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Praise the Lord. Every time we hear it, “Even so, come, Lord Jesus,” it keeps us in remembrance: He’s even at the doors. What a great thing!

We’ve had such a wonderful couple days of meetings in New Grant and it truly was a real blessing not just for us, but for the people, the family of our Sis. Marjorie Flaviney who has gone on to be with the Lord, the mother of Bro. Ken, mother-in-law of Sis. Jackie, Bro. Ken’s wife. And we are very thankful.

Even our precious sisters Cindy and Ava coming down from Canada to be with the family at this time, you know, it was really something. They were just here recently when we had the memorial service for their mom, and then coming now and the other sister... You know, the family is very close-knit, so they flew right back.

I was telling them last night, I said, “You know, people might think you all are living somewhere up, maybe, in Carenage or somewhere in Trinidad, nearby, to see you that quickly.” But, you know, to show God’s grace, in Carnival season to get a flight to come here from those places is so difficult but God made the way for them. And they are such a blessing also, ministering in songs

in the meeting together with the saints from here. And it certainly was wonderful.

And it was the opportunity to let two eagles fly over the days; and we can sit and really watch Bro. Kibwe [Bro. Kibwe Dick -Ed.] and Bro. Timmy [Bro. Timothy Dayal -Ed.], you know, standing there with such faith, such yielding to the Spirit, such confidence, and the grace that God gave them. You know, they speak like me speaking here in this form, you know, but when you have live people around you, watching you in your eyes and you're sitting down there, you know, for God to raise you up above that audience and keep you so focused, it certainly was a blessing to behold and to sit and enjoy, and partake of the wonderful things that they ministered. And the people truly responded in such a marvelous way with the worship at the end of the meetings and everything was so wonderful.

So, we are thankful to know that God is still giving a witness. The Holy Spirit is still interested, still searching to find that last one, you know. That door cannot close until every name that is in that Lamb's Book of Life that is foreordained to go, you know, they have to be sealed—sealed in. And, you know, He's the great Shepherd who leaves the ninety and nine and goes to find one. And so, we know His ways. When one sinner comes to repentance, we know all of Heaven rejoices.

And then we're going to have the third service with them, and that is on Tuesday, and that's in... They got a place available; we have had service there. The people were gracious in times past to make it available, like when their dad had died, and you know, we had a service there. Bro. Mervyn [Bro. Mervyn Weston -Ed.] preached there. And then they made it available again, so Tuesday we'll all be there again by God's grace. So, we're looking forward for a wonderful time in God's Presence.

You know, to see how... Normally this doesn't happen. You know, you have—the funeral is announced, it's posted and we go out. But to have

services before the funeral, you know... Sometimes we have a little, what you call a kind of wake service [A gathering or social event that is held before or after someone's funeral –Ed.], YOU know; you get there and you speak to a few people and so on. But this was like full, official services where people came, and they traveled and came and it certainly was wonderful by God's grace. And I believe that, you know, as close observers you become sensitive to observe what the Spirit is doing, how the Spirit is doing it; see God Who is rich in mercy. You know, when we were dead in sins and trespasses, walking after the course of this world, [according to] the prince of the power of the air, God who is rich in mercy came and quickened us when we were dead in sins and trespasses. Think of it.

And so, I believe that that same God of the Bible is the same yesterday, today, and forever. And that is what we are seeing and we are noticing that in the services, and the fellowship and everything else. And the people stay back there and sit in their seats, and, you know, worship and fellowship. And it certainly has been a time of real blessing and I think it's an honor God put there when we had the memorial service, and we had this service.

Bro. Isaac [Bro. Isaac John –Ed.] was even mentioning to me, before we were leaving the place there to be on our journey to come back to our places of abode, he was telling me there were some people, elders there, I guess in the church up on that side, you know, and he said they were sitting there and they were discussing and said, "Why can't our thing be like this? Look at what these people have. Look at these people." I guess when they see the young people how they dress, how they come together, how they are so unified, how they sing and they worship with such a faith, such a power, you know, it's an attraction.

What is the attraction in these last couple days in New Grant? What is the attraction in New Grant? The

Spirit of God was there. He was doing something. And wherever Jesus is there's always an attraction. Whether He's visible or invisible, there's always an attraction. Because from the time, you know, you see something beyond human ability, you see something of the grace of God, you see the working of the Holy Spirit, you become sensitive and know that is not human flesh; that's the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord is here, you know. And those who are sensitive to that can catch that by the grace of God.

And may God bless all the singers, all the musicians who made great efforts to labor and get everything right; and the sound engineers and those who help take care of the sound. Because we had some battles with the sound that each time Satan tried to shut the thing down, but God gave us the victory both times and we are grateful and thankful for that. You know, when the Lord comes on the scene, He puts one foot on land, one foot on the sea. In other words, any spirit wants to move, He stands there. And when the Lion roars, those devils have to take off because they know the King is there and it's going to be a flogging for anybody coming to interfere with what He is doing with His people.

You know, Bro. Branham talked about that mother eagle, she way...brings them down and puts them in the grass, those little eaglets. And oh, how they're making somersaults and they're playing and everything else, and then she went up on a rock high where she could look and see everything around. She could see every coyote, she could see everything that is coming, every vulture or whatever it is coming in to attack or something. And when she looks and she sees like a storm in the making and that is coming, oh my, he said, she just flies down, set those wings. He said, "You could tell that they were instructed from the nest." Glory! And she lays those wings out. They grab a feather on one wing, the other one grab a feather and then she went soaring. He said, and that northerner, that wind, was

now strong and blowing, she just pierced that thing and went way back up into the cleft of the rock where she has her nest. What a great God!

And, you know, the Prophet giving this little drama on *Deep Calleth Unto Deep* [1954-0624 -Ed.] , and you know, it's something like that when you can have these things in your mind and then you see how the Lord came down there in New Grant, and it was so wonderful, such a blessing.

And you know, sometimes these things, you know, these villages have believers, sometimes they grow cold. Sometimes they have Christians becoming stagnated. And you know how organization is, some of these things. Yet you have people that love God and want to serve God, but they just maybe are going around in circles and then all of a sudden something comes fresh like a new burst of faith, something with inspiration, songs, a new hymnology. Amen. They see the people's dressing, oh my; they are in step. Glory be to God. They are not like that witch Pentecostal church in that mess, like a witch dancing to rock and roll music going down into hell. No. These are coming and they are marching to the rhythm of the symphony, in line, in step by the grace of God.

And so, you look and you see. Sometimes you see it in an amateur form. That vision is like a worldwide thing, but then sometimes you see a part of the vision from just a certain island, a certain area, a certain region where there are different ones that are called out of that region like we are here this evening.

So, that's wonderful when you see that and you recognize that is such a tremendous, tremendous blessing. And we are grateful for that, that we could be of service to the Lord and we can enjoy, sit, like for me, getting a chance to sit and relax and be blessed seeing young men, as Bro. Branham said, rising up, taking the Message, sweeping it unto the Coming of the Lord.

We used to quote that when we just came in. We felt that we were those young men. Then we became old men and then we see now a new generation, a chosen generation, a peculiar people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation coming. So, we are grateful to see what the Word has produced in this part of the world. Amen. What the Word has produced in this part of the world.

How God gave us that vision, inspired us to go out. He said, "It's time to go now, move, into those islands." And we started those campaigns. Oh my. We don't read that in a book, friends. That came by inspiration. That came by the direction and leading of the Holy Spirit for a people that God planted in that region by the grace of God; a people that God trained under the Word; a people that saw their name in the Lamb's Book of Life; a people who had sufficient faith to go beyond the four walls.

That is like the eagle. He is growing up in an eggshell. Oh boy. And that's the world he knows. He can't see a thing. He is just shut up in that little, small world of an eggshell. But then, when a certain season comes, he begins to press. He gets so caged and fed up inside of that eggshell, he wants to break out. He wants to expand his world. So, he begins to push and with his beak he's pipping, and with his wings he's pushing, and with his foot he's stomping. He wants to get out to see what is beyond his world, this cage that he's shut up in, like a little prison house. He can't do anything inside of there. All he is doing is growing and the bigger he grows in it there, the more uncomfortable it gets for him. Oh my.

Then he sees he gets a crack, and a crack begins to open and the light begins to come. And he knows that's not in the eggshell; that is on the outside of the eggshell. And he realizes now, that light from that world beyond his borders (see?), beyond his borders, his walls, and that light begins to come in and now he's getting some light from another world in his world.

That is what happened to us. We were all growing up in our little villages, our little places. We were living our lives, we were in the world, everything else, and it seemed like we did not know anything outside of that. We never heard about any Prophet, we were not looking for any Prophet. All we knew was Catholic priests and Anglican priests. All we knew was Spiritual Baptists calling themselves priests and all these kinds of business. See? Then one day, oh my, we heard a voice. It wasn't the voice of the Anglican priest or the Catholic priest. It wasn't the voice of the Spiritual Baptist. That voice is like... "Whoever that Voice is, He knows me. He is calling me. There is something in me that wants to respond to this. The Anglican priest never had that effect on me. The Catholic priest never did. The Baptist priest never did. Those Pentecostal priests had nothing to stir this." But we heard that voice, oh my. What was it? It was eagle to eagle. It's there we began to discover we are eagles. See? And all those other things were vultures (you see?) and hawks and these things, earthbound creatures.

And we began to realize: no, there is something here. There is something here for us. And what a thing that Word did for us. That Word had a transforming power. God's power to transform. Power of transformation. When that Word begins to get in your mind, the realm of the spirit, and you begin to try to check It out, you realize before you could check It out, It was checking you out. It was pointing out to you things in your life that are not of God, things that had to go, things that you had to be delivered from. See? That mind now is a gate to the soul. And when He conquered and pushed all those other powers back, reasoning and imagination, He pushed those things back, He made His way down into the heart. And that's where conception took place. That's where a New Birth started. See? That Word, the Seed of Promise found a place to grow. It can't grow up here [Bro. Vin points to his head -Ed.], it grows down here [Bro. Vin

points to his heart –Ed.]. It falls in the heart where the ground is prepared to receive that Seed where conception takes place.

And you begin to conceptualize this God, oh my, how He was Elohim, the self-existing One, came down to Melchizedek. Amen. He didn't stop there, friends. From Eternal Spirit to Eternal Word, but He wanted to come down into flesh. He wanted to come down into a body. He wanted to make His attributes known. Amen. These great, compound, redemptive Names, He wanted to manifest them, all that He is. See?

Then this was the thing that we just went flying. I remember I was going to Santa Cruz—I was going to Tibet rather, but when I reached Santa Cruz, that was it. Holy Cross. 'Santa' is 'Holy'; 'Cruz' is 'Cross'. Holy Cross. I used to like the song: *At the Cross, at the Cross where I first saw the Light, and the burden of my heart rolled away. It was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day.* [#837 - At The Cross - Songs That Live –Ed.] Oh my.

You talk about grace and blessing and power changed me and sent me back home. Glory be to God. That was my little cocoon for five months inside of there, up in Santa Cruz. I came back home as a butterfly. I went up an earthbound creature, a hairy caterpillar with all kinds of questions and no answers. But I went up there and there was One who brought me to the Cross.

Isn't that something? That's where we find Him. He brings every man to that Cross. He took me to Santa Cruz, and it is there I had my Calvary experience. There I began to weep and weep and weep. It was a place of tears. I had my Gethsemane. Yeah. That's what it was. And my Calvary right there.

How many know it takes a Gethsemane and a Calvary to make an Easter? See again how the Word is? I just start to talk and that Word starts to come together. I had my Gethsemane and my Calvary, and I came back. God rich in mercy quickened me who was dead in sins

and trespasses and raised me up into Heavenly places and began to show me, especially after I heard that voice *Looking At The Unseen*. [1958-1003 -Ed.] I was looking for everything in the visible realm, unconscious of the Unseen World. Because that was my destination, that was the reality I sought, praying to this Invisible Man in the canefield, you know. Praying to this Invisible Man in the canefield. I told myself He had to be around somewhere because it's Something drawing me, but I was not seeing Him. I was not understanding He is right there. I can tell Something is pulling me, Something is drawing me as a little boy because I kept going there and I was talking to this unseen Man.

When I came in the Message and I began to do the math, what age I was there, because I was born 1951. What age I was there as a young boy, and knowing the Prophet was already commissioned and was on the earth. And the Angel of God was there on earth, (that's right) leading him and guiding him; guiding His Word which later, I received. See? Same One that I used to talk to in the cane field, is the same One foreordained that tape for me to hear it; same One Who designed my life to live looking at the Unseen, that's right, to understand those dimensions.

Here, we live in the humanistic realm but there's a realm of revelation and vision. How many messages I preached! I can't even count the messages I preached on *Looking At The Unseen, Called To Live In The Realm Of Revelation and Vision, Supernatural Atmosphere*. See? Living in this unseen place where faith looks at the Unseen.

My, my, my! You know, it's just marvelous; just marvelous. You start to talk about Jesus, and He comes. Where two or three are gathered in His Name, there He is in the midst. You can't help that because He's always there. This is God. It doesn't matter where you live, friends.

Look where I was. In the back of a shop, they had this old-time tape recorder, Wollensak. The spool was big like this [Bro. Vin forms an open circle with both hands -Ed.] and it was those big reel tapes. And people sat there and that recorder in the middle there, and we are sitting there. And we were hearing the voice of this man. And we knew that this man died and had gone. So, we're listening to the voice of a man who is dead. He used to live on earth and died, and he's gone to another World, and we have his recordings there.

Could you imagine I came back home from that? I came back home from that, and a work started from that to what it is today, until the church is known around the world, on every continent. It's not magic. It's foreordination. It's pre-planned. It is the living God Who planned all these things.

Sitting here today, we have these precious sisters: Vietnam, Australia, Canada. You know, they are interpreting there: the brothers and our sister are interpreting in Portuguese, in French, you know, in Spanish, in German. Santa Cruz. [Bro. Vin laughs -Ed.] Santa Cruz.

You know, if this wasn't told and you read this in a book, and the people's names were not given, you know how many people would say, "Boy, I read a book! That was something! If you heard that experience! I wish I could meet those people!" And one day you get to find out the people you are around are those same people and you didn't know it was those people that God visited and used and did certain things.

That's why the Jews couldn't recognize Jesus. But they heard about Plato and Socrates and all these things in Athens and these scholars and scientists and (who!) they were flying.

Then when Jesus came, they said, "Who is this?"

They said, "That's Mary and Joseph's son. That's the fellow who was born in fornication. The wayside preacher now, they're saying He is the Messiah."

They said, “What! Messiah? You’re making a joke.” They all conspired to reject That. Yet they and their ancestors had been looking for it for four thousand years.

Isn’t God strange? Isn’t God strange? Yet a woman at the well saw Him; five husbands, and the one that she has right now, you know, wasn’t her husband. That was six of them. And here is the seventh One standing there, the seventh One standing there, and He begins to reveal her life. You should have heard the Word last night on that. St. John 4.

He said, “I will give you Water, you will never thirst again.”

She said, “Sir, but You don’t have anything to draw from. It only has one well here and this is our well. Our father Jacob dug this well. What other well? What well are you talking about? Because you don’t have anything to draw? You’re standing up here. We come and draw water from this well. This is the well Jacob gave to Joseph. Do you know that?” That’s what the Bible says Jacob gave Joseph that well, the well of perfection, where the perfect One which was the greater Joseph, came there, standing there with living Water?

He said, “You are drinking this water,” He says, “But I am the Well of all wells.” He was the Well Himself. And in Him, out of His innermost being, was flowing rivers of living Water. And He said, “He that believeth in Me, as the Scripture saith, will also bring forth rivers of living Water.”

And that’s the beauty of it. That’s the beauty of it, friends.

You know, it’s so nice, I like to talk with you. I wish I wasn’t—I only preach because when I come, I feel that, well you know, people say, “Today is Sunday and it’s service and you have to preach. And we came to hear preaching.” I just wish I could come and sit down and just talk, you know. Because I preached to you all these years. So, I figure talking might be more effective at this

stage. Because a lot of you grow old together with me. You know? So, sometimes when the preaching gets kind of powerful and you are hitting the desk (you know) and you're looking people in their face and you point that finger like that there, some people at this age, they could get a heart attack and these things, you know.

So, when you kind of talk, it's like you pass in by the house, we stop by somebody's house and we come in and say, "How are you doing? We're in the area. We just thought we would just drop in and say God bless," and that type of thing. You know?

And then, you say, "No, sit a while. We just have a little coffee on the fire there and the wife made some nice, little cookies or something. We could have some of that this evening. You passed at the right time. You passed in a good time."

And then you realize, "Boy, we're led by the Spirit. Because right now, I could have coffee and a couple cookies, you know."

And here it is. You're not buying it and you don't have to go through a drive-through to get it. You just get in by believers of like precious faith.

So, it's nice to be with you all. Really appreciate those two days, and the services, and praying and looking forward to the service on Tuesday that God will give a little grace to preach. And, you know, the Word brings comfort. What did Jesus say? "Wherefore, comfort one another with these words." And those are words that He gave, words that He knows the ones that need the comfort. He knows what they have gone through, He knows what has been taken from them, a family.

The mother is like the tie post in the family, you know, and when one like that is taken, it leaves a place that can't be replaced right away. Nobody can step in and fill that slot in a certain way because that is the one that everybody rallied around. And so, that becomes kind of special. Then God has to comfort those, and He has words to comfort because He understands what

that person meant. Because He had given that person as a blessing, and now He has to call them Home because He wants them to be with Him too. He just lent them to us for a while, you know.

You see, people don't understand this because of where—people live so much in religion and make everything a form of religion. "And the Word says this." And they're quoting this and they're quoting that. But really, all these words are a revelation of a Character, of a certain Person that there is none like Him in the universe. The only ones like Him are who are born of Him. And the ones that are born of Him would carry His characteristics. Then you see another little Jesus, another corn of wheat coming up, coming to a mature place.

That's what makes us love the Prophet so much, because when we look at him, we're seeing one like Jesus, we're seeing the love he had for Jesus. We see the grace that was shown to him by Jesus that he said, "Had it not been for the grace of God, I would have been a murderer. I tried to kill six people in cold blood. I would have committed suicide. I tried to hold the high-tension wire to electrocute myself. I was so lonely. I felt so...you know, the loss of my wife and I can't bring her back." And, you know, he's there crying. After he couldn't get through electrocuting himself, he took the gun and he put the bullet in it, playing Russian Roulette, he wanted to shoot himself in the head. And God jammed the gun and now he gets more hysterical.

He said, "You wouldn't even let me kill myself!"

It is frustration. And God, rich in mercy, had her come back and put her hand around him and said, "Bill, we are alright. Everything is good." See?

See, when you don't have revelation yet. You see he didn't have revelation yet at that place.

She said, "Bill, it's far more beautiful than you could imagine." She said, "You preached about this, but you haven't even touched this."

Because he preached about it reading the Bible and was preaching about it with imagination. You know, an imagination can help you because sometimes the words can help you imagine what the words are describing. But when he went there, he said, “My goodness, this is not what I had in my mind. This is far beyond. This is sublime. It doesn’t have words to describe this.” He said, “I thought I would be like a little smoke walking around, you know. I don’t have a hand to shake because the hand went in the grave. I don’t have a mouth to speak. I saw Bro. Neville passing there, I can’t say hello Bro. Neville, I can’t put my hand around him because that is in the grave.” And only realized that they have a body there that when he stepped into it, he didn’t even want to come back to the body on the bed. It didn’t die yet. But he didn’t even want to go back into it.

God said, “No, no. There is an appointed time to die. You have to stay in that house for so much time, then you’re going to leave that house and come to this one here.”

You see, there is so much about God that we need to know. There are so many things in the Message we need to look at from a certain place. And it’s because of a lack of this we only know one world, this physical world. And when we talk about the Other World, we don’t talk about It with a consciousness, with an awareness of what that World is, yet, there is one who went.

Paul went There and came back and spoke of that World, of celestial bodies, and these things. That’s right. And Jesus told us in My Father’s house there are many mansions. But until Paul went There, and Bro. Branham went There, people thought it was a house with brick and stone. He said, “No, no, no.” So, the people used to sing: *I’ve got a mansion just over the hilltop, in that bright City, we’ll never grow old.* And they think it’s a big house they have over there. It’s a body. The language confused a lot of people. You see? So...

Because in that world you have no pillow and bed; you don't sleep. Do you think they get tired over There and go to sleep? He said, "There is no yesterday or no tomorrow. It's all now. I am." He said, "I have never envisioned this type of thing in Eternity." Then when he looked there at the body on the bed, that was like this [Bro. Vin snaps his fingers -Ed.] from birth to There because he was fifty-one years there. That was like that. [Bro. Vin snaps his fingers showing how short fifty-one years is, compared to Eternity -Ed.] And here he is in an Eternal body; a house made without hands Eternal in the heavens. What a great thing, friends.

We have so much to know about this life. And we live in this world from birth and we don't even know half because we haven't seen much of this world. If you live, let us say, we have saints in Trinidad, we have some in Tobago, which is smaller than Trinidad, we have some in Grenada and St. Vincent, which is smaller than Trinidad, and so, when you go there now, their world revolves around three, four miles and they just go around in that world like this [Bro. Vin forms small circles with his finger -Ed.]. And if they were born there and they're seventy years today, they just went around in that little circle for seventy years.

You could imagine you're given a chance to go up in the Swiss Alps, go out into Siberia, go out into China, go up in the mountains in Canada, go out in the Arizona desert and these places, go into places like Africa and the Serengeti and see all the big elephants and the lions and that, go up in the Himalayas in India in those places? Oh my, when you get there, you know how many times the Caribbean will have to be multiplied to fit in one province out there, in those big, huge countries out there? When you watch the population of those places and watch the population in these little places: a hundred and something thousand, you know, in the small islands like Tobago and St. Vincent and them. Trinidad is 1.4 million, that type of thing. When

you go into China and India, they are measured by the billions. Billions. And a billion is a million, million. So, you watch the size of the world.

And that's why some of us who have had the privilege to travel and go out in these worlds and these things through the Gospel and realized that you find... I remember the first time going through, going into Russia...

You see, I'm talking with you. I'm just... I'm feeling good. I'm not really feeling to preach. I'm feeling to talk. Yes.

And in my first time going to these places, and I'm meeting people. They put some benches and they're in a house. And these people are coming from far for a service because it was full communist back there in those days. You see? And when we go to have a meeting like that, this is not a thing out in the open, you know. They have their books and things hidden away and so on because in that communist world they don't have things from the west and you're following some Prophet from America and all these types of different things.

Well, up till this day we know the Prophet is from America. America and I are two different things. I see the Prophet in America just like Jesus was in Israel. You understand? But Israel today, that is where they killed Jesus. They didn't kill Jesus in Africa. They didn't kill Jesus in India; they didn't kill Jesus in China. They killed Jesus in Israel. They killed Peter and Paul and they, and you know—they chopped Paul's head off in Rome.

Peter had never been to Rome. The Romans just tried to tell us that because they wanted to make Peter the first Pope. So they have a whole succession of popes and they make themselves the original church. But that is just their lies that they bring to influence people. And then the kings of the earth, you know, they look at that and they see the Vatican so great, and they go there and they want to kiss the Pope's ring.

Look when the Prophet went there and he had the interview. They said, “Okay, you’re going to go before him, you know, you have to cut your trousers to make sure there isn’t anything hidden inside of there. You know, we have to check you out really well. And when you go there don’t turn your back on him. All these things.” He was willing to do all of that.

He said, “But then you kneel before him and you kiss the ring.”

He said, “Forget the interview. No, no. Only one Man deserves worship and that is the Lord Jesus Christ. Worship is not for anybody else.”

Because he is a Prophet sent by God and that’s why he cannot do that because he is a genuine Prophet. But think about how much of these big, so-called Pentecostal ministers, so-called presidents, and prime ministers and these things go there. See? Oh, and they come back and they think: “Oh, it’s something. Wow! The atmosphere in there.” That is the seat of Satan. Atmosphere? See? When you don’t have spiritual discernment. You see? And these are these realities, you know.

And when we look at ourselves and we are nothing; we are nothing, we are in an island seventy miles by forty miles. Think, how could we have that kind of faith and that kind of conviction? Do you know why? Our body didn’t come from here—we are not the body rather that came from here, we are the soul. And that soul didn’t come from here, that soul came from another World. That soul came from God, the Eternal God. You were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world. You had Eternal Life because you are a Divine attribute of God that God expressed you, God provided a body for you through your parents. And when you go back, where did your parents get theirs from? Their parents. And where did their parents get theirs from? Their parents. It goes all the way back to Adam when

God formed the spirit man, a body from the dust of the earth.

Because the first man God made was a spirit man. God is a Spirit; He made man in His own image and His own likeness. Then It says, “And God formed man of the dust of the earth.” That is the outward man. The inward man is a spirit man; the outward man is dust of the earth. And God said, “Dust thou art and dust thou shalt return.” See. But that didn’t speak of the soul, that is speaking of the body that came from the dust. And though the outward man perishes, the inward man is renewed day-by-day. That is why there has to be clear concept in your heart and mind of who you are and a body was given to you for your journey on earth. That’s right. A body: man born of a woman, few days and full of trouble; subject to sin, sickness, old age, death. From the time you are born, it begins to die, it has an expiry date on it. That’s right.

And that is a great thing that the Word has come to us, opened up to us and we know there are three bodies: the terrestrial body, the one that was formed in our mother’s womb; the celestial body, that when this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, you have one that you go to; and then there is a glorified body. That is, the theophany and this one come together produces a glorified body. That is the one that could never die, a glorious body like His own body, a body that could go through the walls, a body that could travel at the speed of thought. That’s right. That is why Jesus was here one minute and He wasn’t. That’s why He came right through the walls of the house, and they were standing there. They couldn’t understand. They said, “It’s a ghost because this wall is locked up, this door is locked up, every window is locked up and we are hiding from the Jews here.” And then He was standing right inside of there. “How did You get in here?” He came right through.

And then Einstein came along and said if you could get two vehicles like two cars, could travel at one hundred and eighty-six thousand miles per second because that is the speed of light... And this is faster than the speed of light. [Bro. Vin chuckles. -Ed.] You understand that? So, you could imagine. The speed of light... That is why your image could go through time zones.

Look at our Sis. Evelyn here, I am looking at her right there. I am seeing straight into Australia. She is seeing straight into Trinidad. She doesn't have to fight up, she doesn't need binoculars, she doesn't need a telescope, she is just sitting right there. Why? The dimension is opened.

Look at Burkhard [Bro. Burkhard Kraas -Ed.] here, he is up in Canada, sitting right there, interpreting. Look at Cherry [Sis. Cherry Sam -Ed] in Vietnam, interpreting there. Are you conscious? Yet we could come and sit here and be unconscious of all of that because when we look, we are looking for like a picture of somebody and not the understanding how you are able to see that picture, what are the means, what are the things employed in and by what law does it work and operate to bring this now a reality, that you could see... Your natural eyesight could see all the way into Australia, all the way into Vietnam? And they are looking no different to anybody sitting there, in their home, in their space wherever they are; it seems like everybody is the same. See? See the realities, friends.

Then what do you think the Rapture is? What do you think? Changing dimensions.

Remember the story with Gehazi and Elisha and the Syrians coming, the armies? And it was a manhunt. They were hunting Elisha. Because they said, "That man knows what was going on in our private meetings and our war strategy and everything. This man saw somehow. We don't understand what it is, what kind of equipment he has to be able to stay where he is, (he is

not in this compound, he is not here) but he is seeing inside of here.” He said, “No, no, no, we need this man because this man is the difference in the balance of power. We are Syria with an army, they are Israel with an army, but this man among them makes their army greater because this man can see straight into the king’s bed-chamber. And all our private conferences and our military strategy we are planning with generals that we are going to do, can’t be hidden from this man. So we want to find this man, open up this man and see if he is built like everybody else; what kind of technology this man has to make him so advanced to us.”

That is why when the Prophet came, he was standing on the platform and he was talking like Jesus with the woman at the well. And He’s talking and the woman said, “I perceive You are not like us. I perceive You are a Prophet.” She didn’t say, “I perceive You are a priest or You are from this tribe or You go to this synagogue or I perceive You lecture and You sit down and discuss things.” No, no. “Prophet.” They didn’t have one of those—the last one they had was Malachi, that was four hundred years before.

And then John came, you understand? And John said, “This One is coming,” he said, “He is mightier than me.” He said, “I got the Holy Ghost from my mother’s womb, but He is mightier than me because I came by sex but He didn’t come by sex.” You understand? “He is the New Creation.” He said, “I baptize with water, period. You ask me to baptize this man with the Holy Ghost, I’ll say, ‘No, no, no, water. I am a water baptizer.’” He said, “He will baptize you with the Holy Ghost and power.” So it’s different, you know. It’s different.

And that is why, you know, in these things... You see, we are supposed to be growing in an awareness. And that is why in my preaching like for the past few meetings, I am preaching about the current events, but I am preaching about it in a certain way so that we don’t get political, religious, or military, you know; we don’t

just get into activity there. No. The way I am presenting the things—because what has my title been? **“BEHOLD, I COME AS A THIEF”**. That is Jesus saying that. But Jesus is saying that in the midst of the kings of the East diverting the river bed, the waters of Babylon that brought the wealth into Babylon. And they are diverting the course of this here to make a way for the kings of the East. And then now at that same time there is this Beast here who is going to speak, lying spirits coming out of his mouth, deceiving the whole world to bring them to Armageddon.

But Jesus said, “Behold, I come as a thief,” and He puts Himself there and we can relate to that because Jesus told parables in Matthew 24, Mark 13, different things about the thief and the thief coming, and He is referring to the Coming of the Son of Man (you understand?) to take His Bride. The one shall be taken and the other shall remain. No man knows the day or the hour. So, He said, “Pray, be aware, keep watching. If the goodman knew what hour the thief was going to come, his house wouldn’t have been broken into.” You understand?

So, he has to be with an expectation because this One is going to come. And which watch is He coming in? So, there are four watches. See? From the morning time, your first watch of the day, it was like from 12 to 3; then 3 to 6, then 6 to 9, and then 9 to 12, so that makes the day. That is four watches. And these four watches now... Like how the Bible says, Jesus came walking on the water in the fourth watch and that was the early morning. You see? The sun didn’t even rise yet, and they saw this figure coming, and it’s stormy. But this Person, He’s not in a boat, He’s not in a smaller boat. What is He doing out there? How could He walk on water? Is that possible? So it was confusing to them.

Well, the disciples figured it out and their revelation was, “That’s a ghost. That’s a ghost.” And He said, “It is I, be not afraid.” He’s so careful because He’s testing

them too. He didn't say, "It's I, Jesus. It's Me, it's Me, your Lord, Jesus." No. He said, "It is I, be not afraid."

And while He's doing that now, Peter heard the Voice. It's like that Voice rang a bell, boy. Peter said, "That sounds like the Lord, you know." And they were conscious of how He deals with them too. So, Peter decided, I'm going.

He said, "It is I, be not afraid. Come."

They said, "Oh God, no spirit is pulling me out there, to drown me and kill me. That is the devil!"

And all of them got back and pushed themselves in the next part of the boat. They didn't even want to be too close, you know, afraid.

He said, "It is I, be not afraid."

And He's coming to their rescue. He's coming to their rescue, and they are afraid. Could that be possible? Do you think you could put yourself higher than where the apostles and them were? They were the ones who walked with the literal Jesus, slept in the woods with Him, fished in the boat with Him. They were the ones in His meetings taking care of everything in the meetings. That's right. But they knew Him, but didn't fully know Him.

You see, when you don't get the Holy Spirit, you could know things about Jesus, but other things, you have to have the Holy Spirit to know Him, to understand Him, to have discernment to know what He will do in a situation like this, what kind of move He will make in a situation like this? You see, because this is how the Lord is, there was something about Him, and that same characteristic we saw in the Prophet. There was just something about him.

Out in the woods, he said, "Lord, You're here somewhere." He's so sensitive to the Spirit, he said, "Lord, You're here somewhere." He was meditating on the Scriptures: "If you say to this mountain, be thou removed and don't doubt, but believe in your heart, it shall come to pass what you say." And he's meditating,

“Could that be possible?” And he’s looking at the big mountain there that Jesus had spoken to them of, that that will go in the sea if you could believe.

And this is what I’m talking about. “I can’t even move a piece of boulder right here, this mountain, could I speak and move that?” You see, this is where if you think that that is a big, powerful thing, what about to be changed in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye? What is the basis for that faith? That isn’t magic, you know. The Message is to give us faith for Rapturing Grace. The Message is to take the unbelief out of us, the fear out of us and bring us into a Perfect Faith. The Message is to teach us our position because our position goes together with our power. The Message teaches us our rights and privileges as believers. The Message teaches about the plan of God, the program of God. And the Scriptures, “Greater works than these shall you do because I go to the Father,” that is where we have to be living. “If two shall agree as touching anything, it shall be done.”

But when Satan can come along and bring division, and strife, and bring fear, and bring suspicion, and bring criticism and different things, and you find people now criticizing one another, they have fear, they are uncertain and different things, when are they going to get faith? And you must have it in this Hour. It should be in us already in this Hour as evidence that we’re going. Why? Because the events we are seeing on the earth are telling us any day now; it is nearer than when we first believed. That is why we can tell.

Remember Jesus with them? They said, “Lord, show us a sign. We want a sign.” And then He’s trying to show them, (they want a sign) He said, “You can tell when the sun rises, you can tell when the sun is going down, you could tell when rain is going to fall, you can look in the sky and say so and so and so, but what about the signs of the time? Can you discern the signs of the time, the

time that you're living in?" By what are you saying, you in this time or we have arrived at this Hour?

He said, "But you look up in the sky, you say, well, rain is going to fall just now, boy. Hear thunder and lightning. You see a sign in the sky."

And then he said there are signs in the churches, there are signs among the believers, there are signs right in your village, they are signs out in your nation, there are signs in the world. There are signs in the air, there are signs on the earth.

Look at that earthquake [Earthquake in Turkey, 6th February 2023 -Ed.] and those things that took place there. That is one of the things in Matthew 24, "Earthquakes in divers places." Not any small one. This is one here where you have over fifty thousand people dead already, and people are still in the rubble that they haven't pulled out yet, and then they have so many thousands, hundreds of thousands wounded who didn't die, and who weren't buried in the rubble but wounded.

And while that is going on, you have millions of people already displaced through the war in Ukraine (those are just two places in the earth) where bombs are going off continually, where cities are being mashed up with that kind of war. And we aren't talking about death with motor car accidents yet, we haven't talked about death by suicides, death by famine and starvation; we aren't talking about death by murder, robbery and crime, respiratory diseases – people are living where they are dying. All of those are deaths.

So, when you get down to the statistics before the war and before the earthquake, how many people are dying every year by accidents in the world? How many people are dying by robbery and these things in the world? How many people die by shooting in little gang wars and turf wars and different things in the world? And then you escalate now to over fifty thousand. They went to sleep last night and got up in the morning—and woke up in

the middle of the night with no house and can't find some of the family members.

If a person doesn't think about what's going on in the earth, it makes you realize, people are living in a little bubble, living in one, little, small world, and they are saying, "I'm not seeing that! How can you say that?" You know? And their world is so small; they don't even have a clue of what's going on in the world. They don't even have a clue of what's going on in their village, much more the outer world. And they want to explain prophecies and modern events and tell you, "I'm not seeing that like that, and that can't come yet." And they have an idea in their mind of when these things are going to come. Crazy; insanity! This is what you have to deal with. And these people even call themselves, "Spirit-filled".

Well, you have intellectual people, natural men, talking far more sense than them. When you hear some of these people, you know, who sit there, and they give you their synopsis of what is going on, and the earth, and the economics, and the pressures, and the different things, and how the world, you know, has gone into such a chaotic state, and the governments, and there's hardly any real statesmen anymore, and it's a bunch of people, you know, who're just on themselves. And they're mapping out a lot of things, and are making a lot of sense, and showing how people have drifted: countries, nations, different things. And then they are not Spirit-filled. And then the ones who say, "I'm in the Message, and the Prophet said," (and they're not Spirit-filled) and they can't even tell you what's going on in their street, much more what's going on in the world.

Now, this doesn't make the people bad, you know. This doesn't make the people bad. I'm not saying that the people are bad people. I'm saying... Because people are unconscious of demonology. Because, you see, spirits are something that you don't see with your physical eyes like that, unless God makes it manifest

for you to see it. Like Bro. Branham, that night when he was by his bed there, after he preached and came home, and those demons were there. He said, “Oh, God.” When he saw... He was like so shook up to see those devils, you know, so demonic, and they were taunting him. And his wife was right there on the bed. And he said, “If she only gets up and sees this, she is going to faint.”

But God was showing him that they followed him. They came to his home because people got delivered last night; different things happened. He drove devils out of houses that they were living in for years. They had people blind, had control of families and these things and people were getting delivered under the preaching and the working of the Spirit in the ministry.

And so, that now was something—that is still going on. But we are being taught this. He preached a series on *Demonology, Enticing Spirits*. The Bible tells...Paul told us about seducing spirits, and he told us that in the last days (see?) how this generation would be given over to a reprobate mind, to vile affections. That’s why you’re seeing the things going on: vile affections, a reprobate mind. Because these demons that came out of the pit are hunting for bodies.

And remember, whether you are in the Message or not, if he finds you under sanctification for too long, you’re in trouble because you are not sealed. And if you are not sealed, the devil can walk right into your life because you have nothing to discern the devil. But if the Holy Spirit is there, the first thing that goes wrong, that Spirit will check you. Then the Spirit does what? Bring the Word right back to your remembrance. Then the Spirit brings to you your rights and privileges as a child of God, as an Elect of God. And you can go into action against that devil with the Word of God because you have on the whole armor of God. But if you don’t have that, what are you doing? The devil is walking all over you. To be conscious, to be aware. This is what it needs, for people to be aware.

And that's why to me, in preaching, I am trying to cover so many different sides of things to show you the Day that we are living in, the promises, where the Bride's place is, what part of the Word She is raised up to fulfill, the unchanging God in the unchanging continuity, by and through the members of the Bride, that Spirit is finishing that work; then, what are the challenges that you face in trying to carry out that Commission.

Just go in the Book of Acts. Do you think that they just went out there and tried to preach everywhere? No. They stoned them, they ran them out of cities, they threw them in prisons and they beat them while they were trying to carry out the Commission. Why? Because all Hell was against that Truth.

The Sadducees and Pharisees came together; they killed Jesus. Then they came together, again, after the Church. And when they wanted to lock them up, Gamaliel, God anointed him to step in to say, "No, no, no. Don't be so hurry to do this because this could mean bad business if these men are really speaking the Truth and what is really happening. Have a little patience. Wait and see how this thing is going to turn out. Don't be too quick to judge these things. Do you remember that time when those people came, they carried four hundred people in the wilderness and misled them, saying that God sent them and that they had a mission?" Like how these Baptist women go out there ringing their bells, you know, [saying] "God gave me a word, and I come to clean up the place." Satan just blows their minds here with ambitious things, that people want to see themselves doing great things. No.

You need that finger every day, this little one here. You need this one here every day. Otherwise, you can't hold anything and grip it properly. Do you think you want to lose one of them? And do you think they want to compete with an eye? Do they want to compete with the nose or the ears? No. And that's why every gift is

placed in the Body where God wants it. The great thing about it is that you are in the Body, and every member of the Body is linked to the Head, Who is Christ; linked to Him by Blood because His Life... The Life is in the Blood, and His Blood flows from one grain of hair to that little toenail. That Blood moves through the Body, and this Body, this Mystical Body, the Bride of Christ, that's why time and distance don't interfere with that because the same thing that God is showing you and that you believe in and is quickened to you, is the same thing that God is showing to another man in another part of the world thousands and tens of thousands of miles from you at the same time.

That you don't have to sit here now and feel that you have to go now to save the world because, you know, if you don't go, the world can't be saved. No, no. Nonsense. You read the Book of Acts and see if that's how it was. No.

God has His people when He wants them, in every place, and every time He wants them, He has them there because they are part of Him. He puts His Spirit in them, so it is He doing the work through them. It is not him that willeth nor him that runneth. It is not by might nor by power, but by His Spirit. Without His Spirit, nothing is being done, but if His Spirit is in there, His Spirit now, as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God – the expectation and leading of the Spirit; moving in the Spirit. See?

And that Spirit is Eternal. That Spirit is the One Who knows everyone of us because everyone whom He puts His Spirit in was an Eternal Attribute of Him. And they were all gathered in Him, and now He put them in different parts of the world, they are still connected together. That's why when you go, and you cross paths with somebody, and from the time you meet that person and shake that person's hand and look into that person's eyes, there's something that the heart beat is the same, and you shake hands, there is a joy. You talk

for ten minutes, and you feel that you love that person so much, that there is a faith connected with faith. You can see the same Spirit that you have, that God put in you, He put in that person too. And you realize, look at how great God is. Look at God's children in different parts of the world. Look at how marvelous this is.

Do you know the value that Aquila and Priscilla had for Paul? If you've studied the Book of Acts, they were in Rome, they were in Corinth, they were in Ephesus, so many places. From the time Paul raised up a church, he said, "Okay, you all know your assignment," and they would go over there and help take care of those saints. They would get a house because they used to do a trade building tents and all these things, you know. And Paul met them in Corinth.

They were driven out by Claudius when he was driving out those Jews, "Get out of here." Like how Idi Amin [3rd president of Uganda -Ed.] moved all those Asians out of Uganda that time. Well, it was the same way the tyrant Claudius was driving them out, so they came to Corinth, because the geographic location of Corinth was like on a highway that connected so many other places, and they had all the big games and everything in there.

And so, Paul came to Corinth and he saw them sewing and making tents, selling and talking about the Lord and different things. And then they would go into the synagogue. And right away Paul now had a little skill in tent making also, so he started to do some work with them. And then God told him, "I have many people in this city."

Now watch how God had the messenger of the Age, look at the guidance, look at the leadership, look how God had other helpers coming in as co-workers with him for the Gospel. And then they now were living a lifestyle that they weren't tied down in one place and couldn't move; they were mobile. So, when they had to move and go to another place, saints coming in Rome, he said "I need you all in Rome. A new work has started

in Ephesus, you all are the ones with the experience. You all have done this before, and so you all are the ones that can go there. You don't have to spend too long because you can train some others in how we do things."

And then you begin to see different gardens rising up in different places, little groups rising up. And that's what happened in the Caribbean here. That's what happened in the Caribbean here. The same Seed we planted here, we planted in Tobago. The same Seed we planted in Tobago, we planted in Grenada. The same Seed we planted in Grenada, we planted in St. Vincent, and out of there the same kind of people were coming up because God had them there, and God said that it was time to go.

And then God sent us in there with the Word and we were so sure that that was of God, that when I went to St. Vincent, I said, "It has people I came here for." And Bro. Elijah [Bro. Elijah Walters -Ed.] and Bro. Derrick, the two of them... And I told Bro. Elijah, I said "You are going home with me tonight." I was preaching my last service.

My first meeting was *It Was Not So From The Beginning*. The second service I had there was *The Lord Knoweth Them That Are His*. I said the Lord knoweth them that are His and He came for them here. And so as I was going on with the service and Bro. Elijah was in a little confrontation with Bro. Stewart and some of the other brothers and different ones who were there, you know, a little debate and so on. And you know how Third Exodus brothers are.

And so, he came in and watched what was going on and he decided, "Okay, I come to observe," but now they were coming to say, "No, we want to give you a seat. We want you to go in that seat."

He said, "No. I don't want to sit down there; I want to stand up outside here."

So, when I noticed what was going on, I said, "Leave him alone. Leave him alone. Don't police him." I saw

something already. Right away I saw something already. I said, “Don’t police him.” See? When I’m going out now, I noticed a little confrontation outside debating Scripture, so I stopped and turned back. I said, “You want to check us out?” I said, “You have tools to check us out?” I said, “You heard the Word tonight here? You all don’t know this. It’s the first time that you all are hearing this kind of Word.” And then I walked off.

And while I walked off, going, he came running behind me, he said, “You don’t know what happened to me here tonight, you know; you don’t know what happened to me here tonight!”

I said, “I know everything that happened to you tonight because from the time you came through the door, I already saw you. From the time the brother tried to police you, I told him to leave you alone and put you here, and let you do what you wanted to do.” Because in the room right there in the church I told them, I said, “God is going to give us people here, and we need to have some ministers here at this junction.”

We weren’t going by guess. We were not doing anything by guess. Nothing was done by guess. And that’s why when we look at that... And they were the first ones to say, “You have a ministry like Paul; you came up the upper coast.” Bro. Andre Russell was the first one who came in. But I think it was Bro. Junior [Bro. Junior Noel –Ed.] or one of them who met him and was testifying to him and invited him to the meeting. And they were coming out to the meeting.

And you know, the same in Grenada. In every place, the work was a little different, but it was the same God finding the same kind of people, and bringing them in the same way. And when I went, I said, “I don’t want to preach out in St. George’s.” I said, “There are churches there. I want to go where there isn’t a church.”

When I went to St. Lucia, I did the same. I said, “I don’t want to go and preach there in Castries because there is a church there already. Let me go where there

is no...” Because I’m not going to go on any man’s field. I’m going to work where God leads me to work. Principle, knowing the Bible. Paul said that God gave him his field. And when he preached, he said, “My Gospel,” and he had his helpers.

Peter had his field and Peter had his helpers. See? He said, “You are to the uncircumcision and we are to the circumcision.” So when you watch and see, they understood this because they followed Jesus. Jesus trained them. When you watch Bro. Branham and you read the things where he’s talking about ministers and different things, and how they work and...

You see, there is always Scripture and there is always... You see, because it’s the same people, and Alpha and Omega are first and last, Seed and Seed. Once you know that principle, everything in Alpha is going to be in Omega. That’s why this is the restoration Age; the first and the last are the same. That’s why the Bride came back a second time to show that it was the same Bride. Restoration is not another thing. Restoration is the same thing that may have gotten damaged, got broken and different things.

If it’s a Mercedes Benz, you don’t put a Vauxhall bumper on it, and then get some tires, put a couple of truck tires on it. No, no, no. Everything has to be an original Mercedes part that when it’s put down there, it is the same Mercedes Benz in the beginning; it’s the same Mercedes Benz there – restoration.

And that’s why when I was preaching on De-extinction, I showed; I said, watch, Stephen is here, Peter is here, Paul is here, Philip is here, Agabus is here. I said all these people are here. If they are in the Book of Acts in the Alpha, that same species has to be in the Omega. If it had to have a certain atmosphere in churches for that to operate, it would have to be the same here.

But you see when people don’t know these principles, and God is not going to reveal that to every Tom, Dick

and Harry, because if you are a little finger, why would God want to spend the day talking to you about seeing? What will you understand about seeing? If you are a toe, what will God talk to you all day about smelling? No. God is with the nose and God is with the eyes, He'll talk to them about seeing and smelling. He'll talk to you about walking, balancing, you know.

Because God is not going to confuse you because you wouldn't be able to relate to the things because you are a stone cut out for a different position, and the part of the Body you are, that is so the Body can be fitly joined and compacted together by receiving a supply from you, a measure from you to strengthen, whether it's tissue, or bone, or ligament in that part of the body, whether in the hand or the feet, it's going to be there. If it's something with the eyes and ears and nose, that is something of another order. Because it is a language. He is using the operation of a natural body to reveal the mystical Body of Christ. See? Because that is a perfect type. That's why the Bible says you are fearfully and wonderfully made. When God made the body, God made the body that the head and the body would be a Mystery of Christ and the Church.

When God made Adam, the bride was in Adam, and He blessed them and He called their name Adam, and He gave them dominion. And you are only seeing one man and God is speaking in the plural all the time. Then the time comes, God says, "It's not good that the man should be alone. I will make a help meet for him." And then God is coming now and taking part of the man, because the feminine spirit was in there, and the material to make the woman was in there. Because God—that wasn't an afterthought. God is making the man with the bride in the man to be taken out to an appointed time because that's the Mystery of when God comes—Christ comes into flesh, there will be a people who come from Him. He's the Corn of Wheat, if It falls into the ground and dies, It will bring forth a race, it will

bring forth a species. They will have the same characteristics.

You see, Bible language is not the language we do in school, the English language or some other language, Spanish language, and you know, what all people speak. Bible language is a hidden communication. It's a communication by the Holy Spirit. It takes the Spirit of Truth to open the Scripture to bring the fellowship, and to bring the understanding. I trust you're getting me.

We are just talking this evening. This is doing me... I went and studied last night, got up this morning trying to get ready for service and then came to the pulpit and I just feel like, okay, let me just talk a little bit because in my mind I'm thinking, if I go into some of these things here, the first question I should ask before I go in that, have you all gone back over the services? I told you all to listen to them again and different things for you to be familiar.

You see, when I'm on a subject it might take me ten weeks to bring certain thoughts out. Because like I always say, when I study, I study for me. I study the Books of the Bible. I don't study a paragraph or a chapter in the Bible. If I am studying...

I wanted to speak about some things here pertaining to Ezekiel which, maybe looking at the time here, I can kind of go right into it now, and just bring out a little portion. But when you're going into a Book like Ezekiel... Now I have a whole Ezekiel series, you know, in the library that I preached, on the Book of Ezekiel. Maybe some of you are trying to remember, "What did he preach on Ezekiel, boy? What was the thing on Ezekiel?"

So, I think I'm going to go in now. I think I'm going put the pause here and go in and give you a short thing on Ezekiel.

Why Ezekiel? Ezekiel was a prophet in the beginning of the Gentile dispensation, when the king of Babylon

had conquered the world. And Ezekiel was one taken into captivity and dwelt in Chaldea when they moved them from Jerusalem. Just like Daniel was deported before Ezekiel. Daniel was taken into Babylon and Ezekiel was in Chaldea. I guess it's a place just outside Babylon too, the land of the Chaldeans. It's all Babylon, but they have their different territories. So they didn't put all the Jews in one place; they had them in different parts. Because remember, Nebuchadnezzar's thing was: get all the people who know science, get all the people who—the smiths, get all the people who could build chariots, people who could build swords.

Because when they go to war, you see, war is not, we just fight and kill people. No. They want to control territory. And I used to explain that. I say when you see the lion going to eat, the lion... You know Jeremiah said, "The lion has left the thicket." That is language for the king of Babylon, who was sitting in Babylon, is now getting up and he and his army are coming here. Because he already conquered every place, this is the last place to conquer to give them world dominion, so he is coming here.

So, when he's coming now, he's coming to lay a siege and break that nation and take it. But he is not going to carry all these people to Babylon because he will have to feed them. He's going to have to find places for them to live and different things. So he's going to take the spoils, he's going to take the gold, he's going to take the silver, he's going to take all the people who could make arms and arrows, and bowmen. He's going to take people that can build buildings and do nice artwork. He's going to take people who know, let us say, can plant, you know, different kinds of trees, and cultivate places and so on. He's taking people that know certain sciences so that when they come to Babylon, Babylon now, through that war and his conquest, Babylon, which is a super power, will become a super, super power, by having now all this wealth of people of

knowledge. Because Daniel and they had known mathematics and they knew sciences and they knew all kinds of things. They knew about the Spiritual world because Daniel and Ezekiel and they had grown up around Jeremiah. Jeremiah was the major prophet in that Age.

And so, just how Junior Jackson and Bro. Brown and Bro. Lee Vayle and all of them used to go and listen in the tabernacle, listening to Bro. Branham, though they have their own little church and they're doing different things, but they realize now Bro. Branham's measure and Bro. Branham's gift and the things that he's doing, that they can draw things because they are living even close to where he is, so they could draw things from him to help their people, things that they don't know. Because he is not a theologian from a Bible school; he's a Prophet. He's a man discerning the hearts; he's a man seeing visions. He's a man speaking and doing things and they are conscious that the Spirit and the anointing in Bro. Branham's meetings are different to what they knew and had and experienced in their church and in their life.

Now that is what wise people do. You see somebody that knows the Word and God give them a hold of certain things, you see somebody with the grace of God, you see somebody God send in different parts of the earth and give them success and blessing until the people in those places want to come and visit because of the influence it had upon them, and they are in big countries, exposed to bigger things and they want to come. And then you are right there and you won't get close to it. It shows that the enemy pulled wool over your eyes and made you miss a big part of what you were there for to begin with. That was an insensitiveness, a lack of spiritual understanding and the devil just used that. To realize, no, this is a work that God started, just like God starts anything, you know. And then what are sons of God? What are sons when God gives a father

sons? “As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man, so are the children of his youth.” Not children of his old age, of his youth.

When the ministry is young and growing up, and God is giving sons and bringing sons, and they come into the Mystery, and the Second Fold of the Seventh Seal and the Unknown Language and these things opening in the Book of Revelation, and Genesis and Revelation, the Seed back to the Seed, and then the mysterious things in the Book of Kings in shadow and type, those Bride parts of the prophecies and the Mystery of the Bride, from Eve being taken out of Adam all the way to the Pyramid City having the glory of God, those things opening up. Leviticus 23, the key to the Book of Revelation, opened that up and these things. You could imagine the sons who are around a father like that, that God is giving them wealth, and they are in a region. And God isn't dealing with them in a building; God put the whole region over them.

I remember when we built this building here, we were going into the campaigns; I said, “No, we need a place for the administration.” We built that building there. People at that time drew back. Nobody wanted to support that piece of the work at all. One of the brothers said, “Vin is a denomination. Vin is only building buildings.” God took him off the scene. He's gone. Sat around the church here, gave them a place; took them in. They didn't have to beg for anything. If I saw them and they had zeal and they wanted to work—anyone I saw who had zeal and wanted to work, I used to get close and pull them in, “Come on. Come. Do something. Get close. Learn.”

This is how these things work. But people are complex creatures. After a while, this one is thinking—they get into problems, but it's their own self-made problems because you can only be what God made you. And then a person would think, “Well, I want to do my own thing.” And then you'd go and try to do your own

thing and nothing would come out of it, and God had a place for you right here. You see, “My people see My works, but they don’t know My ways.” Right back there again. And this is the thing!

Because discernment of the Body would show, “I have more education than him. He dropped out of school. So, that had to be God because what he is talking about, he does not have the education for that. And he’s talking about it in such a place where I, who have education, realized that that is a higher education than what I have, yet he dropped out of school and he didn’t even reach as far as me.”

That confuses people, you know. No, you have to come back to the sovereignty of God: God chose him to do this. God is the Potter. God made that vessel for this work; God made this vessel for that work; God made this vessel for that work. Your father and your mother don’t make you that vessel; God makes you that vessel. He is the Potter. He is the One who forms the vessel; a vessel of honor sanctified, fit for the Master’s use.

Well, in every Age, the Master has certain work that He does, because the Master always has a Body on the earth. There is no time when the Body is not on the earth you know, because the Body starts with the Feet in the First Age and comes to the Head in the Seventh Age. So the Body was always on the earth growing up to full maturity: stalk, tassel, husk coming back to the grain. It’s a process. It’s an order. It’s stages to bring it to the full manifestation – God’s masterpiece.

So, when God is doing that work in a particular time and season, God always has people under consideration. And just like in the Bible, “Let Judah go first.” Well, God always puts His leaders first. And if God puts His leaders first, you will know that that is the leader because the Word will come to that person and everything they meet along the way, the Word will come to that person. That’s the Bible order and Bible pattern. And if God wants other men anointed, they don’t have

to go and fast in the cane field. No. They get alongside this one, and God will take the Spirit off of this one and put it in the measure He sees fit in those around them because God has the work under consideration.

You hear me always say, people like to preach but they don't know how to work. And this is the thing. To me, when I'm talking like this, this to me is the great teaching. The Seals and Trumpets and the Vials and Thunders and those things, those are good too, but that need foundation like this. Without this, that foundation wouldn't be the right foundation. You must have the right foundation when you want deeper truth, greater truth.

I'm going to read something here, to you from Laodicea, *The Laodicean Church Age*. [An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages -Ed.] It is a portion of the Word where Bro. Branham spoke. But in this, Bro. Branham, you can see the Spirit of the Prophet bringing out things here about the Church Ages that no one had looked into. Now, many people tried to preach on the Seven Church Ages and different things, but they never reached too many places with it because God has to show you where to look at it from and His purpose He chose seven specific churches.

Now, there were many churches in Asia; not just these seven. There was the church that was in Rome, which we know. You don't find that in Revelation 2. There was the church that was in Corinth and Galatia. You don't find that in Revelation 2. It doesn't mention any churches in Galatia and these things, but the Book of Acts tells you about those churches; you see where Paul established those churches. So there were many churches, but when God was selecting now, seven of them had characteristics to reflect the oncoming Age. And in those, and in the order and sequence that God placed those Seven Churches—He didn't start off with the church at Thyatira then came back to the church at Philadelphia or the church in Smyrna. No. God started

with Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea – seven specific churches out of the many churches in Asia, and He put them in chronological order.

The reason for that was that when that particular Church Age came, that history and the activity, the events that would take place there, the Seeds for that were laying in that city. Look at the mind of God, the Intelligence of God. So that means that Paul and they didn't just go somewhere and started a church, and churches didn't just raise up somewhere. God chose those places because that was going to become the Seven Church Ages.

Now, what is the great thing about the Seven Church Ages? Out of the Ages comes the Seals, out of the Seals comes the Trumpets, and out of the Trumpets comes the Vials until the whole Book is opened.

That Book of Revelation—the word 'revelation' there is '*apocalypse*' in Greek, which means '*the unveiling*', '*the revealing*', '*the revelation*'. See? So God, Christ, in His Church and the future works that He will do in His Church for Seven Ages is laid out there, chosen from seven cities. But in each one of the cities, the cities by design, the activity in the city, what the city was known for, it was like a bedding ground, a Seed. Seeds are what will be manifested fully when that particular Age comes, and then you will see how that Age, God had it at that time, and you'll know that this was Divine foreknowledge. Whoever wrote this Book of Revelation—and remember, John was the scribe; he's not the author. The author is Jesus Christ. This Book is called the Revelation of Jesus Christ and His works in His Church. And His Church, He broke it down into seven churches representing Seven Ages. You understand?

So, that's why a lot of people miss the Church Age Book. They don't understand that the Church Age Book, the first three chapters have every doctrine that's in the Bible; it's in these first three chapters, laid out. And

because of the Church Age Book, Bro. Branham in 1964, he went out west, he was building his house out there, and then he found that, you know, something was keeping him there. And after a while he said, “Lord, why am I here? I’m missing the tabernacle. I could go back to the tabernacle and preach, and different things.” But out there he was going to have certain experiences.

And then God came to him and showed him, He said, Moses had to be in the wilderness where he wrote those Books: Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy. See? Moses wrote five Books. And then, He said, Paul had to be taken to the desert of Arabia for three and a half years, and out there is where he wrote a lot of the epistles and different things. God took him aside to reveal to him who Jesus is, why he came; what Jesus achieved. Because Paul’s ministry was to bring the full doctrine. See? “I’ve laid the foundation that no other man can lay.” He’s the wise master builder. He’s laying out all this doctrine of the Old Testament in seed form and showing how there is a Spiritual representation, which is a greater reality in the New Testament Church. That is why I always say, people who read Message books alone, you can’t understand the Prophet. Now, a carnal man would say, “Here he goes again.” See?

The Prophet, everything you see in the Seals book, the Church Age Book and his sermons, he was getting that out of the Bible. So if you do not know where he’s getting that from in the Bible, you wouldn’t understand the thoughts he is expressing from the Scripture. You have to be looking in the Scripture. When you are just reading the book like this... He was preaching something, he goes down on these denominations, he comes back here, he’s preaching again, he starts to tell a story with Mattsson-Boze and them in a certain place, then he comes back here, and you are following that story, but at the end of the day when the message was finished, he went in the pulpit with an inspiration, he

read a Scripture and he was bringing that and applying that in the present tense, because he was not preaching just history, but he was going back in the Scripture, finding those things that are happening today and bringing it out to the people.

Now, when you are not conscious that that is what the books are, you are just reading a book. And when you read the book, he might have quoted ten Scriptures and you didn't write down the ten in a line, you can't remember because sometimes he didn't even quote the Scripture, chapter and verse. He spoke a part of what is in the chapter and verse. He said, "And that time when Micaiah stood up there and so and so and so," and then he goes. And then he says a next time when Ahab was doing so and so. He's not quoting the chapter. Because the thing is, he knew anybody who is a true believer will pause, find that in the Bible and see how that is relevant; why did he bring that Scripture in there; why did he bring this Scripture in here. Because he said, "When I'm preaching, I have all my Scriptures." He said, "I line up my Scriptures." It had about fifteen Scriptures, and when he was done preaching... But he is not calling out the chapter and verse of the fifteen. He's preaching and when he comes to the next one, he tells part of that story that is in that chapter, and tells part of that story here, because all these stories are pieces connecting the picture.

Now, it is so I learn to preach the Message, how I preach the Message, by understanding the way God used him, the way he was made up and how he spoke the Scripture, because he is not a theologian. So, he was preaching with patterns. He had to find the pattern for this. And when he took this Scripture and that Scripture and that Scripture, I guarantee those three dovetail together, where he was watching it from. And until you can stand in the view and see which angle he's bringing that from, you wouldn't catch the thought. You wouldn't realize, that is one thought in these three

Scriptures there that he took to bring that out. You're just reading and flipping pages and reading.

And that is where, sometimes, people come with their own interpretations and their own ideas and then try to say, "No, the Prophet said that."

He said, "Take me not just for what I say but take me for what I mean." Because sometimes like when he said 700 and people think he corrected the bible.

They said, "Bro. Branham was it 700 or 7000? You know, you said 700."

He said, "It's just misspeak."

You know what it is to stand up in a pulpit, you're preaching and you have a message to bring, you think your mind goes, "Okay, one..." When you are speaking by inspiration, sometimes you are seeing something here, and while you are seeing something here, that opening to you in a way, you read it, you put it in your notes and you are going to—you didn't have this part to speak with it, and while you're speaking here, inspiration is coming and you are going into the part that not even in your own notes when you were studying to preach that. A person will not—a minister knows that, especially one who preaches by inspiration. Because while you are speaking, things are coming in, things are coming in. You're not trying to go, "Note one, note two, note three," and reading notes. Look at me. I don't have a note yet, and I'm just talking to you on principles to show there is a Supernatural something with the Holy Spirit.

Because the highest thing is the opening of the Word. Healing is good, singing is good, all these things are good, but if that Word is not opened, Jesus is not unveiled. The opening of the Word is Christ, the Mystery of God being revealed. It is He being made known what He is in the present. So we're knowing the I AM; not I was or I will be. It's what He is right now, this evening, right now for us as a people. What we are in something now, a next church might be in something else, a next

church is watching something else, a next church... And then, for all you know, all these different churches, when they come together, each one has a piece and the pieces dovetail if all of them are God's people, and they don't necessarily have to be saying the same thing. But God is bringing people to see different things, because different ministers look at different things. One man is preaching the foot, next man is preaching the belly, next man is preaching the shoulders and the hands, next man is preaching the neck and the mouth, next man is preaching the nose and the eyes. When you put all that together now, you see a whole man standing there, the whole body Word. You understand? So these are some great things.

So, as I explained to you about the Seven Church Ages, how that is, how that is laid out... And I trust that that could even help you and give you an incentive to want to read the Church Age Book. Because, if you say, "I believe the Message. I like to read the Message," and you haven't read the Church Age Book, you may read a lot of different things in the Message but it's in bits and pieces and it's not joined together. But when it starts to come together in the Church Age Book there, that was the book he said, that's to go into the libraries and the universities. Because he knew, as an uneducated man, he came... He said, "Look at me, I am preaching *Lean Not Unto Your Own Understanding* [[1965-0120-Ed.](#)] in an Age of great intellectual learning and seminaries and Bible schools and, you know, different educational institutions and different things; great scholars and learned people, and I'm preaching *Lean Not Unto Your Own Understanding*." He said it seemed contrary to the time.

But he was showing now, no, in God's church, God was advancing, advancing, from the horse and buggy, to the motorcar, to the aeroplane, to the astronaut. God's thing was an ascension, getting higher and higher and higher. And now, we've reached in the Age where

the Seventh Seal Mystery would be opened, the mighty God being unveiled. And these are things that's only for the elected seed that make up the Bride in the last days. The Mystery of His coming – no man knows when He is coming; how He's coming and these things. And if you are part of that going with Him when He comes, then there are Scriptures in the Bible to show you how you are getting prepared to sync, to sync with Him, because that's the Head coming for the Body. It's a Marriage – the Head and the Body coming to unite together here; then the Bridegroom takes the Bride to the Supper in Heaven. Supper is not on earth. Marriage is on earth; Supper is in Heaven. So it's beautiful when we look into this.

So, here we come again. I am still on my subject, okay: BEHOLD I COME AS A THIEF (this is part 6), and ***“The Four Severe Judgements Of The Supreme Judge”***, which, I'm giving you the title and the subject but I am not getting into it because it is not so much to give you information. I want to be able to... All of what I am speaking around there are certain principles that I'm giving for a believer who hears, who understands. And I would not be doing that if I had the confidence that everybody understands, they are right on spot, they know what is going on, they understand what is happening in the world right now and everything, and I'm just throwing water into the sea. I don't think so.

I think you hear it, some people kind of enjoy it for a while and then two days after, they can't remember it, because I know to live in those places is not easy. You have to be a real—you have to become like a student of the Word, a lover of the Word. Prophecy, you don't take up that and read it like you're reading the newspaper. That starts in Genesis and that ends in Revelation, and that connects all the way through. And you have to know your Age, you have to know your time, you have to know your season, you have to know the anointing

for your Age, you have to know your promises and these things to be able to put those parts of the Word together.

Now, to repeat me might not be any sweat, but to understand what I'm saying, that is a different thing. Because to understand, if somebody asks you a question on it, and you can't understand it now, then right away you are trying to give your explanation and then you are going off. Then the person thinks, well, you are false and you don't know what you are talking about. Then you say, "No, No, No, the minister was preaching on that in church." Then he'd think I don't know what I am talking about too. And you would not say, "No, go and talk to him. Let him answer. I can't understand everything he's saying, but I believe what he's saying. You go and talk to him. I'm sure he is going to show it to you, because I still need to catch up on certain things. I am praying right now that God will give me a clearer understanding."

When you hear it, that doesn't mean you understand it. You don't understand it until it becomes Spiritual life in you, until you know it, until you don't have to fight up to think and fight up to remember it, because that is memory you are working with. Faith and memory are two different things. Memory is in the realm of human spirit; faith is the realm of the soul. That is two different things.

So, these things... That's why the Word of God is what Satan fights. Satan doesn't fight anything else, you know. It's the Word he fights, you know. What was the first thing Satan did to bring death? Pervert the Word, the original Word. He added 'not'. "The day you eat," God said, "you shall surely die." He said, "No, you shall *not* surely die." He didn't pervert the woman first, you know. He perverted the Word first and then she got perverted because she believed his perversion of the Word instead of the originality of the Word. And this is where...

That's why we have one Message and a thousand interpretations, just like it has one Bible and a thousand denominations. We have a thousand interpretations in the Message, yet it is one Message. One Prophet spoke all twelve hundred tapes and yet, we have so much division. Nothing is wrong here; it is the different people hearing things and thinking and putting a different slant to it. And the reason for that is, they are not going back to the Bible. Because the Prophet, when he spoke first, he spoke it from the Bible. When they speak, they are not going in any Bible. They are reading things in the Message books and they don't realize they are reading a lot of things wrong because they do not know the Scripture, because this man was speaking Scripture. He was bringing a picture.

And then, this is the thing. He preached in pictures, so to try to hear him and memorize what he was saying is too hard, you can't do that, because he was preaching pictures. He started a picture here, he goes to a next picture there, he goes to a next picture there, and he leaves you, and you say, "I can't follow it. I can't follow him! He got off his thought." No, he didn't get off his thought. He brought three consecutive pictures, because he wanted you, if you don't see it in the first picture, you see in the second picture. If you see in the first picture, you get more in the second picture that you couldn't see in the first picture. It's so he's preaching.

Now, he's going to slip off and go into the eagle story, go over into something else here (you understand), the boy looking in the mirror, and he goes over there, the boy with the stamp. He was changing gears, bringing out the Word but in parables because that was the way he was speaking.

Paul said, "We speak the wisdom of God not with words that man's wisdom teacheth but words that the Holy Ghost teacheth." See? Even the hidden wisdom of God. He said, "If the princes of this world," all those

great scholars, Jewish scholars, “had known this, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory,” because they couldn’t understand him speaking in parables. He was speaking a hidden wisdom and that Spirit came down and taught the apostles that hidden wisdom. And Bro. Branham comes back with that hidden wisdom, and that is where some of us pick up that hidden wisdom to speak in the way we speak. That is given by the Spirit. You can’t learn and practice that. That is a makeup. And this is where...

I am not going to get further than this quotation, but since you have it, I’m reading out of the Church Age Book [An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages -Ed.], *The City Of Laodicea*. Bro. Branham said,

The name, Laodicea which means, “people’s rights” [people rights] was very common and was given to several cities in honor of royal ladies so named.

See? The name of the city is Laodicea, but Laodicea, the meaning of it is ‘peoples rights’.

This city was one of the most politically important and financially flourishing cities in Asia Minor.

So you had Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea, but Laodicea was one of the most politically important and financially flourishing cities in Asia Minor.

Enormous amounts of property were bequeathed to this city by prominent citizens. It was the seat of a great medical school. Its people were distinguished in the arts and sciences. It was often called the “metropolis” as it was the country seat of twenty-five other cities.

See, it had twenty-five other cities around, and here, this city of Laodicea now, it was like the center where these other twenty-five cities now, were connected and gathered around so it’s called the metropolis.

The pagan god worshiped there was Zeus. In fact this city was once called Diopolis [which means] (City of Zeus) in honor of their god. In the fourth century an important church council was held there. Frequent earthquakes...

We are getting something here now.

Frequent earthquakes finally caused its complete abandonment.

That city, which is the representative of an Age, was destroyed by earthquakes. That is a shadow of this Age and the earthquakes. And those earthquakes are in the Bible. Remember my message on those three earthquakes: Revelation 6, Revelation 11 and Revelation 17.

How fitting...

Frequent earthquakes finally caused its complete abandonment.

This great city, medical school, arts and sciences, a metropolis, Zeus was worshiped there, and an important church council was held there *and* frequent earthquakes finally caused its complete abandonment.

Now, Bro. Branham's objective here was taking the city, the name Laodicea, which represents the last Age, and he's showing you that the characteristics in the city are the characteristics of this last Age, because each city was like a template of an Age that was coming on.

How fitting were the characteristics of this last age to represent the age in which we now live. For example, they worshipped one god, Zeus, who was the chief and father of the gods.

See? Do You hear how Bro. Branham was saying it?

How fitting were the characteristics of this last [city] to represent the age in which we now live.

This is his objective. When we see the characteristics that he pointed out there for us, we see the kind of Age: an Age full of science, an Age full of religion, an Age full of the arts and sciences – Laodicea.

Look at what civilization is. Look at the height of civilization today. Look at those big cities. Look at those universities. Look at those big campuses. Look at those kinds of religions today. You get sixty thousand people easily; these soap opera preachers preaching their little soap operas. And the place is packed up with people;

finest jewelry, finest dressing and everything. Big cars are parked up because they are preaching to be a corporate supporter, “Sow your corporate seed, that God is going to bless you mightily. Make your deposit here. You are going to get your private jet. You are going to get your Mercedes Benz. God doesn’t want you to suffer. God wants to bless you.” And for years, until when you watch religion now, you can hardly find something real because when those other denominations see these people raking in that kind of money and these people are doing that kind of thing, you find all of them now, want to kind of change up their service to attract more membership to the... They are not in the Word; they are on trying to get the same kind of status and use these people as a template for success. So they are trying to work like them, and then what is happening? You can hardly find a true Christian. You can hardly find a church where the Word is being preached. You have a social gospel. Do you understand? Nobody is preaching about sin. Nobody is rebuking sin. Nobody is rebuking fornication. When you ask them what they think about homosexuality, they say, “Well, I’m not really called to preach on that. My line is to tell the people about the love of God.” You understand? Compromising. Because you don’t want to shake up the business. Because, it is business. Church has become a business. This is the Age.

That’s why, when that power and influence is there, this is where the real church should be shining, the real believers glowing with the glory. Like I was saying up in New Grant, how the gentleman, Bro. Isaac was telling me, he said, “Why can’t we get this? Why can’t our thing be like this?” Well, you have to have the seed. If you want to have a crop, it depends on what kind of seed you have, what kind of soil it has. If you throw the seed and it’s not good ground, the fowls of the air will pick it up. If it falls among thorns and thistles, people who like pleasure and all the fashions of the world and these

things, that will choke the seed. If you plant it on rock, stony heart, people who still have animosity and are full of revenge and all these things, and are hard and callus in their hearts, well, the seed can't get any root to go down in there. And if you're not getting any showers, the showers of the former rain, teaching rain, and the latter rain to bring the crop up, what crop are you going to get? You are going to get a bunch of briars and stickers and everything else.

So, they think now, well, we have people. We sing gospel songs, you sing gospel songs; we have a preacher behind a pulpit, you have a preacher behind the pulpit. They think it's the same. No, it's not the same. It's millions of miles apart.

Where there is no vision the people perish. There must be Scriptural vision, Spiritual vision to know what God wants done with the Word. See? How to work with what God gave us to see a glorious Church without spot and without wrinkle, a people who is foreordained to go into the Rapture. God has a Message for these things.

So, quickly. So, he said,

How fitting were the characteristics of this last [city] to represent the age in which we now live. For example, they worshipped one god, Zeus, who was the chief and father of the gods. This forecast the twentieth century "one God, father-of-us-all" religious premise that sets forth the brotherhood of man,

Because that is what is going on now. "No, we all believe in one God. We all believe in the same God" – ecumenical move. "Let's come together. Let's join together in fellowship. We all believe in the same God. You call Him the Father, this one calls Him the Son, that one calls Him the Holy Ghost. We all have different things. Let us not squabble over these little things. He loves all of us and all of us are going to Heaven." Do you see? Laodicea, the city was like this. He said, "Watch the characteristics of that city; how it represents the Age we are now living in."

... religious premise that sets forth the brotherhood of man, and is even now bringing together the Protestants, Catholics, Jews, Hindus, etcetera, [Islam] with the intent that a mutual form of worship will increase our love, understanding, and care of each other.

“Let’s stop fighting religion. Let’s stop these religious wars. We are all one. Let’s serve God together.” See?

Like they said, “Jesus prayed that we will all be one.”

He said, “Not that kind of one.” Not that kind of one; one like Him, one in His image and His likeness.

The Catholics and Protestants are even now striving for, and actually gaining ground in this union with the avowed intent that all others will follow.

That is in 1965 he said they are gaining ground. Do you know how strong that is now? Do you know how huge that is now?

This very attitude was seen in the United Nations Organization when the world leaders refuse to recognize any one individual concept of spiritual worship...

Bro. Branham goes to the United Nations organization, where the world leaders stood up and refused to recognize any one individual concept of spiritual worship. What does the United Nations organization, those world leaders know about God and religion? You see? And the Prophet now, was bringing it out to show.

... but recommending putting aside all those separate concepts with the hope that all religions become levelled into one, for all desire the same goals, all have the same purposes and all are basically right.

So now we have politicians telling us about how to serve God and different things and they are worshipping the devil. And all governments are of the devil: Matthew 4.

Notice the name,

Bro. Branham was saying now:

Notice the name, Laodicea, “the people’s rights,” or “justice of the peoples.” Was there ever an age like the

twentieth century church age that has seen ALL nations rising up and demanding equality, socially and financially? This is the age of the communist 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 Socialist, Christian Commonwealth Federation, etcetera. According to our liberal theologians Jesus was a socialist and the early church under the guidance of the Spirit practiced socialism, and thus we ought to do so today.

They said, “The early church practiced that.” That’s when Barnabas and they sold their land and bought a lot of their possessions and laid it at the feet of the apostles so that everybody... So they said, “That is socialism. They practiced socialism, and this is what every church should be practicing, this kind of socialism, because this is what we need. Don’t look at people’s religion or how people might be different in little things that make people grow apart.” You see? But the Prophet was showing, it’s the Age of people’s rights or justice of the people, so he was bringing out the characteristics to show you all of this was back in Laodicea and here it is in the last days.

When the ancients called Laodicea the metropolis it was looking forward to the one-world government that we are now setting up [the Prophet said].

“It was looking forward to the one world government.” You know it is one world religion, one world government, one world economy. White Horse rode all the way, started off as a deed, then it became a doctrine, but it rode all the way to become a one world religion. Red Horse started: one world government, military, politics. It rode all the way until it became a one world government. Economics – the big fight going on right here is to control economics. And what do you think is happening here? To bring a one world economy where you cannot buy or sell except you have the mark,

bringing control over all this that makes up this last Day society.

And so, he was taking the city of Laodicea and all of these things that are in it, and was showing how as each Age brought forth their characteristics, this is the last Age, and look what we are seeing now: one world government is being set up, one world religion is being set up, ecumenical move and all of these things

As we think of that city being the location of a great church council we see foreshadowed the ecumenical move taking place today, wherein very soon we will see all the “so-called” Christians come together.

That is why anyone who wants to be in the NPO [Non-Profit Organization –Ed.] can be in the NPO. They don't realize when you sign up for that, the government gives that; not God. And religion, what you call the IRO [Inter-religious Organization –Ed.] here, in this part of the world, they have Hindu, Muslim, Christian, a bunch of them already get together. And I guarantee you, no Message minister is going to be the head of anything there. Because he is a doomsday Prophet who is connected with the Klu Klux Klan. That is what they said about me. They said, “I am following a doomsday Prophet who was connected with the Klu Klux Klan.”

Indeed, the church and state, religion and politics are coming together. The tares are being bound. The wheat will soon be ready for the garner.

It was a city of earthquakes, such earthquakes as finally destroyed it. [Get it now.] This age will end in God shaking the whole world [this Age will end in God shaking the whole world] that has gone off to make love with the old harlot. Not only will word systems crumble, but the very earth will be shaken and then renovated for the millennial reign of Christ.

The city was rich, endowed by the wealthy. It was full of culture. Science abounded. How like today. The churches are rich. Their worship is beautiful and formal, but cold and dead. Culture and education have taken the

place of the Spirit-given Word, [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.

In every attribute ancient Laodicea is found reborn in the twentieth-century Laodicean Age. [In every attribute ancient Laodicea is found reborn in the twentieth-century Laodicean Age.]

Every Age had its characteristics by the name of the city. 'Thyatira': 'dominant female'. 'Pergamos' means 'married'; Church and State married and these things. 'Smyrna': 'bitterness'; where Antipas, my faithful martyr, where they killed them and they locked up the Christians and these things – ten years of persecution.

So watch and see. This Book of Revelation... We are talking about the Book of Revelation. We are talking about the names of the Church Ages and the characteristics in the Age. And that is manifested today. And here now, he is bringing this out for us. And that city was what? Destroyed by earthquakes. And he was showing that this Age is going to be destroyed by earthquakes.

In every attribute ancient Laodicea is found reborn [what a statement] in the twentieth-century Laodicean Age. In the mercy of God, may those who have an ear to hear come out of her that they be not partakers of her sins and the consequent judgment.

So, I am stopping there because if I go and start in Ezekiel... That will not kill you, man. Let me just read a little portion of Ezekiel. I promise you, if I take half an hour, I'd take plenty.

Now, one of the statements I want to make as I go into Ezekiel Chapter 1 here, is that Jerimiah, Ezekiel and Daniel were contemporary. These are things you have to notice when you are reading your Bible. Because, they didn't live in different times; they lived in the same time. They saw the same events. Some were younger than some, some were more renowned than others, but

they all lived in the... It comes like us. We have ministers all over the world in the Message, we're all living in the same Age, we have television and these things, internet so that everybody can see what is happening around the world and have access to news and information and see events and know what is happening because we live in that kind of Age, the information media and all these things. We are in this Age. And this is the Laodicean Age, okay.

So, watch. So, just like in Jeremiah and them, in their Age, they saw the king of Babylon. They saw war. War was a normal thing with them. It had constant war. The Egyptians were fighting war, the Assyrians were fighting war; the Babylonians were fighting wars. And it was a contest of the big, industrialized nations fighting for superiority to take control of territories and resources in the earth; just like you have China, you have Russia, you have the United States. You understand? And you have these big powers: you have the European Union and these things. So when we look in the earth, we see a lot of nations at war.

The same Book of Revelation tells us the kings of the earth and the kings of the east, and the wars that are going to take place. It tells us, the Vatican, in one hour, all that riches will be destroyed by the smoke of the burning. And the only way that that could be burnt in an hour, it has to be atomic fire, nuclear weapons to burn that whole city in an hour. And the Bible says, in one hour, this whole thing is gone. Strong is the Lord that judgeth her.

So, we are in that kind of Age, and we are seeing these nations and we are seeing the wars. And then, we see these big nations and they have other supportive nations because they have alliances. You understand? Like Russia, they have an alliance with China, they have an alliance with Iran, they have an alliance with Bulgaria; they have alliances with different countries. The United States has an alliance with those European

Union nations, because this is the Beast and the image. You understand? So when you look here, you are seeing how these things are in the earth.

Now, that was a norm back in Daniel's time, in Jeremiah's time and these things. And by that time, the wars were fought, the world was about conquered and Nebuchadnezzar would have had, maybe, military bases all over the world in that time. To conquer the whole world and to keep control of territories and to keep control of resources and these things, he would have to have his security forces to be able—so that when they conquered something, they didn't lose it back. Because the plan is to unify the powers (see?) religious powers, political powers, economic powers, to control the world. They control trade; they control commerce.

This is not a new thought. There is nothing new under the sun. All that Nimrod did, Nebuchadnezzar came and did in another Age with greater armies, greater weapons. Everything was greater in that time. See? Look where we've come to now. The weapons we have here, today... Nimrod wasn't fighting with any F16. Nebuchadnezzar wasn't fighting with any F16 and these things. They were not into inter-continental ballistic weapons, but they have all of that today. Watch and see the world that we are living in.

So, because there is nothing new under the sun... And we now, are at the end of the Gentile dispensation. Nebuchadnezzar was in the time when Gentiles rose into power because they conquered Jerusalem, they conquered the kingdom of Judah. They took them into captivity. Because in the time of Solomon, that was the greatest nation, and all the people of the world, the kings of the earth, came to bring their wealth and to bring their honor and to see Jerusalem and to sit and listen to the wisdom of Solomon and these things. The Queen of the South came through the desert, about three years' journey, the Prophet said, on a camel's back, bringing loads and loads of things there, because

the news went around the world that there's such a kingdom. And then, finally, you see where that whole Jerusalem... You only have to read the Book of Lamentations.

Jeremiah wrote the Book of Jeremiah and Lamentations. And Lamentations, he showed that they sat in the street, the city they called the perfection of the beauty and joy of the whole earth, and the thing was burnt. And then, in the Psalms, they were saying the children of Esau were saying, "Raise it, raise it, burn it down," because of the contention between Jacob and Esau's children and these things.

So, when you look and see in the world today, each one of these nations have their supporters in the world. They are looking and they are seeing. But the things that are playing out in the world today have been played out already in history. And that's why, when we know the Bible and the Spirit can lead us in the Scripture, we can go back and find the shadow and the types of the things happening presently and be able to see history repeating itself again.

And this is a great thing for the believer because we have the opening of the Word in these last days. And the Seven Church Ages hold the key to all these things, because it's two spirits coming all the way through. And at the end of this Age, that one who Nimrod represented, he called himself the woman's seed, he called himself God, that he is the promised one, he is the Messiah and these things, well, that is what the man of sin, the beast is coming to do. He's coming to take that place and sit there. And he wants to set up his thing in Jerusalem. And all worship is coming to him because he has the whole world united. Because the god of this evil Age has blinded the minds of the people. They will control the world. Rome is going to control the world.

Now, I have some things here, I won't be able to go into, to show you BRICS [Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa - Ed.] and all these things are coming up, where they are

trying to divert this river bed. But BRICS is already infiltrated. BRICS is being infiltrated right now, because they tell you, Rome is going to rule the world; Rome is going to have the gold.

Let me show you that because I have some of my good friends here who are students of the Word, hearing me make a statement like this.

Argentina and Brazil came together – new currency, Roman; the two biggest Roman powers in the whole of Latin America. The present Pope is out of Argentina. In other words, they know where they are being beaten, and so, they have schemes. And they now, are coming with their Trojan horse. This is a Trojan horse. Because remember, the Catholics control all the oil fields and all these things that they stole through the United States, you know: Libya, Iraq, all those places that they went and invaded; (you understand?) all the drugs and the opium and all these things that they use for their Black Ops and all these different things out in Afghanistan, out there in those places that they have twenty years out there, you know. Russia was twenty years out there too. But watch.

From the time they see people moving towards them, what are you going to do? When they see people fleeing to the new world when the new world was discovered, what do you think the Catholics did? Jesuits were on that first boat. Jesuit was on that first boat that landed in Plymouth Rock. This is the key.

Collin [Bro Collin Wellington -Ed.], do you see what I'm talking about now? I sat and watched this, and something told me, watch, watch, watch what is happening here. And something said, Trojan horse. I heard the voice inside of me saying, Trojan horse.

You know the story about the Trojan horse? The Greeks wanted to get into Troy and they put that big horse there because that place was so locked up, nobody could get him in there. And they had men inside of that horse and they left it like a gift for them. When

the people saw it, they realized maybe they wanted peace, maybe they wanted fellowship so they put that there, so they carried it inside the city. When they carried it inside of the city, in the night, those soldiers came out and started to raise that city. And so they were able to overcome them.

Let me tell you, Rome is so shrewd. They are so shrewd. Because now, you get European nations; they want to get in too, and it looks like, “Ah, boy, that...” The man in the world who does not know the Bible, he thinks it’s a great thing, but you are seeing, watch how this fourth...

It only has four kingdoms. Jerusalem shall be trodden down until the time of the Gentiles is fulfilled. The time of the Gentiles started with Nebuchadnezzar and it ends with Rome. Four kingdoms. Four beasts came out of the water, Daniel saw. The fourth one has the whole world so deceived, it’s only those who have the revelation of the Books of Daniel and Revelation understand how the Fourth Beast is working through the United States with nine hundred military bases.

I came across that and I sent it to the watchman. Nine hundred military bases they have there. And they list them, where they are. What do you want with nine hundred military bases? Somebody has a plan to rule the whole world for years, and they are doing it through the nation who build up the bases.

Well, all these things, as it happens and it unfolds and comes out, it only shows how the Spirit uncovers these things down through the years, Word upon Word, through the Bible, bringing these things. And now, with this BRICS thing coming up here now, and it’s looking like a powerful alliance, and the Belt Road Initiative—all these things are coming. And it is going to shake up things too. It is going to do a lot of shaking up. But Rome is not going to lie down and just be beaten up like that. No. They can’t stop the kings of the east from doing what God gave them the power to do and do. But yet,

don't think they are not... Because the Bible says, "And these ten kings give their strength and their power to the beast." And God put it in the hearts of some inside of there to burn her with fire and eat her flesh.

So, when you look and you see these nations there... Russia sells America oil, you know. Remember, some of them bank in the same banks and everything else. It's not everything separated and everything... No, no, no. Trade and commerce. It is convenient for people with a system that is working. Though they are apart, they have different ideologies with certain things, they will fight on certain fronts, and yet, at the same time, on other fronts they will agree. Remember, this is people of the world. And remember, each one of them doesn't want to destroy the nation just by fighting, fighting, fighting. They also have to show that they are people who can sit at the same table and discuss, whereas, they will not sit at certain tables. Like, right with this Ukraine war, it has certain things there. People are getting bombed left and right, but then the other trade and things are still going on; treaties that they have are still going on. Because it is not on the front table; it is in the back for the time, but it's still there. It isn't destroyed or brought to naught.

And that is why, where they are seeing they are losing influence with certain nations and they are going towards the king of the east, well, they are not going to stand up and say, "Look at how we lost them, boy." No. They are going to say, "You all go and join them. Get inside so we'll have people inside. We'll know everything that is going on." It's a game. It's a grand chessboard. They are sitting there and it is who is thinking on a higher level and who is seeing moves that the other one isn't seeing on that chessboard at all.

Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel. Before I go into Ezekiel... I am not going to go in to that but I'm giving a little synopsis so you will understand when you are reading the Book of Jeremiah, the Book of Daniel and

the Book of Ezekiel, these are three people who lived in Jerusalem, they were there at the same time, and the war had some to be dispersed. And so, Daniel and they were taken captive. Daniel went down before Nebuchadnezzar and they. And that was prophecy too, spoken by Isaiah to Hezekiah. When Hezekiah was sick and got well, and the people heard the man miraculously came out of that sick bed, he pleaded and begged God, and God told Isaiah, "Okay, tell him fifteen years extra," and he got fifteen years.

Then the kings of Babylon and they came to see Hezekiah, but it was a scheme. "Oh may, we are so happy. We heard the good news. We want to come here to see the king and he is well." Then Hezekiah was feeling so nice now, that he got some extended life, he carried the king of Babylon and showed him all the treasures and showed him all the different things that they have in Jerusalem.

Then Isaiah walked up and saw what was going on. He pulled Hezekiah aside, he said, "What is happening here?"

He said, "Nothing, they came to see me. I think we'll have a more friendly relations now, with Babylon, you know. I think everybody is talking peace, and everything would be nice from here, so I kind of extended a little courtesy and showed them our things."

Then the Holy Spirit spoke through Isaiah, he said, "All of this what you showed them," he said, "they'll come in here and all the princes, the young ones here in this nation, will be carried." He saw it in a vision already. The vision broke while he was there and he told him what was going to happen. Then you see Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, all of them, all the people who played music and the arts, all of them were going down in deportation, in chains going down into Babylon.

Isaiah was before Jeremiah. And in Jeremiah's time, Jeremiah saw it coming, seeing Isaiah's prophecies

coming, seeing the world changing. Just like Daniel after sixty-eight years realizing, “It’s time we should be going back. That was in Jeremiah’s prophecy.” And that is why today, we are trained to watch the prophecies of the prophets.

Paul gave prophecies in the first Age. Bro. Branham gave prophecies. You don’t find any men outside of them giving prophecies for the Age. You find Paul saying, in the last days so and so and so; man of sin sitting in the temple; this body will be changed in a moment, in a twinkle of the eye; the Lord shall descend from Heaven with a Shout. Prophecies. Watch Bro. Branham coming back at the end of the Age, and he’s prophesying, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen.” He is that angel with John through the Book of Revelation, showing him the prophecies, showing him what the visions mean.

It’s marvelous. Let me tell you, these sayings are faithful and true. These are truths from the Bible. Old Testament, New Testament, Book of Revelation, showing to us the Day.

Become familiar with your Church Age Book, the one from 1965. 1965 – that has all the doctrines of the Bible. You want to know your Bible? Read that. Read that. When I came into the Message, one of the first things I had was a Church Age Book. And the first thing I read on the fly leaf, it says, “Out of the Ages come the Seals, out of the Seals come the Trumpets, out of the Trumpets come the Vials, until the whole Book is opened wide before your wondering eyes. And we who are edified and purified by the Spirit are made ready for His glorious appearing.” And that has been the book that has changed my life, opened my understanding, made me see who the Prophet is; to understand how he defines his prophecies for the last days.

Look, I just read that little one there, in the Laodicean Age; the characteristics of the city. Because he knew these cities—he knew there was a reason why God

chose out seven and put them in a chronological order. It doesn't have anymore after Laodicea. Laodicea is the whole civilization of the Age that's going to be destroyed by earthquakes.

First earthquake, Revelation 6 – the closing the Gentile Age, opening back the Jewish Age. Millions will die; California is going under the sea. Then, second earthquake, Revelation 11 – Moses and Elijah are killed, 144,000 are hunted down and killed; Moses and Elijah translated into Heaven. Of course. Then it says what? The Second Woe is passed; behold the Third Woe cometh quickly. Then, Revelation 16:17-21, Seventh Vial – the cleaving of Mount of Olives changed the whole world; such an earthquake that never ever has been. And these three earthquakes ...

Look how God opened the mystery of those three earthquakes for us. I preached a whole series on earthquakes: *Soon Cometh The Earthquake* [2008-0706 -Ed.], *The Lion Roars Again In Zion Before The Great Earthquake*, *Earthquakes And Dispensational Changes* [2008-0713 -Ed.], *Lo, There Was A Great Earthquake, A Great Earthquake And A Great Hail* [1984-0921 -Ed.], *The Closing Of The Gentile Age And The Opening Of The Jewish Age*. These are messages that you can go back and see. And way back in 1984, preaching on that Seventh Vial there, how God will stone this generation with hailstones, each one a hundred pounds according to the prophecy and these things.

So, it's such a marvelous thing this evening. To see, friends, when I saw this earthquake here and saw so many people have died, and knowing this has nothing to do with the three that are laying there... Then you have over fifty thousand already pulled out of the rubble and these things. You see the destruction of those cities. You see the nations of the earth, big United States, they don't want to send anything for Syria. They say Syria is under sanction. Then, a little show of face, they'll maybe send a van or a truck with one and two little things or

something like that to kind of show that they don't look too bad, get it photographed and they could put it on the news and say that the United States is sending in things. For twelve years they have been fighting a war in Syria, trying to overthrow the government of Syria.

My brothers and my sisters, when our understanding can be broadened a little bit and we look and see and understand what is happening in the earth... Remember, that is why the Prophet could have talked like how he talked. He said, "They already have it in writing here, you know. All these places would have to close down," he said, "when the time comes." Ministers would have to stop preaching and these things. You understand?

People and their churches, let's say message churches especially, in my feeble understanding, I think you have about eighty to ninety percent of the people don't have a clue as to getting ready for the Rapture, you know. Because to get ready, you have to know positionally where you are, you have to know what time it is and you have to be seeing the events making clear the vindicated prophecy, showing you where you are at.

When I have been preaching *Behold, I Come As A Thief*, I am saying, what is that Thief doing? Why did He put Himself there when they are diverting the water, when they are making way for the kings of the east? That's a change from a unipolar world to a multi-polar world. That is in the happening now. When we see the ecumenical move and where it has reached... And now, they are talking about the children of Abraham – the Jews. Isaac brought forth a race; Abraham who worshiped God. Ishmael who was first before Isaac, they brought forth the Muhammadan race, the Muslims. See? Then, the next one, the Christians with Jesus, because Jesus is Abraham's faith son.

God told Abraham, "I will give you a son that all the families in the earth would be blessed in," which was not Isaac; which was Jesus. Because the Jews rejected

Jesus and called Him Beelzebub, and God scattered them.

So, when you look today and see these three classes of people saying, “Let us come together,”... And Jerusalem is the center of it, and Abraham, the father of the faith is the center of it. Yet, when we are talking about Abraham now, we say Abraham and Branham are parallel. We say, look at Abraham in a Day like Sodom, look at the coming of the angels; look at the revealing of the Son of Man turning His back and discerning the heart. You see? Look at, “Shall I hide from Abraham?” God was opening the mystery to Abraham. When they are talking about Abraham, they are talking about a thing to unite everybody, Muslims, Christians, Jews, everybody together as one, to trap the Jews and bring them into their covenant.

We need to do everything we can do to get ready. This is a time, if you have been a person who finds it difficult to listen to the Word... You don't have to listen a whole lot at one time. Sometimes, you set your mind, “I want to listen to this and understand this,” and you set yourself. Don't be a person who's reading a book and you are reading about three or four pages, and you find it has plenty more to go in the book, so you're trying to skip pages to see something. You don't read like that. You don't get anything like that. Be a person who knows the value of the Word; who knows the importance of the Word. “Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth from God.” [Deuteronomy 8:3 -Ed.] “Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word.” [Romans 10:17 -Ed.] See? “This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.” [1st John 5:4 -Ed.] And the only way you could know if it's right or wrong, you have to check it by the Word. If it's according to the Word, then it's fine. If it isn't according to the Word, then it's wrong. Because the Word is the Urim and Thummim. The Word declares what is right and what is wrong. All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God.

So, this is an Hour when the believer is saying, “I love Jesus. I love Jesus.” If you are talking emotional love, you like the profile of Jesus with the beard and the Hofmann Head and the looking at the side and you like that... Like I told you the other day, that Hofmann Head painting, that is not Jesus, you know. Now, understand when I’m saying that. I have the Hofmann Head in my house. I have it there. I am not against the Hoffman Head. But people now, run to the photograph and run to the painting and don’t know the Person. I said, the One that came down and He was in the sky, and turned to the right and pardoned the thief at His side and these things, that was the Lord Himself descending from Heaven. That was under the first fold, the Shout, the Message coming that would gather His people together. You understand? The Coming of the Lord; that Mystery unfolding. When you watch the picture, that is a picture that was painted back in the eighteenth century, somewhere there, by Heinrich Hofmann.

So, I try to differentiate when I speak that way to say, know the Person. Because Hofmann’s picture can’t walk off the wall and come and talk to us, but that One who was shown and photographed, it is He Who comes and opens these things to me. It’s He that gives you Spiritual dreams. It’s He that leads you, “Go and study this. Go and read this here.” It’s He that brings back things to your remembrance. The Hofmann Head can’t do that. That Hofmann Head picture, that’s actually painted about when Jesus was on earth, but the thing is, that is a painting. But the Person Who was there, actually died, (you understand?) was nailed, was buried and rose and conquered death. And that Person is still alive, whereas Hofmann died and his painting is there that he left us; that when we saw Christ, we... The Prophet said, “That’s why I always have a Hofmann, because when I saw Him, the Hofmann painting was the closest thing to what Jesus looked like.” He said, “Because when I saw Him in the vision, in the sage bush field that day,

it was like that.” He said, “But what I saw,” he said, “I just passed out.” He watched the Hofmann picture, he had it at home, but when he saw that real Person there, standing, and the garment blowing in the breeze, he said, “I passed out. When I got up, all my pajamas were wet and everything. I was out there praying for my father. Then I said, ‘Hem hem’ [clearing one’s throat -Ed.] and He turned and He looked at me.” He said, “I just passed out seeing Him.” Because it was Jesus there, coming to him in that form. Oh, my.

God bless you. You are so nice to talk to. You are so nice to... In this way, at least I’m in everybody’s home. I’ve come home by you. It’s just that we are thankful, love and appreciate you all so much. You bore with me down through these years and are still bearing with me. Because I love the Word, and so much of the Word is inside of me. I’m so full up with the Word, you know, and you just get to talking about Him and it comes out. And I like to follow the Spirit.

I have some things I would like to share later on, going back to revisit Ezekiel. I did it... Something happened with the ministers. We were in a meeting and I got back into Ezekiel, and when I got back into Ezekiel, everything just came back. I remember that I had a whole series on Ezekiel in the church, the Book of Ezekiel, how Ezekiel opens with the Seventh Seal – the same vision that John saw; that the Prophet saw – Ezekiel. It’s there in the Book of Ezekiel.

Oh, praise His wonderful Name. Let’s bow our hearts for a word of prayer.

Heavenly Father, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. We think of the apostles of old, how, maybe when Paul was preaching that night in John Mark’s house, and Lord, Eutychus sitting there at the window and he fell asleep; he was tired and Paul was preaching long, it says, because he knew he was leaving early in the morning on a ship, and he was going to leave that region. And so, he preached

long into the night not knowing when he was going to come back into that place. And then when Eutychus fell through the window and the spirit left the body, he died, Paul just told everybody to be calm and went down the steps and went and got the body and laid upon him and prayed, and then gave them the consolation, he said, “He’s alive now.” He had come back to life and Paul went on preaching again.

What kind of service that was, what kind of atmosphere; how those believers could sit. They didn’t have air conditioning like us, it was a home, it was jam packed, they didn’t have any set of chairs laid out. Some were on the steps, some were on the side, some were getting up and giving some else a place while they would go and stretch their legs.

Just like the time when You were preaching and they were in the house, and the men brought their sick friend and they couldn’t get in, and then they climbed up on the roof and they began to remove the tiles and let the friend in. And You were so pleased, Lord, that You turned and said, “Thy faith has saved thee.” Oh God, it always moves You to see faith and that people would do some extraordinary things, Lord, in that time.

They had to get a transmission, something to tell them that he’d die if they didn’t get him in the Presence today. The place was so packed and there was no entrance, nowhere to get in, and they decided to go for the miraculous. And, Lord, they climbed that house. How they lift that friend up. How those four men managed to do that, and then removed the tile, trying to move it as quietly as they could, not to disturb You from preaching, Lord. Then when You turned... You knew they were coming. You know what was going to happen that day. You see the things before they come to pass, but when we read it, Lord, we can see how You just turned and made mention of the faith that they had and the works that were being expressed because of their faith – the daring move that they made because of

the love they had for their friend who was sick, and they brought him from so far. And they came so close to get him to the Presence, and they realized, Lord, they didn't have any room anywhere, but something told them in their hearts, "Don't give up. Be perseverant," and they persisted. And Lord, to their joy and expectation, their friend was healed completely.

Lord God, You are the same yesterday, today and forever, and in times like these when we gather like this, Your children in the different places, and we all are connected, this invisible union, the Word connecting us and our faith in that Word, and, dear God, our understanding that has been enlightened as we have grown in grace and in knowledge of the Lord to know, dear God, that we are Your sons and daughters. We are part of this great ransomed Church that is saved to sin no more. We are part of the Bride, and we see the identification, the characteristics of Christ, the Divine nature that identifies us; that we are possessors of that same Life because of the love, and the commitment, and the willingness in our hearts, the obedience, dear God, wanting to submit completely and unreservedly to You so that You can have the preeminence and the oversight and the leading in us because You made us co-workers with You to finish this great commission, to finish the plan of Redemption; that Christ and the true Church is the continuation of the Book of Acts.

Gracious Father, may You continue to lead us and bless us and strengthen us in every way, dear God. And these things that we are seeing, and these things we are trying to point out, Lord, how You... Maybe a person who is not sensitive and knowledgeable of the Scripture may bypass that, Father, but it stood out to me in such a way. Why would You put You coming as a thief in the midst of this war and the people being deceived by the three lying spirits coming out of the mouth of the dragon, the false prophet and the beast. Realizing that is what's happening in the earth right now, Lord: these

lying spirits; people have rejected the Truth to believe the lie and gather under the influence of the lie in the ecumenical move, oh God, because the Wheat and the tares are being bundled, and the Wheat is separated from the tares, and the Wheat is being taken to the threshing floor, Lord God, where the chaff, even that which is holding to the Wheat, must now be separated, knowing that God Word calls for a total separation from all unbelief. But the tares are being bundled to the burn. And as Your Prophet said, "Sometime between the binding of the tares and the Revelation of the antichrist (oh God) the Rapture will take place and must take place."

And so, dear God, we are seeing that which is happening in the earth with this war. We are seeing how it has changed the world. We are seeing the famine, we are seeing the pestilence and we are seeing the beast of the earth, oh God, these industrialized powers going forth, Lord, devouring and breaking into pieces, oh God, and how Rome, this evil system's so shrewd, the invisibility of this fourth beast; how she is able to cleverly hide herself, Lord. And while people are seeing Russia and the United States, and all the people that are talking, all the commentators, and the news media, and all the ambassadors in their countries, and the European Union and the United States; nobody is speaking about Rome, yet, in the Book of Daniel told us that the one that is doing all of this is that Roman power. It just shows that the whole world has been deceived, but You prophesied that Satan shall deceive the whole world. And so, it is deceived. And gross darkness is on the earth and upon the people, but You said, "Rise and shine, thy Light is come."

And we thank You for the Light that has come to us, Father, Lord God, the Light of this glorious Gospel that has shone into our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

So, may You bless us and strengthen us and keep us focused, Lord; keep our hearts knitted together in Your Divine Love. And Lord, may You continue to lead us forward as You lead the children of Israel, Father, as we continue to serve You and Lord, follow You, our Guide and Lord, so that You will bring us to the expected end, for You said, “Be ye confident that You Who began the good work in us will perform it even until the day of Jesus Christ.” We are pressing towards the mark of that high calling of God that is in Christ Jesus, oh God, with everything, looking unto You the Author and Finisher of our faith.

Bless Your children tonight, Lord. Lord God, as we come to the end, may Your peace and Your Presence abide with us, stay with us and stay close to us, Father. We thank You and we give You honor and glory. We express our gratitude; our sincere appreciation. Truly Your loving kindness is better than life.

We bless the wonderful Name of our Lord Jesus Christ tonight, thanking You that we can come and have this little talk, just feeling that Your Spirit had me to relax and talk to the people a little bit, Lord, yet at the same time, Lord, cause it to reflect the Word and the time that we are in.

I’m looking forward to the next few services; that You would help and we will be able to revisit some things in Ezekiel, Lord, and see these things come even to greater light. In the Name of Jesus Christ, we commit each and every one into Your all-sufficient hands. Amen and amen.

