

## 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.