1 Peter 2:6-8).

"And we know that the Scripture says that JESUS is the Chief Cornerstone, and He's also the HEADSTONE" ("Message of Grace" p. 8).

In 1960, three years before the Seven Seals were opened, Brother Branham said, "**God made THREE BIBLES. The first one He put in the sky, the ZODIAC. He made the next one in the PYRAMID, back in the days of Enoch ... The CAPSTONE never was found.** They never did put a cap on top of the pyramid ... Why? The Capstone was rejected

— CHRIST, The Headstone, see, was rejected” (“Manifested Sons of God” pp. 7-8). “The pyramid was never capped. Why wasn’t the Capstone put on it, the headstone, the top of it? Because He was rejected when He come. He was the rejected Stone. That’s right. But it will be capped ... then the coming of the Lord Jesus is so close at hand that the Spirit from way down in here ... justification, sanctification, Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and now right in the TIME of the coming of the HEADSTONE ... we got a ministry coming that’s just EXACTLY LIKE THE LIFE OF CHRIST. What does that MINISTRY IDENTIFY? THE COMING OF THE LORD. Look at the age coming now right up to the Headstone. See what I mean? THE COMING OF THE LORD, THE MADE KNOWN” (“Predestinated Mystery of His Will” pp. 6-7).

“Like the pyramid ... Go into the prophet’s chamber and watch them SEVEN STEPS. Where did the GUARD meet the challenge to bring the comer into the PRESENCE OF THE KING at the top of the steps? WAS IN THE SEVENTH STEP. There shows what we’ve got to come again with that same Spirit that was on John. HE INTRODUCED THE MESSIAH; ... And we’ve got to come to a place again, to something that’s going to introduce the Messiah .. to bring the people back to the WORD, SO THAT THE BRIDE WILL KNOW HER HUSBAND, KNOW HER MATE, THE REVEALED WORD ... That is His PROMISE for this AGE” (“Feats of the Trumpets” pp.17-18).

In 1961, Brother Branham said, “He’s the Holy Spirit. AND THE CAP OF THE PYRAMID will be CHRIST COMING. Do you see it? ... CHRIST, THE HEADSTONE, THE REJECTED STONE, THE ALL-SEEING EYE, COMING EXACTLY LIKE THE BIBLE SAID” (“The Seventy Weeks of Daniel” p. 30).

In December of 1962, Brother Branham experienced one of the most powerful visions he had ever had, which he describes in “Sirs, Is this the Time?” on pages 25-27. In the vision he is in the desert near Tucson, Arizona, when a TREMENDOUS BLAST shook the earth and he was caught up into a **CONSTELLATION of SEVEN ANGELS in the FORM OF A PYRAMID**. After the vision left him, Brother Branham prayed, “Lord, if it is then that I am going to be killed, and You are finished with me on earth .. send your power back one me again... and nothing happened. I waited awhile. Then I said, ‘Lord Jesus, if it did not mean that, and it means that You’ve got something for me to do and it is to be revealed to me later, then send Your power. AND IT ALMOST TOOK ME FROM THE ROOM! I found myself somewhere in the corner ... And I had my bible open, and I was reading ... ROMANS, The 9th Chapter, last verse: BEHOLD, I LAY IN SION, A **CORNERSTONE**, A STUMBLINGSTONE, A PRECIOUS CORNERSTONE, AND WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH ON HIM SHALL NOT BE ASHAMED” (“Sirs, is This The Time?” p. 27).

A few months later, when the vision was literally fulfilled, when those Seven Angels met him in Arizona Desert, they told him to return to Jeffersonville, Indiana, for “THUS SAITH THE LORD, the SEVEN MYSTERIES that’s been hid in the Bible all these years ... God is going to open those seven mysteries to us in the SEVEN SEALS” (“What is the Attraction on the Mountain?” p.22).

IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MUCH PLAINER. God has interpreted the vision and the event by His own prophetic Word, Romans 9:33 – the HEADSTONE capping the PYRAMID. It is no coincidence that **those Seven Angels which met him in the Arizona Desert formed a PYRAMID**, because that is the CAPSTONE’S SHAPE.

Referring to the **CLOUD PICTURE** in Life Magazine of that PYRAMID of ANGELS, Brother Branham said, “And it’s our LORD UP THERE.” (“It is the Rising of the Sun” p. 45).

“What happened at that time, the COMING of that STONE? Up went the Church into glory at the Rapture, ‘cause it ended the Gentile Dispensation.” (“The Seventy Weeks of

Daniel” p. 30). This statement would have been HARD to UNDERSTAND, except that God has revealed REVELATION 5 (change in dispensation) and REVELATION 8 (Rapture is a **SPAN of TIME**, about one-half HOUR silence in heaven, and a SHOUT on earth the same).

Four months after the opening of the Seven Seals, Brother Branham said, “God’s a-vindicated Himself. God’s proved Himself to His Promise in this day. Halleluiah, THE HEADSHIP IS HERE. AMEN! CHRIST, THE RISEN LORD” (“Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed” p. 85).

Later, he said, “We’re at the **HEAD NOW. THIS IS CHRIST. NOT the ARM’S TIME BACK IN LUTHER; NO. THIS IS THE HEAD TIME. CHRIST, THE HEADSTONE, COMES TO THE BODY**” (“The Future Home of the Heavenly Bridegroom” p. 69).

In “Sirs, Is This The Time?” on page28, Brother Branham has just finished telling about the mighty VISION of the CONSTELLATION of angels, and of how God explained the vision with Romans 9:33. “Now, I am going to take the Scriptures for a moment. If you notice, in revelation the 10th chapter ... (Here, Brother Branham pauses) Now, let me say this: IF THE VISION IS SCRIPTURAL, IT CAN ONLY BE INTERPRETED BY THE SCRIPTURE.” In that line, Brother Branham has directly connected for us, the coming of the HEADSTONE, Romans 9:33 and Revelation 10.

10. THE SEVENTH SEAL IS REVELATION 10 FULFILLED

In “Feast of the Trumpets”, Brother Branham said:

“Notice Revelations 10:1 to 7, all the mysteries are to be REVEALED to the BRIDE by the MESSENGER of the Laodicea Church. Has anybody got a Revised Version Bible? If you have, you’ll notice there where it said, THE ANGEL, it’s in parenthesis, it says, THE EAGLE (See?) the messenger to the Laodicea Church, see, revelations 10:1-7 ... In that day that we see Him come down ... SEVEN THUNDERS uttered their voices ... What it is, is a REVELATION on what has been MISSED BACK THERE ... It’s ALREADY WROTE HERE; it’s in here; it’s to REVEAL what already’s been WRITTEN” (pp. 19-20). “Revelations 10 (listen close now), BRIDE CALLED OUT BY THE WORD, CHRIST HIMSELF CALLING OUT THE BRIDE, making plain Hebrews 13:8, Luke 22, Luke 17:30, and also Malachi 4, Hebrews 4, all these Scriptures that’s promised” (p. 36). “ Look! I want to say one more thing. Closely now, DON’T MISS THIS. HOW STRIKING! From the SEVENTH ANGEL’S (messenger of the Seventh Seal) MESSAGE, and REVELATIONS 10 WAS THE SEVENTH SEAL” (P.39). Then a little farther down the page he says, “This is not just makeup, friends. This is THUS SAITH THE LORD, THE SCRIPTURE.”

STOP. Carefully re-read what Brother Branham said in the preceding paragraph. He said that REVELATION 10 IS WHAT MAKES PLAIN (reveals and completes) HEBREWS 13:8, LUKE 17:30, MALACHI 4, etc. He said that he is the MESSENGER of the SEVENTH SEAL. He said that the SEVENTH SEAL IS HIS MESSAGE. (Remember — Third Pull, Tent Vision, Little Room) HE SAID THAT **THE SEVENTH SEAL IS REVELATION 10**. He said that HIS MESSAGE is REVELATION 10.

He does not just mean the seventh verse of Revelation 10. He means VERSES 1 to 6 AS WELL. On this point, he is very emphatic. “REVELATION 10: 1 through 7 – 1 through 7, Chapter 10:1 through 7 — at the the END of the Seventh Angel’s Message, ALL THE MYSTERIES OF GOD WOULD BE KNOWN. We’re at the end time – the OPENING of the SEVENTH SEAL” (“The Seventh Seal p. 564).

“Now, we’re into the AGE of the EAGLE – the revelation to be revealed — the WHOLE THING. Now, compare this with Revelation the 10th Chapter, verse 1 to 7, and we’ll see here in this Revelation ... the Revelation here, 10:1-7, that in the days of the SOUNDING of the SEVENTH ANGEL’S MESSAGE was to FINISH UP all the mysteries of God” (“The Seventh Seal” p. 574). “What’s happened on Sunset Mountain? ... It’s God fulfilling His promised WORD again, of REVELATION 10:1-7 .. THE HIDDEN MYSTERY OF REVELATION 10:1 to 7 (“What is the Attraction on the Mountain” p. 23)

With this understanding, REVELATION 10 suddenly becomes one of the KEY END-TIME SCRIPTURES. Let me draw your attention to a few significant correlations:

Revelation 10:1 – A MIGHTY ANGEL DESCENDS. Brother Branham is clear that THIS IS CHRIST. (“Breach” pp. 72-73)	1 Thessalonians 4:16 says, “For the LORD HIMSELF shall DESCEND from Heaven with a SHOUT”...
Revelation 10:1 – “clothed with a CLOUD” Luke 21:27 – “Then they shall see the SON of MAN coming in a CLOUD.”	Above the Arizona Desert in 1963, the visage of CHRIST is formed by a SUPERNATURAL CLOUD of SEVEN ANGELS.
Revelation 10:1 - “And a RAINBOW was upon His Head..” Zech. 4:7- “And He shall bring forth the HEADSTONE thereof with shoutings, crying, “Grace, grace, unto it.”	RAINBOW is a COVENANT. There are only TWO COVENANTS – LAW and GRACE. The Bride has received TOTAL GRACE (Fourth Seal p. 294), while remaining Gentiles receive the brunt of unmitigated LAW.
Revelation 10:1 – “His FEET as PILLARS OF FIRE...”	” For seven consecutive days, the PILLAR OF FIRE met Brother Branham in a LITTLE ROOM in Jeffersonville, Indiana, and REVEALED to him the SEVEN SEALED MYSTERIES.
Revelation 10:2 – “He had in His hand a LITTLE BOOK OPEN...”	This OPEN BOOK is the SEVEN-SEALED BOOK OF REDEMPTION, which was closed in Revelation Chapter 5
Revelation 10:2 – “He set His RIGHT FOOT upon the SEA, and His LEFT FOOT upon the EARTH....”	Of the TWO BEASTS (power) in Revelation 13, ONE came out of the SEA, the other out of the LAND.
II Thes. 2:8 – “Then shall that WICKED be revealed, whom the LORD shall destroy with the brightness of His COMING...”	When the SEVEN SEALS were OPENED, the ANTI-CHRIST was completely EXPOSED. The BRIDE has recognized her BRIDEGROOM, as well as SATAN. She can no more be deceived.
Revelation 10:3 – “He CRIED with a LOUD VOICE...”	1 Thes. 4:16 – “For the LORD Himself shall descend from heaven with a SHOUT, and a “VOICE” of the Archangel

Revelation 10:3 – “As when a LION ROARETH...”	“LAMB” becomes “LION” after the SEALS WERE OPENED.
Revelation 10:3 – “When He cried, SEVEN THUNDERS uttered their VOICES...”	The SEVEN THUNDERS are the “REVELATIONS” contained INSIDE the SEVEN SEALS (SEALS=COVERING; THUNDERS=CONTENTS) [The SCA p. 328; “Unveiling of God” p.40; COD, Q&A p 1161)
Revelation 10:6 – “And SWARE by HIM that liveth for ever and ever...”	” Hebrews 16:13 – “God .. because He could swear by no greater, swear by HIMSELF.
Revelation 10:6 – “That there should be TIME NO LONGER...”	The Greek Text reads, “That there shall be NO MORE DELAY.”
Revelation 10:7 – “But in the DAYS of the VOICE of the SEVENTH ANGEL...”	This, of course, is the MESSENGER to the SEVENTH CHURCH AGE, BRO. WILLIAM MARRION BRANHAM
Revelation 10:7 – “The MYSTERY of GOD should be FINISHED...”	Notice – MYSTERY, singular. The SEVENTH SEAL has revealed HIM (Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed; Unveiling of God)

REVELATION CHAPTER 10 has been FULFILLED LITERALLY.



Speaking of the CONSTELLATION OF ANGELS that met him, Brother Branham said, "The SEVEN SEALS of the hidden mysteries of the entire Bible would be OPENED and FULFILL REVELATIONS 10, that in the seventh angel's MESSAGE these things should come to pass. THIS DAY THIS SCRIPTURE IS FULFILLED BEFORE OUR EYES" ("This Day This Scripture is Fulfilled" p. 23).

As you see, there is a great deal we do know about the Seventh Seal. And since the SEVENTH SEAL is the MESSAGE, it is important for us to pay close attention to all of these interrelated aspects. Not to try to figure everything out, BUT TO BELIEVE! And there is no belief without some basic understanding of what it is one believes.

Before the Seals were opened, Brother Branham said, "The end-time messenger, his JOB will be to get the saints READY, the BRIDE ready for the BRIDEGROOM. That will be his MESSAGE. **Now you want to learn A-B-C's, SO YOU CAN STUDY ALGEBRA LATER.** When these other Seals on the back is opened, they'll only be revealed to THEM" ("The Evening Messenger" p. 35).

INTERESTING. The purpose of the A-B-C's of the MESSAGE was to prepare us for receiving the REVELATION of those SEVEN SEALS — that is, CHRIST HIMSELF AMONG US, the REVEALED WORD.

The SEVENTH SEAL IS OPEN. Let that fact be fully established in our minds and souls. Brother Branham said, "When the Seven Seals were opened, that opened up the ENTIRE BIBLE" ("Souls In Prison" p.24). "It's the MYSTERY of the ENTIRE BOOK laid in those SEVEN SEALS that the Lord let us bring" ("Souls In Prison" p.22).

What then do we do with such statements as this one: "REMEMBER the SEVEN SEALS IS FINISHED ... one of them He wouldn't permit us to know... The Seventh Seal; He wouldn't permit it. He stood there in the room and revealed every one of them" ("Souls In Prison" p.23). At first glance, the above statement appears to contradict itself. BUT IT DOES NOT. The reason is on page 564 of "The Seventh Seal", where Brother Branham lets us know that the Seventh Seal is in THREE PARTS. It WAS opened and Brother Branham saw ALL THREE PARTS, but the last part was in an unknown language. I quote, "He said, 'This is the THIRD PULL and there's three great things that goes with it. And one unfolded yesterday; the other one unfolded today, and there's ONE I cannot interpret because it's in an UNKNOWN LANGUAGE. As I stand there and LOOKED RIGHT STRAIGHT AT IT, and this is the THIRD PULL COMING UP."

A little later, on page 567, he said, "Then when I seen that, I looked for the interpretation that flew across there, and I couldn't make it out. The HOUR isn't quite yet for it. But it's MOVING INTO THAT CYCLE."

That is how the Seventh Seal can be opened and yet still a secret. God showed the 3rd PART to Brother Branham in an unknown language. "He didn't reveal it. That's the reason under our seventh mystery, WHEN THE SEVENTH SEAL WAS OPENED, there was SILENCE ..." ("Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed" p.17)

YOU SEE, the SEVENTH SEAL is OPEN; yet the 3rd PART of it is still a SECRET. And since Brother Branham let us know in the sermon "Rapture" that the THREE PARTS are the SHOUT (1), the VOICE (2) and the TRUMPET (3) of 1 Thessalonians 4:16, then **we know it is the TRUMPET that is OPEN, yet still a SECRET.**

On page 32 of "Rapture", Brother Branham said the TRUMPET calls the BRIDE to the Lamb's SUPPER in the SKY. So the SECRET is the ACTUAL MOMENT AND CIRCUMSTANCE

of our PHYSICAL CATCHING AWAY. "Everything ends up on that Seventh Seal. Now, how is he going to do it? That is what we don't know, isn't it?" ("The Seventh Seal" p.566).

When we understand the THREE PARTS of the SEVENTH SEAL, and how the 3rd part was shown to Brother Branham in an unknown language, then we can understand such statements as these:

"This Seventh Seal Mystery in the Book of Redemption WAS BROKE OPEN. Think of it. BUT IT'S BROKE. THE LAMB BREAKS IT... What is it? None of us know. BUT I'M GOING TO TELL YOU MY REVELATION OF IT" ("The Seventh Seal" p.557).

At first that sounds like a contradiction. How could he have a revelation on something he doesn't know? But it makes sense, after we realize that he could not make out the interpretation to that 3rd part.

"We find that Christ, the Lamb, took the BOOK in His hand AND HE OPENED THE SEVENTH SEAL. But you see it's a hidden mystery. No one knows it ... roght along with what He said, no one would know His COMING" ("The Seventh Seal" p.576, 577).

The COMING of the LORD — PAROUSIA. Concerning the Seventh Seal, Brother Branham said, "What is it? It's the thing that Jesus said even the Angels of Heaven DIDN'T KNOW nothing about, see?" ("The Seventh Seal" p.558).

Here, Brother Branham is referring to **MATTHEW 24, where the DISCIPLES ASKED JESUS, "When shall these things be? And what shall be the SIGN of Thy PAROUSIA" (PRESENCE). It is the SEVENTH SEAL; the COMING of the LORD.**

On page 560 of "The Seventh Seal", Brother Branham said, "Now have you noticed the mysterious part of the week? .. It's been, NOT A HUMAN BEING, a man; IT HAS BEEN THE ANGEL OF THE LORD."

WHO WERE THOSE SEVEN ANGELS? A very good question; and an important one. REMEMBER — each of those ANGELS carried ONE of those SEALED MYSTERIES ("The Seventh Seal" p.565, 578; "Shalom" p. 25; "Ashamed of Him" p.11; "Desperation" p. 14).

Brother Branham said, "I saw SEVEN ANGELS in a form of a PYRAMID that swept down and PICKED ME UP. And I was brought EAST to open the SEVEN SEALS of GOD ... And when I come back, the FIRST ANGEL, ON THE FIRST NIGHT, OPENED THE SEAL contrary to anything we ever heard in our life. AND ALL THE SEVEN COME OUT THE SAME WAY" ("Standing in the Gap" p.20).

Since those SEVEN ANGELS were the actual means God used to BREAK OPEN those Seven-Sealed MYSTERIES, we should be able to find reference to them in the Book of Revelation where the event of the breaking of the Seals is described. Yes, here it is:

"And I beheld, and lo, in the MIDST of the THRONE and of the four beasts and of the elders, stood a LAMB as it had been slain, having SEVEN HORNS and SEVEN EYES, which are the SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD SENT FORTH INTO ALL THE EARTH" (Rev 5:6).

Those SEVEN ANGELS, which brother Branham met in 1963, delivering to him the revelation of the Seven Seals — those Seven Angels ARE THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD. This is exactly in line with the Bible, which clearly shows that the LAMB BREAKS THE SEVEN SEALS.

It is this Lamb with Seven Spirits that walked among the SEVEN CHURCH AGES (Rev. 1) a different portion of HIMSELF ministering to each age (Rev. 2 & 3).

In revelation 4:5, we see these Seven Spirits as SEVEN LAMPS OF FIRE burning before the throne, showing that His Spirit had successfully burned in each age. It is at last time for the Opening of the Seven Seals, the ULTIMATE REVELATION, the FULL DISCLOSURE of HIMSELF. It is this LAMB with Seven Spirits who took the BOOK of REDEMPTION in Revelation 5 to loose the Seven Seals that held it bound.

CHRIST the LAMB become a LION. IT IS THIS CHRIST WITH SEVEN SPIRITS WHO DESCENDED IN REVELATION 10, at the TIME when the SEVEN SEALS were given to the SEVENTH CHURCHAGE MESSENGER, who would in turn DELIVER them to the BRIDE. It is this CHRIST with Seven Spirits who MET BROTHER BRANHAM in the Spring of 1963 in the desert outside of Tucson, Arizona, then went skyward, FORMING A SUPERNATURAL CLOUD, OUTLINING THE HEAD OF JESUS CHRIST. Afterwards, these Seven Spirits of this CHRIST met Brother Branham DAY BY DAY for SEVEN DAYS in a SMALL ROOM in Jeffersonville, Indiana, REVEALING to him the SEVEN SEALED MYSTERIES, which each night he then declared to the people.

In 1933, on the Ohio River, God spoke to Brother Branham and said, "AS JOHN THE BAPTIST FORERAN THE FIRST COMING OF JESUS CHRIST, SO LIKEWISE WILL YOU FORERUN HIS SECOND COMING."

Perhaps we have failed to realize before just how true that really is, and how closely the TWO MINISTRIES paralleled each other. **John the Baptist** introduced the promised Christ, crying out, "Behold the Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). **Brother Branham** introduced Christ to the END-TIME BRIDE, for in essence he cried, "BEHOLD, the Lamb of God who has prevailed, who has taken the BOOK and loosed the Seven Seals thereof! BRIDE, BEHOLD YOUR BRIDEGROOM!" ("Present Stage of My Ministry" 9-8-62 pp 24, "Feast of the Trumpets" p.45; "Modern Events Made Clear By Prophecy" p. 41).

JOHN THE BAPTIST said about JESUS, "He must increase, I must decrease" (John 3:30). Brother Branham said, "It may be the HOUR now that this Great Person that we're expecting to rise on the scene may rise on the scene. Maybe this ministry that I have tried to take people back to the Word has laid a foundation. AND IF IT HAS, I'LL BE LEAVING YOU FOR GOOD. There won't be TWO OF US HERE at the SAME TIME. If it is, HE'LL INCREASE, I'LL DECREASE" ("The Seventh Seal" p.567).

God interprets His Word by bringing it to pass. Brother Branham has LEFT THE SCENE. And His ministry did lay the foundation by taking us BACK to the WORD (Malachi 4:5-6). That Great PERSON HAS RISEN ON THE SCENE — the LORD JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF (Malachi 4:2), FULL WORD, WITHOUT BODY, BUT CHRIST HIMSELF NONETHELESS. Only those who recognize His Presence HERE (PAROUSIA), NOW, as the Revealed WORD, will meet Him physically in the AIR.

Brother Branham said, "She's Uniting Herself with Her Bridegroom. AND THE BRIDEGROOM IS THE WORD" ("Uniting Time and Sign" p. 21) ... The BRIDE will know her HUSBAND, know her MATE – THE REVEALED WORD" ("Feast of the Trumpets" p. 18).

APPENDIX: FOR FURTHER STUDY

I know you will want to study further into these things and see for yourself if this is really the essence of brother Branham's MESSAGE to the BRIDE. That is good and only to be expected. The Bride cannot take any man's word. She must have God's Word alone. The sermons listed below, if read in the order Brother Branham preached them, will greatly help your understanding.

1. Present Stage of My Ministry, 9-8-62
2. Sirs, Is This The Time?, 12-30-62
3. The Revelation of the Seven Seals, 3-63
4. Indictment, 7-7-63
5. Christ is the Mystery of God Revealed, 7-28-63
6. Token, 9-1-63
7. Souls That Are In Prison Now, 11-10-63
8. Unveiling of God, 6-14-64
9. Unrecognized Presence of God, 6-18-64
10. Feats of the Trumpets, 7-19-64
11. This Day This Scripture Is Fulfilled, 7-19-64
12. It is The Rising Of The Sun, 4-18-65
13. What Is The Attraction On The Mountain?, 7-65
14. Invisible Union of the Bride of Christ, 11-65
15. Rapture, 12-4-65
16. Modern Events Made Clear By Prophecy, 12-6-65

Of course, any sermon of Brother Branham's within the time frame of 1960-1965 will add further light and corroboration. However, you will understand all of his statements better if you always NOTE WHERE and WHEN he preached the sermon.

WHERE

Brother Branham seldom touched on deep subjects in his evangelistic meetings. He was speaking to denominational people and simply did not feel the liberty of the Spirit there. That is why the majority of doctrine came forth when he preached in Jeffersonville, Indiana and at many Full Gospel Business Men conventions.

WHEN

This is extremely important because the 'Message of the Hour' was a progressive revelation to brother Branham, with the opening of the Seven Seals being the KEY PIVOTAL POINT, the focal point where the true purpose of his ministry became clear – the THIRD PULL.

For example: Before the Seven Seals were opened Brother Branham felt that the Seven Thunders would be a revelation that was NOT even written in the Bible ("Sirs Is This The Time" p. 38). After the Seals were opened, he knew that nothing could be ADDED, that the truth was already laying in the Word, waiting for God to bring it out through a prophet (See "Unveiling of God" p.40; "Feast of the Trumpets" p. 19-20).

Before the Seals were opened, Brother Branham's ministry was pointing forward to that event, even though he did not know exactly what it would be. Thus we find such statements as, "God is taking the Elect out of that Pentecostal church (that hybrid), pulling it out and finishing up the Word. And it's got to be so close until THE WORD ITSELF will blend with this Word. THERE COMES THE HEADSTONE, crying, 'race, grace, amazing grace' — The HEADSTONE" ("The Spoken Word is the Original Seed" Part II, 3-18-62, p.46).

This is also the reason that "Sirs, Is This The Time?" was placed as a QUESTION. He knew scripturally what must take place, but how it would actually be performed, he knew not. Thus we find him saying, "Then is the time for the Seven Voices of Revelation 10 to be revealed" (p.39). "If it is, then the pyramid is capped by the Seven Thunders (p.47). "Could it be: Is this Mystery of the Thunders that will bring back the Headstone?" (p. 48) "Will this be the Mystery that would open up, that WOULD BRING CHRIST, bring a power to the Church? ... If this is the Third Pull, then there is a great ministry lying ahead." (p. 49) "Will this be the time when it will be again, "BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD" (p.50). Since God interprets His Word by bringing it to pass, we can now look back and see the ANSWER to those questions: "YES, IT IS THE TIME." (We have arrived).

It is also important to note the Book, "**An Exposition of the Seven Church Ages**", was edited by Brother Branham and PRINTED AFTER the SEVEN SEALS WERE OPENED, so that each fact and revelation within is CORRECT; however it is written from the standpoint of its correct chronological position, BEFORE the Opening of the Seven Seals.

Finally, brethren, I urge you to prayer. The things of God are not known by human intellect. "**For the letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life.**" (II Cor. 3:6b). **Revelation comes only from God.**

The third to the last sermon Brother Branham ever preached was "Modern Events Made Clear By Prophecy". The 'modern events' he is referring to are not political happenings, but SPIRITUAL EVENTS, chiefly Malachi 4 (p. 32,41), Luke 17 (p.33), and Revelation 10 (p.49). He draws his text from Luke 24, where Jesus was walking the road to Emmaus with some of His disciples and THEY DID NOT RECOGNIZE HIM UNTIL THE DAY WAS ALMOST OVER.

On page 40 and 41, Brother Branham parallels that with TODAY: "Notice, 'Fools, and slow of heart to believe what all the prophets has wrote of Him, had to be fulfilled'. Watch him. He refers right back to the Word of God. He NEVER come right out and told them, "Don't you know ME? I am the MESSIAH that's resurrected". He NEVER SAID THAT. See? HE JUST GIVE THEM THE SCRIPTURE. Like John did, and the rest of them. See? THEY HAVE TO PICK THAT OUT THEMSELVES. They have to judge for themselves.

Now don't go to sleep. JUDGE FOR YOURSELF. Am I not trying to tell you, WORD BY WORD – even to the position, the place, the names and numbers, everything – that we're right at the END TIME? Surely, you can SEE what I'm talking about. See? LOOK! This is so plain it should need no more identification. He said when he was here on earth, "Search the Scriptures, in them you think you have eternal life, they are they which testify who I am – See? WHO I AM."

CHAPTER FORTY

Three Physical Divine Ordinances

God's prophet taught us that there are **THREE (3) PHYSICAL DIVINE ORDINANCES** left for the Church to perform, namely, **(1) Water Baptism; (2) Communion; (3) FeetWashing**

"Now, we only have three physical Divine orders left to us: one of them is--is communion, feet-washing, water baptism. That's the only three things. That's the perfection of the three. See? And that's the only three orders we have. We realize that that was the issue given by Saint Paul in the New Testament." (COMMUNION.title TUCSON.AZ V-8 N-4 65-1212)



"If **feetwashing** wasn't in the Bible, I wouldn't preach it. But the Bible said, "Happy are ye if you know these things and do them." And I've told the Truth. If the **Lord's Supper** was spiritual, and wasn't to be taken natural, I'd say so. But Jesus said, "Blessed..." Said, "Do this, and take these articles of His, His body, until He returns again." I've stood with it. If **water baptism in Jesus' Name** was to ceased with the apostles; and in the Catholic church formed, "the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;" if we was supposed to cease back there, and start with this, I'd do the same thing. But It taught that it's the same, "This Gospel must be preached in all the world for a witness, and then the end shall come." If sprinkling was in the Bible, I would be sprinkling. That's right. Whatever... If He said **Divine healing** ceased back there, I would believe it. But Jesus said, "They'll lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover, unto the end of the world." I believe it. That's right. I believe in signs following the believers." (UNPARDONABLE.SIN" JEFF.IN V-26 N-8 54-1024)

WATER BAPTISM

MARK 16:16 - "He that believeth and is baptized shall be **SAVED**; but he that believeth **NOT** shall be damned.

ACTS 2:38-39 - "Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins**, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, [even] as many as the Lord our God shall call. romise is unto you, and to your

children, and to all that are afar off, [even] as many as the Lord our God shall call.

"Every commandment of God is essential. Don't you think so? It's essential that we must be baptized. Jesus give this statement in St. Matthew, or St. Mark 16; He said, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel; he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." And when He was talking to Nicodemus, He said, "Except a man be born of water and Spirit he will in nowise enter the Kingdom." It must be baptized. I believe in immersing, in the baptism, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to be raised again in newness of life, to walk after the commandments of God." (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 54-0103M)

"In Acts 10:49, God turned around and give the Gentiles the baptism of the Holy Ghost before they was ever baptized at all. You see? So, you see, it's the condition of your heart. Then said **Peter**, "Can we forbid water, seeing that these has received the Holy Ghost like we had it at the beginning?" You see? So then he--**he constrained them that they must be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ**. Then **Paul**, in Acts 19, said... Paul, having passed through the upper coasts of Ephesus, he finds certain disciples, and he said unto them, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?" They said, "We not know whether... know not whether there be any Holy Ghost." He said, "Unto what was you baptized?" They was. They said, "We were baptized unto John." He said, "John baptized unto repentance, saying that you should believe on Him to come, that's on the Lord Jesus Christ." And when they heard this, they were baptized again in the Name of Jesus Christ. See?" (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 54-0103M)

FEETWASHING

JOHN 13:3-17, "Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; **He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself**. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe [them] with the towel wherewith he was girded. Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also [my] hands and [my] head. Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash [his] feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean. So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for [so] I am. **If I then, [your] Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.** Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

THE COMMUNION

Apostle Paul, the first messenger to the church of Ephesus, and Reverend William Branham, God's end-time messenger to the Laodicean Church Age, both taught us that Communion is still a necessary physical divine order that is ought to be observed in the Church of God, along with two other physical divine orders left by Jesus for the church to perform, which these are Water Baptism and Feetwashing.

I CORINTHIANS 11:23-30, "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, **That the Lord Jesus the [same] night in which he was betrayed**

took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake [it], and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: **this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also [he took] the cup**, when he had supped, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink [it], in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink [this] cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of [that] bread, and drink of [that] cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are sick and weakly among you, many sleep. For if we should judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. Wherefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, tarry one for another."**

THE MEANING OF COMMUNION

Quotes were taken from the sermon "COMMUNION" by William Branham as preached in JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA, USA in 62-0204:

Now, we take, **what we call communion, is the bread and the wine**. Now, **that has been so misrepresented**, how that has been misrepresented down through the years. **That is really not communion; that is just keeping a commandment**. See? Now, the reason we call it **communion**, is because it come from the Catholic association of being the "Holy Eucharist, which is literally the body of the Lord Jesus." But it isn't the Lord Jesus' body. **It's only in commemoration of His body**.

And I don't care how many priests or preachers, or whoever blesses that, it's still bread and wine. There is no priest as they tell us, that God is obliged to listen to the priest when he turns the communion into the literal body of the Lord Jesus, then the believer takes that, and that is communion. **That is wrong**.

"Commune" is "to talk to, commune with, something that you can speak to and it'll speak back to you." That's communing. **A wafer cannot speak back**. So, really, **the real communion is the Holy Spirit speaking back**. When you ask Him, then He speaks back; that is **correct communion**. This is a **memorial to take of His crucifixion and His resurrection**, and not a communion. **We call it that, but it isn't**. Now, Jesus said here, as I read, "My body is meat and drink; My Blood, body and Blood is meat and drink." Now, we want to think of Jesus and associate Him, what He was.

What is His body? What is the body of Christ? It's the body of believers that's associated with Him in the Holy Spirit, not an idol, not a piece of bread, but a Spirit that's in the heart of the believer, and they are associated together, that when man and God can talk to each other, sons and daughters of God.

Now, Christ said, "I am Food and Drink," not a wafer, not a wafer that we take here. That isn't Christ. The wine that we drink at the altar is not Christ. It represents Him in a figurative way. But Christ is the Holy Spirit, the Anointing that's upon the Church; that is the Meat and the Drink. And if any man hungers, let him come to Christ. If any man is thirsty, let him come to Christ; He quenches the thirst. He is the Satisfier of all of our thirst and hunger.

And we are to eat His body. Then His body is His Word, because He is the Word. And He said in St. John 15, "If ye abide in Me, and My communion, My Word, abides in you, then you can ask what you will and it'll be done for you." There you are. You can't have Life,

only through Christ. And now what does His Word do? It builds up our spiritual body, strong, as we commune with Him to resist the Devil.

Jesus is the Bread of Life; that's true. But this is a symbol just like baptism. Baptism doesn't save you; baptism is only a sign that you're witnessing to the congregation that you believe in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It doesn't save you. Water will not save. It's your faith that saves you. But baptism is an order, and it must be carried out, 'cause God can't say be baptized, and then turn around and say it doesn't need to be done. He cannot issue taking communion, and turn around, and say there no need to taken it. You've got to do it. It's an order forever with God. (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 59-0628E)

But communion, it's called the Lord's supper. Now, a lot of people, they want to take it in the morning. **It didn't say in the Bible it was His breakfast.** And how these people today, how they can still say "Lord's supper," and they cut out supper, and omitted it, and called it "dinner," nonsense: **It's supper.** (KEY.TO.THE.DOOR.title JEFF.IN V-12 N-6 62-1007)

THE MATERIALS

Now, I do not believe that **kosher bread** should be substituted for a cracker. I believe that it should be a **holy unleavened bread**, the type of the unleavened bread that was made in Egypt. **And I believe that the Blood should not be grape juice, but it should be wine.** Grape juice sours and spoils as it gets old. **But wine gets better and stronger as it gets old; it never loses its strength. And the Blood of Christ doesn't sour and spoil; as it gets older, it gets stronger and better** as the days goes by to the believer. **And it is a literal wine and bread. Communion bread should be made by people who's dedicated themselves and consecrated themselves to God.** (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 59-0628E)

IT MUST BE AN "OPEN COMMUNION"

Now, it is not a closed communion. It is absolutely for every Christian believer. **God don't have the line drawn between Baptist, and Methodist, and so forth. We are all by one Spirit baptized into one Body, and we're fellow citizens of the Kingdom of God.** And if there be someone among us who's strange (I'm not here too much, and don't know who is members and who is not) remember, no matter what church you belong to, that has nothing to do with it. There's only one Church anyhow, and you don't join in It; you're borned in It. That's right. And you're borned into this Church of God. And we pray that you'll receive Christ tonight, commune with Him as we remember His broken body, and these little elements that we take of the passover, and may God sprinkle our hearts and conscience with the Blood.

IT'S NOT A TRADITION

You don't take the Lord's supper by a tradition. You take it because it's the love of God in your heart, in keeping the commandments of God. See? That's what you take it for. **So if you don't take it in sincerity, just it's a tradition,** "Well, our church observes communion once every Sunday, or once every month, or twice a year," and you go up, say, "Well, it's my time," and—and then take the communion, why, it's a stink to God. See? That's just a tradition. Even like anything else, you—you've got to be sincere. God wants the depths of your heart. You remember, the very God that brought you here on

earth is the One you're serving. See? **You're doing this because He said so, because it's His order. Then we want to come up with deepness and sincerity, knowing that by God's grace that we have been saved.** And we—we love Him and we feel His Presence, and we—we see It change our lives. Our—our whole being is changed. We—we—we're different people. We don't live like we used to; we don't think like we used to. (COMMUNION.title TUCSON.AZ V-8 N-4 65-1212)

BE REVERENT

There was a certain person the other day went to a church, and had to have a cab to come get him and take him down to church. He's a real poor man. And he went down and take communion, and his neighbor is kind of a—oh, kind of one of those wayward fellows that doesn't know God. And he asked his neighbor, said, "Where'd you go this morning in that cab?" He said, "The church was taking communion, so I went down to take communion." He said, "What is communion?" He told him what it was the bread and wine of the Lord. He said, "I had some too." Said, "I had a pan full of **biscuits and a quart of whiskey.**" And on his table, right immediately, **fell into a heart attack.** They're looking for him to go at any minute. Don't be irreligious. **Don't be irreverent.** See? Respect the Word of the Lord (See?), for we don't know what minute we're going to be called on to answer and—to God. (TESTIMONY.OF.A.TRUE.WITNESS.title JEFF.IN V-15 N-6 61-1105)

IT'S A CHRISTIAN REQUIREMENT

Every Christian should take Communion. It's your duty. It's a showdown. See? **Jesus said, "If you don't take it, you have no part with Me."** See? "But he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eats and drinks damnation to himself." That is, **if you're still out with the world and doing things of the world, and people see you taking Communion, you're doing wrong. You're only bringing disgrace to you, and it'll only harm you.** It isn't that—that it'll harm God; **it'll harm you. And so a person should examine themselves.** (WHAT.DOES.THOU.HERE.title JEFF.IN 59-0301E)

Now, **our eternal destination** is not altogether determined by what we see and what we hear, but it's determined on what discernment we have of what we see and what we hear. **Paul was not disputing with them for taking the communion. Their act was right, but their discernment was wrong. For taking the Lord's Supper is the commandment of the Lord, but to take it unworthily, not discerning the Lord's Body, is where the wrong lays.** (DISCERNING.BODY.OF.LORD.title CHATAUQUA.OH V-2 N-25 59-0812)

When they come to the table, **Paul told those Corinthians,** they were coming and **getting drunk at the Lord's table.** See, it was misunderstood right then. He said, "If you want to eat, eat at home." And another thing, **it was misunderstood, what it was, sinners, and men living in sin, come and took the communion.** And that was misunderstood. A man living with his mother, foster mother, and the church had told him about it: still taking communion at the table. Another thing, **they give it to people that drink, lie, steal, smoke, chew, just anything,** as long as they belong to the church. **Far be it.** If a man ever takes it when we're eating this here, he's breathing and drinking damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's Body. **If he don't live the life, keep away from it. And if you don't take it, it shows that your own conscience is guilty.** "He that eateth not, has no part with Me," Jesus said. (WHAT.IS.THE.HOLY.GHOST.title JEFF.IN V-4 N-2 59-1216)

These Christians was taking the communion and not living the Life. Christianity is a experience and a life. And these Christians was just living any kind of a life, making a poor example of their profession. And Paul says, "That this cause, many are

sick and weakly among you, and many are asleep," which means they are dead, because they haven't discerned the Body of the Lord. **And we who call ourselves Christians, we have no right to take the communion unless we are living above a reproach of the world.** We have no right. The communion is for those who are living right as an example of Christianity.

REPENTANCE BEFORE COMMUNION

And now, before we approach this sacred moment, you ask God to search my life. And if You've done anything that's not right, say Lord, forgive me for it. I don't mean to do it. I'll make it right if You reveal it to me. **Said, "When you come together, tarry one for another." Let's wait on one another and pray for one another. We want to take this Communion. And if we don't do it, we have no part with Him.** That's what He said. First... Or, Saint John the 6th chapter. (KEY.TO.THE.DOOR.title JEFF.IN V-12 N-6 62-1007)

SETTING THE COMMUNION

"We shall now take the communion. Not the communion; you commune as you eat with one another. **Just commune with God. The communion is not the bread, not the wine; the communion is talking back and forth with God.** This is a symbol that we take, that we believe in His death, broken body, His burial and resurrection; we believe in the Presence of the Holy Spirit. And we believe that He has give us Eternal Life; and we cannot die; we have passed from death unto Life. And someday when we separate from one another here, we'll rise again in the resurrection with each other, joined together with Christ Jesus as a Body. Amen. Upon these basis, and the confession of my sin, and my faith in the Son of God, I take myself and the church before these articles that God left for us to do, to show forth His death until He comes. (COMMUNION, JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA, USA in 62-0204:)

OPENING PRAYER

Now, let's just bow our heads and pray. You pray for me silently while I pray for you. "Father, as we've gathered around the table now to take this representation of Thy broken body, we pray that if there be sin in our midst, Lord, forgive us. You said, "When you come together, tarry one for the other." God, if there's a sin in this congregation anywhere, I pray that the Blood of Jesus Christ will separate that man from his sin, or that woman, boy or girl. And, Father, I pray for myself, that You will separate me from every doubt, every sin, every unbelief... We know that unbelief is sin. It's the only sin there is, "He that believeth not is condemned already." And only sin there is, is not to believe the Word of God. And, Father, if there's any unbelief in me, forgive me, O God, which there is much, and I pray that You forgive me. Forgive my congregation that Thou has given me tonight, and feed them upon the Word. Grant it. And as we take these little commemorations of the broken body of Him Who is raised from the dead and alive forevermore among us, may we receive communion from Him, Lord, the communing of the Holy Spirit. Grant it, Father; we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen. the glory, forever. Amen."

PRESENTING THE BREAD

"These little parcels that is kosher bread made without lard, seasoning, and so forth, which represents the body of the Lord is **not round; it's broke in all pieces.** It's

because that it means His broken body that was broke for us. And may God grant His blessings to everyone that eats it. Now, **it is not the body; it only represents the body.** I have no power, no one else does, to make it anything but bread. God alone. And that's what He told us, to eat this bread and drink this cup of wine. Now let us bow our head.

PRAYER : "Most holy God, Whose servants we are, in the Name of Jesus Christ sanctify this bread for its intended use to make us, as we receive it, we remember that our Lord was crucified; and His body, precious and holy as it was, was mingled with stripes and thorns and nails, for us, that through His riven body came forth the Spirit that gives us Eternal Life. May we, Lord, as we eat this, have journeying grace, as Israel did forty years in the wilderness, and not a feeble one among them. Father God, grant this, as we pray You sanctify this bread, kosher bread, for The Bible said, "And when he had given thanks, he brake [it], and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me."

PRESENTING THE WINE

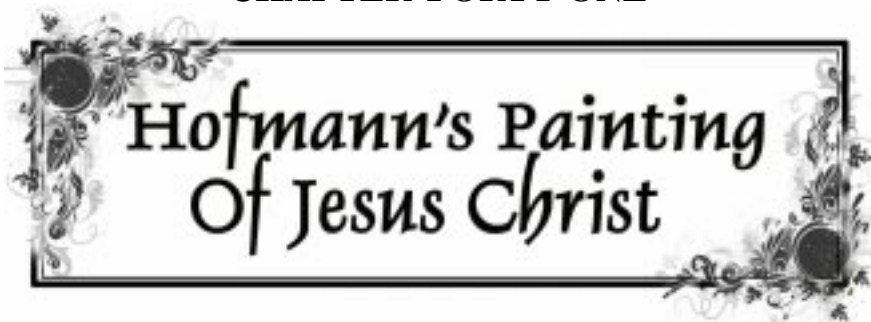
The cup of the New Testament, which is the Blood... REMINDS us of that song, "Every since by faith I saw that stream Thy flowing wounds supply, redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die." When we the see this blood, grapes, the blood of grapes, I know it represents the Blood that came forth from the Lord Jesus' body. May ever who receives this have Eternal Life; may sickness depart out of their bodies; may weariness and feebleness, oppression, may the Devil in every form leave them, that they might have great strength and health and Eternal Life, to let their light shine before this wicked and adulterous generation we live in to glorify God.

The Bible said, "After He had taken and broke the bread, like manner He took the cup, and when He had supped, saying, 'This is the cup of the New Testament in My Blood, which is shed for you.'" May the Lord grant His blessings upon this as we pray.

PRAYER : "Heavenly Father, we present to You the fruit of the vine. In the Name of Jesus Christ sanctify it to represent the Blood of Thy Son Jesus, in it we remember that Jesus was "Wounded for our transgressions; with His stripes we were healed.

And dear God, it's to represent that precious Blood of Jesus that cleanses us, which from there came also the Token of the Holy Spirit. I thank Thee, Father, for this symbol. You said, "He that eats and drinks this has Everlasting Life, and I will raise him up again at the end time." We pray, Father, that You cleanse our hearts together, that we will be worthy, knowing that in ourselves we are not worthy, but by our faith we are accepting perfectly the righteousness of the Blood of Jesus Christ. Grant, Lord, that Life will come to us, Eternal Life in great abundance, that we might be able to serve You better. May You sanctify the wine for its intended purpose. May whosoever drinks this wine tonight have strength for the journey that lays ahead. Grant it, Lord. May they be healthy, and strong, and filled with Your Spirit till Jesus comes. Grant these blessings in Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen." [Pastor drinks from the cup and passes the cup to deacon as congregation lines up to take a sip from the same cup near the altar.]

CHAPTER FORTY-ONE



WHAT BROTHER BRANHAM PREACHED REGARDING THE HOFMANN'S PAINTING OF JESUS :

"I like Hofmann's picture, The Head At Thirty-three, you know. And I've got a big picture of it, 'cause, when I seen Him in the vision that time, that's just the way He looked. And there it was, I got it fixed so that He would be looking right at me when I was praying, in this picture." (TESTIMONY_SHREVEPORT.LA V-17 N-5 THURSDAY_63-1128M)

"There's not an artist in the world could paint His picture, the characters of His face. The best I've ever seen is that Hofmann's Head of Christ at Thirty-Three, I've got it on all literature and everything I use. That's because that looks just like it, and so then... or pretty near, as close as it could be." (HOWTHE ANGEL CAME TO ME AND.HIS.COMMISSION_CHICAGO.IL FOOTPRINT.BOOK)

"Now, I'm not allergic to illusions, as I know of. But visions are real. And there stood the Lord Jesus, the first time I had ever saw Him in a vision of that type. He was just about, oh, probably ten feet above my head, standing in mid-air, with one foot just making a step. He had on a white garment, a fringe around the side of it. He had hair down to His shoulders. He looked to be about, a Man about what the Bible said He was, about thirty. But, a small, thin-built Fellow, very small, looked like He wouldn't weigh over a hundred and thirty pounds. And I looked, and I thought there was something, that I might be wrong. So I—I rubbed my eyes and—and looked up again. And He was standing kind of sideways, kind of a profile of His face. And the looks of His face, which I've always seen in the visions, has been like Hofmann's head of Christ at thirty. That's the reason I have that in my house, on my literature, wherever I can put that, because that's the way it looked, more like that." (THE.SEED.IS.NOT.HEIR.WITH.THE.SHUCK_JEFF.IN V-6 N-4 THURSDAY_65-0218)

"One day, turning it to the right, looking, there was Jesus Christ just as perfect as Hofmann ever drew Him. It was standing there with a white wig on, looking back down towards the earth, showing that He's supreme Authority. The heavens declare it; the Bible declares it; the Message declares it. It's all the same: Supreme Authority, with the white wig on. You see His black beard under it. Many of you have seen the picture. We got it back there. Just turn it to the right, sideways; look at it. There He is, just



as perfect as it was—if it would be photographed of Him. They're looking at it from the wrong angle. You got to look at it in the right angle. And only the Lord God can reveal which is the right angle. Turn it to your right and look at it. There He is just as perfect, and it'd been photographed up there. The first time I ever seen Him, He looked like a Head of Hofmann. I had never seen that before; and in Billy Sunday's tabernacle years later, I saw it. My house has never been without one of the pictures since." (SPIRITUAL FOOD IN DUE SEASON.title JEFF.IN V-8 N-7 65-0718E)

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"And then you turn that picture sideways, if you've got "Look" magazine or "Life" magazine. Turn it sideways. There He is, just perfectly Hofmann's Head of Christ, looking right down where I was standing; there It is in the magazine. How many's ever seen It? 'Course, you've all seen. There, looking right back, proved exactly the revelation was correct. Why wiggled? Why, the old English judges, the Jewish judges, used to wear a wig, they do yet in England; when he's... That's supreme authority; he wears a wig. And that showed Him standing there wiggled by Angels' wings; He is the Alpha and Omega. He is the supreme Judge, and none other but Him. He is to look upon as Alpha

and Omega. And there He was a young Man, no more... thirty years old, wearing a wig of white, showing that He was supreme, God, "The Father hath committed all judgment unto the hands of the Son." Hallelujah. The revelation is never wrong." (WORKS.IS.FAITH.EXPRESSED.title SHREVEPORT.LA V-7 N-1 65-1126)

"Now the morning that I left, at our home, we always had to get up, and when we would go to pray; when we'd leave, we'd take the children and all of us, stand around towards the picture of Jesus, in our front room, Hofmann's Head of Christ at Thirty-three. And we would all gather round there, the children, and each one of them would pray for me. The wife would pray for me, and then I pray for her. Then I'd go overseas, wherever it is. And we commit ourselves to the Lord, for His service." (HIS.UNFAILING.WORDS.OF.PROMISE_PHOENIX.AZ V-15 N-3 MONDAY_64-0120)



"So the next morning I got up, and I went to the chair there were we always, me and my family, kneel together when I go out on the meeting. And we always pray right there in the front of that picture of Jesus, the—the Hoffman's head of Christ at thirty-three. And I knelt there to pray." (AUDIO.LETTER.TO.LEE.VAYLE.title TUCSON.AZ 64-0500)

"You say, "Well, my hair's long. See, it's down to my shoulders." That was short hair, "Christ..." You said, "had... Christ had long hair." No, He never. Christ had shoulder length hair, so they say. Just... They just pull it around this way and cut it off, shoulder length hair. Look at the Greek word on that in there, and you'll find out." (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 54-0103E)

ON THE "CRUCIFIX"

What Brother Branham had to say about the "crucifix":



"Many people has always felt bad at me (many people who really didn't know the Scripture) about having a **crucifix in a church**. I remember one time of something happened here about that. I had three crosses, and a brother got all shook up 'cause he heard a--another denomination say that a crucifix was meant Catholic. I want some student, or somebody, or some borned again Christian to say that Catholics has got the option on the Crucifix. **Crucifix of Christ doesn't represent Catholicism; that represents God, the Kingdom**. Now, saints represent Catholicism. We believe there's one Mediator between God and men, and that's Christ; but Catholics believe in all kinds of mediators, thousands of women and men and everything. Any good Catholic, almost, that dies becomes an intercessor. Now, **crucifix of Christ represents Jesus Christ**. You say, "Why do you need

that? You shouldn't have an **image**." Well then, the same God that said, "Don't make yourself any graven images," the same God said, "**Build two cherubims and tip their wings together, and put them at the mercy seat where the people pray.**" You see, it's--it's without understanding. See? So that is inspired and directly hung in its right place, and I'm so thankful to be the one at the right side." (GOD.IN.SIMPLICITY.title JEFF.IN 63-0317M)

"I had a little **crucifix** hanging up in front of my car. Some fellow was riding with me the other day. He said, "Hey, Brother Branham, I thought you was a Protestant." I said, "I am."

He said, "That's Catholic." I said, "When did the Catholics have the option on the cross?" That's the emblem of Christian faith. Little saints, dead people like Saint Cecilia and all them, them dead people that Catholics pray to, that's a sign of Catholicism, not the cross." (FAITH.title PRINCE.ALBERT.SK 56-0815)

"I got a little **crucifix** hanging in my car. I got one at my home, a cross." That's all right." (LOOK.title PHOENIX.AZ 63-0428)

"**Did you know the early Christians, according to the--the ancient history of the early church, they carried crosses on their backs** wherever they went to signify and identify themselves as Christians. Now, the Catholics claim that was them. 'Course they claim they was the first ones, but the Catholic church wasn't even organized then (See?), but Christians packed the cross on...You've heard people say, "Crossback." You refer that to Catholic? It is the real **Catholic, the universal Holy Ghost Church of the world, correct. We are Catholic; we are the original Catholic, the Bible believing Catholic**. See? They are the church Catholic, the organization. We are free from that. We are the continuation of the doctrine of the apostles. We are the continuation of the baptism of the Holy Ghost and all the things that the early church stood for, and the Catholic church has none of them." (GOD.IN.SIMPLICITY.title JEFF.IN 63-0317M)

"Well, I think all **crucifix** are the same, if I'm not... I'd better look that up. But it's got I-R-N-I which means "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." See? If that's what it is, I didn't know they had any other special or something or other on. But them letters means "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." I-R-N-I, that's what's on the crucifix." (QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.title JEFF.IN COD 61-1015M)

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In the mid-portion are four creatures - the Lion, the Ox, the face of a Man, and the flying Eagle - these are God's four temple guards and God's four standard-bearers raised throughout the seven church ages to counter the forces of Satan's four horse riders - the antiChrist spirit, the Nicolaitans, the false prophet and the Beast (Rev. 4:7). The Arizona Mystery Cloud is also featured in between Jesus and His prophet. These images serve to portray God's power and anointing in these last days as He prepares a Bride for Jesus Christ's soon return.

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