THE REVELATION OF THE SEVEN SEALS

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as given to

William Marrion Branham



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Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

Malachi 4:5 – 6

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Revelation 10:7



The Constellation of Seven Angels

At the end of 1962, Brother William Branham told* the congregation of Branham Tabernacle Jeffersonville, Indiana, of a vision that he had just received, in which he was in the vicinity of a fearful explosion which would shake the surrounding country to such an extent that he wondered if he could survive the blast. The vision came to pass on March 7, 1963, 40 miles northwest of Tucson, when Brother Branham was caught up in into a constellation of seven Angels who commanded him to return to Jeffersonville, where he would be shown the mysteries of the Seven Seals found in the Bible in the Book of Revelation.

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that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
John 3:16



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GOD HIDDEN AND REVEALED IN SIMPLICITY

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Thank you, Brother Neville. Lord bless you. Good morning, friends. I certainly deem this one of the highlights of my life, to be in the Tabernacle again this morning to see its beautiful structure and the order of the children of God setting in His house today.

I was so astonished when I got here yesterday and seen the looks of the building. I never dreamed that it would be this way. When I seen the blueprints, that when they had drawn up the blueprints, I just seen another little room setting on the side, but now I find it to be a--a beautiful place. And we are grateful to the Almighty for this beautiful place. And we are...

I'm bringing you this morning greetings from my wife and my children who long to be here at this time for this dedicational service and these--a week of consecration to Christ; but the children are in school, and it's hard to get away. And... They have about worn away from their homesick feeling for the house, but we will never wear away the feeling for you people. You don't wear that away.

There's such as having friends, and I--I appreciate friends, everywhere, but there's something about old friends: no matter where you make new friends, it still isn't the old. No matter where I'd ever roam, this spot will always be sacred. For about thirty years ago in a muddy pond bed, I dedicated this piece of ground to Jesus Christ when it wasn't nothing but a--a mud bed. This was all a pond. That's the reason the street's out of cater there, the--the road had to go around to get away from the pond that was in here.

And in here there used to be lilies, pond lilies come up. And the--the lily is a very strange flower. Though it is born in mud, it has to press its way through the mud and then through the waters and slime to get itself up to the top to show its beauty. And I--I think this morning that that's a whole lot what's happened here. That since that time, a little pond lily has pushed itself; and when it got to the top of the water, it spread its wings forth; its little petals went out, and it reflected the Lily of the Valley.

May it long stand. May it be a house fully dedicated to God. The Tabernacle itself has been dedicated in 1933, but thinking this morning it would be a--a very good thing for just a--a small service of dedication again and especially to the people who's... (with their love and devotion to Christ), has made this all possible.

And I want to thank each and every one of you for your offerings and so forth that you have put forth to dedicate this church to Christ. And I'm greatly in appreciations and thank the congregation to speak these words in behalf of our good brethren here of the church who's dedicated their services to this: Brother Banks Wood, our noble brother; Brother Roy Roberson, our noble brother; and many others who, with unselfishness and with singleness of heart, has put months in constructing this place the way it's been--stayed here to see that it was built just right. And...

When I walked in to see this pulpit, the kind I have always longed for all my life--I... Brother Wood knew what I liked. He never said he would build it, but he has built it. And I noticed the building and how the construction, it's just all... It's supreme.

And now, there's no words to express my feeling. There's just no way to do it (See?), and--but God understands. And may you each be rewarded for your contributions and all that you have done to make this place what it is in the way of a building, a house of the Lord.

And now, I--I would like to say these words: Now, the building, as beautiful as it is, inside and out... My brother-in-law, Junior Weber, had the brick masonry... I don't see how it could have been anything better than what it is: a perfect job.

Another brother who's here (I never met the man), he put in the sound system. But noticing even in a flat building like this, I can just... There's no rebound to the acoustics; they're in the ceilings here--different ways. No matter where I stand, it's just the same. See? And every room is--is constructed that the speakers are in them. And you can make it any way you wish to hear. It's--I believe it was the hand of Almighty God Who did these things.

Now, if our Lord has so given us a building that we can worship Him in... For better than--around thirty years... We started off with a mud floor--sawdust, and set here by old coal stoves. And the contractor, Brother Wood, one of them, Brother Roberson was telling me that where those pilasters was, and those old stoves used to set in those rafters that went across, they had caught fire and had burned back maybe two or three feet. Why it didn't burn down, only God that kept it. And then after burning off and all the weight of the Tabernacle laying on that, why it did not fall in--only the hand of God. Now, it's undergirded with steel and setting on the ground built up strong.

Now, I think it's our duty to make the inside right by the grace of God to be so grateful to God that our... This will just not only be a beautiful building that we'll come to, but may everyone who comes in see the beautiful characteristic of Jesus Christ in every person that comes in.
May it be a consecrated place to our Lord, a consecrated people, for no matter how beautiful the structure is (that we certainly do appreciate), the beauty of the church is the character of the people. I trust it'll always be a house of God of beauty.

Now, in the dedicational service of the original cornerstone being laid, a great vision came, and it's wrote in the cornerstone the morning I dedicated it.

And you might've wondered a few minutes ago why I was so long coming out. My first duty as I come into the new church, I married a young man and woman standing in the office. May it be a type that I'll be a loyal minister to Christ to get a Bride ready for the ceremonies of that day.

And now, let us do as we did at the beginning. When we started at the first dedication of the church, I was just a young man and my--maybe twenty-one, twenty-two years old when we laid the cornerstone. It was before I was even married. And I always wanted to see a place correctly in order and God's--for God to worship (See?) with His people. And we can only do that, not by a pretty building, but by a consecrated life is the only way we can do it.

And now, before we dedicate a dedicational prayer--read some Scriptures and dedicate the church back to God, and then I have some--I have a message on evangelism this morning to build in to my message coming up.

And tonight, I want to take the 5th chapter of Revelations, which is blending in from the--from the Seven Church Ages to the Seven Seals, that I... Then we'll have... Monday night will be the white horse rider; Tuesday night, the black horse rider and on down--the four horse riders. And then the Sixth Seal being opened, and then Sunday morning, next Sunday morning, if the Lord willing (we'll see later, announce it later), maybe next Sunday morning have a prayer meeting for the sick in the

building. And then Sunday night close off with... May the Lord help us to open the Seventh Seal, where there's just a short verse, and it says this: "There was silence in heaven for a half hour," by that silence...

Now, I don't know what these Seals mean. I am just as much at the end of my wits to them as perhaps some of you are this morning. We have ecclesiastical ideas that has been presented by man, but that will never touch it. And if you'll see, it has to come by inspiration. It must be; God Himself is the only One Who can do it, the Lamb, and tonight is that Book of Redemption.

Now, in this I... The reason I'm not announcing prayer meetings for the sick or so forth is because that I am--I'm staying with some friends, and I'm giving every minute of my time to study and prayer. And you know the vision that I had just before leaving and going out west--of those seven Angels come flying, so you'll understand a little later.

So now, now in the building I think that we ought to have in this, if it's been dedicated (or going to be dedicated in a few minutes to the worship of God), we should keep it that way. We should never buy or sell in the building.

We should never do any business in this auditorium here; it should never be done in here. That is, such as permitting ministers to come in and sell books and everything. No matter what it is, there's other places to do that for... We--we shouldn't buy and sell in the house of our Lord. It should be a place of--of worship, holy, consecrated for that purpose. See? Now, He's give us a nice place; let's dedicate it to Him and dedicate ourselves with it to Him.

And now, this may seem a little rude, but it's not a place to visit; it's a place of worship. We should never even murmur a word inside of here, outside of worship, to one another unless it's absolutely necessary. See? We should never rally around; we should never run through the building or let our children run through the building.
And so doing this, feeling not long ago that--of doing this, we constructed it so we could take care of all of it. Now, we have this set here... 'Course many people are strangers. The Tabernacle folks know this, that the building is going to be dedicated to the service of the Almighty.

Therefore, dedicating ourselves, let's remember when we enter that sanctuary, keep still to one another and worship God. If we want to visit each other, there's places we may visit each other like that but never walking around where you can't hear yourself think, and some person come in, and they just don't know what to do. See? It's so much noise and things, it's just humanly...

And I've seen it in churches until it has made me feel real bad, because we do not come into the sanctuary of the Lord to meet each other; we come here to worship God, then go to our homes. This sanctuary's dedicated to worship. When... Stand outside; talk anything you wish to as long as it's right and holy; go to one another's homes; visit one another in places; but when you enter that door, be quiet.

You come here to talk to Him (See?) and let Him talk back to you. The trouble of it is, we do too much talking and don't listen enough. Then when we come in here, wait on Him.

Now, in the old Tabernacle, there might not be one person present this morning that was there the day of the dedication, when Major Ulrich played the music, and I stood behind three crosses here to dedicate the place.

I would not permit anybody... The ushers stood at the door to see that nobody talked. When you done your talking outside, you come in. If you desired to, silently you come to the altar and prayed silently. You walked back to your seat, opened up the Bible. What your neighbor done, that was up to him. You had nothing to say. If you want to talk to him, say, "I'll see him outside. I'm in here to worship the Lord." You read His Word or set quietly.

And then the music--Sister Gertie, I don't know whether she's here this morning or not, Sister Gibbs. The old piano, I believe, set back in this corner the best of my remembrance. And she would play softly, "Down at the cross where my Savior died," some real sweet soft music, and--and then until it come time for the service, and the song leader got up and led a couple of congregational songs, and then if they had some outstanding solo, they sang it, but never just a bunch of carrying on.
And then the music continually played, and then when I heard that, I knowed it was my time to come out. When a minister walks into a congregation of people praying in the anointing of the Spirit, you're bound to hear from heaven. That's just all. There's no way to keep from it. But if you walk into confusion, then you--you're--you're so confused, the Spirit's grieved. And...

We don't want that, no. We want to come here to worship. We have lovely homes that I'm going to speak about just in a minute and so forth at home, where we visit our friends and take them. This is the house of the Lord.

Now, there's little children, now, little babies. Now, they don't know no different. They... The only way they can get what they want is cry for it. And sometimes it's a drink of water, and sometimes they need attention. And so we have by the grace of God dedicated a room; it was called on the list a "cry room," but it's right straight in front of me. It's, other words, where the mothers can take their baby.

Now, it's never bothers maybe me here at the pulpit; maybe I won't even notice it, being anointed, but there's other people setting near, and it bothers them. See? And they come here to hear the service.

So the mothers, if your little baby starts whimpering, you can't help that. Why, sure it's a... You should, you ought to bring it. A real mother wants to take her baby to church, and that's the thing you should do. And we've got a room there to where you can see every corner of the building, all the auditorium, and a speaker there to where you can control the volume any way you want to, with a--a little toilet in the end, and water basin, and everything just exactly for the mother's convenience. With chairs and things you can set down, a place to change your baby if it needs to be changed and everything setting there. It's all fixed.

And then, many times teen-age children and sometimes adults will get to, you know, young people will pass notes or cut up or something in church. Now, you're old enough to know better than that. See? You should know better than that. See? You shouldn't come here... If you expect to be a real man someday and raise a family to the Kingdom of God, then start it off in the beginning (You see?), and--and act right and do right. And now, 'course...

Now, the ushers stands at the corners of the buildings and so forth and if any carrying on, they are--they're ordained as their duty (and trustees set here in the front) that in a case of someone getting misbehaving, they are--are commissioned to ask the person to keep quiet.

Then if they don't have that respect, it would be better that someone else had the seat, because there's somebody that wants to hear. There's somebody come for that purpose to hear and that's

what we're here for, is to hear the Word of the Lord. And so everybody wants to hear, and we want it just as quiet as they can be--just as quiet as they can be. That is, not a bunch of talking and carrying on.

Of course, somebody worshipping the Lord; that's expected. That's what it should be; that's what you're here for, is to worship the Lord. And just if you feel like praising God or shouting, just go right on (See?), 'cause that's what you're here for (See?), but--is to worship the Lord in your own way of worshipping. But there's nobody worships the Lord while you're talking and passing notes, and you're helping somebody else to get away from the worship of the Lord. See?

So we feel that that would be wrong, and we want to make that a ruling in our church, that in--in our congregation, that to this building, this church will be dedicated to the Kingdom of God and to the preaching of the Word. Pray; worship; that's the reason you should come here, to worship. Then...
And then another thing, when service is over usually the people in churches... I don't--I don't think it's here 'cause I'm always gone (See?), 'cause I get away usually even in preaching other services, the anointing comes, and visions happen, and I'm wore out, and I step off into the room, and maybe Billy or some of the men there take me on to home and let me rest awhile till I get out of it, 'cause it's a very much of a strain.

And then, I have seen churches though, to where the children were permitted to run all over the sanctuary, and--and the adults stand and holler across the room to one another. That's a good way to ruin the service coming that night or whatever time it is, See?

As soon as the service is dismissed leave the auditorium. You're through in the worship then. Then go out and talk to one another and whatever you want to do. If you've got something you want to talk to somebody, to see them, why, you go with them or to their home or whatever it is, but don't do it in the auditorium. Let's dedicate this to God. See? This is His meeting place where we meet with Him. See? And the law goes forth from the sanctuary, of course. And I--I believe that that would be pleasing to our heavenly Father.

And then when you come and you get to find out that gifts are beginning to fall among you... Now, usually it... I'll trust it'll never be here. But when people have a new church, the first thing you know, the congregation begin to get starchy. You never want that to be. After all, this is a place of worship. This is the house of the Lord.

And if spiritual gifts begin to come among you... I understand that since I've been gone that people have moved in here from different parts of the country to make this their home. I'm thankful, grateful to God that I believe that the morning when I dedicated and laid that cornerstone there as a young man, I prayed for its standing to see the coming of Jesus Christ. And when I did, owing thousands of dollars--and they... You could take up an offering in a congregation of this size and get thirty or forty cents, and our obligation was somewhat a hundred an fifty, two hundred dollars a month.

How could I ever do it? And I knowed that I was working, and I would pay it off. I... Seventeen years of pastoral without taking one cent, but giving everything that I had myself, outside of my living, and all that come into the little box on the back to the Kingdom of God... And people prophesied and predicted that within a year's time, it would be turned into a garage.

Satan tried to take it away from us one time in a flaw, in a fraud of a lawsuit: some man claimed he hurt his foot while he was working on it, and then let it go, and then--and he sued and wanted to

take the Tabernacle. And for weeks I stood at the post, but in spite of all the misunderstandings and the predictions and what they said, she stands today as one of the prettiest auditoriums and the finest churches there is in the United States. That's right.

From here has went the Word of the living God around the world (See?), around the world, and it's constantly taken its circle around the globe from every nation under heaven as far as we know, around and around the world. Let us be thankful for this. Let us be grateful for this. And now that we have a place to dwell in, a roof under our head, a clean nice church to set in; let's dedicate ourselves newly to the task and consecrate ourselves to Christ. And...

Brother Neville, our noble brother and real pastor, servant of the living God, as far as that man knows the message, he holds with it with all he's got. That's right. He's a gentle person; he's a little a--afraid to--or not afraid, I don't mean that, but he's so--so awful gentle; he just will--doesn't speak out. You know, like to--to say a thing that's sharp and cutting or "set down," or "keep still." I--I've noticed that and listened to the tapes behind it.

But it so happens that I can do that, so I--I--I want you to remember my words. You see? And this is all being taped (See?); everything is taped.

And please let every deacon stand to his post of duty and remember that you're under a commission from God to hold that post sacred (See?), every trustee the same.

Pastor is to bring forth... It isn't the pastor's place to have to say that; it's the trustees--or I mean the deacons, for they are the police of the church. That is, if young couples come on the outside and blow horns, and you know how they usually do, or something like that at meetings or--or get out there... And mother sends her girl down here, and she takes off out with some renegade kid and runs out there in the car, and her mother thinks she's in church like that, the deacon ought to see to that. "You either come in here and set down, or I'm going to take you in my car and take you home to your mother." See? You--you must do that.

Remember, love is corrective (See?), always. Genuine love is corrective. So you must be able to stand the correction. And mothers know now that there's a place there for your babies. You young kids know different than to run around over the building. See? And you adults know different than to talk and carry on your conversations in the auditorium. See? Don't do that; it's wrong. It isn't pleasing to God.

Jesus said, "It is written: My house shall be made a house of worship, prayer, called the house of prayer by all nations." And they were buying and selling, and He plaited ropes and ran the people out of the auditorium. And we certainly don't want that to happen in this sanctuary here. So let's dedicate our lives, our church, our tasks, our service, and everything we have to the Kingdom of God.

Now, now, I want to read some Scriptures before we have the dedicational prayer. And--and then, it's just a rededication, because the real dedication happened thirty years ago. Now... And then--then as we--we read this Scripture and talk on it for a few minutes, I trust that God will bring His blessings to us.

And now, there was another thing I was going to say. Yes. Where we used to have the recorders and so forth, we got a regular room there where those who wants to take recordings; there's special hookups and everything there that comes directly from the main mike in there.

There's rooms, robes, everything for baptismal service. And then one thing: many people has always felt bad at me (many people who really didn't know the Scripture) about having a crucifix in a church. I remember one time of something happened here about that. I had three crosses, and a brother got all shook up 'cause he heard a--another denomination say that a crucifix was meant Catholic.

I want some student, or somebody, or some borned again Christian to say that Catholics has got the option on the Crucifix. Crucifix of Christ doesn't represent Catholicism; that represents God, the Kingdom. Now, saints represent Catholicism. We believe there's one Mediator between God and men, and that's Christ; but Catholics believe in all kinds of mediators, thousands of women and men and everything. Any good Catholic, almost, that dies becomes an intercessor. Now, crucifix of Christ represents Jesus Christ.

Did you know the early Christians, according to the--the ancient history of the early church, they carried crosses on their backs wherever they went to signify and identify themselves as Christians. Now, the Catholics claim that was them. 'Course they claim they was the first ones, but the Catholic church wasn't even organized then (See?), but Christians packed the cross on...

You've heard people say, "Crossback." You refer that to Catholic? It is the real Catholic, the universal Holy Ghost Church of the world, correct. We are Catholic; we are the original Catholic, the Bible believing Catholic. See? They are the church Catholic, the organization. We are free from that. We are the continuation of the doctrine of the apostles. We are the continuation of the baptism of the Holy Ghost and all the things that the early church stood for, and the Catholic church has none of them. See it?

So they placed the crucifix here that was brought, that was hewed out of olive trees under where Jesus prayed, that the crucifix had taken years and was given to me by Brother Arganbright, and I want to dedicate it with this church... And how appropriate that ever who hung it there (I don't know who it was that hang it here) to my, to my left, He pardoned the thief to His right. That's me.
And another thing it represents: As His head is bowed as you see His suffering, any persons who are... It's looking over the altar, and He's expecting you here, sinner. He will be looking down upon you. Later they'll have a little light setting here that when the altar call is being made, a light will flash on to that, that when people are here to...

You say, "Why do you need that? You shouldn't have an image." Well then, the same God that said, "Don't make yourself any graven images," the same God said, "Build two cherubims and tip their wings together, and put them at the mercy seat where the people pray." You see, it's--it's without understanding. See? So that is inspired and directly hung in its right place, and I'm so thankful to be the one at the right side.

And I trust that He has forgiven me, for I--as far as literally stealing anything as I know, I never did in my life; but I so misused His time till I stole that way, and I--and done many things that I shouldn't do, and I'm grateful to God this morning that He has forgiven my sins.

And now, I want to read out of the Book of I Chronicles 17 and just speak for about five minutes on dedicational service, pray, and then we going into the message. Now, in I Chronicles, the--the 17th chapter...

Now, it came to pass, as David set in the house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD remaineth under curtains.
Then Nathan said unto David, Do all that is in thine heart; for God is with thee.

And it came to pass the same night, that the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying,
Go and tell my servant David... Go and tell David my servant... (rather)... Thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not build me a house to dwell in:

For I have not dwelt in an house since the day that I brought up Israel unto this day; but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another.

Whereas I have walked with all Israel, spake I a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people, saying, Why have ye not built me an house?

Now, therefore thus shall thou say unto David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, even from following the sheep, that thou shouldest be ruler over my people Israel:
And I have been with thee wheresoever thou has walked, and have cut off thine enemies from before thee, and have made thee a name like the name of great men that are in the earth.

I would like to say that this place that--that David saw the same thing that we saw. David said, "It is not right that you people have built me a house of cedar, and the ark of the covenant of my God is still under curtains." (That was skins that been sewed together of sheep and animals.) He said, "It isn't right for me to have a nice home, and the ark of the covenant of my God remaining in a tent."
So God put upon his heart to build a tabernacle. But David, being a man of--of love and consecration to God, yet he had shed too much blood. So he said... David speaking this in the presence of the prophet of that age, which was Nathan, and Nathan, knowing that God loved David, he said, "David, do all that's in your heart for God is with thee." What a statement. "Do all that's in your heart, for God is with you."

And that same night--showing the consecration of David to the love of God, and then to see the same night, knowing that he was in a error that he was not permitted to do it, God was graceful enough to come down and speak to Nathan. And I always like these words: "Go tell Nathan, My..." or "Go tell David, My servant, that I took you from the sheepcote." Just... He wasn't nothing.
I--I'd like to apply that here just a minute. "I took you from nothing, and I--I--I give you a name; you've got a name like great men that's in the earth." And I'd like to apply that in a--in a confidential, yet in a--a way of making a point.

I was thinking that a few years ago I was standing down in the city here, and nobody cared for me; nobody loved me. I loved people, but nobody loved me because of the background of the family. No disregards to my precious mother and father. How I wish that mama could've lived to walked in this sanctuary this morning.
Many of the old-timers who placed their money to help build it here, maybe God this morning will let them look over the banister.

But the family of Branham didn't have a very good name around here on account of drinking. Nobody had nothing to do with me. I remember telling my wife not long ago, just remember that I--I couldn't get anyone to talk to me. Nobody cared for me, and now I have to hide to get a little rest.
And now the Lord has give us this great place and--and these great things that He's done. And He give me a, besides a bad name, He give me a name liken to some of the great men; and He's cut off my enemies wherever I went. There's never been nothing stand before It wherever It went--but--and how grateful I am for that.

And how would I ever knowed, as a little ragged kid, up here two or three blocks from here to the Ingramville School, when I was the laughing stock of the school from being so ragged and skate on an old pond. How did I ever know that down beneath that pond laid a seed of a lily that could

bloom like this? And how did I ever know that no one talking to me, and yet, He would give me a--a name that would be honored amongst His people?

And now, David was not permitted to build the temple. He could not do it. But He said, "I'll raise up from your seed, and he will build the temple, and that temple will be an everlasting temple. And upon your son, the Son of David, will be an everlasting Kingdom He will control." Solomon, David's son in the natural (from his natural strength) built a house unto the Lord, a temple. But when the real Seed of David come, the Son of David, He told them there would come a time that there wouldn't be one stone left upon the other of that temple, but He tried to point them to another temple.

John, the revelator, over in the Book of Revelation, he saw this tabernacle (Revelations 21). He saw the new temple coming, descending down from heaven, adored as a bride was adored for her husband, and a voice out of the temple said, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and God shall be with them, and they'll wipe all tears from their eyes. And there shall be no more hunger, nor no more sorrow, no more pain or death, for the former things have passed away."

Then the true Son of David (as we're going to see in this lessons coming on in this week) will then come to His temple, the temple of God, the real tabernacle, which He has gone away to construct now. For He said in John 14, "In My Father's house are many mansions, and I will go..." What did He mean by that? It was already foreordained, "And I'll go to prepare a place for you, and will return back to receive you unto Myself." And of course, we know that'll be in the great age to come. And the true Seed of David will take the throne, which is Jesus Christ, and there will reign over the Church as His Bride, in the house with Him and over the twelve tribes of Israel throughout all eternity.

And these little places... As David could not build the true tabernacle of God, because he wasn't prepared to do it... There was nothing he could do. He was a mortal and shed blood.

So is it today to us. We are not prepared to build the true Tabernacle of God. There's only One can do that, and it's being in its construction now. But this little tabernacle, along with the temple that Solomon built Him, and along with the others, are only temporary places of worship until the time comes when the real Tabernacle will be set up upon the earth, and righteousness shall reign from sky to sky, and there will be no more sorrow. There'll be no funerals preached in that Tabernacle. There'd be no more weddings, for the wedding will be one great wedding for eternity. What a time that will be.

But let us purpose in our hearts today, that in commemoration and waiting for that Tabernacle to come, that we will so characterize ourself by His Spirit that we will worship in this place as if we were in that other place, waiting for that place to come.
Now, let us stand to our feet, and as I read the holy Script.

And I saw a new heavens and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth was passed away; and there were no more sea.

... I John saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adored for her husband.

And I heard the... voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

Let us bow our heads now. Our heavenly Father, we stand in awe. We stand in respect and in holy reverence. And we ask You, Lord, to accept our gift that You've given us grace, money to prepare for a worship place for You. There's nothing or no place that we could prepare upon the earth that would be worthy for the--the Spirit of God to dwell in, but we offer this to You as a token of our love and feelings toward You, Lord. And we thank You for all the things that You have done for us.
And now, the building and the grounds being dedicated long ago to the service, and we thank You for memories of what has been... And now, Lord God, as the vision broke through years ago expressing this, that I seen in old buildings that the people once was in, and they had been repaired and made new, and I was sent back across the river.

Now, Lord God, Creator of heavens and earth, we stand as the people of Thy fold. We stand as the--the--the--the people of Thy Kingdom, and with myself, and the pastor, and the church, the people, we dedicate this building to the service of the Almighty God through the Name of Jesus Christ, His Son, for the service of God and for reverence and respects of God. And may the Gospel so flow from this place till it'll cause the world to come from the four corners of the globe to see the glory of God going forth from it. As Thou hast done in the past, may the future be many times greater.

And, Father, we now dedicate ourselves to the service to the Word with all that's in us. Lord, the congregation and the people, they dedicate themselves this morning to the hearing of the Word. And we, as ministers, dedicate ourselves to the preaching of the Word, to be instant in season, out of season, reproving, rebuking with all long-suffering as it's written there in the cornerstone from thirty years ago. You said the time would come when people would not endure sound doctrine, but would heap for themselves teachers having itching ears and be turned from the truth to fables.

Lord, as we have tried to hold out the Word to the people, may we be inspired and strengthened with a double effort, Lord, as a double portion of the Spirit strikes upon the place, may the Holy Spirit as it was in the day of the dedication of the temple when Solomon prayed, the Holy Spirit in the form of the Pillar of Fire and Cloud came in the front door, rode up around the cherubims, and went over to the holy place, and there took Its resting place.

O God, Solomon said, "If Thy people be in trouble anywhere, and look to this holy place and pray, then hear from heaven." Lord, may the Holy Spirit this morning come into every heart, every consecrated soul that's in here. And the Bible says that the glory of God was so great until the ministers could not even minister for the glory of God.

Oh, Lord God, let it repeat again as we give ourselves to Thee with the church in dedication for service. And it is written: "Ask and you shall receive," and we commit ourselves with our offering of the church this morning to You for service, for the latter day Light for the evening time Lights, that we might bring consolation and faith to the waiting people that's waiting for the coming of the Bridegroom to dress a Bride in the Gospel of Christ for the Lord Jesus to receive. This we dedicate, myself, Brother Neville, and the congregation to the service of God in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

May be seated.

David said, "I was happy when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'" And may it ever be with us, that when it's mentioned, we'll be happy to gather in the house of the Lord. Amen.

Now, after the little dedicational service, I have a hour now. And now, just remember now what we're dedicated to: to reverence, holiness, quietness before the Lord; worship before the Lord and be just as reverent as you can be in the house of the Lord. And now... And when this service is dismissed--immediately after the service is dismissed, go from the building (See?), and that gives the janitor time to get in here and clean it for the next time and get ready. Then it's not a confusion in the house of the Lord. And there's near about...

I think you... Place will be cleared out in about fifteen minutes after the services is dismissed. Be sure to be friendly; shake hands with everybody, and invite everybody back. And--and we expect to have this coming week now, one of the most solemn services that's ever been held in the Tabernacle. We're looking forward to it.

Now, I--I never dawned upon me to something till long late wee hours last night in prayer; I begin to see something. So I--I trust this will be a great time, which I believe it will if the Lord will help us. Now, now, when I said "great time"... Now, I'm going to speak on something about that this morning.

You know what man calls great sometimes is not great, but what God calls great, man calls foolish; and what God calls foolish, man calls great. So let's bear that in mind. Weigh every word.

Now, the services are long; they'll be drawn out because it's a hard service, much teaching, consecration and I just... The place where I'm staying, the people just kind of want to feed me everything, but I... Said, "Well, you've lost so much weight, Brother Branham," everything, but I've been constantly in service. I've got to leave here next Sunday night to get to another one right quick in Mexico, so it's just a hard thing. So but I'm just trying to let off from so much eating and--and making myself ready. And I'm happy, this morning, to see Brother Junior Jackson, and--and Brother Ruddell, and--and the different ministers and so forth around; God bless you all.

Now, I want to--to speak to you this morning upon a subject that I have some notes written here on. And I want to read first from the Book of Isaiah the 53rd chapter. Now, while you're turning to it I'd like to make a announcement or two, that tonight, I want to speak on this Book, bridging it between the last church age to the Seal opening. Now, there's a vast gap in there. And...

Before, when I ended up on the Church Ages, I also spoke there upon the Seventy Weeks of Daniel immediately following 'cause it tied in. And I said, "Now, if I ever take the Seven Seals, I'll have to get rid of this Daniel's Seventy Weeks in order to tie in the Seals, leaving one thing open." And that was the 5th chapter of the seven-sealed Book, and we'll take that tonight.

We want to try to start early tonight. How about me... You already mentioned it have you, start early? How about... Can everybody be here about seven o'clock? All right. Let's start the regular service at six-thirty, the song service, and I'll be here by seven. And then through the week we'll make an early start. And--and we... Now, we come... There's nobody loves singing like Christians does. We love singing; we love those things, but now we're--we're in something else now. We're--we're in the Word (See?); so let's just--let's stay right with that. Now, we're going to...

We're--we're in teaching, and you can realize what a great strain it is on me (See?), because if I teach anything wrong, I'm going to have to answer for it. See? And so I must not take what anyone says; I must--it must be inspired. And I believe that the Seven Angels who's holds these seven thunders will grant it. See? And I'm...

Now, in Isaiah the 53rd chapter of Isaiah, the first verse or two. I want to ask this question. Now, this is not pertaining to the Seven Seals at all. This is just a message, for I knowed I had to have dedication; I couldn't go into that because I wouldn't have time. But I thought, just for a little dedicational service, little memorial service for this church (or a little dedicational service, rather) then they--they wouldn't be time then to go into what I want to say (See?), on this opening of this Book. So I will tonight.

And now, this is just a little service that--it--it'll blend right in with it though, so listen to every word. Catch it. And--and if you're taking it on tapes or anything, then you stay right with that tape teaching. Don't say nothing but what that tape says. Just say just exactly what the tape says (See?), now because some of those things... We're going to understand a whole lot about this now, why it's misunderstood. See? And you be sure to say just what the tape says. Don't say nothing else (See?), 'cause... I don't say that of my own. It's Him that says it. You see? And... So many times confusion, people will raise up and say, "Well, so-and-so said it meant so-and-so." Let's just leave it just the way it is.

See, that's the way we want the Bible. Just the way the Bible says it, that's the way we want it, just--just like that. Don't put own--no interpretation to it. It's already interpreted. See? Now...
Who has believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?
Let me read it again now, closely.

Who has believed our report?... (Question)... and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?
In other words, if you have believed our report, then the arm of the Lord has been revealed. See?
Who has believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

Now, I want to read also in the Book of Saint Matthew's Gospel, the 11th chapter of Saint Matthew. And now, you bring your papers and things, because constantly we're... If you don't have a recorder, you--you bring the--your paper so we can get it. The 11th chapter of Saint Matthew, the 25th and 26th verses, 11:26, 27. All right. Jesus speaking in prayer... I want to begin a little bit behind that. Let's make it the 25th and 26th verse I believe that's where I announced though, for I had it marked here in my Bible.
At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou has hid these things from the wise and prudent, and has revealed them unto babes.
Even so, Father: for so it seems good in thy sight.

Catch those two Scriptures. "Who has believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?" Even... Then Jesus thanked God that He'd hid the mysteries from the wise and prudent, and would reveal it to babes such as would learn, for it seemed good to God to do that.
Now, from this text, or from this Scripture reading, I draw this text: "God Hiding Himself in Simplicity, Then Revealing Himself in the Same." Now, for the tapes I keep repeating, so for the tapes (You see?), 'cause they're--they're taping it. See? "God Hiding Himself in Simplicity, Then Revealing Himself in the Same."

It is strange to think how that God does such a thing as that. God will hide Himself in something so simple that'll cause the wise to miss it a million miles and then turn right back around in that, some simple thing in the simplicity of His way of working and reveal Hisself right out again.

I thought it made a--a text that we might study this before we go into the--the--the great teachings of the Seven Seals. Many miss Him by the way He reveals Himself. Now, man has their own ideas of what God ought to be and what God is going to do; and as I have made the old statement many

times that man still remains man. Man is always giving God praise for what He did do, and always looking forward to what He will do, and ignoring what He's doing. See, see?

That's the way they miss it. They look back and see what a great thing He done, but they fail to see what a simple thing He used to do it with. See? And then they look forward and see a great thing coming that's going to happen, and nine times out of ten, it's already happening right around them, and it's so simple that they don't know it. See?

One day a--a man up here at Utica... And if some of his people is here, I don't say this for any--for any radical exposure of the man. He was a--a veteran of the Civil War, and I believe he was... I don't know which side he was on, but I believe he was a rebel. But he--he was an infidel, and he claimed that there was no such a thing as God. He lived in Utica; his name was Jim Dorsey.

Many of you people might've knowed him. He's given me many a watermelon when I was a little fellow. He used to raise watermelons down on the river in the--in the bottoms there. And he was quite a friend to my daddy. But he said one day, one of the great outstanding things that was ever said to him in contrast (Now, I was just a little boy in those days.)--but in contrast to his belief that caused him to walk away, and drop his head, and cry. And I understood that by this the man was gloriously converted to Christ at the age of about eighty-five years old.

He asked a little girl one day, who was coming from Sunday school, why did she waste her time on doing such a thing as that? She said, because she believed that there was a God.
And Mr. Dorsey said that... He said, "Child, you are so wrong to believe in such a thing as that."
And said that the little girl stooped down and picked up a--a little flower out of the--off of the ground, pulled it from its petals, and said, "Mr. Dorsey, could you tell me how this lives?"

There it was. When he begin to search back... He could have said to the child, "Why, it's growing in the earth." And then the questions could revolve back: "Where'd the earth come from? How'd that seed get here? How it happen?" On and on and on and run it on back until he seen... See? Not the great glamorous things that we think about, but it's the simple things that God is so real in, the simplicity.

So it pleases God to reveal Himself and then hide Himself, then hide Himself and reveal Himself in simple little things. It's--it's put over the top of the head of man because... If you'd say, "Why would a just God do that?" Is because that man was made up in the beginning not to try to shift for himself.

A man was made to rely completely upon God. That's the reason we're likened unto lambs or sheep. A sheep cannot lead himself; he has to have a leader; and the Holy Spirit's supposed to lead us. So man is made that way, and God made all of His works so simple that the simple could understand it; and God makes Himself simple with the simple in order to be understood by the simple.

And otherwise, He said in Isaiah 35, I believe. He said, "Though a fool should not err therein..." It's so simple. And we know that God is so great, till we expect it to be some great something, and we miss the simple things.

We stumble over simplicity. That's how we miss God, is by stumbling over simplicity. God is so simple until the scholars of these days and all days miss Him a million miles; because in their intellects, they know that there's nothing like Him so great. But in His revelation, He makes it so simple they go plumb over the top of it and miss it.

Now, study that. Study it all. And you people who are visiting here, when you go to your motel rooms, take those things and ponder over them. We don't have time to break it down as it should be broke down, but I want you to do it when you get to the motel, or hotel, or wherever you're staying, or the home. Gather together and study over it.

Miss Him by the way that He reveals Himself, for He is so great, yet hides Himself in simplicity to make Hisself known to the least. See? Don't try to get the great, because he goes over the top of it; but listen to the simplicity of God, and then you find God right here in the simple way.

High-polished worldly wisdom, educated, always misses Him. Now, I'm not here... And I know there's school teachers, two or three that I know of setting in here; and I'm not here to contradict school and education and try to support illiterateness; I'm not here for that. But what it is, the people have so placed so much upon that, until they're... Even in the seminaries and so forth they're missing the very thing that God has put before them.

That's why I not against brethren who are in denominations, but I'm against system of denominations; because it tries to magnify itself and--and--and educate its ministers in such--such a place, until if that they don't have the proper schooling and education, they're ousted; and--and they have to stand the psychiatrist's test and so forth. I've never think that it was God's will to test a minister by psychiatry but to test him by the Word. See? Yes. See, it's just the Word would be God's way of testing His men that He sent out to have the Word--preach the Word.

Now, today we preach philosophy; we preach creed, and denominationalism, and so many things and leaving off the Word, because they say It can't be understood. It can be understood. He promised to do it. Now, we're asking Him to do it.

Now, we're going to take a few characters here for a few minutes. Let's notice in the days of Noah. Noah's day, God seen worldly wisdom so greatly punctuated and respected, He sent a simple message by a simple person to show them His greatness. Now, we know that in the day of--of--of Noah, they claim that a civilization was so mighty then until we have never reached that spot yet in our modern civilization.

And I believe that it will finally be reached, because our Lord said, "As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be at the coming of the Son of man." And He gave some illustrations.

And they built the pyramid and the sphinx there in Egypt, and they built gigantic things that we have no power today to build such with. They had an embalming that they could embalm a body to make it look so natural until it still stays today. We cannot--we cannot make a mummy today; we haven't the stuff to make it with. They had colors that--that hold so fast for four or five thousand years ago, it still remains just the same color it was. See? We don't have no such as that today. And many great things of that civilization speaks of its superiority over our modern civilization.

And so you can imagine how education and science of such great tokens that we have left that there was such a civilization, what the--what a great civilization that must be by these memorials, how that science and--and modern civilization and education was--was a--a must with the people. They must be. It had to be.

There was hardly any, I guess, any illiteracy among them at all. And so God, searching through that great economy at that day in their systems could not, perhaps, find the right type of a man till He found an illiterate, maybe farmer by the name of Noah, a sheepherder. And He gave him His

message to preach to the people that was so simple till their--their scholarships of that day, until the people stumbled over the simplicity of the message.

And yet, the message was in the face of science, radical. How could there be rain in the skies when there was no rain up there? See? And the simple message of--of building an ark, constructing of something to get into that there's no water to float it, why, he become a fanatic. And he become a--an--a--a--a what we would call (if you'd excuse the expression of today) a "oddball."

And nearly all God's people are oddballs (See?), they are. I'm glad to be one of them. So... You know, they--they're different from the--the modern trend of civilization. So they become odd, strange. He said His people was a peculiar people (odd, strange), but a spiritual priesthood, a royal nation, offering spiritual sacrifices to God, the fruits of their lips giving praise to His Name. What a--what a people. He's got them.

And notice now what a great thing that must've been in that day for some fanatic to come forth to the church, a fanatic, and preaching a gospel that was seemingly all out of line to their way of believing. And scientists... Why, they--it was simply crazy. How they could scientifically prove there was no rain there. But this simple sheepherder believed if God said it would rain, it would rain. See?

And so that... Just compare that with today about somebody gets healed, they say, "It's only emotion," or "I can scientifically prove to you that the cancer, or the substance, or--or the thing is still there." But to the simple believer, it's gone (See?), because he's not looking at the substance; he's looking at the promise, just the same as Noah did.

So don't you see: "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man." Scientifically, no one... The doctor could say, "Looky here, your lump is still there. Your cancer remain. Your arm is as crippled as it ever was. You're crazy."

And remember, that's that same spirit from the days of Noah that said, "There's no rain up there. We can shoot the moon with instruments, and there's no rain there." But if God said there would be rain there... For faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things that not seen. And faith takes its final resting place on the Word of God. There's where it finds its resting place. You--you understand? Its resting place is on God's Word. That's where Noah rested it: "God said so." That settles it.

Now, if you notice again then... And now, Noah in believing such was a fanatic. And the people of today who believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit... Now, the church says, "These people are fanatics. They're nothing but a bunch of worked-up, emotional, panic-stricken people." But little do they know, that the Word of God teaches that; it's a promise.

And to Noah, no matter how much they said the old man was off at his mind, that he was scientifically wrong, and--and mentally he was wrong; but to Noah it was the Word of the Lord. And Noah stayed with it, and the wise and prudent stumbled over the simplicity of it and lost their being. What a--a rebuke. Now, it is to that generation.

Many people say, "If I would've lived back there..." No, you'd have took the same attitude, because today in the very same thing being reproduced again today, only in another form, they stumble over it today just like they did then.

No doubt in them days they had plenty of preachers, but Noah was inspired of God. And Noah could look out and see that what was fixing to happen and know that an adulterous and wicked generation like that, that God would not let stand. So what can we do today, but see the same thing: a modern Sodom and Gomorrah (See?), wicked, adulterous people so polished in scholarship that they stumble over the simplicity of God's manifestation of His Being and His Word, showing His Word.

There's not a person in the world, Rosella, that... or any--any can say that we don't see with us the very Word of God made manifest. The very promise of the last days, the very evening Lights that was to shine, we are privileged people to see that. And where the high-polished world, it's hid from them...

Jesus said to God the Father; He said, "It pleased You to hide it from them. Even so, Father, You have hid it." Let them with their wisdom... You see, it was wisdom that started the ball rolling in the muck of sin at the beginning. For Eve was seeking wisdom when she met Satan, and Satan give it to her (See?), and wisdom is contrary to the Word.

We're not asked to have wisdom; we're asked to have faith in what's already been said. So you see? But today the scholars polish it up in such a way, and set it over there, and put their own interpretation to it, always have... They do the same thing today. It's in the same measure.

Now, people... But the people then missed it just as they miss it and do it today, same thing. They do the same things. For they--for the reason they missed it, for they were too smart to believe it. See? Now, the message was so simple that the smart was too smart to believe the simplicity of the message. Oh, my. God made it so simple in Truth that the smart and intellectuals missed seeing it, because it was so simple. Well, that's what makes the greatness of God so great, because being the greatest can make Himself simple.

Men today, showing that they are not of God; they are great and trying to get greater and express themselves greater as big Bishop, Doctor holy Pope, everything--making themselves something that they're really not, and God being so great, brings Hisself down simple. Simplicity is greatness. We can build a jet plane; we can fire a rocket to the to--to--put a missile in orbit, and we can do all these things. Yes. But we cannot build one blade of grass. Amen. What about that? But instead of trying to come back and see what makes that grass and accepting the very God that created the grass, we're trying to build a missile that'll get there quicker than somebody else can build one. See?

We are so smart and intellectual in our churches till we can build a million dollar building, or ten million dollar building, but yet--and trying to build one better than the Methodists, or the Baptists build one better than the Presbyterian, and the Pentecostals got in the rat race. But by--the thing of it is this: we are yet--we are so smart and so set on our ways until we fail to humble ourself to realize the God that's in the little mission on the corner. See? That's right. Well, that's... We stumble in simplicity. They've always done it.

Now, they--they were--they were too smart to believe such a simple message. It wasn't polished enough for their scientific researches that they'd had. It wasn't--it wasn't brilliant, the message wasn't enough for their educational program that they had in that day. See? They'd studied to know that there was a God; and they studied to know that He was great; and they tried to build themselves up great with Him, when the way up is always down.

Now, who knows whether the North Pole is the North or the South Pole is the North, or the North Pole is the South, the South Pole the North? Which is up and which is down? We're hanging in space. We say, "The North Pole's up." How do you know? The South Pole might be North. See, you don't know. So let's remember...

In this words, said, "Then how would you say, Brother Branham, that up is down? On the basis of Jesus Christ's Word. He said, "He that humbles himself shall be exalted, but he that exalts himself shall be abased," be brought down. So then, actually, up is down and down is up.

As the old saint said in Chicago, that a man... A certain minister from a certain organization got up where there were some Pentecostals... He had all of his intellectual things together. And he got up there and used words that the Pentecostals knowed nothing about. And he got up there, and he seen it wasn't going over with the Pentecostal people. And he went up with his chest stuck out, and he was holy Doctor So-and-so, you know, from certain, certain big school there in Chicago. And he looked around, and them Pentecostals were looking at one another. They didn't even know what he was talking about; he was so educated, so smart, brilliant. They didn't know...

It was something like a certain senator or man that just run recently for President and was defeated. Tuck Coots told me, when I was preaching Mama Ford's funeral and was telling about the resurrection, the guarantee of the resurrection... Just as sure as the sun rises, so shall I rise. Just as sure as the grass dies in the fall, and the leaf falls from the tree, it comes back again; when the earth corrects itself around the orbit, it's got to rise again.

Tuck said, "I appreciated that message, Billy." Brother Neville and I were setting together in the car, and I said, "Tuck..."

He--he said, "I appreciate your messages."

I said, "Tuck, I have no education." I said,...

He said, "That's the good part about it." See? And I... He said... He went to see... Well, I guess the man forgive me; I don't mean, Adlai Stevenson, you know. And he said he heard him fifteen minutes, and Mr. Stevenson is such a brilliant speaker, supposed to be, you know, until Tuck said (I guess he's got a college education.) he said he set there and went to sleep. And said he went to sleep listening to him in fifteen minutes. And said, "With a college education, I didn't understand but very few words he said. It was so highly polished." He said, "You never seen me sleeping in one of your services, did you, Brother Branham?"

So, see, it's the simplicity of it, just simple. That's where God lays.

Now, they--they were--they were too smart in that day to catch the meaning of God's simple way of doing things. It wasn't polished for them. It's got to be polished. It's got to be highly chromed, or they miss it. Now, but the great Jehovah was hid in His Word, and He made Himself known to the people that believed in His Word by saving them and bringing to pass a simple message, the simple message of Noah, God brought it to pass. Now, notice that.

Now, then again in Moses' day, notice another time of deliverance. When God is just about to do something to deliver His people, God sends a message to the people, and it's so simple, as we'll catch in the breaking of these Seals (That was my purpose of bringing this first.), that we find out that the breaking of those Seals is so simple, the--the--the smart miss it a million miles. See? I hope that God anoints me for it. See, see? It just goes over the top. And that's the reason I thought

this message this morning would be appropriate to lay a foundation on the simplicity of God (See?), how God hides Himself in simplicity.

Just think, they could break atoms and do everything else, but when it comes to touching life, they can't even tell where it come from. A simple blade of grass, and God's hid in it. They can fire a rocket to the moon and--and shoot a radar over there or whatevermore and yet can't explain the life in a blade of grass. That's right. See, it's because it can't be explained; it's so simple they overlook that.

Now, notice. Moses, in the day that God was going to deliver the children of Israel, according to His Word He... What did He do? He chose a simple family; we have no record of them. See, he's just a son of Levi is all we know (See?), and so we... And his wife... Just a ordinary, probably a mud dauber (as the world would think,) out there making brick for the enemy. He was just an ordinary slave in Israel, but God chose that family to bring forth the deliverer: just an ordinary Jewish family. He never went and got royalty, and celebrity, or something, or even got some priest; He took a common ordinary family (See?): simplicity.

Notice what He done then. He brought forth a child, a simple human being. He never... He could've--He could've ordained the sun if He wanted to to deliver them. He could've ordained the wind to deliver them. He could've ordained an Angel to deliver them.

Oh, hallelujah. God can do whatever He wants to do. "Well, how do you know that, Brother Branham?" God won't leave His program. That's the reason we know that this day, it's got to be simple. See? Now, He always works in simplicity. But God in the beginning that could've made the sun preach the Gospel, or the winds preach the Gospel, or an Angel preach the Gospel, but He ordained men for that purpose, and He never changes it.

He never ordained indiv... He never ordained denominations; He never ordained groups of men; He ordained men to preach the Gospel, not machinery, mechanical devices, or any angelic being; it was man. And when He brought deliverance to the people down there, He sent a simple human being, born of a simple family in a bunch of slaves. Oh, my, what a God He is, unfolding Himself in simplicity.

Now, notice. And He had him trained in worldly wisdom so that he could fail and show that it isn't wisdom that we'll ever be delivered by; it's by faith that we are delivered. He let him go in and get such an education until he could teach the Egyptians wisdom. He was so smart. God was with that simple family, who could, perhaps, maybe not write their name.

And Moses was took into the highest of schooling with such a great education, till he could teach the wisdom to teachers. He could teach the genius. Yes. And God let him get that way so He could display Himself in humility to show that wisdom has nothing to do with it; and Moses miserably failed in his genius. He let him get that way for His purpose, so he'd fail, and he did fail, and he fell.

So to show, not by power, not by might, but--not by the wisdom of Egypt, not by the wisdom of our schools, not by the power of our seminaries, but--not by the amounts of our organization, not by the power of our scholarly teaching; but "by My Spirit, saith God." His wisdom was vanished and at its end. When he met God in the burning bush there, he took off his shoes and humbled himself to humility and forgot all about his wisdom.

God, bringing deliverance, had to train him in wisdom to let him fall to show that you cannot lean upon the arm of your own understanding or anybody else's understanding. Let him fall to show His hand. Can you see it? God's purpose in doing so was to display Himself in humility.

And He let Moses become the highest until he would was the--he'd be the next pharaoh. He was a mighty general. According to history, he conquered (Moses, himself) the countries around. And then when he turned to the work of the Lord with all of his talent, God let him take a headlong topple, so that He could put him out there on the desert and beat all that out of him, and then appear to him in humility, and send him down with a stick in his hand to deliver the people.

When he couldn't do it by a military training, by an education, by a scientific education, and by a military force, he could not do it, and He give him an old crooked stick off the desert, and he did it with it: God in humility, simplicity. God was in the stick and in Moses. And as long as Moses had the stick, then God had it, because God was in Moses. Sure.

Notice. "Not by power, nor by--by might, but by My Spirit..." But by the simple faith, Moses had a understanding that he was to be the deliverer from the teaching of his mother. And he trained himself in military might to do so, but it failed. See? He had the understanding; he had the education, but that didn't work. So he had to forget it all and come to the simple thing of taking God at His Word, and then he delivered the people. Yes, sir.

God delivers by what? Faith in His Word. Always has been... We could take a look if we had time. (We've got about twenty something minutes yet. We had...) We could take a--a look at Cain and Abel, how that--that Cain tried to please God by some beauty. Another way, people think by--by great fine dressed congregations, by a priest, with--with a ministers with robed, and robed choirs, and all the--the put-on, that pleases God.

Can you see where it come from? Cain tried the same thing, and he built him an altar. No doubt that he made it pretty, and the man was sincere. He worshipped. He thought, "As long as I'm sincere, it doesn't make any difference." It does make a difference. You can be sincerely wrong.

Notice, he--he built this altar and he's--more--more like put flowers and fixed it up and put beautiful fruits, and thought, "Surely, a great, holy, clean, beautiful God will accept that sacrifice." But, see, he done it with his own wisdom. He done it by his own thoughts, and that's what it is today. He--he... They do it by their own wisdom, by their schooling, by their education and ethics that they have learned.

But Abel by a revelation, by faith, offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice. Nothing clean about it as far as it looked, humanly speaking, the little fellow, and grabbing him by the neck, and wrapping a vine around him like that, and pulled him along to this altar. There was nothing so beautiful about it, laying him upon the altar and hacking his little throat with a--a sharp rock until his blood flying all over him, him bleating, dying. It was a horrible sight (See?) to see it.
It was simple though. In simplicity he knowed that he was born of his mother and father's blood, born in his mother's blood by his father's blood, and it was blood that caused the fall, so it was blood that would take it back. So he offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice 'cause it was revealed to him.

And some of the brethren, today, who think they eat apples and pears and... I seen the most radical thing the other day in the paper. They said now they proved that it wasn't an apple that Eve eat; that I--I think they claim it was an apricot. So... Oh, see where that spirit comes from.

And they said that Moses never crossed actually the Red Sea, that it was a--a bunch of reeds down there, a sea of reeds; and he brought the children of Israel through this sea of reeds. Up at the end of the--the sea, there's a big bunch of reeds up there, and Moses crossed the sea, but it was the sea of reeds that he crossed, you know, grass, called like tules and things that he crossed through there.

How ridiculous when "The water," the Bible said, "parted from right to left, and God caused a--a mighty east wind to separate..." See, see? They--they want to try to figure it out in their own way, and that's the way they've always failed, and they'll continue to fail.

You know, all these things that Cain--the very type of the carnal minded man today who's religious outwardly. He wants to do something outwardly, but he's--he goes to church, and--and he will do lots of things for the--the buildings. There's only one Church, and you don't join that. These are lodges. See? You join the Methodist lodge, the Baptist lodge, the Presbyterian lodge, the Pentecostal lodge, but you're borned into the Church. See? These all are lodges; they're not churches; they're lodges. No such a thing as Methodist church or Pentecostal church. No, there isn't such a thing. No, that's all wrong. See? They're... That's right. They--they're lodges that people join, but you're born into the Church of the living God, and that's the mystic body of Jesus Christ being formed.

Now, but it pleased God to reveal His secret to Abel by simple faith in the shed blood. Oh, I wished I had time to lay on that a little while. See? Yet and Cain with all of his wisdom, the smart man... Oh, you say, "Now, Brother Branham, you said he... You're trying to make him the educated genius." He was. He was the smart... Follow his--follow his strain. Look at his children. Every one of them was scientists and doctors and smart men, every one. But you follow the generation of Seth; they were humble peasants and farmers and so forth on down to the destruction. But Cain's children were the smart, intellectual group. They even... They could--claim could temper copper and make metals and builders, and they were smart men; when--when these other men just dwelt in tents, and herd their sheep, and rested upon the promises of God. See, see? See what it was? Now, just follow the genealogy down through and see if that isn't right. See? They rested upon the promise of God.

That's how Noah was chose from that kind of a people. That's how Paul was taken out from his flock. See? That's how John Wesley, Martin Luther, and whatmore. That--that's how you come to be what you are today (See?), the same thing: humbled to believe the simple promise of God.

Now, notice. It pleased God to--to identify... Now, God always will a-vindicate whether it's the Truth or not. See? Now, many people try to act themselves into something that God stays a million miles from. That's right. But when you see God come back around and say it, punctuate it, say, "It's right. That's right. That's right." Then you know that's true.

Now, when the offerings was on the altar, God refused his intellectual conception of God. But when He seen Abel by simple faith to believe that it was not apples or fruits of the field, but it was blood, by faith he believed it, by a revelation from God, God a-vindicated Adam by accepting his sacrifice. See?

That's where we think of praying for the sick--anything else. Jesus said, "If ye abide in Me and My Word in you, just ask what you will, and it shall be done to you." Now, as we're coming right on down, fastly now, with twenty minutes more...

Notice. Elijah's day, God chose to hide Himself in a simple person. Now, just think of it. God chose... That was His choosing. Remember, they had rabbis, priests; they had great men in them days. Even King Ahab himself was a Jew. He had great men in the land in that day, but God hid Himself in a simple man, not a scholar, no, not a renown man of the world, some great military genius, or something, no, no big names. We don't even know who his papa and mama was. We don't know anything about his genealogy: just a plain old farmer somewhere that was raised up for the purpose to be a prophet.

God had him living to himself in the wilderness. Only thing we know, he stomped right out of nowhere, walked right in and condemned the whole ecclesiastical system. My.

And you know what they thought about him? "What school did he come from? See? What denomination is he with? Is he with the Pharisees the Sadducees," or whatmore they had? He didn't belong to any of them, but he condemned the whole thing. See? God chose to do that. But a simple man, no education... We have no place where he ever went to school; we have nothing about him, just a simple man; but God was pleased to hide in that simple person. God, back there with this simple man, hiding in a human being, can you grasp it? God hiding in a illiterate crank to the world... 'Cause...

You know, they--they accused him of everything, even being a witch. Elijah, all prophets are accused of that. See, so... Jesus was accused of being one (You see?): Beelzebub. And being crazy, said, "Why, you're mad. You... We know you got a devil. You're--you're off at your head." See? That's where He told them when it come in the last days that they'd--that'd be blasphemy to do such. He forgave them, but it wouldn't be forgiven in these last days. It had to be paid for with eternal separation, never to be forgiven in this world or the world to come.

But Elijah was considered a crazy man. Could you imagine him, standing up to the... The women was all cutting their hair like the modern days, I guess, and painting up like Jezebel, the first lady of the land; and--and the--the preachers all gone worldly and everything, and then what taken place? Then here come old Elijah out condemning the whole thing all the way from Jezebel down. They thought, "We don't have to listen to you; we got pastors." Sure they didn't have to, but he was their pastor anyhow. He was Jezebel's pastor. She didn't want... She might've had a different kind, but--but God sent; he was. See? He was God's sent pastor for her. She hated him, but he was pastor just the same.

Notice. And Elijah humbled himself and stayed with what God said in such a way that it pleased God to take that same Spirit from Elijah and promise to shove it three times down the road from there (See? Amen.), and He did it. Amen. Sure He did. Sure. He promised it that it would come. And it come upon Elisha, his successor, then come on John the Baptist, and according to Malachi 4, it's supposed to be here again in the last day. See?

God loved that spirit that was upon that simple, uneducated woodsman from back there in the woods somewhere. And so... It was so obedient to His Word that He could say, "Elijah, do this," and Elijah would do it. And God hid Himself in there in such simplicity till they all told him... "That old crank. Don't have nothing to do with him," and so forth.

But one day when--and he got old and his head bald and his--and his whiskers hanging down, gray, what few hairs he had hanging over his shoulders, his little old skinny arms, and the meat flopping on them like that, come walking down that road to Samaria, and them eyes looking up toward the skies with a crooked stick in his hand. He wasn't very much to look at, but he had THUS SAITH THE LORD for the day.

He didn't stammer with it. He--he didn't stutter. He didn't say, "Now, great Ahab..." He walked up and said, "Not even the dew will fall from heaven till I call for it." Oh... God had honored his simplicity.

Now, you see, while it was in the simple way and everybody was--everybody against him, everybody was at his throat... All the ministerial association and everything else was at his throat (That's true.), trying to get rid of him, everything else. But in that simplicity, even though they had no cooperation with his campaigns and whatevermore they had, everybody thought he was a crank, God was hiding Himself. But when it come time for that seed to get ripe that had been planted, God manifested Himself by sending fire out of the heavens and licking up the sacrifice. God hiding in simplicity and then revealing Himself again. See? Sure. It pleased God to do that. He's always did it in such a way. Yes, sir.

Now, we find out that He--He promised these things. The trouble is today with so many of us people, we want to get so, you know, so seminary and denominational, educated minded that God can't use us. God can give a man a start to do something and give him a ministry. The first thing you know, he will go to catering to what others say. And the first thing you know, he will be all wrapped up in a big bunch of stuff, and then God just takes His hands off of him and let him alone. See, see?

And then He will try to find Him another man somebody that will do it. See? He's got to find something that will--will take His Word, will take the Divine revelation and won't move with it, will stay right there on that Word. That's the way He--He does it. He's always done it that way. So when man gets so educated and smart that he tries to put his own interpretation... Well, like they say, "The baptism of the Holy Ghost," they say, "oh, that was for another day." But if they don't... "Well, it wasn't for another day, but I'll tell you; it don't come just like it did on the day of Pentecost. We received the Holy Ghost when we believed," and--and all kinds of stuff like that. You see?

And talk about the baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ, they--where the Bible teaches it that way, they say, "Well, but the seminary says, and so-and-so says." That's compromising. See? God can't use a person like that. See? He may let a man be beat all across the country like that and the man cast out, and laughed at, and made fun of, and everything else like that, but when the real showdown come, God stands up and vindicates Hisself right in the same simplicity.

Rise right up like the flower, the seed look like it's over with; it dies and falls in the ground. Dig the little seed up, and it's rotten and looks like a mess, but out of there springs life to reproduce another flower again: God in simplicity.

He does the same thing. The way up is down, always. Humble yourself. Don't never say, "Well, I've got this and that." You ain't got nothing. Just--just remember, if you've got the grace of God, just be thankful for it and be humble...?... Just keep humbling yourself.

Now, I'm going to have to hurry 'cause the clock's... I don't want to keep you too long, 'cause I don't want to wear you out. See? We got a long time yet through this week.

Now... And now, we find out that people get so smart and educated. Now, I want to show you another. The--the other goes so far to the other side, they become fanatics trying to be religious. Now, we know we have that group. See? They go to the other side...

That's where I different with the group of brethren that pulled off here not long ago from the--the way of Righ--Light; they--they just couldn't see the phenomena of being done unless they made themselves a group, so they gathered up in Canada and--and made a group of people that they was going to give out and make apostles and prophets out of one another and things, and it fell right through. See? And it always will. See?

They become... They feel that because that they are... That--that they don't... They so condemn the other things and the--and the things till they go plumb on the other side.

See, there's one side that's highly intellectual, cold and indifferent; they deny everything there; and the others get on the other side, on the other side's a radical bunch of emotion and deny the Word. But the real true Church stays right in the middle of the road.

Now, if you notice, it's--it's--it's got the Bible knowledge of what God said, and it's--it's spiritual enough to be warm in its heart, and it's just a road. Isaiah said it would be that way He said, "There shall be a highway."

And the blessed, holy, precious friends of the Nazarene church, a mighty little move that God started up. But what did they get? When God begin to speak with tongues in the church, they were so religiously and so self-starched that they called it the devil, and you see what happened to them. See, see? They--they... And the holier than thou are... And--and so we find out that all those things goes to seed and dies right out. See? And the--the--the other side...

Now, one side becomes a fanatic; the other side becomes cold and starchy. Now, Isaiah said, "There shall be a highway." And the Nazarenes and many of the old holiness people used to say, "The blessed old highway (Glory to God.); we're walking up the old highway." But you remember, that wasn't exactly what he said. He said, "There shall be a highway and ('And' is a conjunction.) and a way," and it shall not be called a highway of holiness, but the way of holiness.

Now, an highway of holiness... People try to make themselves holy. And when you do, it's just like I said before; it's like a... It would be like a buzzard trying to put dove feathers in himself to make a dove out of it, when his nature's still a buzzard. See? See, it's... It would be like a crow trying to put a--a pigeon's feathers in, or a peacock, and saying, "You see, I'm a beautiful bird." See, it's something manufactured.

But a peacock don't have to worry whether he's going to have peacock feathers or not. The dove don't have to worry whether he's going to have dove feathers or not. As long as his nature is a dove, he will have dove feathers.

And see, the holiness people begin to say, "The women must wear long hair and long sleeves," and all these things, "and long skirts, and not wear any wedding rings, or jewelry of any type." See, it become a self-righteous holiness. See, see? That--that's--that's manufactured holiness. But the real Church of the living God is--it a...

Look what's happened to the denomination. Now, they've all got cut hair like the Pentecostals and--and so forth, and--and they all, nearly, wear rings and so forth.

Look at the Pentecostals years ago how they harped on that. See? "And we, the church--we, the church." The Church is Christ's body. It's a individual amongst other individuals that is born in the Kingdom of God. That comes from the inside out. It's automatically lived.

You don't ask the sheep to bear wool or manufacture wool, I mean. The sheep don't have to manufacture wool. He'd say, "Now, my master wants me to have some wool this year. I got to get busy." No, the only thing he has to do is just remain a sheep. That's right. The wool will automatically--it will--it will--he will bear it because...

And we're not asked to manufacture fruits; we're supposed to produce fruit (See?), bear fruits. See? We are supposed to bear fruits. And as long as you are a fruit tree of God with God's Word, God's Word will vindicate Itself. It'll bear fruit as long as the Word's in there.

And Jesus said, "If ye abide in Me and My Word in you, ask what you will, and it shall be done." See it? You don't manufacture it. You work yourself not up to it; it's just actually there. And it goes on and on.

Now, let's go--just, hurrying it up now with just a few minutes left, and then we'll close.

Now, now, others go so far as to be fanatics. Now, they go on the other side. And they think just because that they jump up and down, or get some kind of a sensation or emotion, speak with tongues, or--or--or give a prophecy that happened to be right or something like that, they think that's it: that--they--they've got it, but it isn't.

Jesus said, "Many will come to Me in that day and say, 'Lord, have not I prophesied in Your Name; Your Name done many works and cast out devils?'" He say, "Depart, I never knew you." See? That isn't it. That isn't it, friends. That's the reason that tongues evidence... I believe in speaking in tongues, but I don't take it to be the only evidence of the Holy Spirit. No, sir. The fruit of the Spirit is the evidence. See? And now...

You see, that's the reason I have different with the move of the Pentecostal brethren in that manner that they say, "If a man speaks in tongues, he has the Holy Ghost." I different. That's no sign he's got the Holy Ghost. See? I've heard devils speak with tongues just as fast as they could, drink blood out of a human skull, and call on the devil.

I've seen Indians take snakes and wrap around them in the--in the--in the rain dance out there in Arizona, hold their hands up like that, and run right around; the witch doctor come out lancing himself, and lay a pencil down, and it write in unknown tongues and give the interpretation. So, see? So don't--don't tell me that. No, I'm too old for that. See? So...

The--the fruit of the Spirit is the... Jesus said, "By their fruits (not tongues or emotions, but) by their fruits ye shall know them." So that is the fruit of the Spirit.
It's God unfolding Himself in humility, sweetness, and everyday the same. It's something about a man that stays right with the Word, every time that he sees the Word, he punctuates it with an "Amen," no matter what the other people say.

That's... He believes it. You see?

All right. See? But we go far enough then to rest upon a fanatical... And Satan gets amongst the people. That's Satan's business, and he's a good businessman. And he--he gets amongst the people to make them think that they've got it just because they can jump up and down; and then hate your neighbor? No, see? To--to say things and speak in tongues just wonderfully and things like that... And remember, you can speak in genuine Holy Ghost tongues and still not have the Holy Ghost. The Bible said so. "Though I speak with tongue of men and Angels and have not

charity, it profit me nothing. I'm become as a sounding brass, and tinkling cymbal": I Corinthians 13. See? So you don't--that don't do it. See?

The Methodists said, "When we shouted, we had it," but they didn't. The Nazarene said when they lived holy they had it, but they didn't. The Pentecostals said, "We speak in tongues; we got it," but they didn't. See, see? God unfolding Himself, not in sensations, no, that's... Sensations yet's with it. You see the place? He just gets it so humble till anybody can see it, if you don't--if you don't try to put--inject your own mind to it (See?) and your own thoughts. It's God. Now...

And then they become a bunch of fanatics. Then here's the cold formals on this side; here's the fanatics on the other side, and here goes the Bride right straight through it all, calling from both sides. That's just God vindicating It as He goes along: His Word. Now--oh, I've got to skip some of this, because I got too much here, and I--I got... My time's run out. I'll hurry just as quick as I can now.

From Eden--from Eden it has come, been being prophesied that there was coming a Messiah, all the way from Eden. Now, I'm going to skip over a few of my Scriptures I got wrote down here and notes, just to get the message off in time if I can. God hiding in humility... Now, I'll talk fast, but yet I--I want you to catch this. See?

Since Eden, it had been prophesied that there would come a Messiah. It was foretold what kind of a Person He would be. We could linger a long time. You know the Bible, what He would be, what kind of a Person He'd be. Moses said, "The Lord, your God, shall raise up a prophet like me." They knowed that that Messiah was to be a prophet, the kind of a ministry He would have with Him. All the prophets spoke of what He would do.

They spoke of it in symbols, and it went plumb over the top of their head and plumb under the rest of them (See, see?), went under one and over the other one. See? By the time that He arrived on the scene of time, the people to whom He was sent had their own interpretation of what that He was to be in their own imaginary interpretation.

The Bible never changed. The Bible is always the same. That's the reason I say the Scripture says, and I stay with that: "The Bible is of no private interpretation." So Methodists, Baptists, Pentecostals, don't try to put your interpretation to it, saying, "It don't mean that; it means this." It means just what it said, just exactly.

Someone said, "How can it... I don't know how." It's not me to say that; it's God to take care of that. He's the One Who said it, not me (See?), and He will take care of His own.

But now, but--this Messiah had been prophesied. The prophets told just exactly how He would come, what He would do when He come, but their own private interpretation of it amongst the people... And when He come He was in such a simple way in simplicity till the whole church group stumbled over it. Is that right?

There those men who had been taught... A man could not be a teacher, a priest until he was born in a certain lineage, after Levi. And just think, his great-great-great-great-great-great grandfather was a priest, laying right in that Word in the temple day and night like the Catholic priest or the minister, that's a--a handed-down minister from generation to the certain churches and so forth. "My great-great-grandfather was a Methodist bishop. My grandfather was a bishop," and so forth. See?

All that--lived right in the Word, but they had formed their own way of it. And their children had accepted it in such a way that the fathers had taught it, until the fathers had taught it off of the real way, and they'd made such an organization out of it, till when the Spirit tried to present Truth, they couldn't receive it. And that's the same thing today.

I don't mean to be rude, but it's right. It's the same thing today. They make it so--so complicated and--and some other way they teach they're... Just like it's been said: God don't have any grandchildren. You know that? God has sons, and He has daughters, but no grandsons and granddaughters. Every man must pay the same price and come the same way; just as your father did, so must you. Now...

So He was so simple, when this Messiah... For four thousand years every prophet spoke of Him. David sung of Him, and all down through. And when He come, the people had their own idea built up what He must do, how He was going to do, how it was all explained, drawed out on charts, and everything till when He come in that real simple way, it just--it just ruined their theology. See? They didn't know it. See, He come according to the Word.

Now, do you believe that God spoke through the prophets that that Messiah would come in a certain way? It's too bad we haven't got about another hour that we could go through there and explain how it was. See? We all know how it was though, most of us. How God said He would come and "How that thou, Bethlehem of Judaea, art not the least amongst..." and all down through there and how He would do, and what He would do. See?

And yet He was so simple till those great scholars had got it so mixed up, till they missed it. But you know Jesus didn't come contrary to the Word; He come according to the Word, but contrary to their interpretation. See? He taught things that was against their ecclesiastical training about Him. Now, they said, now for instance, "When Messiah comes, certainly He will come up to the temple and say, 'Caiaphas (or ever who's high priest), I have arrived.' He will come with a ten million Angel salute. The... God will say, 'All right, fellows down there, you're really a mighty church. You're My people. I'm going to turn the crank here and let the corridors of heaven down; I'm sending you Messiah to you this morning. I'll let it land right out there in the yard.' And all the people get around and say, 'Doctor So-and-so, you and Doctor So-and-so; you all can stand at the head to greet Him first.'" You See?

That's perhaps something like they thinking today. Now, I know it's a little--it sounds a little "rashal," but I don't--I'm trying to make a point. "And--and there is--that's the way it's going to be. And if it don't come that way, it's not right. It's an antichrist. If it don't come just that way, it's an antichrist (You see?), so it won't be. And so then there'll be a... Then the next thing comes down will be about a ten million Angel salute with their bands, and they'll land out there in the yard where Solomon built the temple, and oh, all up and down through here, this holy place where saints and sages had died..." and so forth.

"Yes," Jesus said, "you hypocrites, you sons of the devil," said, "you garnish the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers put them in there." That's right. That's right. See? "How many righteous men and prophets was sent to you, and still you slayed every one of them." See? But what would He called righteous then, what they called fanatics and cranks. Yes. There they thought it would come that way.

But when He come in a stable, borned of a--a virgin, with just a common carpenter for a foster father and a--a little unknown girl... See, not the high priest's daughter or whatmore; He--He come as from a little lady that lived down in the--in--in a little old mean country called Nazareth. And just

a common widower; his wife was dead. He had some children: Joseph. And--and she--he was engaged. And then He come with a black name to begin with. They said He was illegitimately born.

Oh, my. That hit their polish too hard. See? Their educational ethics could not swallow that. Their interpretation of the Scriptures knowed nothing about that, but yet it was the THUS SAITH THE LORD. Oh, my. Shivers me to think it. And to see the same thing reoccurring again... God cannot change. (It's already twelve, but... Will you just... Shall I stop or just--just go on? I think if you can sit still just a little bit. See? Now, now, this is... I'm basing something here for a message coming. See? And I'll try to let you out just as quick, maybe the next ten or fifteen minutes if we can. God bless you.)

Notice. Now, it's so simple that it--it--it just missed the mark for them, but it hit God's mark (See?); it hit the Word. He come just exactly the way He said, but they--their interpretation of it was wrong. The interpretation of the deliverer in Moses' time was wrong; the interpretation in the time of Noah was wrong (See?), but God comes according to His Word.

And then Jesus came, and He--and He taught things that was contrary. "If Thou be the Messiah, do such-and-such." You see? "If Thou be... Come off the cross, and show it to us now." See? But God don't clown for people; God just does the things that's pleasing and right.

They thought such a One would certainly have to come with a great salute of Angels, but He come by a stable. And to their own polished ethics, it was ridiculous for a--an ordinary human being to think that Almighty God, the great mighty Jehovah, Who owned the earth and created the whole thing, couldn't fix a place for His own Child to be born, better than some cow barn over a manure pile. How could there... See?

What was it? God in simplicity. That's what made Him so great. See, the ethics of education cannot belittle itself like that. See? It cannot stand it, but God is so great that He brought Himself down to that, not even of clothes to put on His own Child. Think of it. And the world... There was no room in the inn, and He went into a cow stable, a little--a little ledge, a little cave-like back in the side of the hill; and there upon a straw bed came the Son of God. Oh, that was a lot different from meeting up there...

And His mother was to be mother; she was found to be mother, oh, months before they was even engaged to be married or even married. See? She was to be mother, and the people saw it, and they knowed that it was this a way. And Mary, in her own heart she knowed what was going on. And Joseph didn't understand, but the Angel of the Lord came to him by night saying, "Joseph, you're a son of David. Don't fear to take unto you, Mary, your wife, for that's not nothing bad, but that is of the Holy Ghost." That settled it.

The man, Joseph, with such connection with God till God could speak to him. But today we get our ecclesiastical jackets so drawed around us till nothing can speak to us outside of the ecclesiastical group that we belong to. I don't want to get harsh or radical, so I'll leave that alone right there. Notice... But you understand what I mean.

Notice. A stable was ridiculous for them. The polished... We don't even have a--no record where He ever attended one day of school, and yet at the age of twelve years old, a simple boy confounded the priests in the temple by His teaching. Oh, my. What was it? God hiding Himself. I feel pretty religious right now.

God hiding Himself in a barn, God hiding Himself in a little Child... See? Watch. It's going to display after while though. See? He had to... He... When He went on the streets, the parents, no doubt would talk and say, "Don't play with that kid. Don't have nothing to do with Him. His mother's nothing but a common prostitute. (See?) And the father and mother... The baby was born before they were actually married. She was to be mother. Have nothing to do with it."

What Mary thought... But altogether, no matter what the outside thought, she pondered all these things. They hid it in their heart. They knowed they couldn't say nothing about--against it. God speaks to His men sometimes, say, "Hold your peace. Don't say nothing about it."
I've had people in my meetings say, "Well, if you be a servant of Christ, you know this is going on there." Sure I know it's going on, but then what are you going to do when He says, "Hold your peace. Don't say nothing about it."

Took some men the other day, showed them on a book, something spoke years ago. I said--said... Said, "Well, I couldn't understand it."

I said, "You see there?" Here it was back there, got it dated and everything when it happened back there. Oh, when many people had seen it on the book there, I said, "It'll come to pass that this will do this way and that way."
Said, "Well, why didn't you say something about that?" 'Cause it had to be that way. See?

And Joseph knowed different. He knowed Who that baby belonged to. Mary knowed Who it belonged to. Jesus knowed Who His Father was. What did He say? "I must be about My Father's business," not sawing wood and--and making a door, but about His Father's business. Amen. He said that to His mother: "Can't you understand that I--it's time for Me to be about My Father's business?"

Now, they thought this little cracked-up Child--any illegitimate child is kind of an odd, curious thing anyhow, and there you are. See? But God hiding Himself... Listen. God hiding Himself in what was thought of the world as filth, corruption, illegitimate... Look, God hides Himself in the corruption of a dead seed to bring forth life. See? Do you get it?

God hides Himself in a simple little wash woman or an ordinary man with his dinner under his arm, kiss his wife and children good-bye, and go out there, and maybe hide Himself in that man to do something that a archbishop would know nothing about. See? You don't hear Him blow no horns and send it out. He--He... God just gets glory; that's all. The simple hear it and are glad. See?

Now, God was hiding Himself in the simplicity of a baby, hiding Himself in the simplicity of a--a common family, God. And the ecclesiastics and the great men, the mind, the genius, and the--and the--all of them, the Herods and so forth of that day, and the Neros, and they all overlooked it: God hiding in simplicity. (Now, quickly).

John the Baptist, in Isaiah 40... We could get it if you want to. Malachi 3, all... Well, yeah, you mark it down if you want to. Isaiah 40, all you know, speaking peace to the... As it is, maybe I... It might be good that I--I--I would read it right here, if you got--if you got that much time...?... just for a minute. We'll turn over here in the Book of Isaiah the 40th chapter and--and read here and just see what he says about this now. Look, here.

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people,...

Now, remember this is seven hundred and twelve years (Look at the heading on there. See?)--seven hundred and twelve years before He's born; here's the prophet speaking of Him.
Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith the Lord.

Speak ye comfortable words to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she has received of the LORD'S hand double for all of her sins.
The voice of him... crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight his path in the desert a highway for our God.

And every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough... shall be made... plain: (Oh, hallelujah. What a man that was to be. See?)

Now, turn over to Malachi with me, the last book of the--last of the prophets in the Old Testament. Now, and in Malachi, listen here; Malachi picks it up just at the end time, so they be sure not to forget it. Malachi the 3rd chapter:

Behold, I'll send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, who you delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

See? Still speaking of John... "Send My messenger before Me to prepare the way." Jesus spoke of it in Matthew 11:10. Said, "If you can receive it, that's who was spoken of, 'Behold I send my messenger before my face...'" See? That's right.

Now, how all this spoke. When it had been for seven hundred years there was to be a forerunner come before the Messiah; but when he came on the scene in such simplicity, they missed him. They missed him. Remember, he was a priest's son. Well, look how ridiculous that was for him not to follow the office of his father, go back to the seminary, but his job was too important.

At nine years old he went into the wilderness, and he came out preaching. They missed it. He was so simple, too simple for their high-polished education to believe such a one. They thought when this man come... "How about: 'All the high places will be made low; all the low places be made high; all the rough places be made plain'?" David saw it and said, "The--the mountains skipped like little lambs and the leaves clapped their hands."

What, did it happen? An old whiskered guy like that with no education at all, with a piece of sheepskin wrapped around him, came stumbling out of the wilderness of Judaea saying, "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. And you bunch of snakes, don't you think to say 'I belong to a certain organization.' God's able of these stones to rise children to Abraham."

My. "Well, that's not him there. We know that's not him." But it was him. See? He was making the path clean. See?

There's when the rough places was made plain. There's where the high places was brought down. "Don't you think you got Abraham to your father? Don't begin to tell me that kind of stuff, 'cause God's able of these stones to rise children to Abraham." The high places was brought down. Oh my. That's it. Yes. See the difference?

He said that's what would take place. And when they come, they thought, "Oh, my." They was just ready to receive him, if he come to their own organization. But because he come like that, in such

a simple way, yet in interpreting the Scriptures, the high places was made low. They didn't want to accept it, but they was.

Boy, he shaved them off. He shook the hide right off them. Said, "You bunch of vipers. You snakes in the grass. I tell you the axe is laid to the root of the tree, and every tree that won't bring forth the fruits is cut down and cast into the fire. And I indeed will baptize you with water, but there's coming One after me Who's mightier than I. He will baptize you with the Holy Ghost and Fire, and His fan is in His hand. He will thoroughly purge the floors, and...?... of straw, burn up the chaff, and take the wheat to the garner." Amen.

That was when the rough places was made plain (See?), but the people didn't get it; but it's just exactly with the Word, just exactly the way the Word said it, so simple that they missed it. They missed seeing it. Don't you be that blind. See? Don't you be that blind.

So listen. Now, they missed it. He was so simple for their common beliefs of such a person that he missed it. Again, what was it? God, which is the Word, hiding in simplicity, not a priest with his collar turned around, with smart education.

Jesus asked them the same thing. He said, "What'd you go out to see?" when John's disciples come over. Said, "What'd you go to see? Did you go to see a man dressed with a priest robe on, you know, and soft clothing," He said, "that--that--that kind of a preacher?" He said, "Did you go to see that?" He said, "No".

"Them kind kiss the babies, and, you know, and bury the dead." They--they don't know nothing about a two-handed sword on the battle front. They was out there, some intellectual speech to some Kiwanis Club or something, you know. They're all right there, but when it comes out there it's battle to face it, they know nothing about it. See? 'Cause they--they--they're in kings' palaces. They fool around with that kind of celebrity." But said then, "What did you go to see? Did you go to see a reed shaken with any wind? A man that could say... Somebody'd say, 'You know, you belong to the--you belong to the Oneness, but if you'll come over here to the Assemblies, I'll tell you what I do: we'll--we'll make it..."
"I believe I'll do that," a reed shaken... Not John. No, no, no, no.

"If you'll come and be a Sadducee and not be a Pharisee, or something or other. You didn't see anybody shook with the wind, not John." No, sir, brother. Not him. He said, "Then, what did you go to see? A prophet?" It'd take a prophet to do that. See? He said, "Now..."

That was the evidence of a prophet. See? The Word of God with him. The Word comes to the prophet. See? Said, "What did you go to see, a prophet?"
He said, "Yes, that's right."

"But I say to you, even more than a prophet," for he was. Why was he more than a prophet? He was a messenger of the Covenant, that bridged the way between law and grace. He was the keystone in there that been spoke of. He said, "If you can receive it, this is he who the prophet spoke of. 'Behold (a... Malachi 3) I'll send My messenger before My face (See?) and he will prepare the way before Me." See? Oh, he was so simple, God again hiding in simplicity.

Then and watch what he done. He preached such a mighty Christ coming; "He's got His fan in His hand. He will--He's fanning His way. I mean He will thoroughly purge His floors. He will take up the trash and sweep it out yonder and burn it. That's right. He will gather up the grain and take it into the garner."

See, he was inspired. But when Jesus come, they was looking for... And all them apostles, you know, they was looking for a great something to come. My, my. "Boy, He's coming. That's all there is to it. Boy, He will be mighty. He will kick them Romans off the face of the earth. My, He will make them Greeks go this way and Romans go that when He come." When He come, a little humble Fellow being pushed around from one side to the other. What was it? God hiding Himself in simplicity. Oh, my.

Then He stood at the end of His message and said, "Who can condemn Me of sin? What all the Bible said that I would do, if I do not the works of My Father, then condemn Me. But what did the Scriptures say that I would do that I haven't done?" Sin is unbelief you know." Who can accuse Me? If I cast out devils by the fingers of God, then show Me what you're doing by."

Simplicity: even surrendered Himself unto death, but, oh, on that Easter morning. Hallelujah. That's where He purged the floor. He swept out the trash all right, brother. Yes, indeed. And the wheat was sealed in the garner--laying there in the ground with Eternal Life resting there, waiting for that great day that we're going to speak of the coming of the Lord when that life will come to Life, and we'll rise in that resurrection, be caught away with Him in the air and be gathered into the garner. And the trash will be burnt yonder, the husk that's wrapped around and tried to pull it this way or that way, will be burnt with unquenchable fire. Amen. Oh, isn't He wonderful. They missed Him: God in simplicity.

Why? Why, He never even preached in the ecclesiastical terms. He never. He never preached like a preacher. See? He preached like a... He used the terms of simplicity of God, the terms like "the axe is laid"; the terms of the "tree," the terms of "snakes," not some seminary teacher, as in the ecclesiastics of the day, like a Doctor of Divinity, Doctor So-and-so. He didn't do that. He preached like a woodsman out yonder somewhere. He talked about axes and trees and serpents and things like that, and wheat and garners, and everything like that. He'd be considered today a, I guess, a "soap box preacher." I think He was called a "stump preacher" in that day, standing on a stump down there by Jordan...?... God in simplicity, hiding from the wisdom of the world...

Now, let's find out... Jesus said, "I thank Thee, Father, Thou has hid these things from the wise of the world and is going to reveal it to babies such as will learn." See? God hiding in simplicity in Christ, God hiding in simplicity in John... See? Just... See, He was--He was... Just think of it. God in simplicity, hiding Himself from the wisdom of the world.

Now, we'll close in just a minute or two, 'cause I don't want to hold you no longer.

Look. Let's stop just a minute: something personal. Think of the day that we're living in (to close this off now). Think of the day we're living in: when God coming down in a little old humble place that we've been dwelling, healing the sick. And the rich and the haughty and the high scholared, "Days of miracles is passed. There's no such thing as divine healing."...

You remember the message I preached from right across this piece of ground here, the morning that I left, about David and Goliath? Said, "How you going to meet an educated world out there, Brother Branham, with all this?"

I said, "I can't help how I'm going to meet it, God said go." See? That's all. See? It's His Word; He promised it. The hour is here.

When that Angel, that you see in that picture over there, come down on the river down there that day, thirty years ago this coming June or thirty-three years ago, rather, this coming June, and said, "As John the Baptist was sent forth," (before five thousand people or more) "the hour has come when your message will stray the world."

You remember the criticism if any you were there... I guess Roy Slaughter or some of them setting here might remember the day, or some--Mrs. Spencer or ever who would be--some of the old people here that would--would know. See? George Wright or some of them (See?), who know that, how it was... But hasn't it done it? It did it. And then in the midst when the--they turned down and said, "It's just a mental healing." And God turned right back around and sent an old dumb opossum in there and was healed by the power of God.

Lyle Wood and Banks, when we was setting down there and know the God a-vindicated truth when a little old dead minnow fish, laying on the water, and the Holy Spirit spoke the day before, He was going to show them His glory and do something about it. And there that morning, standing there, the Holy Spirit come down in that boat, and I raised up and spoke to that fish, and it laying on the water dead for a half hour, its gills and entrails pulled out of its mouth; it come to life and swam away as good as any other fish. What is it? God hiding Himself in simplicity.

God's able of these stones to rise children to Abraham. God's able to heal a opossum, or a fish, or anything. If He will bring His message forth and the people won't believe it, God can raise up a opossum to believe it. Hallelujah. God can raise a dead fish; He can raise a dead opossum; He can--He can do anything He wants to do.

What a rebuke to this generation, when they stumble over it and fuss about it, and "You didn't do this and do that," and God sent a simple animal in. See? What a rebuke. What was it? God in simplicity (See?), showing Himself to be great. Oh, my. Rebuke these men of this generation of their unbelief.

Now, they think now like they always have: "It must be done in their own way. Now, if there's such a thing as divine healing..." Like a Catholic man told me, this fellow, the other night, told me about that. You know, about... Said this Ayers that I went to see about his boy there at Houston. He said--he said, "Well now, if--if that was a gift of God, it'd have to come in the Catholic church." You see? See?

Yeah. The Methodists thought It'd have to come in their church, and the Pentecostals thought It'd have to come to their church, but It didn't come in any of them. And It come in the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ Who manifested Hisself. That's right. Sure He does. Yeah. Just watch it. Don't let it pass from you. Keep it under your--your heart and remember; ponder it there.

Got to come in their own way, for their--from their own denomination. And except it does that, it isn't Him. See? "It's just psychology, or it's the devil." It's a--it's--it's not God, because if it was God, He'd have to come in their own way, you see, "The way we've got it interpreted..."

That's the way that Jesus had to come to the Pharisees. It had to be that way. See? If there... If God was going to--to send a Messiah, they had it all interpreted just how He must be, and because He come different, then it wasn't the Messiah. He was the illegitimate something; He was the Beelzebub. But it was God hiding in simplicity.

The forerunner must be a certain educated man that there... Well, one no doubt each day, each year when they--they ordained their ministers and sent them out as missionaries to proselyte and

bring in... Each one thought, "This will be that forerunner that comes forth," but God raised him out of the wilderness where there wasn't no seminary at all (You see?), and things like that. See? God hiding Himself in humility and in simplicity...

But now, wait. In closing we say this: But to reject God's simple message... To--to--to reject it, God's simple way, is to be destroyed eternally. Now, that's how much we talk how simple it is, and people think, well, they can laugh at it and run over it and treat it any way they want to, but it's eternal separation from God.

Those who died in the days of Noah and did not listen to his message, they perished. And Jesus went and preached to them in the chains of darkness in His death before He rose up, and He went to hell and preached to the spirits was in prison that repented not in the long-suffering of the days of Noah while a simple message of God by a simple man was being preached. He went. He said, "Noah preached that I would be here, and here I am." That's right. See?

Those who failed to listen to that prophet's message, Moses out there in the wilderness, that he received from God, properly vindicated by a Pillar of Fire and was led out in the wilderness, and then tried to raise up and make an organization by it, and they perished and died in the wilderness, every one of them but two men, Joshua and Caleb. And over there, the--the Pharisees was so blind they couldn't see that, so they looked back and said, "Our fathers eat man--eat manna in the wilderness."

And Jesus said, "And they are everyone dead."

They seen the glory of God; they walked in the Light of the... They walked in the Light. They walked in the Light of the Pillar of Fire. They walked in the presence of Its power. They walked through the places that the Holy Spirit made for them to walk. They eat the manna that fell out of heaven that God provided and lost and went to hell. They're every one dead. And if you take that word, it's eternal separations from the Presence of God. They're every one dead. See?

Every one that refused Jesus is perished. See what I mean? To refuse that simplicity of God... It's just not something... You say, "Well, I made a mistake." You don't do it that way. God don't receive it that way; you perish eternally. We'd better be thinking about something. We best. Now, it's got to be properly identified by God. See? Then if it is, it's His Word. See? Oh. Like those that rejected Moses, rejected Elijah, rejected John, rejected Jesus of their days...

Here, let me just tell you a little bitty thing, and then I hope I'm not hurting too much. But, look. The other day I was called to Houston, Texas, to try to get a pardon... I gathered some people together to preach a message to get people there to sign a pardon of--of this young fellow and young girl, you know, that got in that trouble (I guess you've read about it in the paper) and that was Mr. Ayers' step son.

Mr. Ayers is the one who had taken the picture of the Angel of the Lord that you see right there: a Roman Catholic, and his wife was Jewish.

And he married this Jewish girl; they wouldn't speak religion among one another and so forth like that, and Ted Kipperman, which was also with him in the business had the Douglas Studio. And when he come over there where Mr. Best, Dr. Best, of the Baptist church, holding his fist under Brother Bosworth's nose, and shook it and said, "Now, take my picture doing that." Said, "I'm going to take that old man's hide and hang it on my study room as a memorial of divine healing."

And before I went to Houston, Texas, the Lord God told me to go there, and I was there in the Name of the Lord. And you all know the debate and things that come up. You've read it in the books and so forth, and there it was. And that night, trying only to walk humble, "Why," they said, "they're a bunch of ignoramuses." Dr. Best said, "They're nothing but a bunch of ignoramuses." Said, "There's no such people believes in divine healing, stuff like that. That's a bunch of backwash."

They don't know that it was God in simplicity. "Why," said, "the man ain't even got a grammar school education." He was polished with all the scholars of degrees that he could, till he thought he could smother Brother Bosworth down anyway, but when it come to the Word, he wasn't even a tenth of a match for him. See?

Brother Bosworth knowed where he was standing. Many of his people setting right here was at the debate. And there he was, and then he just throwed off on us every way, as being a bunch of ignoramuses. Said, "Decent thinking people don't even believe it."

Brother Bosworth said, "Just a moment." He said, "How many people in this city (of about thirty thousand that night, setting among us like that)... How many people in this city here that goes to these big fine Baptist churches can prove by a doctor's statement they've been healed by the power of God since Brother Branham's been in the city, stand up," and three hundred stood up. Said, "What about that?"

There it was. God was hiding in simplicity. Then he said, brother... He said, "Bring forth the divine healer. Let me see him hypnotize somebody; then let me look at them a year from today."
And Ted Kip--and Ayers there, the very one who took the picture. Said "Mr. Branham ain't nothing but a hypnotizer. I seen a woman had a goiter on her throat, like that, and said he hypnotized that woman; the next day I talked to her, and she didn't have no goiter." Said, "The man hypnotized her."

And, oh, he just ridiculed me, said I ought to be run out of the city, and he ought to be the one to do it (See?), and all like that: big lines in the front page of the Houston Chronicle.

I never said a word. I was there to do my Father's business, and that was all: stay with that Word. He sent me there, and it's His business...

That night when I walked down there, and I said, "I--I--I'm--I'm no Divine healer. I--I'm not... If anybody says that," I said, "they're wrong." And I said, "I don't want to be called a Divine healer." I said, "If Dr. Best here preaches salvation, well then he wouldn't want to be called a Divine savior." And I said, "Then I preach Divine healing, and I don't want to be called a Divine healer, but he says he isn't a Divine savior. Certainly he isn't; neither am I a Divine healer, but 'By His stripes we were healed.' I'm pointing to that." See?
And so... "He's nonsense." You know, walked around.

I said, "But if the Presence and this gift of God, this Angel of the Lord, if that's in question, that can be proven." And about that time, here she come whirling down on me. Said, "No need of speaking now; He's already spoke for me." And I walked out.

I went... And Houston, that big city, one of the nicest cities there is in the country anywhere... When I walked in there the other day, it was a disgrace to look at that city. The streets were dirty. The counters of the place, right down on Texas Avenue, and I went into the Rice Hotel where movie stars used to stay, and went down there in that basement, that cafeteria, and the ceiling's

dropping out, plaster on the floor, and filth, and dirt, and a confusion amongst preachers like has never been or ever heard in my life.

Why? To refuse Light is to walk in darkness. There sets their children in death row. Right. God came down when simplicity was displayed and rejected, then God showed Himself in simplicity. And there they took that picture which has swept the world. Even the scientists said It's the only supernatural Being was ever photographed in the--all the history of the world, and hangs in Washington, D. C. in the Hall of Religious Art. See? There it is, simplicity manifested then. See, see? God hiding Himself in simplicity, then manifest Himself. See?

Now, He hid Hisself in the death of Christ, but manifested Himself in the resurrection, oh, my, so forth. You can just--we just--we... There's no end to it. Just keep saying... But there you are. To refuse to say there's a sunshine is to go into the basement and shut your eyes from light. That's right.

And remember, the only way that you can be wrong is first to refuse right. And to refuse to open your eyes, you'll live in darkness. See? If you just refuse to look, how you going to see? See? Watch the simple things. It's the little things that you leave undone, not the big things you're trying to do--do. Oh, my. Then look here.

Let me tell you. In Mal... In Matthew 11:10 He said, "If you can receive it, this is he (See?), this is he who was sent before Me." It was simplicity.
It was asked of Him one day, said, "Why does the scribes say then that..."
He--He said, "Son of man's going up to Jerusalem. I'm going to be put in the hands of sinners, and they're going to kill the Son of man. He's going to die, and on the third day He's going to rise again." Said, "Don't tell nobody the vision up there."

And the disciples... Now, think of it, disciples who had walked with John, talked with him, eat with him in the wilderness, set down on the bank, they said, "Why does the teachers say that Elias must first come? You say you're going up to the crucifixion and going to rise; you're the Messiah, take the throne. Now, why does the scribes... All of our Scriptures say here--the Scriptures plainly says that before the Christ shall come, that Elias will come first." See?
He said, "He's already come, and you didn't know it." Now, who was that? Disciples.

I'm going to hurt here in just a little bit now, but I don't mean it. See? For the next few minutes (See?), just a minute too; but so that you'll be sure to understand. (Can you hear me?) Look: Why... Them men who'd walked with Christ, "Why does the Scriptures first say that Elias must come," and they were John's own converts and didn't even know him. Why did the Scriptures say, the teachers? Can you see what I mean? "Why does the Scriptures say that Elias must first come?" Disciples that walked with him. "Why does the Scriptures say that he must first come before these things and restore all things?" He did to about a half dozen people, and that's all there was. See? That's all that was supposed to receive it. That was what was ordained to see it.

Jesus said, "He's already come, and you didn't know it. But he done just what the Scriptures said he would do. He restored them, you all, that received Me and believed on Me. He done exactly what the Scriptures said he'd do. And they did to him what the Scriptures said they would do. He's already come, and you didn't know it." Are you ready?

I want to shock you a little bit. The rapture will be the same way. It'll be so simple; no doubt it'll be likewise, till the rapture will come one of these days and nobody will know nothing about it.

Now, don't--don't--don't get up now, but study just a minute. I'm sure enough closing. The rapture will come in such a simple way till the judgments will fall, and they'll see the Son of man; they'll say, "Wasn't we supposed to have such-and-such... And wasn't there supposed to be Elias sent to us? And wasn't there supposed to be a rapture?"

Jesus will say, "It's already happened, and you didn't know it." God in simplicity... See?

Now, this week we're going to get in some awful deep teaching on the Word. Now, notice. The rapture will be... So few go in that Bride. It'll not be... Now, see how the teachers has got it? They've got charts, and they go to show ten million people coming up here, and all the Methodists, if it's a Methodist preacher; and if it's a Pentecostal, all the Pentecostals coming. It will never touch it.

It'll be, maybe one leave Jeffersonville, just somebody come up missing. They'll say, "Well, you never..." The rest of them won't know. There'll be one leave Georgia. See? There'll be one leave in Africa. And let's say there'd be five hundred people a-living will go in the translation. Now, that ain't--that ain't the church body; this is the Bride. That ain't the church; this is the Bride. See? The--the church will come up by the thousands, but that's in the next resurrection. They lived not for the space of a thousand years. See? But in the Bride if five hundred people left the earth this very minute, the world would know nothing about it.

Jesus said, "There'd be one in a bed; and I'll take one, leave one." That's at nighttime. "There'd could be two in a field (over on the other side of the earth); I'll take one and leave one. And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man."

Think. Everything will move just as common as it can be. A fanatic message will go by, and the first thing you know something, "This minister going somewhere, he's never come back. He probably went to the woods hunting; he's never returned no more. And this fellow went somewhere..." "You know what happened? I believe that young girl, she--she must've been caught away somewhere, you know. Somebody take that girl out and ravish her, probably throwed her in the river. She was miss...?... Nobody... Half of it."

Ninety-nine out of every... May say one out of every hundred million will ever know anything about it. See? Unless somebody's acquainted with... Say, "The girl's missing. Why, I can't understand. She never did leave like that." No.

And when they say the--the graves will open, how is the graves going to open when... I--I haven't got time to get into this, what I wanted to. I'm going to have to take this... Just to show you the simplicity of God. And that calcium, potash, and everything when... When everything that's in you of materials only makes a spoonful... That's right. And what that does it breaks on back into spirit and life...

God just speaks and the rapture will come. It ain't going out there, and the Angels come down and shovel out the graves and get out an old dead carcass here. What is it? It's born of sin to begin with, but a new one made in its likeness. You know... See? If we have this, we'll die again. See? Nobody will say, "The graves will open. The dead shall walk out." That may be true, but not open the way you say open. See? That's right. See? It won't be like that. It'll be a secret, because He said He'd come like a thief in the night.

He's already told us this, the rapture, then judgments will strike: sin, plagues, sickness, and everything. The people will cry for death to take them when the judgment... "Lord, why is this judgment upon us when You said that there'd be a rapture first?"
He will say, "It's already come, and you didn't know it.": God hiding Himself in simplicity. Oh, my. All right. "It's all--it's already happened and you knew it not."

Why don't believers believe the simple signs of His coming? They're expecting the--a--all this things that's spoke of by the Scripture, and--and the moon's going to go down in the middle of--the sun in the middle of the day, and there's going to be all kinds of things.

Oh, if we just had... I got the notes wrote here on it (See?), to show what them things are, and we'll get it on the breaking of these Seals this week anyhow. See, see? There it is, just where it's already passed and you didn't know it. See? See if it is. If the Angel of the Lord will break them Seals forth to us... Remember, it's sealed with them seven mysterious thunders. See?

Now, why--why can't people believe the simple simplicity of a humble bunch of people (See?) and the--the voice of the signs of God? Why can't they believe it? Just like it always been. The true Word of God being made manifest, It's... They're too smart and too educated to believe the simple form of the written Word. They want to put their own interpretation to it. "It don't mean this. It don't mean that." See? It does mean that.

Listen. May I say this right quick now? Even the visions that God gives here at the place, it's so misunderstood. That's the reason you hear me on the tapes say, "Say what the tapes say. Say what the visions say."

Now, if you're wide awake, you'll see something. See? I hope I don't have to hold it in my hand to show you. See, see, see? You're... It's--it's here. We're at the end. Yes, sir. Smart, education will miss it. The simple visions, when they're revealed in such simplicity, till it just crosses over the top of people's head. See?

Because I seen the vision and told you all about going up there hunting, and, you know, that just stumbled people. And there God set it up there for the very purpose, and come back and interpret it right around, showing of the going of my mother and things like that, and then come back and told it beforehand, and it happened just exactly the way He said it would do...

See? And yet, John came right out there and confessed: He said, "I'm not no Messiah, but I'm the voice of one crying in the wilderness." And then them very disciples say, "Why did--does the scribes say, the--the Scripture teach that Elias must first come?" See? The simplicity of God goes--just roosts right over the top of people's heads.

Let me take this, and then close; I will, by the help of God. See, look. Now, let's break this down. Then I--I'm sorry to keep telling you all that going down there. See, so... Sorry to hold you, but just a few hours, we come back.

Look. Let's take a simple drop of ink. Everything is for a purpose. You've gathered here this morning for a purpose. I eat at your house, Charlie. Nellie, you cooked for me for a purpose. Now, everything's for a purpose. This church is erected for a purpose. There's nothing without a purpose and a cause.

Let's take the simple drop of ink now. (Can you hear me?) Let's take a simple drop of ink and look at it. What is it? A drop of ink. Where did it come from? All right. Let's take this drop of ink. Now,

it's--let's say it's black ink. Now, that ink is for a purpose. It can write my pardon in a--out of a penitentiary. It can write my pardon from a death cell. That right?

It can write John 3:16 and save my soul by believing it. Is that right? Or it can sign my death warrant. See? It can condemn me at the judgment bar. It's for a purpose. Is that right?
Well, let's look at that little ink and see where it come from. Now, it's ink; it's been put together in chemicals and so forth, till it's become ink, and it's black.

You drop it on your clothes; it'll stain it. But we have manufactured a stuff called bleach. You women use Clorox bleach. Well, I'll take that one drop of ink and drop it into a tub of--of bleach. Now, what happened to the ink? See? Why? A bleach has been manufactured, invented and manufactured chemicals together that'll break up that coloring so bad till you can't find it.

Now, part of the bleach is water. Water is H2O which is hydrogen and oxygen, and both hydrogen and oxygen, both are dangerous explosives. And then hydrogen and oxygen are actually ashes. That's what it is (That's right.), chemical ashes, just chemical ashes. Now, now, put it together you got water; but break it, you got hydrogen and oxygen. You just keep on going back. Now, in getting in this, let's take...

Now, I cannot... Now, there might be chemists setting here, and I--I want to say it 'cause there would be chemists listening at it. I don't know the formula, but I want to just explain it in my own humble way, trusting that God will reveal Himself in it.

Look. I drop that drop of ink into a--a--a bleach. What happens? Immediately the black stain is gone. You couldn't find it again if you had to; it's gone. You'll never see it no more. What happened? Now, you don't see nothing come up from it. You don't... Why don't you? Because it's broke up. Now, science would say, "It turned back to its original acids."

What did the acids come from? See? Well, you say, "It come from--from certain things." All right. Say, for instance, like fumes made acids. Where did fumes come from? Well, it was--we'll say, fumes was made by molecules. Where'd molecules come from? From atoms. Where'd atoms come from? From electronics. Where'd they come from? Cosmic light. See? You're plumb back a-past finding of chemist now. And if it is a substance and a creation, it has to come from a Creator; so you're not setting here by chance.

I'm not holding till twelve-thirty or one o'clock by chance. The footsteps of the righteous is ordered of the Lord. See? There's some reason for it. There's some reason for you to believe. There's some reason for you not to believe, just like you're--with that ink. Now, let's break that down.
Now, the first thing, say, after we get back to... We bring it back as far as molecules. Now, we took molecule, I'd say number one times molecule nine, times molecule twelve. Now, if it had been eleven, it would come out red; but it--it had to be twelve to make black. Then we'll take that down to atom. It was atom nine-six, times plus four-three to equal atom sixteen-eleven. If it'd been sixteen-twelve, it might've been purple. See? Then you keep breaking it on down.

It shows that there was a something back yonder to begin with. That's only common sense. It's a creation, it has to have a Creator, and it went out from a Creator. And then it--it was determined and put into these different... Now, science cannot take atom B-sixteen times twelve times fourteen times, whatever what like--like that, to make that. God had to do that. And then it's brought down to a place to where it's got down into atoms, then science can begin to touch it.

Then it comes out into molecules, then they can begin to see a little better. Then it comes down from that into something else, and the first thing, it comes into chemicals and then they blend these together.

Now, when man--before he sinned... (I'm closing, but don't you miss it). When man sinned, he separated himself from God and crossed a great chasm and put himself in death on this side. He left; there's no way back. Exactly. There's no way for him to get back. But then when he did, God accepted a substitute which was a lamb, or a goat, or a sheep, or something for blood, which Adam spoke of--or Abel spoke of on the other side of the chasm.

On that side he's a son of God; he's an offspring from God. He's an inheritance of the earth. He can control nature. He can speak into existence. Why, he's a creator himself. He's an offspring of God.

But when he crossed, he separated his sonship. He's a sinner by nature; he's under the hands and dominion of Satan; and God took a sacrifice, a chemical of the blood, but the blood of bulls and goats did not divorce sin; it only covered sin.

If I've got a red spot on my hand and cover it with white, the red spot's still there. See, it's still there. But God sent down from heaven a Bleach for sin. It was the Blood of His own Son, that when our confessed sin drops into God's Bleach, try to find it again. The coloring of sin goes back through the mediators and down through the time until it hits the accuser, Satan, and lays on him till the day of the judgment.

What happens to the son? He becomes in perfect fellowship with the Father again, standing on the other side of the chasm with no remembrance of sin against him. No more... There's no more stain of bleach can be seen anywhere. He's free. Hallelujah. Just as that Clorox or that ink can never be ink no more because it's broke up and sent back again...

And when confessed sin is confessed and been dipped into the... A man or woman that's been dipped into the Blood of Jesus Christ, it kills all symptoms, and every molecule of sin goes back to the devil and laid on him till the day of judgment where his eternal destination will be throwed into a lake of fire; and the chasm is bridged and never to come into remembrance no more. And a man stands justified as a son of God: simplicity.

Moses, under the blood of bulls and goats, with his confession in the Word of God, and God could take that simple man and put His Words in his mouth. And he proved that he was Jehovah's servant, for he could walk out there... And Jehovah spoke to him by vision. He walked out, stretched his hands towards the east... And now, remember, God had spoke to him; it's God's thought. God uses man. God spoke to him; it's right.

He said, "Go stretch that rod in your hand towards the east and say, "Flies."

And Moses, under the blood of that goat, sheep, walked out there and took that stick, reached towards the east, "THUS SAITH THE LORD, let there be flies." Never heard a fly... Walked on back, it's already spoke. It's a thought; now it's spoke; it's expressed. It's the Word of God then. It come into a human's lips, a simple man under the blood of a bull--bull or goat.

First thing you know, a green fly begin to fly around. The next thing you know, they were five pounds per yard. What was it? Was the Word of God spoken through Moses, the creator, because under the blood he was standing in the Presence of God, and his own words wasn't his word.

"If ye abide in Me and My words abide in you, then ask what you will; it shall be given to you." Where's the Church standing at? "Let there be frogs," and there wasn't a frog in the country. In a hour's time, they were ten foot deep in places. What was it? It was God, the Creator, hiding Himself in a simple man.
I want to ask you something. If the blood of a bull or a goat be used for a bleach, which can only cover, could put a man in position to speak the creative Word of God and bring flies into existence, why would you stumble at the Bleach of Jesus Christ's Blood Who could speak a squirrel or something into existence?

Don't you do it. Don't stumble over simplicity. Believe that He still remains God. Oh, my. Pardoned of sin... Oh, how I wish I could... Then, Mark 11:22: "If you say to this mountain 'Be moved,' and don't doubt in your heart, but believe that what you said will come to pass (oh), you can have what you said."

My, I've got three or four pages; we've got to leave it go. Thank you. God hiding Himself in simplicity. Don't you see? There's something wrong somewhere. There's something wrong somewhere. When God makes a statement, He cannot lie. He made the promise. See? He hides in simplicity. It's so simple the educated and scholars say, "Aw, it's--oh, it's telepathy," or something. You know it's a...

God can sweep Himself back down through the streams of time and tell you back there just exactly what happened, tell you just exactly what you are today, and what you will be to come. That's still by the Bleach of Jesus Christ, Who can take a sinner to bleach him into there, and he stands in the Presence of God, "And if ye abide in Me and My words in you, you can ask what you will and it'll be done. He that does believe on Me, the works that I do shall he do also. How do you condemn Me? Oh, did not your own laws say that those who the Word of God came to, the prophets, did not you call them gods? And then how can you condemn Me when I say I am the Son of God?" They failed to see it. They failed to see it.

Now, Church, in the coming messages from tonight on, don't fail to see it. See? See the day that we're living in. And remember, the Blood of Jesus Christ takes sins so far from you, until it's not even in the remembrance of God anymore. It takes all stains.

Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.
Then before the throne,
I stand in Him complete...

Oh, my. How can I be complete? How can I be complete? Because the Blood, not me, but that Blood stands between God and me. I accepted It, and He put It... I'm a sinner, but He's God. But the chemistry stands between me to kill sin, so God sees me just as white as the--the water that's in the--that's in the bleach. Sin is gone. It can't even reach him because there's a Sacrifice laying there.

Where's our faith to believe the simple Word of God? Just what God said, take Him at His Word. God hides Himself now in simplicity in a humble little bunch, but one of these days, He will manifest Himself as He always has in the days passed by. Do you love Him?

I love Him, I love Him
Because He first loved me

And purchased my salvation
On Calvary's tree.

You love Him? My, isn't He wonderful? I hope and I trust that the message will produce what it was intended to do; that it'll get you to a place that you don't look for flowerly things or some... When you see God in greatness, look how humble it is, and then you'll see God. Don't look for Him...

When Elisha was back in that cave, the smoke went across, blood, thunder, lightning, and (See?), all these kinds of sensations we've had--blood in the face and in the hands, and sensations and everything, they never bothered that prophet. He just laid there, but he heard a still small Voice. What was it? the Word. Then he covered his face and walked out. See, that was it.

Remember, friend, don't look for great big... You say, "God." He speaks of great big things. There'll come a time there'll be this, that, or the other, great big things... I hope you're catching what I'm talking about (See?), great big things... See? And oh, when this comes to pass, it'll be great, big like this, and it'll be so humble you'll miss the whole thing and just go right on. See?

You'll look back and say, "Well, that never did come to..." See? Passed right over the top, and you never even seen it, just...?... See? It's so simple. See? God lives in simplicity to manifest Hisself in greatness. What makes Him great? Because He can simplify Himself. A big great man can't simplify himself; he's got to be a dignitary. See? But he ain't big enough yet. When he comes big enough, then he comes down like this (you see?), can humble himself.

As the old saint said up there in Chicago, that fellow went up with all the education and things, said he come down whipped out, head hanging down, walking out defeated. He said, "If he'd have went up the way he come down, he'd have come down the way he went up."

Well, that's right. See? Humble yourself. Just be humble. Don't try to be peculiar; just--just love Jesus (See?), say, "Lord, if there's any guile in my heart; if there's anything wrong, Father, I don't want to be like that. You take it away. I don't want to be like that."

"Oh, I want to be numbered as one of them in that day, Lord. And I see the day approaching." You see these Seals begin to... If God will open them to us. And remember, He alone can do it. We're depending on Him. God bless you.

Now, I suppose our pastor will have a word for you to say--or for him to say, rather, to--to you before we meet again this afternoon. And I think the service will, the song service is at six-thirty fine, sir? And it's... All right, six-thirty, and it's... The doors open at six; song service will start at six-thirty. And...

The Lord willing, I'll be speaking tonight on the subject of the Seven Sealed Book. And then Monday night the white horse rider; Tuesday night the black horse rider; Wednesday night the grizzled horse, the pale horse and then the red horse rider. Then go into the 6th--4th, 5th and 6th and then Sunday night... Next Sunday morning maybe a healing service I don't know.

Now, remember, we're dedicated to the Lord--ourselves and the church for the service of God. God bless you. I've--I'm one hour late; will you forgive me now? I don't--I don't mean to do that. But see, I--I just can be with you this week and I'm be leaving again. And I don't know where I'll be going; just where He leads. And I want to spend every minute I can, because I want to spend eternity with you. God bless you. Now, Brother Neville.

THE BREACH BETWEEN THE CHURCH AGES AND THE SEVEN SEALS

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Good evening, friends. It's a--a great privilege to be back here in the house of the Lord tonight, in the service, and still living on the--the Manna from this morning that our souls were so greatly blessed by His great Presence.
And now tonight, we are--have a--starting on the subject of the "Breach Between the Seven Church Ages and the Seven Seals." And I was just speaking this afternoon to a friend. And maybe, the Lord willing, sometime this summer, if He doesn't take me home, or--or I get to come back (don't go overseas or something), I would like to strike again at the seven last trumpets (See?), and it all bridges together. And--and then there is the seven last plagues, and--and it all blends right together as we'll see as we go along.

So tonight while we're kind of getting quietened, I may be just a little lengthy tonight, but even... As soon as I get back here... Now, all the preaching I done in Phoenix, I never one time even got hoarse (See? That's right.), and oh, my, how hard I preached. And for, I believe, it was twenty-seven services without getting hoarse, but it's the climate here. You see? It's just simply--it's just bad right here, just a valley. It's--it's just a bad condition back here, and--of healthy--you know what I mean; it's--it's bad. And any preacher has a--that speaks has a bad throat to begin with.
A doctor friend of mine looked into my throat one time to see what was wrong, said, "Nothing." Said, "You just got calluses on your vocal chords there." Said, "That's from preaching." Well, I--I--I kinda like that, you know. That made me feel better as long as it could be applied to preaching. You see? It would be all right for the Kingdom of God.

Now, we might not be able to bear in our body the mark of the--of Jesus Christ like Paul did from being beat, but we might bear a mark from preaching and giving our voice against the things that's wrong. So we're thankful that we don't have to be beat anymore, especially up to this time.

So...?... we are... How many in here has read "What Time Is It, Sirs?" or has heard it, you know, "What Time Is It, Sirs?" That's bothered me quite a bit. If you haven't, I wish some way, if you could get a--to hear it or some way... Kind of bothered me, I just wanted to drop this before starting the service. About--about a week or ten days ago I was so disturbed, I just... I--I--I just didn't... I wouldn't take services or anything, because I--I didn't know. It--it seemed like it could be something that was bad, and I didn't know just what it was. So I...

One early morning, I got up to go up into Sabino Canyon, which from the house is only about thirty minutes drive to the--or forty to the head of the Sabino Canyon; then there's a road that runs thirty miles up into the mountain: strange country up there. I can be here on the desert where it's eighty and ninety, right now, and in thirty minutes be in eight foot of snow (See?), on top of the mountain.

We was at Phoenix just recently where it was twenty something, twenty-eight degrees (They had the swimming pool heated, people swimming.) and about forty minutes drive from there, it was forty below zero at Flagstaff. See? That's the difference from the up currents and the desert... And very healthy for asthmatics and so forth. But...

Now, I went up in the canyon, and I climbed way as high as I could go, and I--I--I asked the Lord, while setting up in there, what all this meant and so forth. I was kinda bothered and didn't know just what to do.

And so, while I was praying, and strange thing happened. I--I--I want to be honest. Now, I could've fallen asleep. It could've been like a trance, or it could've been a--a vision. I'm more less inclined to believe that it was a vision that... I had my hands out saying, "Lord, what does this blast mean, and what does these seven Angels in a constellation of--of the pyramid, picking me up from off the ground and turning eastward: what does it mean?"

I was standing there in prayer, and something happened. And now, something fell in my hand. Now, I know if you don't understand spiritual things, it may seem very strange. But something struck in my hand; and when I looked, it was a sword. And the handle was made of pearl, the prettiest pearl I ever seen. And the--the guard (you know, where I guess, it's to keep your hands from being lanced, you know, while you're--the--the people were dueling) was gold. And the saber's blade wasn't too long, but it was just razor sharp, and it was glistening silver. And it was the prettiest thing I ever seen. It just fit my hand exactly, and I was holding it. I said, "Isn't that pretty?" I looked at it, and I thought, "But you know, I always afraid of a sword." I was kind of glad that I lived out of the days that they used them, because I--I'm afraid of a knife. And so I--I thought, "What would I do with that?"

And while holding it in my hand, a voice from somewhere said, "That is the King's sword." And then it left me.

Well, I--I wondered what it meant, "That is the King's sword." And I thought, "If it would've said, 'A king's sword,' it might've been that I would've understood it, but it said, 'The King's sword.'" So I may not have this right, but I thought, "There's only one The King; that's God. And His Sword is this, sharper than a two-edged sword. See? And... "Ye abide in Me and My Words..." See?
And a... I--I thought in dueling... You see, and as I under--I don't understand one word of it, but--or one principle of dueling, but the best of my understanding, the knife striking across, and then finally, the--the swords, if they lock--the enemy and you lock the swords like this, then it takes the strength of the man dueling, because (See?) his sword would be pointed to my heart and mine to his; but they're locked, as our knives striking each other, and then they strike, and then the swords come together. And the one that can shove the other one down, the sword's straight to the heart. So it takes, even though the Sword be the Word, it takes the hand of strong faith to hold It there to bring It to the heart of the enemy.

Now, not knowing these things, but just all that I have received of Him that I can tell, I've told you. So that... You know, I believe it was--wasn't it our Lord said all that He'd received of the Father, that He had told and withheld nothing? And--and so we want to do those things just as they come.
Now, if you'll be real wise and pray, I'm sure you'll understand something pretty soon--now, something that I hope is revealed.

Now, in this Book--let's all turn now to the--the 5th chapter of the Book which is called the Revelation of Jesus Christ. Now, tomorrow night is the First Seal, which the first four Seals are opened by four horse riders, one on each Seal that strikes the earth. And then, perhaps they will not be long until after we pass about, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday--about Thursday; then, I suppose on the Sixth and Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Seal will probably be very lengthy. So maybe it'll give you a little time to catch up a little rest.

We aim to start the services here, I believe, at seven in the week nights, and I'm to be on the platform at seven-thirty exactly. And then that might let us out by midnight, so--so... I--I went a hour over this morning. I didn't mean that; I just... I don't know when, because I do not know what the first rider is. I do not know Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, or Seventh Seal. I... To this moment, I do not know. See? I'm just depending on Him.

So that's why--trying this week by the grace of God to help, believing that if you understand deeply... You know, in visions you cannot reveal things until you are permitted to reveal them. How many times have you all heard me say, go into a house; perhaps a hat be lying here, and this certain child or so forth will not be healed until that is laid over here. I cannot tell them, or neither can I move it there. It's got to be moved in some other way. Somebody else has to take it and move it and everything in order--then it can be revealed. So now, be in prayer.

Now, just before we approach the Book, let's talk to Him with our heads bowed. Lord Jesus, we are altogether insufficient. We would not try by no means to approach this sacred Book in this most holy hour, which souls hang in the destination of time, without asking, Lord, that the only One that can reveal this Book, that He come forward now, blessing the feeble efforts of Thy servant.
Bless the Word as It goes forth. May It go in the power of the Spirit. And may the spiritual ground of the--those who are hungering and thirsting to know righteousness and to know the will of God; may it fall in there and bring forth of its kind. Grant it, Lord. All praise shall be Thine. May the hungry and the thirsty find food and drink tonight from the Word. We ask it in Jesus' Name of Whom the revelation is of. Amen.

Now, now, we're going to turn to the 5th chapter. Now, this is not the Seven Seals. It is the "Breach Between the Church Ages and the Seven Seals." Now, there is also a 6th chapter of... and there was a 4th chapter, rather, of Revelation, and in that it kind of revealed something that would take place after the Church going up: that the Church goes up on the 3rd chapter of Revelations and does not return until the 19th chapter of Revelations. See? Therefore, the Church misses the tribulation. I know that's contrary to--to pretty near every teacher I ever talked to, but I--I don't mean to be dis--disagreeable. I--I mean to be your brother, but I--I must teach just as I can see it. If I don't, I can't put it together. You see? And now, whether it goes up before the tribulation or after the tribulation, I want to go up with it. That's the main thing.

So those things we--we just are presuming, because, without education, I type. I look and see what is or has been in the Old Testament, which is a type or a shadow of the New, then I have some idea what the New is. See? Like if Noah went into the ark before the tribulation set in--a type... But even before Noah (See?) went in the ark, Enoch went up (See?) before anything happened. And Lot was called out of Sodom before one speck of the tribulation set in, or destruction. But Abraham was all the time out of it (See?): type.

But now, we will read the 1st verse. I'll read the first two or three verses of it.
And I saw in the right hand of him that set upon a throne a book written within and on the backside sealed with seven seals.

And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who's worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under--neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look upon it. (What a book.)

And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. (Now, you speak about unworthiness, not even worthy to look at it: no man, nowhere.)
And one of the elders said unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.
And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts,... in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that set upon the throne.
We will pause there for a few moments from the reading of Revelations 5 down to the--including the 7th verse.

This seven-sealed Book is revealed at the time of the Seven Thunders of Revelations 10. If you're marking it down... Let's turn to Revelations 10 just a moment, so you'll get a understanding before we get into it. Now, this is at the end time, for listen.

... I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow... upon his head,...

If you notice that's Christ (See?), 'cause He in the Old Testament was called the Angel of the Covenant, and He's directly coming to the Jews now, for the Church is finished. See? All right.
... and his face... as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:
You remember that Angel in Revelations 1? Same thing. Angel is a messenger, and He's a Messenger to Israel. See? The Church has been raptured. See? Now, or fixing to be raptured. He comes for His Church.

Now, watch.

And he had in his hand a little book open:...
Now, here it was closed here, and sealed, and here it's open; it's been opened. Since that time of the sealing we're getting into tonight, now the Book's opened. A little Book in His hand--in His... It was opened. Oh, how... The sun as pillars... Wait just a minute, let me start back here reading.
And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot upon the earth,

And he cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth:... (We know He is the Lion of the tribe of Juda. Over here He's a Lamb, but here He's a Lion. See?)... and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

Now, John was commissioned to write what he saw, so the apostle and prophet picked up his pen to write it.

And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not. (Now, that's what we don't know. That's yet to be revealed; it's not in Holy Script, what them thunders say.)

And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hands to heaven, (Now, listen.)

And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created the heavens, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things... therein are, and... there should be time no longer: (Watch, here's a verse I want to get to.)

But in the day of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he has declared to his servants the prophet.

Now, see, the mystery of this seven-sealed Book will be revealed at the sounding of the seventh church angel's message. See? The seventh angel begins to sound, and there's the messages wrote out there, and we got it in tape and book form.

Now, at the beginning of the sounding of the message, the mystery of God should be finished (See?) at that time. Now, we will notice, the Book of the mystery of God is not revealed until the seventh angel's message is sounded.

Now, these points will be important in the Seals; I'm sure, 'cause it must every bit tie together. Now, it's wrote mysterious, because no man nowhere knows it: God alone, Jesus Christ. See?

Now, but it--it is a Book, a mysterious Book. It's a Book of Redemption. (We'll get into that in a little while.) And now, we know that this Book of Redemption will not be thoroughly understood: it's probed at through six church ages, but at the end, when the seventh angel begins to sound his mystery, he winds up all of the loose ends that these fellows probed at, and the mysteries comes down from God as the Word of God and reveals the entire revelation of God. Then the Godhead and everything else is settled. All the mysteries: serpent's seed and whatevermore is to be revealed.

Now, you see, I'm just not making that up. That's what... It's THUS SAITH THE LORD. I'll read it to you out of the Book: the sounding of the seventh angel's message, the mystery of God should be finished that's been declared by His holy prophets. That's the prophets who has wrote the Word. At the sounding of the seventh church age, the last church age, all the loose ends that through these church ages have been probed at, will be wound up together. And when the Seals are broke and the mystery is revealed, down comes the Angel, the Messenger, Christ, setting His foot upon the land and upon the sea with a rainbow over His head. Now remember, this seventh angel is on earth at the time of this coming.

Just as John was giving his message, the same time that Messiah come in the days... John knew he would see Him, because he was going to introduce Him. And we realize that in the Scriptures over in Malachi 4, there's to be a one like John, a--an Elijah, to whom the Word of God can come to, and he is to reveal by the Holy Spirit all the mysteries of God and restore the faith of the children back to the faith of the apostolic fathers: restore back all these mysteries that's been probed at through these denominational years. Now, that's what the Word said. I'm just responsible for what It said. See? It's--it's written is right. That's what It is.

Now, we see that this seven-sealed Book now, is the mystery of redemption. It's a Book of Redemption from God. Now, all the mysteries at this time should be finished at the sounding of this messenger. Now, here's the angel on earth, and another Angel, mighty Messenger come down. See, this angel was a earthly angel, messenger. But here comes One down from heaven: a rainbow, covenant. See? Only Christ, it could be; just exactly like it was in Revelations 1st chapter, standing in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks with a rainbow to look upon as jasper and sardis stone.

And here He returns back in the 10th chapter after the coming time, that all the mysteries is to be finished, and the Seals are to be broke, and proclaiming that its time is no more. And he said, "When the seventh angel has begin to sound, then the mysteries should be finished and time for the Angel to appear. We're close, somewhere. That's right.

Now, notice, the Seven Seals holds the mystery of the Book. Until we can see what those Seven Seals has sealed in, we're only presuming them things. Because as I've told you this morning, upon my little message this morning of "God Hiding in Simplicity,"... You see, we are--we are--we are sure to miss the thing unless it is absolutely, genuinely revealed by the Holy Spirit and vindicated the same. See? If the prophet rises and tells you that this is just that, and God don't vindicate the thing, forget it. See? But God in every statement, in everything has to vindicate it to make it right. See, see? So His children will watch those things (See?), and be alert.

Notice, Seven Seals on the Book has the... These Seven Seals has the Book sealed. See? The Book is absolutely sealed. Do you see it? The Book is absolutely a sealed Book until the Seven Seals is broken. It is sealed up with Seven Seals.

Now, that's a different from the Seven Thunders. See? This is Seven Seals on the Book, and the Book will not--the Seals will not be released until the message of the seventh angel. See? So we--we are presuming, but the genuine revelation of God will be made perfect in that sounding and vindicated Truth. Now, that's exactly what the Word said. The mysteries should be finished at that time. And this seven-sealed Book, remember, it was closed here in Revelations the 5th chapter, and in Revelations the 10th chapter it is opened.

And now, we're going to see what the Book says about how it become open. And is not made known until the Lamb takes the Book, and breaks the Seals, and opens the Book. See? The Lamb's got to take the Book; it's His.

Now remember, no man in heaven, no man in earth: pope, bishop, cardinal, state presbyter, or whoever he is can break them Seals or reveal the Book but the Lamb. And we have probed, and presumed, and stumbled, and wondered, and--and that's the reason we're all in such a confusion: but with the Divine promise that this Book of Redemption will be perfectly opened by the Lamb, and the Seals thereof will be loosed by the Lamb in the last day in which we're living now. And is not made known until the Lamb takes the Book and breaks the Seals, because remember, the Book was being holded in the hands of Him that set upon the throne. And the Lamb comes to Him that sets upon the throne and takes the Book out of His right hand: takes the Book.

Oh, that's deep. We'll try to solve it out if we can by the help of the Holy Spirit. Now, we're depending on Him. And we will see later it is at the end time when time has run out. No denomination has a right for the interpretation of the Book. No man has a right to interpret It. It is the Lamb Who interprets It, and the Lamb is the One Who speaks It, and the Lamb makes the Word to be known by vindicating and bringing the Word to Life. See? Exactly.

Notice, and is not revealed until--this Book is not revealed until the church ages and denominational ages has run out, and there's time no more. See it? It's only revealed after church ages and denominational ages has run out. That's the reason the thing is in such a scruple tonight. See? They pick up a little doctrine, and they run off here to one side and say, "This is it." Another one picks up another doctrine, runs off to this side and said, "This is it." And each one builds a denomination under it, until we got hundreds of denominations. But still in all of it to see the confusion; the people are wondering, "What is truth?" If that isn't just the condition today...

But then He promises that when that time has finished out, there'll be the sounding of the seventh angel's voice, and then the Book will be revealed (See?) at that time. Now, don't say, "Nobody... them people ain't saved back there." But the mysteries that they couldn't understand: how that God can be three and yet One; how that the Scripture can say baptize in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and turn around and say baptize in the Name of Jesus. See? Oh, so many things... How can Eve eat a apple and cause the--the wreckage of the whole world? See? How can these things be? But those mysteries are promised to be revealed in the end time. It's little loose ends that these great warriors has come on the scene, such as Irenaeus, and Martin (Saint Martin), and Polycarp, and the different ones; and Luther, and Wesley, and all of these (See?), as--how they have come and just lived long enough to--to kind of bring a light and shine it, but they left many things in--in the darkness.

Along come the Pentecostal age, like the Lutheran age, and they run out on limbs. But still all right; don't say they wasn't right. They were, but there's loose ends left that can't be explained. But then in... Why? The Seals hasn't been broke to thoroughly reveal what these things are. See?

But then in the last age, all these mysteries are to be solved and handed out, and the Seals are to be opened by the Lamb and revealed to the Church, and then time is no more. See? How wonderful. Then the Book then is the Book of Redemption for... Then it goes ahead, and we bring in later on how the hundred and forty-four thousand is brought in and so forth. All right. That's Jews.

Now, now, Paul... Let's read a little bit. I get some of these Scripture, and I think we ought to--to read them. Now, let's all of us turn... Paul in Ephesians 1... Many of them I see are writing and got their books and writing the Scriptures down, marking them in their Bible for a change. So that's--that's fine; I like for you to do that, and then go home and study it. See? And--and if you study it yourself, then you'll--you'll understand it better. See? Just study it, and ask God to help you to understand.

Now, let's read a Scripture I got written down here: Ephesians 1:13 and 14. Now.
In whom we also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, and the gospel of your salvation: in whom... after that ye believed, you were sealed with the holy Spirit of promise,
Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. (See?)

Now, while we got the Scriptures open, let us... See, the Holy Spirit here Itself is a Seal. The Holy Spirit is a Seal. And a Seal signifies what? A finished work. The Holy Spirit being a Seal to the individual... And to that individual, when he receives the Holy Spirit, then his time of groaning is over (See?), because it is a finished work.

Like I used to work for the railroad company, and we'd load box cars with cans and different things from the canning factory and--and... But then, before that car could be sealed, the inspector come around to see if that car was properly loaded. If not, the first time it rammed together or something, it'd scatter the stuff and break it, and--and the railroad company was responsible. And that inspector would test everything to see if it was properly in place. If it wasn't, he condemned the car. Then we had to do it all over again until the inspector was satisfied. And then when the inspector's satisfied, he shuts the door. The inspector shuts the door. And the inspector places a seal upon it, and then no one can break this seal until it reaches its destination.

That's what the Holy Spirit's been doing. See? He goes, and He inspects... That's the reason you can't have these things and... You say, "I spoke in tongues, and I shouted, and I danced in the

Spirit." That don't have nothing to do with it. See? The Holy Spirit inspects that person until He's thoroughly satisfied and knows that they are... Then they are sealed unto their eternal destination.

There's not nothing can ever break that Seal.

The Bible (you're putting your Scripture down), Ephesians 4:30 said...

... grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed until the day of your redemption.
Hold that Word "redemption" (See?), until the day that the Book of Redemption has been revealed, and the Redeemer comes to claim His possession nothing can do it. See? Don't grieve It. Say; do things that pleases God, for the Book is sealed now and you are sealed. The Holy Spirit Itself is the Seal.

Seal signifies... (Now, this is words I got from the dictionary.) Seal signifies a finished work. And when the Seventh Seal is broken, the mystery of God that's sealed in these mysterious seals is finished; until the day that Seal is broken, then it's revealed what's on the inside of it.
If the man's wondering what's in that box car; you say, "It's supposed to be such-and-such. There's supposed to be..." He's presuming. But when the seal is broken and the door is open, we see into it then and see exactly what's in there. You see it? And that'll only be done at the end time.

Another thing a seal signifies is ownership. See? The seal has a mark on it, shows ownership. When you are bought by the Blood of Jesus Christ and sealed by the Holy Ghost, you no longer belong to the world or anything pertaining to the world. You are owned by God.

And another thing is: a seal is a security. Seal means you are secured. Now, you that don't believe in eternal security, I don't know, but now... But a seal signifies security to its destination. Woe unto that guy that would try to break that seal. And the Holy Spirit Seal cannot be broken. You all have heard me say that people said, "The devil made me do this." No, no, the devil didn't do it. You just wasn't sealed in, so then (You see?), 'cause when you're sealed in, he's sealed out. See?

Now, you went out to him. He couldn't get into you, because the only way he'd get into you is come through the same process that you have. He'd have to be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost; then he'd be your brother. So, see, so he--he didn't do it, no, no. You just went to the borderline and come back lusting for the things of the world. He never went all the way over into Canaan (You see?), across Jordan, the death to self. See?

Now, notice. Now, this Book is sealed, and--and you are sealed with the Book until the day of redemption. Again in Romans 8:22 and 23... Let's get that, and we'll give this background, then I think we'll understand it a little better if each person reads it for themselves. And giving you a few Scriptures here, so we can--we can look upon them, and while the hour's still young. Now, 8, Romans 8:22 to begin...

For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.
And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

Oh, my, oh, my. Don't that make us old folks feel good? It ought make us all feel good, waiting for this hour. We understand this will take place at the first resurrection. See, nature is groaning; we are groaning; everything is groaning, because we realize there's something not right. And the only

way you can groan and wait for it, is because there has been new life come in here that speaks of a new world.

Like the wife, here not long ago we went over here to the super market, and I said, "We found a strange thing: a lady had on a dress," and it was so strange. See? They--they... Nearly all of them don't wear dresses. You see? And somehow they're forgetful; they go out without them. So then we... They're willfully forgetful.

So then Meda said to me; she said, "Bill, why is that?" She said...

"Oh," I said, "it's just the spirit of the nation." And I said, "When you go to Germany, they have a certain spirit. Go to Finland, they have a national spirit. You come to America, we have a national spirit." Our national spirit is frolic (See?), jokes. You know why? We were founded upon the doctrine of the apostles. We were founding upon leadership of great men like Washington, Lincoln, but we have moved off of that foundation, and we know that we've got it coming. We know that a atomic bomb's got our name wrote on it. We know that slavery lays ahead of us, no need of fooling yourself.

It reminds me--like some of these comedians going down, and--and telling these jokes, and carrying on, and women carrying on the way they do and men together. It just reminds me of a little boy going through the graveyard, whistling, trying to make hisself believe he's not scared. Sure, he's scared. See? He ain't fooling nobody; that's why He's whistling. See? He's trying to say he's not scared, but he is.

That's what's the matter today. But, oh, what a blessed hope for the believer that's lifting up hands, for redemption is drawing nigh when he sees these things appearing. It's a great time for the believer.

Now, these things, that the groaning in our bodies... Did you ever notice a tree how it struggles for life? It wants to live. And you notice a animal, how in--in death, how it struggles. You notice a human being. Everything, nature is groaning. We in ourselves are groaning. See? We know there's something wrong. We see from these verses that something has been lost, both to man and earth. Creation of all type has lost something, for we see from this inspired Word that it's groaning for some reason. You--you don't groan 'less there's a reason for it. As I spoke of the ink, it's a reason.

That's the way in praying for the sick; until you can find the cause... I know the cure, but I got to find the cause. That's why the visions are so needed and promised. It reveals the secret of the heart, tells the person where you made your mistake and what to do. See? No matter how much medicine you take, or how much oil you throw on their heads, or how loud anyone would scream over you, if there is something wrong, he will lay right there. I said, "he"; that's Satan.

See, today, as advanced we are in medicine, we still don't know nothing about these things. You say, "He's got cancer." Well, that ain't nothing; that--that--that just names what it is. That names the medical name: cancer. That don't have anything to do with what it is. That's the name that we call it. We just call it the name, cancer. But really what it is, break it down, it's the Devil. See?

Now we say "sin"; we just call it sin: break it down. What is sin? A lot of people say, "Drinking, committing adultery." No, no, that's the attributes of sin. See? That's what sin causes (See?), but real sin is unbelief. That's where--that's where it's named and called out. If you are a believer, you

don't do those things. But no matter how holy you try to make yourself and how religious you try to be, if you do those things, you're an unbeliever. That's Scriptural.

Now, something's lost, and it's groaning. It's trying to get back to be back to its original condition. Would you imagine someone falling from the earth down into a deep pit somewhere, and was struggling, climbing, pulling... They must, by some means, get out of this pit. They're not in their original state, and frantically they're screaming; they're clawing the walls, making a noise or doing some way. They're--they're groaning because that they want to get back to their original state.

As when a person is struck with disease, aches, and pain, one time they wasn't that way; but they're groaning. Why? They're not right; there's something wrong, and they're groaning, and trying to get back to where they was when they had health. And when nature and people, as the Bible said, are groaning, it shows there's something that they're not in their ought-to-be condition. They have fallen from somewhere.

Now, we don't need anybody to interpret that for us. See? For of course, we know it was Eternal Life they had fallen from, and they lost their claims on Eternal Life by the fall of Adam and Eve, who fell from Eternal Life to death in the garden of Eden and brought all nature under them to death.

A tree never died before Adam. A animal wouldn't die before Adam. And there's only one thing that cannot die, and that's God because He's Eternal. And that's the only way we can ever keep from dying; we have to have Eternal Life in us to be sons and daughters of God. But when we died (as I said in the message this morning) to sin we sold out our birthright and crossed this chasm. Now, we're beyond the reach of God on this other side of the chasm.

Now, of course, when Adam fell to death, he brought death upon all creation. Now, he was given free moral agency. It was given to them just as we--so to make a choice.

Now, Adam and Eve, in the beginning there was a tree of right and wrong before them, and that same tree sets before each and--and every one of us. See, God isn't doing for Adam or for Eve... You say, "Well, it's their fault." No, not now it isn't. It's your fault. You can't place it on Adam now. You got to place it on yourself, because right and wrong is set before you. We're on the same basis as Adam and Eve.

But, you see, when we are redeemed, we no more want our own choice, but we want His choice. See, see? Now, Adam and Eve wanted their own choice. They wanted to--they wanted to find out what it was to have wisdom. So they--they probed into it, and it caused death.

Now, when a man's been redeemed, he don't care anymore for scholarship. He don't care for anymore of the things of the world, the wisdom of the world. He don't want no choice at all. Christ has been his choice, and that's all of it; he's redeemed. He just no more wants to lead himself. He don't want nobody to talk him into where to go and what to do. He just waits and finds out the choice of his Maker. See? Then he goes in the Name of his Maker, when the Maker tells him to go.

But man seeking wisdom wants to find... Well, "This parish is pretty good, but they pay me more over yonder, so I'll go over there." See, see, wisdom...

Now, when Adam sinned by heeding his wife's reasoning, instead of holding to God's Word, that's what made Adam sin. His--his wife reasoned with Satan, and then produced the product to Adam,

and Adam turned loose the Word and sold out. He lost also his inheritance when he lost his fellowship and right to Life. Remember, "The day you eat thereof, that day you die."
And when he lost his Life, he also lost his inheritance in life, because he had completely supreme control of the earth. He was a god of the earth. God's the God of the universe, everywhere. But His son had this earth under his own control. He could speak; he could name; he could say; he could stop nature; he could do anything he wanted to. See? But when he did that, he lost his inheritance.

Now, Adam could say, "Let this mountain here be moved over there," and it would do it. Adam could say, "Let this tree here, be plucked up and planted over here"; it would do it (See?), for he had complete, supreme control, as a minor god under God our Father, because he was a son of God.

Now, couldn't we stop here just a minute and get our real sermon. See? Oh, then if the Blood has cleansed it back, what about now? See? Look what that Son of God, the second Adam did (See?), and said, "The works that I do, shall you also."

See, Adam lost his inheritance: the earth. Now, it passed from his hand to the one he sold out to: Satan. He sold his faith in God to Satan's reasonings. Therefore, his Eternal Life, his right to the Tree of Life, his right to the earth belonged to him, and he forfeited it every bit to the hands of Satan. He passed it from his hand to Satan.

Therefore, now it has been... It returned and has been polluted, and the seed of Adam has destroyed the inheritance that Adam should've had; that's the earth. That's right. See? The seed of Adam...

I stopped the other day at--down in Tucson where I live. And I was talking to someone up on top of the mountain, looking down. I said, "What do you think that three hundred years ago, the old Papago come down through there on his travois with his squaw and children setting on the back, rode out there somewhere, and lived peacefully. There was no adultery, no whiskey, no gambling, no nothing among them; they lived clean. And the coyote come down the--the wash each night through Tucson here, howling, and the mesquite and cactus bloomed around on the bank, and Jehovah looked upon it and must have smiled. But the white man come that way, and what has he done? He's dug up the cactus; he has polluted the country with beer cans and whiskey bottles; he's ruined the morals of the nation. The only way he could whip the Indian was kill out his food, the buffalo.

When I was reading at Tombstone the other day in the--the museum and saw the picture of Geronimo... And many of you might think that Geronimo was a renegade. To me he was a genuine American. He was only fighting for that which was right that God had give him a land, and a nation, and a place to live. I don't blame him. And when those white soldiers come in there and by force taken over the land and killing them out like a bunch of flies... And there was the original picture of Geronimo's medical headquarters or his hospital. It was two or three blankets over a piece of mesquite. And them wounded, real, genuine American Indians fighting for their God-given rights... And there, Geronimo with a baby of his own on the hips, standing there looking upon his own warriors, bleeding, dying with no penicillin or nothing, no way to help them: genuine, God-given American. Then call him a renegade? I'd call him a gentleman.

Cochise would've never surrendered. He was an old man. But the American army (them all dressed in there), and they went out there and would kill the buffalo. They run excursions out (and Sharpe invented the buffalo rifle), and they went out there and say, "Oh, I had a good day today,"

shooting off the side of a--of a boxcar or a passenger car, saying, "I killed forty today." Forty buffaloes, which would've kept the whole tribe of Indians two years or more. What did they do with them? Let them lay on the desert. The old a carrion bloated the land and stunk the lands. The coyotes eat.

When the Indian killed a buffalo, there was a religious ceremony. He took his hoofs, saved them to make pans. His meat they eat, even to the meat on the entrail. They taken all of his meat and hung it up and dried it. His hide was dried, and they made clothing and tents; there wasn't nothing... But when the white man come in... The renegade is the white man. He's the rascal. And he come in and killed off those buffaloes and starved those Indians out. Any genuine man would fight for his God-given right. It's a stain on the American flag what they did to the American Indian. After all, it belonged to him.

What would you think if Jap--Japan or--or some--Russia would come in and say, "Get out of here. Get back out here." And--and do us and our children the way we did those Indians? But remember, we've sowed, and now we're going to reap. That's the law of God, you know. There's a planting time and then a harvest time. I think that it's too bad; yes, sir.

Now, what happened? The polluted seed of Adam has polluted and absolutely destroyed the land. Do you know the Bible says that? And because that he has did this (the polluted seed of Adam), God will destroy them. You want to read that? Let's see, I got it wrote down here. Turn to Revelations the 11th chapter, and we'll find out. Get over in Revelations the 11th chapter, and we'll see what God said about them who's destroying the earth. The 11th chapter, and let's take the 18th verse, I believe it is: 11:18, here we are.

And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come,... (Now, watch God's wrath. See?)... and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and to them that fear thy name, both small and great; and should destroy--destroy them which destroy the earth.

What they going to do? Reap what they sowed, sure. When you see sin running in the streets... How many on this Sunday night, how many adulteries will be committed in this city tonight? How many women will break their marriage vow in this little hole in the ground here called Jeffersonville? How many abortion cases you think are recorded in Chicago in thirty days? It--between twenty-five and thirty thousand per month, besides the ones that's not turned in. How much whiskey is drank in the city of Chicago? What do you think happens in Los Angeles in one night? How many times has the Lord's Name been taken in vain in the city of Jeffersonville today? Is it better now, or was it better when George Rogers Clark came down on the raft?

You see, we have absolutely polluted the earth with our filth, and God will destroy those that destroys the world. God said so. I always thought there's something down in me like to get up in the mountains and look the way God fixed it.

I hate Florida where they've got them artificial palm trees and... Oh, my. I'd rather see the crocodile switching his tail back in the wilderness than to see all that there put-on and stuff that they do in our Hollywood and all that there glamour and bunch of drunks and... Oh, my. I just think, "Someday, someday..." Yeah.

But remember, the Bible has told us in Matthew the 5th chapter that the meek shall inherit the earth. That's right. The meek and humble will inherit the earth. Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek

(the simple ones that just don't try to be some great big something); they shall inherit the earth." Jesus said so. Yes.

Now, they've polluted it, and God will destroy them, but the meek will inherit the earth after it's been purified.

Now, oh, my. Now, the forfeited title deed is now in the hands of the original Owner, Almighty God. The title deed to the earth and to Eternal Life, when Adam forfeited it, then Satan's dirty hands could not take it; so it went back to its original Owner, God Himself. We're going to find it in just a minute; there He sets on the throne with it in His hand: the title deed. Oh, that makes me feel religious, friends. The title deed to Eternal Life, abstract title deed to Eternal Life, when Adam forfeited it for wisdom and instead of faith, it went back to the hands of the Owner: Almighty God.

What a great thing.

All right, waiting... What's it doing? In the hands of God, waiting for redemption claims. He made a way of redemption. He made a way back, and someday the Redeemer is to take it back. You see where we're getting to now? We'll watch this Fellow setting upon the throne. All right.

Waiting for redemption claims... Its redemption... What is this Book of Redemption, this title deed, abstract title deed? You say, "Abstract?" What does an "abstract" mean? Means "it's searched all the way back to its beginning." Like that little--like that little drop of ink this morning, when it struck that bleach, it went all the way back. And when sin has been confessed and fallen into the Blood of Jesus Christ, oh, my, it gives an abstract right straight back to the Creator again, and you become a son of God. Abstract title deed is held in the hand of the Almighty. Oh, my.

Its redemption means all legal possession to all that was lost by Adam and Eve... Oh, my, what ought that to do to a borned again Christian. Its legal possession to the abstract deed, title deed of Eternal Life means that you possess everything that Adam and Eve lost. Whew. What of it, brethren? The possession of that deed...

Adam could not meet the requirements of redemption after he found he lost it. He had sinned and he'd separated himself from God and was on this side of the chasm, so he could not redeem it. He just couldn't do it, 'cause he was--he needed redemption himself; so he could not do it.

But the law required a Kinsman Redeemer. The law of God required a Kinsman Redeemer. If you want to mark that down, kinsman redeemer, find it in Leviticus 25. We won't have time to thoroughly search this, 'cause you know each--each text would make a--a night. See?

But God's law received a substitute. Now, what if God had not offered to take a substitute? But love constrained Him to do it, that man was without a way back, and there's no way for him to get back; he was gone. But the grace of God met this Kinsman Redeemer in the Person of Jesus Christ. Law required it; grace met its requirements. Oh, "Amazing grace! How sweet the sound..."

God's law required a innocent substitute, and who was innocent? Every man had been born sexual, after sex: every one. And the only one that wasn't, had forfeited the rights to Eternal Life and to be king on the earth. Oh, when I think of that Scripture, "For Thou has redeemed us back to God, and we may reign and be kings and priests upon the earth." Oh, my, what... The Kinsman Redeemer... Oh, what a story we would have here.

Notice, law required a Kinsman Redeemer to redeem a lost substance. Grace met this requirement in the Person of Jesus Christ. A Kinsman must be born of the human race.

Now, how could we be? When every man that's born has to... And anybody that couldn't see it was a sex act there, why, he's totally blind (See?), 'cause every man that was born was borned of a woman. And God required a Kinsman Redeemer, and He must be a human. Oh, my, what are you going to do now? Law required a Kinsman Redeemer.

Now, He couldn't take an Angel; He had to have a man, 'cause we're not kin to the Angel; we're kin to one another. The Angel never fell. He's a different kind of a being, got a different body. He never sinned or nothing; he's a--different. But the law required a Kinsman Redeemer, and every man on earth was born of a sex.

Now, don't you see, there's where it come from. That's where sin started. So you see where it's at now? There comes your seed of the serpent in. See?

Now, notice: required a Kinsman Redeemer, and the Redeemer, Kinsman Redeemer, must be borned of the human race. Here that leaves us on a limb, but let me sound the trumpet to you. The virgin birth produced the--the product. Amen. The virgin birth produced our Kinsman Redeemer, none other but the Almighty God become Emmanuel, one of us, Emmanuel. The Kinsman Redeemer was met.

You see how God makes a requirement, and there's nothing we can do. But then grace steps in and overshadows that law, and produces the product. Amen.

Oh, when you get over home, "When I get my little cabin down there," as Brother Neville sings about. When you all hear something down there on one morning sing, "Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!" you say, "Praise God, old Brother Branham made it; there he is." See?

Yes, oh, "It's grace that taught my heart to fear; it was grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed." Wait till we get down to it just in a moment. Oh, my.

Now, we look. The Book--the Book of Ruth gives a beautiful picture of this: how Boaz and Naomi had lost the estate. (You--you know--you heard me preach on it, haven't you? Raise your hands up if you heard me preach it, so you understand. See?) Boaz had to become a redeemer, and he was the only one that could... He had to be a kinsman, a near kinsman, and redeeming Naomi he got Ruth. That was Jesus, Boaz typing Christ; and when He redeemed Israel, He got the Gentile Bride. So then, you see... So very beautiful... We have it on tape, I'm sure, here somewhere, if you'd like to have it.

Now, notice. Now, he must be kinsman. So, you see, an Angel couldn't do it; a man couldn't do it; it must be a man, but he can't be borned of a woman: a sex act. So the virgin birth, the Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary; therefore, Jesus was not a Jew. Jesus was not a Gentile. Jesus was God. That's exactly. His Blood didn't come from any sex act. He was the holy created Blood of God. And we're not saved by Jewish blood; neither are we saved by Gentile blood. We're saved by the Blood of God. That's according to the Bible. It says so. We're saved by...

So, you see, Jesus was God. He was not no third person, fourth person, second person; He was The Person. He was God. See? He was God Emmanuel. God come down from His glory, revealed Himself...

I love that story of Booth-Clibborn, that great, beautiful hymn.

Down from His glory, Ever living story,
My God and Savior came,
And Jesus was His name,
Born in a manger,
To His own a stranger,
A man of sorrow, tears and agony.
Oh, what condescension,
Bringing us redemption;
When in the dead of night,
Not one faint hope in sight,
God, precious, tender,
Laid aside His splendors,
Stooping to woo, and save my soul.
O, how I love Him! How I adore Him!
My breath, my sunshine, my all in all!
The great Redeemer, Became my Savior--The great Creator, Became my Savior,
And all God's fullness dwelleth in Him.

That's the One met the requirement.

Grace produced the Person of Jesus Christ. And we find this Book now... God stretched His tent, come from God to become a man. He changed His strain from the Almighty to be a man to take on the form of man, so He could die to redeem man. Wait till we see Him, when there's nobody worthy. See?

All right, in the Bible, in the Book of Ruth as you read it you'll find out such a person was called the goel, G-o-e-l, was called the goel, or it was a person that could meet the requirement; and the goel must be able to do it, must be willing to do it, and must be a kinsman, next to kinsman to do it. And God, the Creator of spirit, became kinfolks to us when He become man in order He could take our sin upon Him, and pay the price, and redeem us back to God again.

There it is. There is the Redeemer. Christ has redeemed us now. We are now redeemed, but He has not claimed His possession yet. Now, you might different with that, but just hold on a minute (See?); we'll see. See?

He hasn't claimed it. See? If He took the Book of Redemption, everything that Adam had and everything that he lost, Christ redeems back; and He's already redeemed us, but He hasn't took the possession yet. He cannot until the time appointed, and then will come the resurrection, and then the earth will be renewed again, and then He will take possession, His possession which He got when He redeemed us, but will do it at the appointed time. Oh, my.

This is described in this seven-sealed Book that we're talking of now. All right. The Book of Redemption, it's all described in here. All that what Christ will do at the end will be revealed to us this week in the Seven Seals if God will let us. See? All right; it'll be revealed.

And revealed as the Seals break and are released to us, then we can see what this great plan of redemption is and when and how it's going to be done. It's all hidden in this Book of mystery here. It's sealed up with Seven Seals... And so the Lamb is the only One Who can break them.
Now (pardon me), we realize... Now, if you'd like to look in the Scriptures; you can get over in Jeremiah and find out there when he was--when he--he was going into the captivity of the land, you know, he--he bought his uncle... His uncle's son had some--some property, and he went through that sealing, and if we took it all... We got that also, in the Seven Church Ages, them seals and so forth in there.

You see, a seal in the Old Testament was like a roll, like this. And here was a mystery, and this mystery was hidden. All right, it was sealed around and put here: the claim to so-and-so.

Then the next mystery was wrapped around of what this inheritance was and stuck out here on this side: "The--the--the claim to so-and-so," and went on down until it made a scroll, because people didn't have books like this then. It was in a roll (How many knows that?) called a scroll. Well a sealed scroll you could break loose one here (what the mystery of this was) and tear it loose, and you could see what that claim was. And then break the other one loose, and you see what that claim was.

And the whole thing here, the Seven Seals got the mysteries of God from the foundation of the world all sealed up in there, and revealed by Seven different Seals; that if God willing--let Him--let us pull back these Seals and look down through the Book and find out what it's all about. See? Oh, I hope we have a great time.

There the mystery of redemption is sealed until... This Book could not be broken until the last angel's message. The scroll's there, we knowed it was there. We know that it was redemption. We believed it was redemption.

Jeremiah said, "This scroll must be kept..." (as you read it there) he'd say, "He must be kept in a earthly vessel." See? Oh, what a beautiful thing there I could talk about awhile. This scroll was kept in an earthly vessel, a vessel that once became flesh (Glory.), died, rose again, and kept in a earthly vessel until the time of the purchase. Oh, my, beautifully.

All right. Now, these messages are all kept up until this earthly vessel, until the time of God's appointed time at the last messenger at the earth, and all that these people had jugged at and said, "I know it's there; I believe it's there"; and they'd fought at it, and brought it forth, and produced the things; by faith they believed it. But now it's going to be brought to us in revelations and from the hand of God by vindication. God said so; He promised it.

Now, now, let's see what--where was we at? Let's go to verse 2 now. That's a long time for verse 1, but let--let--let's take verse 2. Now, we probably won't stay that long on the next one.
And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open... book, and to loose the seals thereof?

Now, remember, let's read the 1st verse again so we can get it together.
... I saw in the right hand of him that set upon the throne...

God: Who is that? The absolutely original Holder of the Book of Life. He holds it; God does. When Adam forfeited it, it went back to its original Owner. It belongs to Him. And John, in the vision looked over and ... saw in the right hand of him that set upon a throne a--a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. (See, inside...)

Now, when we go to breaking these Seals, you're going to see, it goes plumb back in the Scripture, all the way back. For each one of those Seals, the whole thing together, the whole mystery lays right here in these Seals. See? Every mystery of the Bible lays in these Seals, and the Seals cannot be broken until that time. I'll prove it here just in a minute.

Notice, now the Book, remember, is sealed. Here's one; here is this seal, then another one's wrapped: a seal. Another one's wrapped: a seal. It's a Book of Redemption. And the whole thing together makes the Book, and it's sealed with Seven Seals. And being it's on the backside is because it's wound up; the seal mystery is on the inside, and it only says the white horse rider, or the black horse rider, and whatmore on the outside, but the mystery of the whole Book is in them Seals. From Genesis to Revelations, a complete plan of redemption is revealed in these Seven Seals. Oh, it's an important time. God help us to get it. See?

Now, and a strong Angel... Now, verse 2, the strong Angel with a loud voice proclaiming, "Who is worthy?" Worthy for what? "Who is worthy to take that Book?" Now, we find out... Where's the Book at now? To its original Owner, because it has been forfeited by a son, the first son of God in the human race. And when he forfeit his rights to listen to Satan, he give up... What did he do? He accepted Satan's wisdom instead of God's Word.

Now, couldn't we stop here awhile? Sons of God will take a seminary's idea about it instead of the Word of God. See, see? Same thing Adam did: forfeited his right. And when it did, it went right straight back. Can't you see where those ages has been? See? Went right straight back to the original Holder. And John, in the Spirit, standing up here in heaven... He's just been lifted up now from the Church Ages (See?), saw the Church Ages, and then he was taken up in the 4th chapter. He said, "Come up higher; I'm going to show you things that will come."

And he saw One setting upon the throne with this Book in His hand, in His right hand. Think of it. Now, and then in this Book was the title deed to redemption. And it was sealed with Seven Seals. And then a Angel came forth, a strong Angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who was worthy to open the Book, to take the Book; Who was able to open the Seals; Who was able to open this Book?" See? The Angel asked it; John saw it, and he said, "Now, Who's worthy? Let Him..." Oh, my, maybe I'm just feeling this this a way. "But, let Him," said the Angel, "let Him..." Here is the Book of Redemption. Here is the plan of redemption. Here is the only way you'll ever be redeemed, for here is the title deed to redemption of the whole heavens and earth. "Let Him come forward, if He will." Oh, my. "Now speak or forever hold his peace. Let Him come forward and claim this Book. Who's worthy to do it?" And John said there was no man in heaven found worthy; no man on earth found worthy; no man beneath the earth that ever lived and died was found worthy; no man was found worthy.

The Angel's call was a call for the Kinsman Redeemer to appear. God said, "I have a law, a Kinsman Redeemer can--can be a substitute." Where is that Kinsman Redeemer? Who's able to take it?

And it come from Adam all the way down through all the apostles, and prophets, and everything else, and nobody was found. Now, what about that? Nobody in heaven, nobody on earth, nobody that ever lived... Elijah was standing there. Moses was standing there. All the apostles were standing there of--of all the ones that had died, all the holy men, Job, the sages. Everyone was standing there, and nobody was worthy even to look at the Book, let alone take It and break the Seals.

Now, where's the pope and all these come in at? Where's your bishops? Where's our worthiness? We're nothing. That's right.

He asked for the Kinsman Redeemer to step forward, if He could. But John said no man was worthy, not that there wasn't worthy people there. Now, like an Angel, like for instance we'd say Gabriel or Michael, but remember, it had to be a kinsman. Remember, John said here, "And no m-a-n," not Angel, not Seraphim; they hadn't sinned, but they were in a different category. They'd never fallen. But this had to be a kinsman redeemer. No man, 'cause there was none of them redeemed. No man was worthy to look at it. Oh, no, my, my.

So it took a human kinsman; and he asked for it, and he wasn't found nowhere. There's nobody. No bishop, no archbishop, no priest, no hierarchy; no nothing was even a--that didn't even have the holiness enough to even look at the Book. Whew, my, my. That's pretty strong, but that's what the Bible said friend, I'm just quoting what John said.

The Bible said that John wept, not as some people has taught it. I was hearing a man teach this one time; said, "John wept because that he found himself not worthy." Oh, any man under the Holy Spirit would know different from that (See?), under the inspiration of God would know different from that.

But John wept. Here's what I think he wept for: because if no one was worthy and could open this Book of Redemption, the whole creation was lost. Here is the Book; here is the title deed; and It will be offered to the Kinsman Redeemer that can meet the qualifications. That's God's own law, and He can't defile His law--can't defy His Law, rather. See, God required a kinsman redeemer who was worthy, who was able to do it, who had the substance to do it. And the Angel said, "Now let that Kinsman Redeemer step forward."

And John looked, and he looked all over the earth; he looked beneath the earth, and there was nobody. Their creation and the--everything was lost. Of course, John wept; everything was lost.

His crying didn't last but just a minute though. Then there stood one of the elders said, "Don't weep, John." Oh, my. His crying didn't last but just a minute.

John thought, "Oh, my, where is the man? There stands the prophets; they was born like I was. There stands the sages; there stands... Oh, ain't there nobody here?"

"I want a man that's able to do it. I want a man that can redeem," and he wasn't found. So John broke out; oh, everything was lost, and he wept bitterly. And he--he--he was sad, 'cause everything, the whole creation, everything was gone if they couldn't find somebody. Glory to God. If they couldn't find somebody that could meet that requirement, they--every human being, the whole world and creation was gone. All, everything had fallen. The--the--the rights of redemption, the rights of--of Eternal Life, a--the Light, or--all these rights had been forfeited, and there was nobody who could pay the price.

And John started crying, 'cause no one was worthy, and no one could even look at the Book. Oh, it took a human being. John wept, because no one could do it, and everything was lost.
And there came a voice from one of the elders standing in the midst of the four beasts, and all that great host of heaven said, "Don't weep, John." (Oh, my, the grace of God.) "Don't be broken hearted, John. Don't weep, for the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root and Offspring from David, He has prevailed." "Prevail" means "wrestle with and overcome." Oh, my.

In the Garden of Gethsemane when His Blood dropped down out of His face, He was overcoming...?... The Lion of--and the Root of David has prevailed, has overcome.

Like Jacob, being supplanter, and when he got in contact with the Angel, he held on. And the Angel tried to pull away. He said, "I--I'm just not going to let you go." He held on until he got what he wanted for, and his name was changed from "supplanter," which means "deceiver" to what? To a "prince with God, Israel." He prevailed.

And this Lion of the tribe of Juda prevailed. He said, "Don't weep, John, for the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David has prevailed; He's already overcome. He's done it; it's over, John." Oh, my. He produced a bleach that sends sin on back to the greasy hands that the--with his wisdom that defiled it: the human being. Yes.

But when John turned to look, he saw a Lamb. What a difference from a Lion. He said, "The Lion has prevailed." See, again I can use that there "God Hiding in Simplicity." He said, "He's a lion." That's the king of the beasts. The Lion has prevailed. The strongest thing there is is a lion.
I've laid out in the jungles in Africa and hear the--the giraffes squealing and--and the great mighty elephant with his trunk in the air, "Whee, whee, whee," and hear the--the--the savages of the desert screaming out their bloody curdle cries, and the--the beetles till... And Billy Paul and I laying in a little old place covered over with stickers and hear away off in a distance a lion roar, and everything on the desert shuts up. Even the beetles stop hollering. The king speaks. Oh, my.
Oh, I tell you, that's when denominations and doubts fall to the ground. Everything's keeps still when the King speaks. And this is the King. That's His Word.

Oh, he said, "John, don't worry; don't cry; don't be broken up, John. I have you here in a vision; I'm showing you something. And I know you're all tore up, because, you know, it--it--it... there's nothing to be redeemed; everything's gone. There's nobody could meet the requirement, but the Lion of the tribe of Juda..." You know Judah's... We had it in--on the blackboard here, you know, the tribe of Judah's emblem was a lion.

Remember, the lion, the--and the ox, and the--and so forth, a head of the man and so forth, and then watching those Seraphims--that Word--while all Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John all stood around the Book of Acts.

And I heard a man said, a great minister said, "The Book of Acts is just a scaffold work." It was the first vine that the holy church ever put forth. Yes, sir. And she ever puts forth another one, it'll be that kind too. Yes, sir. You got some grafted vines in there bearing lemons that ought to be oranges, but it--it--when that vine--that vine ever puts forth its branch again, it'll be just exactly like the original.

And Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, those Gospels are standing there guarding that: the wisdom of a man, the power of a lion, the work of an ox, and the swiftness of the leopards, or the eagle, rather. Yes, the Gospel's standing there what... Remember when we had it? It's in the Seven Church Ages.

Now, He said, "The Lion of the tribe of Juda." Why? Out of Judah... "Oh, Judah a law giver shall not go before or between its knees until Shiloh comes"; but He will come through Judah. And the Lion (the symbol of the tribe of Judah) has prevailed; He's overcome.

And when he looked around to see where that Lion was, he saw a Lamb: strange, look for a Lion and see a Lamb. The elder called Him a Lion, but when John looked, he saw a Lamb--a Lamb as

It had been slain from the foundation of the world: a Lamb, having been slain... What was it? What was that Lamb? It was bloody, wounded, a Lamb that had been slain, but was alive again; and he was bloody. Oh, my. How can you look at that, folks, and remain a sinner?

A Lamb stepped up; the elder said, "A Lion has overcome, the Lion of the tribe of Judah. And John looked to see the Lion, and there come a Lamb, shaking, blood on Him, wounds; He had prevailed. You could tell He'd been in battle. He'd been slain, but He was alive again.

John hadn't noticed this Lamb before, you know here. He hadn't been mentioned before. Nowhere had it been mentioned. John didn't see It all over the heavens as he's looking, but here It come forth. Notice, where It came forth... Where did It come from? It come from the Father's throne where He had been seated since He had been slain and raised again. He raised up and set on the right hand of God, ever living to make intercessions. Amen. Raised there today as an Intercessor with His own Blood to make intercession upon the ignorance of the people. Now, oh, that's the One I'm depending on. He still was covered with bleach, the bleach of the forgiveness of sin.

John looked at that Lamb, and the Lamb looked like He'd been slain. And then he noticed He was wounded, and cut, and bruised, and bleeding: a bloody Lamb. That's what took our place.
Isn't it strange a simple Lamb had to take our place? And he saw the Lamb. He proceeded out; John hadn't saw Him, because He had been way back into the eternities, even making intercession and showing that those who had come to God under the offering of the blood of bulls, of goats, a substitutionary offering, He also... 'Cause them who believed it pointed to Him. And the Blood had not been shed yet, so He was there to clear them. He was there to clear you and I. And oh, God, I hope He's there tonight. For every sinner, the Lamb been slain.

How can Jehovah see anything but that bloody Lamb standing there? And the Lamb proceeded out into the vision now, as It had been slain. Notice: come from the Father's throne... Oh, think, He... Where did He advance from, to this vision? He come from glory where He's seated at the right hand of God. He advanced forth to John out of glory.

Oh, would not it be a glorious thing if our sinful thoughts tonight could be laid aside long enough to accepting Him, He would advance all the way from glory tonight to make Himself known to anyone: the Lamb advancing from glory for intercessions (All right.) to make claims now for His redemption...

Remember, He'd been on His mediatorial work back here. But remember, these Seals are ready to be opened, and the Lamb come from the sanctuary of God, advanced forward... Wait till we get over there at that one hour--take that one-half hour that is silent; the sanctuary's smoking; there's no more intercession; the Sacrifice has left; it's a judgment seat. There's no Blood on it no more, for the Blood covered Lamb has walked away. Don't you wait till that time.

Remember in the Old Testament? As long as the blood was off the mercy seat, it was judgment, but as long as the blood was on there, there was mercy. But when the Lamb walked away, that did it.

What's He been? He's been an Intercessor. No other person... Tell me where Mary could make intercessions then. What could Mary offer? What could Saint Francis, Saint Assisi, or--or any of the... Saint Cecilia, rather, or any other human being? John never saw a thousand saints come out from the mediatorial; he saw a Lamb, a Lamb that had been slain: bloody.
I don't care how many saints have been slain; they were all due it, every one of them. Like the thief said at the cross, "We've sinned, and we are due this, but this Man's done nothing."

He was the only Man that was worthy. Here He come from the intercessory box. What's He coming for now? Watch Him. Oh, my.

John was weeping. Where's it all at? What's going to happen?

Said, "Don't weep, John," said the elder, "here comes the Lion. He was the One prevailed."
And when he looked, here come a Lamb, bloody, that'd been slain. Anything that's killed is bloody, you know, been killed; its neck's been chopped open or something; the blood's all over it. Here come a Lamb, been slain. And He came forth. Oh, my. What? To make His claims on His redemption. Amen. Oh, I... Don't you just feel like just going over in a corner and set down and cry awhile?

Here come a Lamb, still bloody. John... There wasn't nothing there, all the celebrity was standing around, but there was none of them could do it. So here come the Lamb now. His intercessory days is over, the mediatorial days. That's when this Angel's going to stand there (You wait till we get in the Seals.) and time shall be no more. That's right.
That half hour of silence; watch what takes place in that half hour of silence on that Seventh Seal next Sunday night, Lord willing.

He comes forth (what?) to take His claims now (Oh, my.), comes forth to take His claims. Now, He had done the kinsman work. He'd come down, become man, died; He'd done the kinsman work of redemption, but had not as yet called for His claim. Now He comes on the scene to claim His rights (Watch what takes place. Oh, my.) for which He was slain. For as becoming a Kinsman to man to die in his place to redeem him, but the elder was right when he said He was a Lion. See? The elder called Him, said, "a lion," because He had been a Lamb, an Intercessor, a bloody Lamb, but now He's coming forth as a Lion. My.

His days of intercession's over. "Let him that's filthy be filthy still. Let him that's righteous be righteous still. Let him that's holy be holy still." The thing is closed. Oh, brother, then what? Then what? And remember, it comes at the seventh church age, when the mysteries of God will be opened up.

Now, watch real close. This is something you must get. Now, He had been doing His mediatorial work making intercessions for the believer. For two thousand years He'd been back there, a Lamb. Now, He is stepping forth from eternity to take the title deeded Book, and to break the Seals, and reveal the mysteries. When of it? At the end time. Do you get it? All right, we'll go on then.
Now, break the Seals and release all the mysteries to them--to the seventh angel whose message is to reveal all the mysteries of God. The mysteries of God lays in these Seven Seals. See? That's what He said here. All the mysteries lays in these Seven Seals.

And the Lamb comes forth now from being a Mediator between God and man; He becomes a Lion. And when He becomes a Lion, He takes the Book; that's His rights. God's held it, the mystery, but now the Lamb comes. Nobody could take the Book. It's still in the hands of God. No pope, priest, whatever it might be, they can't take no--the Book. The Seven Seals hasn't been revealed. See? But when the Mediator, when His work is done as an Intercessor, He comes forth, and John... The elder said, "He's a Lion," and He comes forth. Watch Him. Oh, my. See?
He comes forth to take the Book (Now, watch.) to reveal the mysteries of God that others has guessed at in all these denominational ages. See then, the seventh angel... If this Book, mysteries, is the Word of God, the seventh angel has to be a prophet for the Word of God to come to. No priests, popes, or anything else can get it. The Word don't come to such. The Word of God

comes only to a prophet: always. Malachi 4 promised such. And when He come forth, He'd take the mysteries of God, where the church had got all scrupled up in all these denominations, and restore the faith of the children back to the fathers; and then the world judgment would strike, and the earth would be burnt; and then the righteous would walk out upon the ashes of the wicked in the millennium. You understand it now? All right.

Others had guessed at in the denominational age, but see, he must be this man, the seventh angel of Revelation 10:1-4 is a... The seventh angel has the mysteries of God given to him and finishes all the mystery been left off down through the denominational ages.

Now, you can see why I do not strike at my brethren in denomination. It's the system of denomination. They do not... There's no need of them trying to know it, because it could not be revealed. That's according to the Word. They presumed at it, and--and believed it was there, and by faith walked by it, but now it's evidently proved. Amen. Oh, my, what a--what a Scripture.

Now, watch. Then it is He, the Lamb, that takes His kingly position when His saints come to crown Him Lord of lord and King of king. See? See, time has run out. Revelations 10:6; there's no more time.

Notice, there's seven horns on this Lamb. Did you notice it? "Having seven horns..." We just been through that. "Horns" means "power" to the animal. And notice, He was not a animal, because He took the Book out of the right hand of Him that set upon the throne. See?
Notice. Oh, my, I believe I had that wrote down somewhere. Oh... To break the Seals and to loose the title, title deed, and the--the message to the last angel, and He takes His kingly place; that's what he comes forth now to do.

Now watch, when He comes out, the seven horns... Now, when he saw this Lamb (John looking at It) It had looked like It'd been slain: bloody. And He's come from eternity, and He ceased to be a Mediator. Then pray to Mary as much as you want to.

There was no man in heaven, in earth or no person, no being, nowhere else could take it; John even wept about it. Oh, Catholic friend, can't you see that? Don't pray to some dead person. The Lamb is the only Mediator. See? He was the One that came forth.

And what did He do now? He's been back here interceding until His Blood has atoned for every person, and the Lamb now, knows what's written in the Book. So He knowed from the foundation of the world their names were in there, so He has stood back here and re--and--and done mediator work like this until--mediatorial work till every one that's been put in the Book has been redeemed and it's finished, and now He walks out.

See, He's done His kinsman work. He's all... You know--you know what the kinsman work was to testify before elders. You remember Boaz kicking off his shoe and so forth? He's done all this now. Now, He comes to take His Bride. Amen. He comes now as King; He's looking for His Queen. Amen. In this Book is the whole secret of it wrapped up around Seven Seals (Oh, brother.), Seven Seals, waiting for Him to come.

Notice, Let's get these symbols. It's just nine o'clock; we got three hours yet or more to go. We got... Let's just... Satan keeps telling me them people's getting tired, so I guess they are, but let--let's take this anyhow.

Seven horns was the seven churches (See?), the Seven Church Ages, because that was the Lamb's protection. What He protected His rights with on earth was a God-sent group of people that's protected. See, the horn on the Lamb...

Seven eyes are the seven messengers of the Seven Church Ages: seven eyes, seven seers.

Would you like to write down some Scripture? Let's just turn to it. What do you say? Got that much time? All right, let's go to Zechariah, the Book of--of Zechariah, just a little bit, and we'll--we'll read some of this. I--I don't want to keep you too long on these things, and--and I... But yet, I don't want you to miss it. What's any more important than this? What's the matter? What? There's nothing more important than Eternal Life to a person, and we must--we must get this now and--and be sure that we get it. All right.

All right, sir. And now, we want to read Zechariah the 3rd chapter. I think that's right now: Zechariah 3. We're just going to get these symbols here, if I've got my Scriptures wrote down. I was just shouting all over the place this afternoon when I hit this, so I--I just don't know whether I got it right or not; I hope I have. Zechariah 3, let's see if it's... I got 89 here, but it must be 8 to 9. All right. All right, I know it can't be 89. Zechariah 3:8 and 9:

Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that set with thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the branch. (Christ)
For behold the stone that I will lay before Joshua; upon... stone--one stone shall be seven eyes--seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the engraving thereon, saith the LORD of hosts,... I will remove the iniquity of the land in one day.

Now, let's turn over to Zechariah 4:10--4:10. Listen.

... who has despised the day of small things?... (God in simplicity. See?)... for they shall rejoice, and... see the plummet in the hands of Zerubbabel with whose--with those seven; these are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.
The seven eyes--eyes mean seeing. Seeing means prophets, seers. This Lamb had seven horns, and on each horn had an eye: seven eyes.

What is it? Christ and His Bride. Seven Church Ages, out of there was seven prophets that went forth, seven seers, eyes. So the last one must be a seer. All right.

Notice, He is not an animal. He took the Book out of the right hand of Him that set upon the throne. Who was it? The--the Owner, the original Owner that had the Book of Redemption in His right hand, and no Angel, no angelic being, nothing else could take the place. And this bloody Lamb walked out and took the Book out of His hand. What was it? Brother, this is the most sublime thing in the Scripture, a act, that not an Angel, not nothing could do it, and the Lamb come and took it from the right hand of Him that set upon the throne. What is it? Now it belongs to the Lamb. Amen.

God's laws required... He's the One that holds it. God's law required a Kinsman Redeemer, and the Lamb come out boldly. "I am their Kinsman. I am their Redeemer. I now have made intercession for them, and now I've come to claim their rights for them." Amen. Amen. "I've come to claim their rights. In that they have a right to everything that lost in the fall, and I've paid the price." Oh, brother. Whew. Don't it make you feel religious?

Not by good works which we have done, but by His mercy. Oh, wait a minute. And them elders and everything else begin to throw off crowns, and dignitaries begin to get on the ground. See?

No one, no one could do it. And He walks right up to the right hand of God and took the Book out of His hand and claimed His rights, "I have died for them. I am their Kinsman Redeemer. I have--I am the Mediator. My Blood was shed. I have become man, and I did this in order to get that church back again, the one I foresaw before the foundation of the world. I have purposed it; I spoke that it would be there, and nobody was able to take it, but I went down and done it Myself. I am their Kinsman...?... I become kinfolks." And He takes the Book. Amen.

Oh, Who's waiting there for me tonight? Who is that One, church, that's waiting there? What else could wait there for you but that Kinsman Redeemer? Oh, my. What a sublime statement or act.

Now, He has the Title Deed to redemption. He has it in His hand; mediation is done now. He has it in His hand. Remember, it's been in the hand of God all the time, but now it's in the hand of the Lamb.

Now, watch, the Title Deed of Redemption of all creation is in His hand, and He's come to claim it back to--for the human race, not claim it back to Angels; claim it back to the human which it was given for to make sons and daughters of God again, bring them back to a garden of Eden, everything they lost: the whole creation, the trees, the animal life, everything else. Oh, my. Don't that make you feel good? Whew.

I thought I was tired but I'm not now. You see? Sometimes I think I get--I'm getting too old to preach, and then I go to seeing something like that; and I think I'm a young man. Hm. It does something to you. See? For I know this, that there's Someone there waiting for me. There's Someone paid the price that I couldn't pay; that's right; He did it for me, Charlie. He did it for you; He did it for the whole human race, and now He comes forth to claim His redemptive rights. Claim it for who? Not for Himself, for us. He's one of us; He's our kinfolks. Oh, my. He's my Brother; He's my Savior; He's my God; He's my Kinsman Redeemer; He's all, for what was I without Him or what could I be without Him?

So, you see, He's my all, and He's standing there as our kinfolks. And now, He's been interceding for us up till this time, and now He comes forth and takes the Book of Redemption to claim His rights of what He did for us.

They died... Jesus said, "He that believeth on Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. Whosoever liveth and believeth on Me shall never die. He that eats My flesh and drinks My Blood has Everlasting Life, and I'll raise him up at the last day."

No matter if he falls asleep in the first watch, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, or seventh, wherever he falls asleep... What'll happen? The trumpet of God shall sound, that last trump will blast forth the same time that the last angel's giving his message and the last Seal is opened, that last trumpet will sound, and the Redeemer comes forth to take His redeemed possessions: His church, blood-washed.

Now, oh, the whole creation lays in His hand now, on which the whole plan of redemption is sealed by Seven mysterious Seals in this Book that He took... Now, watch. And He alone can reveal It to whomsoever He will. He's got it in His hand. See? Now, He promised it would be at that time, now, for it is sealed by Seven Seals of mystery, the Book of Redemption. Now, watch. As now... Friends, I told you I was going to let you out at eight-thirty, but I've throwed over three or

four pages here to get to this. So I want... I'm already after nine, so that you can get back tomorrow.

But now, in this Sevenfold Book of Seals of Redemption that the Lamb took within Himself--was the only One Who could do it. And He took it from the right hand of Him that set upon a throne; now, to claim His redemptive, to claim His rights, to claim for me and you what He redeemed us from, to (See?), back to everything that Adam lost in the garden of Eden; He has redeemed us back to that.

Now, with the Lamb, with the Book in His hand, we are ready to ask His grace and mercy upon us to open these--seven-sealed Book to us and let us look a-past the curtain of time just a little bit. Oh, my.

Notice, when He took the Book, the Title Deed, sealed (Just get that in your mind, now.) and broke the Seals of the mystery to reveal them, to bring them to His... See? All of His redeemed subjects...

Now, when we hit this in the Seals, we're going to go back there and see them souls under the altar crying, "Lord, how long, how long."

And here He is as a Mediator on the altar, "Just a little longer until there's more has to suffer like you." But now He comes from here at this last Seal. He's no more Mediator; He's King now. And what does He do? If He's a King, He has to have subjects, and His subjects is them that He has redeemed; and they cannot come before Him until He takes the rights of redemption. And now, He walks forth from a Mediator, where death put us in the grave, He comes forth with the rights. Amen.

And even those who are alive and remain till His coming shall not hinder them which are asleep, for the trumpet of God shall sound at that last trumpet, when the last Seal is broke, and when the seventh angel's given his message; the last trumpet shall sound and the dead in Christ shall rise, and we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them to meet Him in the air. He claims... He's come forth now to claim His--His possession.

Watch, look at this. My, broke the Seals, revealed the mysteries... Revealed them where? To the last church age, the only one that's living. The rest of them's sleeping.

He said, "If He comes in the first watch, second watch, third watch, on down to the seventh watch..." In the seventh watch there went out a--a command or call, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh." And when they did, the sleeping virgins, the nominal churches said, "Oh, you know. I--I believe I'd like to have that Holy Ghost." Have you noticed the Presbyterians and Episcopalians? Did you hear my message in Phoenix to them men who stand up there and the "Voice" in there saying, "Well, what's the matter with this author, saying, 'Holy Father So-and-so,'" when the Bible said call no man, "father." See? They're sleeping with them; that's the reason. But when they come forth and said, "Yeah, we believe..."

A woman just called up another woman and said, "You know, I'm Episcopalian," said, "I--I--I spoke in tongues the other day; I believe I received the Holy Ghost, but sh, don't tell nobody." I doubt that very much. You might've spoke with tongues; but you set a man on fire, how is he going to set still? Yes, sir. They can't do it.

Could you imagine Peter, and James, and John, and them up in the upper room saying, "Oh, we got the Holy Ghost now, but maybe we better keep still." Brother, through windows, doors and everything they went out into the street, acting like a bunch of drunks. That's the real Holy Ghost.

But you see, that sleeping virgin ain't receiving nothing anyhow. That's right. And remember, while they went to try to buy oil... You remember the Scriptures doesn't say they got it. But while they were out trying to buy it, there come a sound. What happened? All those virgins that slept rose, and trimmed their lamps, and went in to the supper (Is that right?), and the rest was left for the tribulation period (Right.), weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth. That's the church, not the Bride, the church. The Bride went in. There's a whole difference between the church and the Bride. Yes, sir. Went in to the wedding supper... Oh, notice, boys.

The Seals was broke. Why? In the last Church Age to reveal these truths. Why? The Lamb broke the Seals and revealed them to His church in order to collect His subjects for His Kingdom, His Bride. See? Oh, my. He wants to bring His subjects to Him now.

What is it? Out of the dust of the earth, out of the bottom of the sea, out of the pits, out of everywhere and every place; out of--out of the regions of the dark, out of paradise, wherever they may be, He will call and they'll answer. Amen. Amen. He will call, and they'll answer.
He come to get His subjects. He revealed His secrets, and they saw it; and time is no more at that time. Time has run out; it's finished. All right.

He leaves the throne of--to be an Intercessor as a slain Lamb to be a Lion, King, to bring the world to judgment who has rejected His message. He's not a Mediator.

Remember the Old Testament teaching now, as we hurry. When the blood went off the mercy seat, what was it? Judgment seat. And when the Lamb slain walked forward from eternity out of the Father's throne and took His rights, it was a judgment seat. Then He become not a Lamb, but a Lion, King. And He calls for His Queen to come stand by His side. "Know ye not the saints shall judge the earth?"

Daniel said the judgment was set, and the books were opened, and ten thousands times ten thousands of thousands ministered to Him: King and Queen. And then another Book was opened, which is the Book of Life. That's for the church. And the Queen and the King stood there.

As the cowboy's meditation said...

Last night as I laid on the prairie,
I gazed to the stars in the sky;
And I wondered if ever a cowboy,
Could drift to that sweet by and by.
There's a road to that bright happy region;
But it's dim there, a trail, so they say,
But the broad one that leads to perdition,
Is posted and blazed all the way.
They speak of another great Owner...
He's speaking in the terms of his cattle life. If you was ever in a roundup, you can see it plain.
They speak of another great Owner,
And He's never over stocked, so they say.
He'll always make room for a sinner,
That'll drift on that straight narrow way.

They say He will never forsake you,
And He knows every action and look,
For--for safety we'd better get branded,
Have our name on His great tally Book.
For they say there will be a great roundup,
When cowboys like dogies will stand,
To be marked by the riders of judgment (Them prophets and seers),
That's posted and knows every brand.

If you ever were in a roundup, see a boss stand out there, and riders and milling in that herd of cattle. He will see his own brand go by, and he will motion to the boss; and the boss will see it, and give him a nod. His pony runs right in around, around this milling cropping bunch of horns like that and cut his own cows out. See?

They say there will be a great roundup,
And cowboys like dogies will stand,
That'll be marked by the riders of judgment,
That's posted and knows every brand.
See? So he said:
I guess I will be a stray yearling,
Just a man that's condemned to die; (Unbranded; he--they make soup out of him.)
That'll be cut in the bunch with the rusties,
When the boss of those riders come by.

See Who it is? The Boss of the riders. That's the Lamb to the seven messengers who's posted and knows every brand. See? Hm.

Notice, here He comes, leaves the throne as an Intercessor, as a slain Lamb to become a lion, King, to bring the whole world into judgment that's rejected. Our Kinsman Redeemer then is King over all. Why? He's got the Title Deed of Redemption. It all lays within His hand. I'm glad I know Him...?...

Then claims His inheritance; that's the Church, the Bride; He claims it. What does He do then? He disposes of His contestant, Satan. He throws him into a lake of fire with all those who was inspired by Satan to reject His Word of redemption.

He's King now. Mercy's still on the throne. Don't you reject His offer. See? The riders know just who you are. And now, His contestant, who's give Him trouble for two thousand years, claiming, "I can do with them what I want to. I still have them; they're mine. I... They forfeited the title back there"; but He's the Kinsman Redeemer.

He said... He's back here making intercessions now, but someday... He say, "I'll put them in the grave."

But He told the Church, "I'll bring you out (See?), but first I've got to be an Intercessor."

Now, He comes forth, steps out from eternity back yonder, off of the throne of the Father where He set as an Intercessor. Now He comes to be King, oh, to rule all nations with a rod of iron. Judgment is set. Oh, brother, our Kinsman Redeemer holds it all. That's right; yes, sir.

What does He do? He calls that contestant's hand, Satan. "They're mine now; I've raised them up from the grave." And He takes all the liars, and the perverters of the Word, and all like that with Satan and destroys them in the lake of fire. She's all over now. Throws them in a lake of fire... Oh, my.

You know what? I want--I want to just say something here before we close. And then we'll--we'll--we'll hurry. Notice, we're down now to the 7th verse, but from the 8th verse to the 14th, I want you to notice what takes place. All that was in heaven and all that was in the earth... Just listen to this; let me just read it. I--I believe it'd be better if I just read it out of the Book. We're at the 7th verse. See?.. And... Watch the 6th verse.

And I--And I behold--beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven heads--seven horns,...(I mean) and seven eyes... (We just explained it.)... which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth to all the earth. (See, Seven Church Ages, the seven messengers that kept that fire burning. See? All right.)

And he came... (the Lamb)... and took the book out of the right hand of him that set upon a throne--(set upon the throne)

Now watch, and when He done that, watch what taken place. You talk about a jubilee. Now, this is exactly the breaking of them Seals take place. We'll get in that half hour of silence, just after this. Watch this. And we started in, and we finish this up next Sunday night, right here. And listen close now. Are you ready? Say "Amen." Listen close what took place.

When He had did this--when all creation was groaning, no one knowed what to do, and John was weeping. Here come the Lamb, walked over; and this Book was in the hands of--of the original Owner, because man had fell and lost it, and no man was able to take it anymore to redeem the earth: no priest, pope, nothing, as I said; but the Lamb come up, no Mary, no saint this or saint that; the Lamb come up, bloody, slain, and took the Book out of the right hand of Him that set upon the throne. And when they seen there was a Redeemer... And all the--the souls under the altar, when the Angels, when the elders, when the... everything seen it, when this was done... it...

Here it lays in the future. Tonight He's a Mediator, but He's coming to this; watch.
And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and the four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of the saints.

That's those that's under the altar that have prayed for long ago (See?), they had prayed for redemption, prayed for resurrection, and here he--these elders are pouring out the prayers before, 'cause "Now, we've got a representative. We got a Kinsman in heaven that's come forth to make His claims."

And they sang a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou was slain, and hast redeemed us to our God... (Watch)...by thy blood out of every kindred,... tongue, and people, and nation;

And has made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

They wanted to come back, and here they are going back to be kings and priests. Glory to God. I feel good enough to speak in tongues. Look. Watch. Here, it seems like I ain't got enough language I could praise Him with it. I need one that I don't even know, notice.
And I beheld... (Listen to this.)... And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels...

Listen what a jubilee going on. When they seen that Lamb come and take that Book of Redemption, the souls screamed out. We'll get it. All, everything, the elders fell down; they poured out the prayers of the saints. What? There was represented a Kinsman for us. They fell upon their faces, and they sang a song and said, "Thou art worthy, for You were slain." Watch what... And look at these Angels.

And I beheld, and... heard the voice of many angels around about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand,... of thousands; (Whew. Notice)

Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

What a jubilee going on in heaven when that--the Lamb leads--leaves that intercessory box to come here to possess His claim. You know that got next to John. He must've saw his name wrote there. When them Seals broke, he must've got real happy. Listen what he said:

And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and underneath the earth,... such as are in the sea, and all that... in them, is--is in them heard (me) I saying, Blessings,... honor,... glory,... power, be to him that sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb for ever...
Amen, and amen, and amen. Oh.

And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that lives for ever and ever.

Talk about a jubilee, talk about a time when that Lamb walked forth... See, the Book's even sealed in heaven, the mysteries are. Say, "Is my name there?" I don't know; I hope it is. But if it is, it was put on the Book before the foundation of the world. But the first thing that represented that redemption, come the Lamb that had been slain from the foundation of the world. And He took the Book (Glory.) opened the Book, and tore off the Seals, and sent it down to the earth to His seventh angel to reveal it to His people. There you are. Oh, my, what happened? The screams, the shouts, the hallelujahs, hosannas, the--the glories, the manifestations...
And old John, who had been standing there our brother, crying; "Why," he said, "everything in heaven, everything in the earth, and everything in the sea heard me holler, Amen, blessings, honor, and might and power be to Him that lives forever and ever."

Talk about a happy time when them Seals broke... John must've looked in and seen a-past the curtain of time and said, "There's John." Oh, he was so happy. He said, "Everything in heaven." He must've really cried out, didn't he? "Everything in heaven, everything in the earth, everything beneath the earth, every creature, and everything else, heard me saying, 'Amen, blessings and glory and wisdom, and power, and might, and riches belongs to him. Amen.'"

Why? When the revelation come that the Lamb, the Redeemer, our Kinsman had come back from the throne of mediatorial and had walked out here to take His possession.

Oh, soon the Lamb will take His bride

To be ever at His side,
All the host of heaven will assembled be;
O, it will be a glorious sight,
All the saints in spotless white;
And with Jesus we shall reign eternally.
Oh, "Come and dine," the Master calleth (now on the Word), "Come and dine." (Oh, I--I get without words. See?)
Come and dine; come and dine,
You can feast at Jesus' table anytime. (Now! But when He leaves there, no.)
He who fed the multitude;
Turned the water into wine...

He that said that he that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also..." Oh, my. He that promised these things in the last day. He that said these things, He that's now in the time of the revelation of these things being made known, "Come and dine." Oh, don't miss it, my brother. Now, let us bow our heads just a minute.

Tomorrow night by the grace of God we try to break that First Seal, if God will break it for us and let us see what this revelation has been, hid from the foundation of the world.

Before we do that, sinner friend or lukewarm church member, do you just have a membership in a church or do you not have a membership? And if you have only a membership, you'd be pretty near as well off without it. You need a birth. You must come to the Blood. You must come to something that just spots the sin away till there's no more remembrance of it.

If you haven't made preparation yet to meet the Lamb in the air, and by the power invested me by my commission given by Almighty God and ministered to me by an Angel, a Pillar of Light, I charge you in the Name of Jesus Christ: Don't try to meet Him with only a membership of a lodge, a church of this earth.

Come while the Mediator, as far as I know, is still on the throne making intercessions, because there will come a day when you'll want to come, and there will be no Mediator. For if we see the hour we're living, in the seventh church age, and the mysteries of God become what they have with the vindicated Spirit of God showing everything that He promised in the last days, how much more time is left? Sinner friend, come.

Lord Jesus, the hours are growing late. It may be even later than we are thinking. And we are happy to see this hour approaching. It is the most glorious hour that the world has ever known for the believer, but for the rejecter, the most saddest time that could ever be... There couldn't find words in the alphabet, letters to make words, that could express the trouble and sorrow that lays ahead. And neither is there words could be formed from our alphabet to express blessings that lays ahead for the believer.

Father, there may be some tonight here without hope, and they are intelligent human beings. And now, if the Blood still lays on the mercy seat, let the Lamb walk out from the throne to their heart tonight and reveal to them that they are lost, and with bloody hands say, "Come while it is time to come.

I commit the message, Lord, with my prayer to Your hands. Do whatever You will, Father, in Jesus' Name.

With our heads bowed, if you have not met this request and this requirement; if you've only trusted in your church, there was nothing that could redeem you. If you trusted in the intercessions of some saint, you're still lost. If you have trusted in the works of your hands, something that you've done, good works, you're lost. If you have trusted within the--within the prayer of your mother or the righteousness of your mother, your father, if you've trusted in that, you're lost. If you've trusted upon some sensation, some strange feeling, some emotion of speaking with tongues or dancing; if that's all you've trusted in and don't know the Lamb personally, don't know Him, then I charge you before God: make that thing right now with God. Down in your heart pray and just be simple, because God hides in simplicity.

You remember, the Bible said, "As many as believed was added." And while we pray for you, I trust that you'll make your--that one eternal decision: "Lord, I'll say yes."

And a decision is a stone, but what good is a stone without a stonemason that can cut it to shape the building, to fit the building? Then let the Holy Spirit cut you from what you are to what you should be. If you're just a starchy church member, if you're a sinner, whatever you are, if you're without Christ, without the Holy Spirit, God grant to you peace tonight.

Now, Lord, as sanely as I know how to come, and as--as Scriptural as I know how to come, I come now with these I have committed to You with the Word. I'm trusting, Lord, that the Word has found It's place in the heart of people tonight. If there be such here that does not know or have not that assurance of the Holy Spirit's sweet Presence abiding in their life; that tempers, or indifferences, or selfishness, or something has cut this great thing from them and has kept them from it, or some creed, or--or some sensation has kept them from the sweetness of the fellowship of God, that it will now be turned loose. And that the Lamb, that bloody holy Kinsman that come walking forth from the throne down through the mystic Lights of the corridors of God's throne, walked out to claim His inheritance... God grant tonight, that they will receive Him. May each decision be made solemnly, and may they surrender themself to Him alone, Who can cut them and shape them into sons and daughters of God.

Now, in solemn prayer... I'm doing this the way I feel led to do it. In solemn before God as He has proven Himself to you, and you wasn't a Christian or you wasn't a what we call it--not a--not a denominational joiner, but I mean a borned again Christian, but you solemnly believe the message is true, and you solemnly believe that you can only be saved by the grace of God; and you do believe that He's speaking to your heart now, and you want to accept Him and are ready for His Word to--to cut you from what you are and make you what you should be, will you witness the same by standing to your feet. If that person's here and wants to make that suff--that all sufficient, stand to your feet...

Heavenly Father, I know not no more what to do but to quote Your Word. Here are men standing on their feet that feels that they haven't been where they should be--ready for this rapture; for it may take place before the First Seal be opened to us.
And, Father, I pray for them. I--I as Your servant offer this prayer to the great Intercessor, Christ; as they pray, I offer my prayer with them upon the ivory throne of God where the bloody sacrifice is setting there tonight and most any time might step from the throne to come forth to claim His possessions. Then there's no more mercy left; it's judgment.

Grant, Lord, that these people on their feet that's standing, in their hearts making their confession and willing to let the Spirit of God mold them, and cut them, and shape them into Living stones into the house of the Lord God...

Grant it, Father. I commit them to You now. And You said, "He that will confess Me before men, him will I confess before My Father and the holy Angels." And now, You're setting there in the presence of all tonight, and they're standing, confessing You, and, Lord, if that is from the bottom of their heart, just as sure as God's Word's right, You're now making intercessions for them and accepting them in the--the grace and mercy realms of the cleansing Blood of the sacrificial Lamb, and they shall be Yours in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Now, you that sees these people standing on their feet... There's young men right in there, some are standing up: you who felt that all sin and condemnation is gone, I want you just to raise up (some of you close to them), shake their hand and say, "Brother, I'm praying for you." "Sister, I'm praying for you." Just shake their hand and say, "God bless you. And now, the rest belongs to the hand of the Almighty." Say, "I will pray, and I will do all I can to help you into the Kingdom of God."

... Oh, calling today!
Oh, Jesus is calling,
Is tenderly calling today.

You love Him? Isn't He wonderful? Oh, what would we do without this? "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of God shall man live." Oh, feed me, Lord, upon the Word. "Forsaking not to assemble yourselves together as the manner of unbelievers and that much more as you see the day approaching."
God willing, tomorrow night, by the grace of God, I'll try with all that's in me to ask Him to inter--intercede that the mystery of these Seals, as they break forth, will proclaim the Word of God to the people.

Until I meet you, God be with you. And now, I turn the service to our noble brother, Brother Neville, the pastor. How many loves Brother Neville? Now we all do. Come forward, Brother Neville. Brother Neville, God bless you.

THE FIRST SEAL

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Let us bow our heads now for prayer. Our heavenly Father, we thank Thee tonight for this another opportunity to come to worship You. We are thankful to be alive and to have this great revelation of Eternal Life dwelling within us. And we've come tonight, Father, to study Thy Word together: these great hidden mysteries that's been hid since the foundation of the world; and the Lamb is the only One that can reveal it to us. I pray that He will come among us tonight, and will take of His Word, and reveal It to us, that we might know how to be better servants to Him in this end time.
O God, as we see that we are now in the end time, help us to know our place, Lord, and our frail being and the certainty of the coming of the Lord soon. We ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen.
I believe it was David said, "I was happy when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." It's always a great privilege to come; and in the studying of the Word together gives us this great hope.

Now there's many standing, and I'm just going to hurry as quick as possible. But I trust that you have enjoyed the Presence of the Holy Spirit like I have in these last couple of times. And today I had something to happen that I haven't had for a long time. I was studying on this--on this revelation here, on the opening of the Seal.

Years ago I run through it here, about some twenty years ago I guess, or something like that, but somehow or another I never was just exactly satisfied. It seemed like there was some things especially in these Seals, because those Seals are the entire Book. See? It's the Book. The whole Book is one Book sealed. It starts...

For instance if I had something here--I'd show you what I mean. Here is one seal. That's one... And you roll it up like this--the way it was rolled. And you roll it up in this manner, and at the end there is a little piece sticking out like that. That's the First Seal. All right. Then that's the first part of the Book. Then the next seal is rolled in this manner, right by the side of it, and it's rolled up in this manner like here and then at the end, right here, there's another sticking out, means two seals. And that's the way the whole Bible was wrote, in scroll. And so to break these Seals, it opens the mysteries of the Book.

Did you get to study in Jeremiah, how he wrote that, many of you taken it down last night? How them Seals were wrote and placed away for keeping until he returned after seventy years of the captivity. He was to return back and claimed his possession. And I certainly like to study it. You can't... There's no way to express it all, because it's an eternal Word. It's an eternal Book.
And therefore, we just have to kindly hit the high places. And today in studying, I have written down many Scriptures so you can study it. And also in the tapes will reveal much of it as you study. And...

There are so many things. If I could just stand here at the platform and reveal it to you the way it's revealed to me in the room, my, it would be marvelous. But when you get here, you're pressed, and you just kind of jump over the things and try to just get the main part to the people that they might see it.

I certainly appreciate that song Brother Ungren just sang: "Down From His Glory." If He hadn't have come from His glory, where would we all be tonight? So we're thankful that He come down to help us.

Now, with many standing, we'll just hurry right through in here to the best we can. I don't say, we're going to hurry right through, but I mean we're going to get started as quick as possible.
And now, let us turn now, after the... We've had the 1st chapter, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, and 5th last night, and tonight we're starting on the 6th chapter of Revelation.

Now, as we study this chapter we are referring different places even to Old and New Testament alike, because the entire Book is the revelation of Jesus Christ. See? That's altogether the revelation of--of the Lord Jesus: the revelation of Jesus Christ. It's God revealing Himself in the Book, revealing Himself through Christ in the Book. And Christ is the revelation of God. He come to reveal God, because He and God were the same. God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself.

In other wise, you'd never knowed just what God was until He revealed Himself through Christ; then you can see.

I used to think years ago that maybe God was angry with me, but Christ loved me. Come to find out, it's the same Person. See? And Christ is the very heart of God.

And now as we study this; you're comparing it now... The first three books of the Bible of Revelations (which we have pretty thoroughly combed that) is the church ages, the--the Seven Church Ages. Now, there's seven church ages, seven seals, seven trumpets, and vials, and--and unclean spirits like frogs, and all this goes together. My, how I'd like to have a--a great big map and draw it all across the way I see it, you know; just how that each one takes its place. I drawed it out on a little sheet of paper, but I--you know... And everything so far hit just exactly right. And with the time and the ages as they have come and gone and everything has blended in just perfectly right. So it may not altogether be right, but it's the best that I know about it anyhow. And... I know if--if I do my best, and I make a mistake in trying to do my best, and the best that I know of, God surely will forgive me for doing--for the error if I have done wrong. But...

Now, those first three books is the first seven church ages, and then we find out in the 4th chapter of Revelations John is caught up. See? We see the churches... There's not too much said about the church ages. There's where I think that people are going to be so surprised. They're--they're--they're applying the church way over into the tribulation to those things that's a-happened. And as I said Sunday (yesterday), "The first thing you know those tribulations will break in, and you'll wonder why was not the--the first coming was the rapture. And it'll be as it has been; it's passed and you didn't know it." See?

Now, there's not too much promised to that Church, that Gentile Church, the Bride.

Now, I want you to bear in mind, there is a church and a Bride. See? You always have to make it run in threes. Fours is wrong: threes: threes, sevens, tens, twelves, twenty-fours, and forties, and fifties, in those unbroken numbers. The Bible is... And God runs His messages in--in num--in num--numerals of the Bible in those numbers. And you get something that flies off of one of those numbers, you'd better watch. It won't come out right on the next things. You got to bring it back here to where you start from.

Brother Vayle, Brother Lee Vayle, he--he... I think he's here. We were talking the other day about people who, getting off the track. It is just like shooting a target. If that gun is perfectly balanced, perfectly trained and sighted, it's got to hit the target unless that barrel moves, or twists, or vibrations throws it off and wherever--or a wind puff. Wherever it starts off at, there's only one way to do, is come back to where it left the track and start again, if it's going to hit the target. If it doesn't, why, it just doesn't hit the target.

And that's the way in studying Scripture, I believe. If we find out we start something here, and it doesn't come out right, you see it isn't--we--we've made a mistake somewhere; you got to come back. You'll never figure it with your mind. It just isn't... We just found out by the Scriptures that there's no man in heaven or in earth, or beneath the earth, or ever was, or ever will be that can do it. The Lamb alone can do it. So seminary explanation, whatever it might be, is just nothing. See? It takes the Lamb to reveal it. That's all. So we trust that He will help us.

John caught up in the 4th chapter to see things which was, which is, and which is to come. But the Church finishes at the 4th chapter, and Christ takes up the Church, caught up in the air to meet Him, and does not appear again until the 19th chapter when He comes back with--as King of king and Lord of lords with the Church. And now... Oh, I hope someday that we can get through it all, maybe before He comes. If we don't, we'll see it anyhow; so it doesn't matter.

Now, in this 5th chapter, the breaking of these Seals... And now, the seven-sealed Book... First we want to read the First Seal. Last evening (to background just a little more) we find out that when John looked and seen that Book still in the hands of the original Owner, God... You remember how it was lost? By Adam. He forfeited the Book of Life for the knowledge of Satan and lost his inheritance, lost everything, and no way for redemption.

Then God, made in the likeness of men, came down and become a Redeemer to us to redeem us. And now, we find out that in days passed by, these things which was mysterious is to be opened up to us in the last days.

Now, we find out also in this, that as soon as John heard this announcement for the--the Kinsman Redeemer to come forth and to make His claims, there was no man that could do it. No man in heaven, no man in earth, no man beneath the earth, and no one was worthy even to look at the Book. Just think of that: no person at all worthy even look at it. And John just started weeping.
He knowed that all... There was no chance for redemption then. Everything was failed, and quickly we find his weeping stopping quickly, because it was announced by one of the four beasts--or the elders, rather. One of the--the elders said, "Don't weep, John, for the Lion of the tribe of Juda has prevailed," in other words, "overcome and has conquered."

John turning, he saw a Lamb coming out. It must've been bloody and cut and wounded. It had been slain, the--said--it--a Lamb that had been slain, and 'course it was still bloody. If you'd have cut the lamb and--and killed it the way that Lamb was anyhow, it was hacked to pieces on a cross, spears in the side, and nails in the hands and feet, and thorns over the brow. He was in an awful condition. And this Lamb come forth and went over to Him that set upon the Throne that held the complete Title Deed of Redemption; and the Lamb goes and takes the Book out of the hand of Him that set upon the Throne and was--took and opened the Seals and opened the Book.
And then when that happened, we found out that it must have been a great a--a something took place in heaven, for the elders and the four and twenty elders, and the beasts, and--and everything in heaven begin to cry out, "Worthy." And here come the Angels and poured out the vials of the prayers of saints. The saints under the altar screamed out, "Worthy art Thou, O Lamb,

for You have redeemed us, and now You have made us kings and priests, and we shall rule on the earth." Oh, my. And that soul was... He... to open that Book...

You see the Book actually was planned and written before the foundation of the world. This Book, the Bible was really written before the foundation of the world. And Christ, being the Lamb, was slain before the foundation of the world. And the--the members of His Bride, their names were put in the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world, but it's been sealed up. And now it's being revealed whose names were in there, all about it. What a great thing. And John, when he saw it, he--he said, "Everything in heaven, everything underneath the earth, everything heard him saying, 'Amen, and blessings and honor.'" He just really was having a great time, and--for the Lamb was worthy.

And now, the Lamb is standing now tonight as we enter into this 6th chapter; He's got the Book in His hand and starting to reveal it. And, oh, I would've absolutely today... And I hope that people are spiritual. I would've had a horrible mistake on that if it hadn't been about twelve o'clock today when the Holy Spirit came in the room and corrected me on something that I was writing down to say.

I was taking it from an old context. I had nothing on it. I don't know what the Second Seal is no more than nothing, but I'd got some old contexts of something that I'd spoke on several years ago and wrote it down, and I'd gathered this context--context... And Dr. Smith, many great outstanding teachers that I--I'd gathered, and all of them believed that, so I'd wrote it down. And I was fixing to say, "Well, now I'll study it from that standpoint." And there about twelve o'clock in the day the Holy Spirit just swept right down into the room, and the whole thing just opened up to me, and there it was...?... of this--of this First Seal being opened.

I'm as positive as I'm standing here tonight that this is the Gospel Truth that I'm going to tell you about. I just know it is. Because if a revelation's contrary to the Word, then it isn't revelation. And you know, there's some of the stuff can look so absolutely true, and yet isn't truth. See? It looks like it is, but it isn't.

Now, we find the Lamb with the Book now. And now, in the 6th chapter we read.
And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of a thunder, and one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that set on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

Now, that's the First Seal, the one we're going to try by the grace of God to explain it tonight by the very best... And I realize that a man trying to explain that is walking on dangerous grounds, if you don't know what you're doing. See?

So if it comes to me by revelation, I'll tell you so. If I just have to take it through my own mind, then I--I'll tell you it's that before I talk about it.

But I'm just as positive as I'm standing here tonight, that it come afresh to me today from the Almighty. I'm not prone to just saying things like that when it comes to this part of the Scripture. I--I--I'm--I hope you know what I'm talking about now. See?

Now, you know, you can't say things if something's supposed to be laying over here before it happens. You--you can't say it till something lays it over there. See? But are you reading; are you listening to something? See?

Now, the seven-seal, roll Book is now being released by the Lamb. We approach that place tonight. God help us. As the Seals are broken and released, the mysteries of the Book are revealed. Now, you see, this is a sealed Book. Now, we believe that, do we not? We believe that it is a sealed Book. Now, we never knowed this before, but it is. It's sealed with Seven Seals; that is, on the back of the Book the Book is sealed with Seven Seals.

If we was talking about this kind of book, it would be like putting a strap across it, seven straps. But it isn't this kind of a book; it's a scroll. And then when the scroll is unwound, that's one; then laying right in the scroll is number two, and right here it says what it is, but it's a mystery. But yet we have probed in it; but remember, the Book is sealed, and the Book is a Book of mystery of revelation. It is the revelation of Jesus Christ (See?), a Book of revelation. And now, you know down through the age, man has probed and tried to get into that. We all have.

And yet, one time I remember... If--if Mr. Bohanon happened to be present, or--or some of his people, I--I don't mean it by any insult. Mr. Bohanon is a bosom friend, and he was the superintendent of the Public Service when I was working there. When I first got saved, I was telling him about reading on the Book of Revelations, and he said, "I tried to read that thing," he said. And Mr. Bohanon was a fine man, and he--he was a member of the church. And--and I don't know what all he belonged to, but he said, "I think that John must've had a red pepper supper that night and went to bed on a full stomach."

I said to him (although it could've cost my job), I said, "Aren't you ashamed to say that?" And I was just a boy, but I said, "Aren't you ashamed to say that about the Word of God?" See? Yet, I was just a kid no more than my early, maybe twenty-one, twenty-two years old, and work scarce, and the depression on, but yet there was a fear in there when I slanted--heard any slant toward God's Word. It is Truth, all Truth.
So it was not even a dream or a nightmare; it wasn't John eat. He was on the Isle of Patmos because he tried to put the Word of God into a book form and was exiled there by the Roman government, and was on the island on the day of the Lord, and he heard behind him a voice of many waters and turned to look, and he saw seven golden candlesticks. And there stood the Son of God in between them.

Now, and then the Book is a revelation. So "a revelation" is "something that's made known of something--something that's been revealed." And now, notice, so you won't forget it: It is closed up until the latter time. See? The whole mystery of it is closed up until the latter times; we find that in the Scripture here.

Now, the mystery of the Book are revealed when the Seals are broken. And when the Seals completely are broken, the time of redemption is over, because the Lamb left the intercession post to walk out to take His claims. He was a Mediator between that, but when the real revelation happens on the Seals as they begin to break, the Lamb is coming forth from the sanctuary. It's according to the Word. We read it last night. He come from the--out of the midst and took the Book. So He's no more Mediator, because even they called Him a Lion, and that's the--that's the King, and He's not a Mediator then.

Although the actors of these Seals begin at the first church age... Now, remember, so you'll--you'll--we'll get the background of it thoroughly if we can, or as thoroughly as possible. The actors... I'll place it like that, because an--an actor is a man who changes masks. See?

And in this act tonight, we're going to see that it's Satan changing his mask. And all actors... Christ, acting the part as He did when He become from a Spirit to man, He only put on an actor's garment, human flesh, and came down in the form of a man in order to be a Kinsman Redeemer.

Now, now, you see, it's only an actor's form. That's the reason they are all in parables and sym--and the way they are here like beasts, and animals, so forth; it's in a act. And these actors begin in the first church age, because it was Christ revealing Himself to the seven church ages. Now, you understand it? All right. See? Christ revealing Himself to the seven church ages, then through these church ages, there's a great mess-up comes along. Then at the end of the church age, the seventh angel's message is to pick up these lost mysteries and to give it to the Church. See? Now, we'll notice that.

But the--not then revealed in their true state. Now, in the Bible times, the mysteries were there, and they seen these things happen the way John saw it here. Now, he said, "There is a white horse rider." But what the mystery of it is, there's a mystery that goes with that rider. Now, what it was, they didn't know; but it's to be revealed. But it is to be revealed after the Lamb leaves the Father's throne of His intercessory as Kinsman Redeemer.

I'm going to drop a little something in here. Now, if anybody gets these tapes... Any man can speak whatever he wants to. He has a right to--to anything of his conviction. But if, you know, if a minister doesn't want this amongst his people, then tell them not to take it. But I--I... This is amongst the people that I have been sent to speak to; therefore, I must reveal what is the Truth. See?

Now, the Lamb in the time of intercessory back here, He knew that there were names in there that was put in there from the foundation of the world, and as long as them names have never been manifested on earth as yet, He had to stay there as Intercessor. Do you get it? Perfectly predestination... See?

All right, He had to stay there, because He came to die for those that God had ordained to Eternal Life. See, see? By His foreknowledge He saw them, not by His own will. His will was that none should perish, but by His foreknowledge He knew who would and who would not.

Therefore as long as there was one name hadn't never yet been clared--declared in earth, Christ had to stay there as an Intercessor to take care of that name. But as soon as that final name had been splashed in that Clorox or bleach, then His intercessory days was over. "Let him that's filthy be filthy still. Let him that's holy, he's holy still." See? And he leaves the sanctuary, and then it becomes a judgment seat. Woe unto those outside of Christ then.

Now, notice: But it's to be revealed when the Lamb leaves His intercessory place from the Father. (Now, that's Revelation 5). Now, He takes the Book of Seals, the Book of Seals or a Book sealed with Seals, breaks them and shows them (look) at the end of the age now, after the intercessory is over; the church ages has done finished up. He come in the first age, the Ephesian Age, revealed, sent the messenger. Notice what happened as we go along.

Here's the plan of it: The first thing happens, there is a--a--an announcement in the heavens first. What happened? A Seal is opened. What is that? A mystery is unfolded. See? And when a

mystery unfolds, then a trumpet sounds. It declares a war. Or a plague falls, and a church age opened. See? What is the war part? The angel of the Church catches the mystery of God, not fully yet revealed, but when he does, he catches this mystery of God, and then he goes forth to the people (after the mystery has been given to him), goes forth to the people. What does he do out there? He begins to proclaim that message, and what does it start? A war, a spiritual war.

And then God takes His messenger with the elect of that age, and lays them away asleep, and then He drops a plague upon them who rejected it: a temporary judgment. And then, after that is over, then he goes on, and they denominate, and bring in denominations, and start off with that man's work like of--of Wesley and all the rest of them, and then it gets all in a scrapple again; and then another mystery comes forth. Then what happens? Another messenger arrives on earth for a church age. See?

Then when he arrives, he--the--the trumpet sounds. He declares war. See? And then what happens? Finally then he's caught away. And then when he's laid away, then plague falls destroys them. Spiritual death hits the church and she's gone, that group. Then He goes on to another one.
Oh, it's a great plan until it comes to that last angel. Now, he has no certain mystery, but he gathers up all that's been lost in them other ages, all the truths that wasn't truly revealed yet (See?), as the revelation come. Then he reveals those things in his day. If you want to read it, there it is: A Revelations 10:1 to--1 to about 4. You'll get it. All right. See?

Takes the Book and... of Seals and breaks them and shows the seventh angel, for this alone, the mysteries of God, is the ministry of the seventh angel. Now, we just come through the church ages with even history and prove that. See? It is the--the angel's message of the seventh church.
All right, reveals all the mysteries that's been in the past, all the things in the past: Revelations 10:1-7. That's to be.

Now, remember, in the days of the seventh angel, his sounding forth, blasting forth the Gospel Trumpet, he is to finish all the mysteries of God. Just like here come forth in the early church ages (We'll get it after while.), a doctrine, then it become a saying first, then a doctrine, and then become a statute, then become a church, and through the dark ages, and out of the dark ages come the first Reformation--Luther. And he brought with him all kinds of mysterious things that happened during that church age, all back in there, then... But he never finished it up.
Then along come Wesley with sanctification, got some more of it, but still never finished it, left loose ends everywhere, such as sprinkling instead of baptism, and Luther took "Father, Son, Holy Ghost" instead of the "Lord Jesus Christ," all these different things.

Then along come the Pentecostal age with the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and they cabbaged down on that. Now, there cannot be no more ages. That's all of it; that's the Philadelphia, or the--not--the Laodicea Age. But then the... We found in the studying of the Scripture that the messenger to the age come right at the end of the age every time. Paul come at the end of the age. We find out that Irenaeus come at the end of the age. Martin, end of the age. Luther, the end of the Catholic age; and what?--Wesley, at the end of the Lutheran age; and Pentecost, at the end of the age of sanctification through the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

And at the end of the Pentecostal age we are supposed to receive, according to the Word, as God help me tonight to show you through here, that we are to see--receive a messenger that will take all those loose ends out there and reveal the whole secret of God for the rapturing of the Church.

And then there's coming forth seven mysterious thunders that's not even written at all. That's right. And I believe that through those seven thunders will be revealed in the last days in order to get the

Bride together for rapturing faith; because what we got right now, we--we wouldn't be able to do it. There's something we've got to step farther; we--we can't have enough faith for Divine healing hardly. We've got to have enough faith to be changed in a moment and be swept up out of this earth, and we'll find that after a while, the Lord willing, find where it's written.

Then all the judgments of these evil doers... Now, see, down through the ages as these Seals has been breaking, until now the last Seal is broken. And now, as they--as they have been watching in on these Seals and just presu--presuming what they were doing, now at the end of the ages, of the church ages, all these evil doers will--will take place and head up in the tribulation.
All of these evil doers of the Seven Seals has been working mysterious in the church, and we'll find out in a minute, they even work in the name of a church. They call themselves the church. You just see if that isn't right. No wonder I have been so against denomination, not knowing why. See, see?

They end up... Now, it starts back here in a mild form, just keeps getting worse and worse, on down until... And people go right into it, saying, "Oh, yes, this is just fine." But in the last days these things are made known. And they finally go so bad until they go plumb into the tribulation period.

And how can a man say that the Bride of Christ goes into the tribulation? I can't understand it. See? She's took away from the tribulation. If--if the Church has been judged, and they have judged themselves, and have accepted the Blood, how can God judge a man that's perfectly, totally sinless? You say, "There's no such a person." Every borned again believer, true believer, is perfectly, absolutely sinless before God. He's not trusting in his works. In the Blood of Jesus that his confession's dropped into...

The Bible says so. See? "He that--that is borned of God does not commit sin, for he cannot sin." How can you make a man a sinner when the bleach of the Blood of Jesus Christ is between him and God, that would scatter sin till there'd be nothing left of it. See? How can that pure Blood of Christ ever let a sin pass there? He cannot.

Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect." And how could we even start the thought of being perfect, but Jesus required it. And if Jesus required it, He's got to make a way for it; and He has: His own Blood.

Now, all--reveals all the mysteries that's gone on in the past. Now, the thought is here at the end time that the mysteries that begin way back long ago and has come down through the church ages is to be revealed here at the breaking of the Seals here at the last days, after the time of intercession is just about finished at that time.
Then the judgments wait for those who are in the back. They go on out into that. That is after the Bride has been taken from the scene.

Oh, let's just read a Scripture. You all like to put down some of the Scriptures? Let's take II Thessalonians just a moment and--and look here just a minute. It--it's such a beautiful picture here. I like it. And let's see. Yes, II Thessalonians, and I want the 2nd chapter of II Thessalonians and the--the 7th verse. Let's see. II Thessalonians 2:7. I think that's right. Now, I was writing this down, quivering and shaking.

... the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who... letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

Who? He that letteth. See? See, a mystery... The mystery of iniquity way back in that very first church age here, here's Paul writing, saying that the mystery of iniquity... What is iniquity? Iniquity is something that you know you ought not to do, and you do it anyhow. And Paul said there's such in the earth today, workers of iniquity.

Oh, if you... We're going to get to the... Let's just read that piece--start up a little farther--the 3rd verse.

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that... (m-a-n)... man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; (That's right.)
Who opposeth and exalts himself above all that's called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God setteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. (remitting sin)

Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?... (I'd like to set under some of his teaching. Wouldn't you?)... And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

Not then (See?), not then, but in his time... See, at the breaking of that Seal we know exactly what it was. Who is this man of iniquity? Who is this man of sin, this fellow that's a working iniquity, would he be revealed in his time?

For the mystery of iniquity doth already work:... (deceivers, you see, deceiving the people off into something. See?)... only he... (God)... that... letteth will let, until he... (the Church--Christ, the Bride)... be taken out of the way.

And then shall the Wicked one be revealed... (at the breaking of the Seal, at his time. Paul said, "Not in my time, but in the time when he'll be revealed. See?)... whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth... (We're going to get to that after while.)... the spirit of his mouth... (Watch what that is.)... and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan... (him, him, a man)... whose working is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders. (See?)
And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness... (deceiving people by unrighteousness)... in them that perish;... (not this Bride, in them that's looking for such a thing)... because they received not the love of the truth... (And Christ is the Truth, and Christ is the Word, but they'd rather have a creed.),... that they might be saved.

And for this cause God has sent them strong delusion, that they should believe a--a lie:... (It should be translated there, as I looked in the Lexicon, "the lie," not "a lie"; "the lie," same one he told Eve.)

That they... might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

What a statement. My. After the Bride is taken away, then this man of sin will reveal himself. She, the true Bride of Christ has been elected out of every church age.

Now, the other day I made a statement: The Bride could go home and you'd never know nothing about it. That's true. Somebody said, "Well, Brother Branham, that would be a mighty small group."

Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Noah (Now, you talk to Him about it. See?) wherein eight souls were saved by water, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man."

If there was eight hundred went in the rapture tonight, you'd never hear a word about it tomorrow, or the next day, or no other time. They'd be gone and you'd know nothing about it. See? It'd just be the same thing.

What am I trying to say? I'm not trying to scare you, worry you. I'm--I want you to be on your toes. Be ready, watching, every minute. Quit your nonsense. Just get down to business with God, 'cause it's later than you think.

Now, you remember, the true Bride... Now, there is a false bride. We get that in Revelations 17. She said, "I am a widow and have no need of nothing," (You see?), setting upon the scarlet clothed beast, and so forth (the beast, rather).

Now, but the true Bride will be made up of thousands times thousands of people, but it will be the elect out of every church age. Every time a message went forth and the people believed it and accepted it in all the Light it was, when they were sealed away until that day of redemption...
Don't Jesus speak the same thing when He said the--the sound come in the--the seventh watch? That's the last church age. See? And said, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go out to meet Him."
And then the sleeping virgin come, rubbed her eyes, and said, "Suppose I ought to have some of that oil too; so maybe we'd better have some."

And the real true Bride standing there said, "We have just got enough for ourself. We just got enough to get in ourself. We can't give you nothing. If you want some, you go pray up."

And while she was gone, the Bridegroom come (See?), and in went the Bride. And then them remnant there, the ones that were absolutely virtuous, the church was left outside. And He said, "There will be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth." See? Now, that's the elect.
And when the sound come, "The Bridegroom cometh," then everyone of those that slept down through those ages awakened, every one.

See, it isn't God, as we'd think, just going to hunt Him out a few thousand people of this age and take them. It's the very elected out of every age. And that's the reason Christ has to stay on the mediatorial seat back there as an Intercessor until that last one comes in at the last age. And these revelations then of what it has been breaks forth upon the people, and they see what's happened. See? You get it now?

All right. Notice, the rest of the dead, church members, lived not again until one thousand years was passed. The church members, the--the Christians, the church lived not again until the end of the thousand years, and then they come forth to stand before the Bride (That's right.), stand before the King and the Queen. Glory.

Some church today calls herself "The Queen of heaven." The Queen of heaven is the selected Bride of Christ, and she comes with Him.

Daniel saw it and said: "Ten thousands times ten thousands ministered to Him." Now, if you'll watch the Scripture there in Daniel. Judgment was set, and the books were opened.

Now, remember, when He come, He come with His Bride. The wife ministers to her husband. And ten thousands times ten thousands of thousands ministered to Him. Judgment was set, and the

books were opened, and another book was opened which is the Book of Life. Not the Bride at all, she's done gone up and come back and standing there in judgment of those generations that refused the Gospel message.

Didn't Jesus say the queen of the south shall rise with this generation in her days of the judgment and will condemn this generation, for she came from the utmost parts of the world to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and a greater than Solomon is here.

There stood the--the judgment, the queen of--of Sheba of the south stood there in the judgment, and her own testimony... Not even a Jew came up with that generation that was Jews, and they were blind and missed Him, because they were looking for Him; but He come so simple that they went plumb over the top of it, like that. And there that great queen humbled herself, and come and accepted the message. "And she'll stand in the judgment," He said, "and condemn that generation."

Now, you see the three classes always? The book, the dead were judged out; another book, the Book of Life: them who had their names in the Book of Life...

You say, "If your name's in the Book of Life, it's all right, huh?" No, sir. Look, Judas Iscariot had his name in the Book of Life. Now, say that's wrong. Jesus in Matthew 10 gave them power to cast out devils and sent them forth to heal the sick, and to cleanse the lepers, and raise the dead. And they went out and returned back, Judas right with them; and they cast out devils and done all kinds of miracles, and returned back, and said, "Even the devils is subject unto us."

Jesus said, "Don't rejoice that the devils is subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven," and Judas was with them. But what happened? When it come down to the elected group to go up there at Pentecost and really receive the Holy Spirit, Judas showed his colors. He'll be there in the judgment. So the books was opened and the Book of Life was opened, and every man was judged thus. Now, the Bride's standing there with Christ to judge the world.

Don't the... Paul say, "Dare you (talking to the Bride) having a--any matter or grievance against each other that you'd go to the unjust law. Don't you know the saints shall judge the earth?" There you are. The saints is going to judge the earth and take it over. That's right. You say, "How in the world is a little group like that..." I don't know how it's going to be done, but He said it's going to be done; so that just settles it as far as I know. Now, look.

Now, notice the rest of the dead (the church members, dead church members) lived not again until the thousand years, and then at the thousand years, they were gathered... Another resurrection come, which is second resurrection, and they were gathered, and Christ and the church, the Bride (not the church, the Bride) Christ and the Queen (not the church)... Chur... Christ and the Bride stood there.

And they were separated like the sheep from the goats. That's right. There's the church members come up. And if they heard the Truth and rejected the Truth, then what's going to be said when the big thing's spread across the canvas when even your own thoughts will be there, what you thought about it. How you going to escape, and it right there on the canvas of the skies; and God's great television and there's your own thoughts rebelling right... Your own thoughts will speak against you in that hour.
So if you speak one thing and think another, you better stop that. Get your thoughts on God. Keep them pure, and stay right there with it, and speak the same thing all the time. See? Don't say, "Well, I'll say I'll believe it; but I'll go find out." You believe it. Amen.

Notice, these type, the reason they die out, they go through the purging of trial of the tribulation; because they're not actually under the Blood. They claim they are, but they're not. How can they go through a trial to purify them when the--when the bleach Blood of Jesus Christ takes every symptom of sin and stuff away from you. And you're already dead, and your life is hid in Him through God and sealed in there by the Holy Ghost; what are you going to be judged for? Where you going to get your purification? What do you have to be purified from when you're perfectly in Christ, sinless? How... What's the judgment for? But it's this sleeping bunch that them people can't make out.

Now, they haven't done it for years (See?), but this is the hour of revelation (See, see?) being revealed, just at the coming of the Bride... The last winding up, the last things are coming... It's coming to an end, friend, I believe. When? I don't know. I--I can't tell you, but anything... I want to live tonight like if it was tonight, I'd be ready. See? He might come tonight yet, and He might not come for twenty years. I don't know when He'll come, but whenever it is, I... My life might be over tonight, and then whatever I've done here is finished at that hour; I--I've got to meet Him in the judgment the way I went down here. The way the tree leans; that's the way it falls.

Remember, when they went to buy oil, they... "Oh," you say, "now, wait a minute, Brother Branham. I don't know about that." When they went to buy oil, when they come back, the Bride was done gone, and the door was shut; and they knocked and said, "Let us in; let us in," but they were out in outer darkness.

Now, if you want a type of that, now look: "In the time of Noah..." Jesus said--referred to it. Now, in Noah's time, they went into the ark, but they were carried over the--during the time of the judgment. But that--that didn't type Christ's Bride; Enoch typed the Bride.

Enoch... Noah went over through... The Bride... Went over through the tribulation period, and suffered, and become a drunk, and died. But Enoch walked before God for five hundred years and had a testimony he pleased God with raptured faith, and just started walking right out, and went up through the skies, and went home without even tasting death, never died at all.

That's a type of we which are alive and remain shall not prevent, or hinder, those same type of people that are asleep, that fell asleep on account of the human age and the--and the state of human age. They died back there, but they're not dead. They are sleeping. Amen. They are asleep, not dead. And the only thing it needs is the Bridegroom to wake them. And we which are alive and remain shall not hinder those that's already fell asleep, for the trumpet of God shall sound and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them and will meet the Lord in the air. And the rest of the dead lived not for a thousand years. There you are. They went through the tribulation period. What was it? Like Enoch.

You know, Noah watched Enoch, for when Enoch come up missing, he knowed judgment was at hand. He got to hanging around the ark, but Noah didn't go up. He just lifted a little piece off and rode over the tribulations. He was carried through the tribulation period to die the death. See? But Noah was carried through; Enoch was translated without death: a type of the Church being caught up with those who are asleep to meet the Lord in the air, and the rest of the church is carried over into the tribulation period. Can't make nothing else out of it myself. Enoch raptured, no death...

Now, let's start studying a little now, get down to our lesson. I'll just keep on that we never will get into these--this Seal. Now, notice. Let's take now, because we're going to have a long (maybe

tomorrow night or the next night) hit a trumpet now and then, because the trumpet sounds at the same time the Seals. It's just the same thing, the church age opens, it's just the same thing.

Now, a trumpet always denotes war or otherwise political disturbance: the trumpet does, a political disturbance, and that causes war. When you go to get messing in politics, you get them all messed up, like we got it now, look out, war is at hand.

But, see, the kingdom still belongs to Satan. He's still got this part in his hand because why? It is redeemed by Christ, but He's doing the part of the Kinsman Redeemer taking His subjects, until the last one name is put on that Book, has already received it and been sealed away. Now, do you got it? Then He comes from His throne, His Father's throne, walks forward, takes the Book out of God's hand from the throne and claims His rights. The first thing He does is call for His Bride. Amen. Then what does He take? He takes His opponent, Satan, and binds him, and casts him into the fire out there with all that followed him.

Now, remember, it wasn't Russia. No, the antichrist is a smooth fellow. Just watch how smooth he is. He's smart. Yes, sir. Just takes the Holy Spirit, only thing can outdo him.

Notice, trumpets means political disturbance: wars. Matthew 24, Jesus spoke of it. He said, "You'll hear of wars and rumors of war..." See, all the way down through. You remember the--Jesus speaking that. Wars, rumors, and wars, and rumors and wars, and plumb on down to the end. Now, that's a trumpet sounding.

Now, when we get on the trumpets, we'll go back there and pick up each one of them wars and show you that they followed them churches, show you they follow these Seals. Wars and rumors of wars... But trumpet denotes political disturbance, whereas seals deals with a religious disturbance. See?

A Seal is opened; a message is dropped. And then the church is always so set up in its own political ways, and whatevermore, and all of its dignitary; and when that real message drops down, that messenger goes forth, and he shakes them to pieces. That's right. It's religious disturbance when a Seal's opened. That's what's happened. See? Yes.

They get all at ease in Zion. The church gets all settled down and... "We've got it all made." Just like the church of England, they was all settled down; the Catholic church, all settled down, and along come Luther. There was a religious disturbance. Yes, sir, sure was. Well, the church went on off by Zwingli, and from Zwingli come on down to different ones, and to Calvin; and after while the Anglican church settled down, and it was just at ease; and along come Wesley. There was a religious disturbance. That's right. See, it always denotes a religious disturbance.

Now, the Seal. Let's just read it a little bit now. I--I want to--to get this... Just we'll read it. I get to talking. I...

And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals... (What happened?)... and I heard, as it was the noise of a thunder...

Oh, how I'd like to dwell on that just a few minutes. I hope now that all the people that know these things and are waiting for the consolation of the Lord will now study real close, and on the tapes also that you'll think of this. The first thing happened... When that Lamb broke that First Seal, a thunder roared.

Now, that's got a significance; it's got--it's--it's a--it's--it's got a meaning. It's a meaning. Nothing happens without a meaning. All right, a thunder, a thunder roared. Wonder what that thunder was?

Now, let's read a little bit. Let's turn to Matthew... No, let's take St. John first, St. John, 12th chapter and just hold it a minute: St. John, the 12th chapter, and now let's begin with the 23rd verse of St. John 12. Now, listen here now real close; then you won't have to wonder no more what it is.

And Jesus answering them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.
See, you're at the end of an age there. His ministry is ending. See? "

... The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.
What about the hour has come that when His Bride must be taken away? What, that the hour has come that time shall be no more? The Angel is ready to set one foot on land and the other on the sea with a rainbow over Him, with feet, and say, "Time's run out." And besides that, He raised up His hand and swore that time would be no more when this happened. How--how perfect it is, a sworn affidavit to the Church.

... The hour has come that the Son of man should be glorified.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there... also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honor.

Now, is my soul troubled;...

You say, "Well, Him coming to the end of the road and you got trouble? What does it make you think when some great spiritual something happens that troubles you? Oh, my.
Now, is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this--unto this hour.

Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

The people said... that stood by, that heard it, they said... it thundered:...

Then when the Lamb took the Book and broke that First Seal, God spoke from His eternal throne to say what that Seal was to be revealed. But when it's placed before John, it was in a symbol. When John saw it, it was still a mystery. Why? It wasn't even revealed right then. It cannot be revealed until what He said here at the end time. But it come in a symbol.

When the thunder... Remember, a loud clapping noise of a thunder is the voice of God. That's what the Bible said (See?), a clap of thunder. They thought it was a thunder, but it was God. He understood it, for it was revealed to Him. See? It was a thunder.

And notice, the First Seal opened--the First Seal when it was open in the symbol form it thundered. Now, what about when it's opened in its reality form?

It thundered as soon as the Lamb struck back the Seal. And what did it reveal? Not all of Itself. First it's with God; next It's in a symbol; then It's revealed: three things. See? It's coming forth from the throne. First It can't be seen, heard, or nothing. It's sealed up. The Lamb's Blood paid the price. It thundered when He spoke it out. And when He did, a white horse rider started out. And it still was a symbol.

Now, watch, He said it would be known in the last day, but it comes forth in a church symbol. Do you understand it, church? It comes forth in a--a symbol of a church that they know there is a Seal, but just what it is yet, they don't know, because it's a white horse rider.

And it only is to be revealed at the last day when this actual Seal is broken. Broken to who? Not to Christ, but to the Church. Notice, now. Oh, my, that just makes me tremble. I--I--I hope that the Church truly understands it (See what I mean?), you people. I'm going to call you Bride. (See?) That you'll understand it.

The voice is a thunder. The voice came from where? From the throne where the Lamb had just left as Intercessor. Now, He's standing here to take His position and His claims. But the thunder came from the inside of the throne, thundered out. And the Lamb was standing out here. The thunder, where the Lamb had left, left the Father's throne to go to take His own throne... Glory. Now, now, don't miss it, friends.

We all know as Christians that God swore to David that He would raise up Christ to set on His throne and give Him an everlasting Kingdom here on the earth. He did it. And Jesus said, "He that overcomes the antichrist and all the things of the world shall set with Me on My throne as I have overcome and have set down on My Father's throne." See?

Now, someday He rises from the Father's throne, and goes to take His own throne. Now He comes forth to call His subjects. How's He going to claim them? He's already got the Book of Redemption in His hand. Glory. Oh, I feel like singing a hymn.

Soon the Lamb will take His Bride
To be ever at His side,
All the hosts of heaven will assembled be; (To watch that.)
Oh, It will be a glorious sight,
All the saints in spotless white;
And with Jesus we shall feast eternally.

Oh, my. Talk about setting now in heavenly places, what will it be? If we can feel this way setting down here on earth before the rapture comes, in this condition that we're in now, and we can enjoy standing up around walls, and stand in the rain just to hear this, what will it be when we see Him setting there? Oh, my. Oh, it'll be a glorious time.

Left the Father's throne, came forth to, His son, to be the... He is the Son of David. That's what the--Israel thought He would do then. Remember the Syrophenician woman said, "Thou Son of David"? Remember blind Bartimaeus, "Thou Son of David"? See? And Jesus knowing what the plan was, yet they didn't know it; they tried to force Him to make Him take the throne, and even Pilate asked Him. But He said, "If My Kingdom was of this world, then My subjects would fight. My

Kingdom is above." But He said, "When you pray, pray, 'Thy Kingdom come, Thine will be done in earth, here like it is in heaven.'" Amen. How glorious this great thing.

Left the Father's throne to take His own throne... He now has come forth from His intercessory work to claim His own throne, His redeemed subjects. That's what He come forth from the throne to do. It is then that the Lion-like creature said to John, "Come, see." Watch. Now, you reading it? ... one of the seals, and it..., as if it was the noise of a thunder, and one of the four beasts...
You know what the beasts were. We took them; one like a lion, one like a calf, and one like a man, and one like an eagle. Now, this first beast said... Watch; each time there's a different beast till them four horse riders pass. There's four beasts, and there's four horse riders.
Notice, each one of them beasts announce: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. We're going to get back in and prove which one Matthew; Mark; which one Mark--Mark; which one was John, each one as they went.

No...?... One of the beasts saying, "Come, see." He heard the noise of a thunder, and one of the beasts said, "Now, come, see." In other words, here stands the Lamb, and John standing out there watching it happen. And the Lamb come up from the throne like He'd been slain, blood all over Him. He was the One that was found worthy, and when He reached over and took the Book, then everything begin to shouting, and screaming, and carrying on (You see?), 'cause they know redemption was paid for.

Now, He's come to claim His Own. So He takes the Book, stands out there before John, and He pulls it back, and breaks the Seal, pulls the Seal down; and when He pulls the Seal down, a thunder clapped through the place. And when a thunder clapped, no doubt John might've jumped up in the air, when a thunder roared; and then one of the four beasts said, "Now, come and see what it is, what's revealed beneath here. (Oh, my.) John, write what you see."

So John goes to look, see what it was. John goes to see what the thunder said. It's then that this creature told John come and see what the mystery is under the First Seal. The thunder, the voice of the Creator has uttered it. Now, He ought to know what's there. Amen. Oh, my.

But think, now he wrote this, but when he started to write those other seven thunders, he said, "Don't write it." He'd been commissioned to write everything he seen. But when these seven thunders over in Revelations 10 uttered, he said, "Don't write them at all." They're mysteries. We don't know what they are yet; but my opinion they'll be revealed right away. And when it do, it'll give faith for that rapturing grace for that Church to move out. We just move through everything that we know of; through all the dispensations we've watched everything. We've seen the mysteries of God. We've seen the appearing of the--of the great gathering together of the Bride in the last days, but yet there's something in there that we just can't lighten ourself with. There's something another. But I imagine when them mysteries begins to come forth... God said, "Hold it back now. Wait a minute. I'll reveal it in that day. Don't write it at all, John, 'cause they'll stagger over it. Just let--let it go. (See?) But I'll reveal it in that day when it has need to done."
They never uttered for nothing. You remember, like the little drop of ink, everything is for a purpose. Everything's for a cause. But notice, the Creator uttered, and he had a--he heard this voice, and he went to see.

But now the Lamb is showing John in the symbol of s--of a--of a church Scripture like, for the church (you know) what to write. He just show him, said, "Now, don't--don't tell this, just what it is. Don't go down, John, and say, 'Now, this is just what this is.' Now, what's under this Seventh Seal, don't--don't go down and tell that, for if I tell John that, then all down through the age the whole plan will be broke: it's a secret." See? He just wants to...

His coming... He said, "I--I... Nobody's going to know when I'm coming; I'm just coming." See, see? That's all. It ain't for my business to know when, I'll just be ready. You see? So...

Then he said, "Now, John, went forth..." He thought, "I'm going to see it now," and what did he do? When John went forth; he, now what's he got to do? Now, he's got to write this to the church age. That's what he's supposed to do: write it to the church ages. "Write what you see of these seven golden candlesticks at the beginning, write to this Church and tell them."

All right, and a thunder went off. John knew it was the Voice of God. And then the--the lion-like creature said, "Come, see what it was," and John went forth now with his pen to write what he was going to see.
Now, he never seen exactly what it was. He never understood it, but what he saw was what God was sending to the Church for a time. Now, He's got... He will; He always does; He makes it plain when it's time to make it plain. But He didn't make it plain then. Why? Because He was going to keep it a secret until the last days, and the sounding of the last angel's message was to gather up these mysteries (See?); didn't make it clearer.

But what John saw he just seen a white horse go out with a rider on it; so that's what he wrote down. See? When he did... That's what he said, "Come, see." So John went to see what he could see to write to the Church, and when he did, he saw a white horse, and him that set on it had a bow, and he went forth conquering and to conquer. And there was given to him a crown. And now, that's all John saw, so he just write--wrote all that down.

Now, see, that's in symbol. That's the way the Church has received it, but with the promise that at the last day He'd reveal it, show what it is. God help us to understand.

Church ages... But is not made fully known till the seventh message of this last church age.
Notice, he starts--this messenger of the seventh church age, if you'll notice it, he doesn't start a denomination like the rest of them did. Remember if he doesn't start... No. All right. If you find out, he's against it. Was Elijah--was Elijah against it? Sure he was. Was John against it with Elijah's spirit? What kind of a spirit did Elijah have on when he was... Nobody knows much about him. He was just a man, but he was a prophet. He was hated. My. And what time did he rise? Right in the time of the popularity of Israel when they'd all went worldly, and he got her out there and he was a woman hater...?... Sure was. And he loved the wilderness. That was his nature.

Then them people ought to knowed when that fellow come out there with that same Spirit on him, come out there, this John, not dressed all up like the celebrity, as I said last night. They kiss the babies, and marry, and bury, and so forth, but this man come out as a wilderness man. What was he? He loved the wilderness. Another thing he done, he hated denomination. He said, "Now, don't you begin to say, 'We belong to this or that,' for I'll tell you God's able of these stones to rise children to Abraham." He was no compromiser. They couldn't...

Said, "Did you go to see a reed shaken with wind?" Not John. No, sir.

What did he do also? Just like Elijah that told Jezebel, he told Herodias. Walked right up to Herod's face and said, "It's not lawful for you to have her." He chopped his head off for it. See? She tried to get Elijah. That same spirit was in Jezebel was in that woman. And the same thing is in the Jezebel church today (See?), same thing. Now, notice it. What a great lesson we find here. And now, looks like those people would've knowed. John begin to bawl them people out; and

standing there, looked like they'd have knowed that was that spirit of Elijah. They should've understood that. That's what it was.

Now, and we find out and have through the church ages, according to the Scripture, that we're promised a return of that spirit just before the end time. Is that true? Now, and notice, you'll notice the nature of it. Now, he will not start another church age like Luther, and Wesley, and all the rest of them did. He won't start another church, because there is no more church ages to come. See? There won't be any more, so he must be against it, because his spirit will be just exactly like they were back there: the same spirit. As I said last night, "It pleased God to use it three different times." That's His number, three, not two, three. He's already used it twice; now He's going to use it again. He said so. He promised it.

Now, notice, he... Notice now when He did. He's not going to start a denomination because the Laodicea Church Age is the last age, and the messenger of the seventh angel, which is the seventh messenger to the seventh church age, is the fellow that is going to reveal, by the Holy Spirit, all these mysterious things that is going to... How many was here last night? Let's see your hand. I guess I won't have to read it over then. You know just where it's at, the--the 10th chapter of--of... All right. All right.

The reformers came to reform the last fallen church age preceding them. And then after the reformers come and reform the--the church age from where it was and is went back into the world, then they start a new church age: always done it, always. Now, we went through that. See?
In other words, here'd been a Catholic church age, of the Roman Catholic church. Along come Luther, a reformer. He's called a reformer. And what does he do? He starts right out there a-hammering away, and when he does, he protests the church, and the first thing you know, what does he do? He builds the same thing that he come to drive out of: another church. Then they have another church age.

Then the first thing you know, here comes... The church age is in such a mess, along comes John Wesley, another reformer (See?), builds another church age. Get what I mean? Another church age is built up. They're all reformers.

Notice. This last message of the last church age is not a reformer; he is a prophet, not a reformer. Show me where one prophet ever started a church age. He's not a reformer; he is a prophet. Others was reformers but not prophets. If they would've been, the Word of the Lord comes to the prophet; that's the reason they continued on in the baptism in Father, Son, Holy Ghost, and all these other things, because they were reformers and not prophets. But yet they were great men of God and saw the need of the day that they lived in, and God anointed them, and they sent out there and tore those things to pieces. But the full Word of God never come to them, because they was not prophets. They were reformers.

But in the last days it'll have to be a prophet to take up the mysteries of God, bring it back, because the mysteries was only re--known by prophets. So it has to be this fellow come. See what I mean now? He can't be a reformer; it's got to be a prophet, because it's got to be somebody that's gifted and set there that catches the Word.

Now, them reformers knowed there was something wrong. Luther knowed that--that--that the bread wasn't the body of Christ, and so he preached, "The just shall live by faith," and that was his message.

And when John Wesley come along, he saw that there was sanctification, so he preached sanctification. That was his message. See?

The Pentecostals brought in the message of the Holy Ghost and so forth. But in the last days in this last age the messenger is not to start any reformation, but is to take all the mysteries that those reformers left off, and gather them together, and solve them to the people.

Let me just read it again. It sounds so good to me; I--I like to read it.
... I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud:... a rainbow... upon his head, and his face was... the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

Now, we saw the same thing, which was Christ. And we know Christ is always the Messenger to the Church. All right. He's called a Pillar of Fire, the Angel of the covenant and so forth.
And he had in his hand a little book opened:... (Now, the Seals had done been broke here. We're breaking them now; but this, the thing's opened.)... and he set his right foot on the sea, and his left... on the earth,

And he cried... a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he... cried, seven thunders uttered their voices... (My, the complete)
... when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I... (John)... was about to write:... (Write what? What they said.)... and I heard a voice from heaven... (God)... saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not. (Don't write them. See?)
And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea... lifted up his hands to heaven, And sware by him that lives for ever and ever, who created the heavens, and the things... in there they are, and the earth, and the things that are there--in there..., and the sea and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:

Watch. Don't forget this now, as we go.

But in the days... (days)... of the voice of the seventh angel,... (That last angel, earthly angel.)
This Angel come down from heaven. Wasn't Him. He come from heaven, but He's speaking here the voice of the seventh angel. Which is a "angel" means "a messenger." Anybody knows that. And the messenger to the church age...

... in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery... (Seven Seals, all--all the mysteries)... of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

The entire mystery is unfolded. That's the ministry of that angel. See? Be so simple people just drop off the top of it. But yet it'll be perfectly a-vindicated everywhere, just be perfectly normal. See? Everybody that--that wants to see it can see it. See? That's right. But those... Jesus said, as He said when He come, said, "You got eyes and can't see, Isaiah said you did. (See?) And you got ears and you can't hear." Now... So we find out that...

That scared me. I looked back there at that clock, and I thought it was ten o'clock. But it's a... I--I got... It ain't even nine yet. You see? All right. Oh, my. Let's get it now.

Notice. I love this. Others reformers, but by being great men of God, seeing the need of the day, and brought forth reformation... But Revelations 10 said his message was to reveal not reform, reveal the secrets, reveal secrets. It's the Word in the man. Hebrews 4 said that the Word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword, a piercing even to the sunder of bone, and a Revealer of the

secrets of the heart. See? This man is not a reformer; he's a revealer, revealer of what? The mysteries of God. Where the church has got it all tied up and everything, he's to come forth with the Word of God and reveal the thing out, because he is to restore the faith of the children back to the fathers. The original Bible faith is to be restored by the seventh angel.

Now, oh, how I love this. All the mysteries of the Seals that the reformers never understood fully... See?

Now, look at Malachi 4 just a minute. Well, well, you just mark it down. He is a prophet and restores the original faith of the fathers. Now, we're looking for that person to appear on the scene. He'll be so humble, the ten millions times ten millions will... Well, there'll be a little group that'll understand it.

When... You remember the other day when John was supposed to come, prophesied a messenger before Christ come, a voice of one crying in the wilderness; Malachi saw him. Look, the 3rd chapter of Malachi is the coming of the Elijah that was to come and forerun the coming of Christ. You say, "Oh, no, no, Brother Branham. It's the 4th chapter." I beg your pardon. Jesus said it was the 3rd chapter.

Now, take Saint--you take St. Matthew the--the 11th chapter and the 6th verse. He'll--he'll say this (11th chapter, I believe it's the 6th verse; 4th, 5th, or 6th, right along there). He said, "If you can receive it (when He's talking about John) this is he who was spoken of, 'I'll send My messenger before My face.'" Now, read Malachi 3.

Some of them try to apply it to Malachi 4. No, sir. That's not it. Notice, Malachi 4, as soon as that messenger goes forth, the world is completely burned, and the righteous walk out in the millennium on the ashes of them. So you see, if you put that being him back there, then--then the Bible told something that wasn't so. We've had two thousand years, and the world ain't burned up yet, and the righteous living in it. So it's got to be in the future.

Oh, my. If you get over here in Revelations and see what that messenger at the end of this age is supposed to do, then you'll see what it is. He must be a prophet. He's got to catch these ends that these reformers didn't see and place it in there.

How can Matthew 28:19 compare with Acts 2:38 without the spiritual revelation of God? How can these people say the days of miracles are past and so forth like that, and--without revelation of God? Why, only way they'll ever know it, know whether it's right or wrong. See? But they've come through seminaries... I hope we have time to get into them. I want to hurry, 'cause I don't want to keep you over a week (you know what I mean) in--in this--open these Seals. I've got one day, and I'd like to have prayer for the sick on that day if I could.

Now, look, Malachi 4. He's a prophet and restores the original faith of the fathers. At the end time, when the tribulation period comes... Now, here's a little thing; we're going to reverse back a minute, where the three and a half years or Daniel's seventy weeks (the last half of Daniel's seventy weeks which is three and one-half years.)... Now, we... How many remembers that from the church ages? Sure, you see? There's seventy weeks determined: look how perfect it was; said, "Messiah will come, and He'll be cut off for a Sacrifice in the midst of the week, and the obligation will cease."

Then there is still three and a half years waited for the Messiahic doctrine to the Jew, and God does not deal with the Jew and the Gentile at the same time. He deals with Israel as a nation,

Gentile as an individual. He never taken the Gentiles for His Bride, He taken a people out of the Gentile. See? Now, He deals with Israel as a nation. And now, there she sets right there now as a nation.

I got a letter from Paul today, Paul Boyd, and he was telling me, said, "Brother Branham, how true it is; these Jews still have a funny feeling towards the Gentiles, no matter what's happened." Sure they will, and they ought to.

When Martin Luther made the proclamation that all Jews ought to be run off and their buildings burned down because they were antichrist... See? Martin Luther made that statement hisself in his writing.

Now, Hitler just fulfilled what Martin Luther said. Why did Martin Luther say that? Because he was a reformer, not a prophet. God that... My prophet blessed Israel. He said, "Whosoever blesses you will be blessed, and who curses you will be cursed." How can one prophet stand and deny what the other prophet said? He can't do it. It's got to be in harmony. See? But...

That is the reason they class... See, Germany is supposed to be a Christian nation, and they--the way they treated Israel, they still got a stick on their shoulder; and you can't blame them. But just remember, if there's a Jews setting here, don't you worry; the day's coming. God can never forget them. They were blinded for our sake.

You know He said to this prophet, He... The prophet cried out and said, "Will You forget Israel?"
He said, "Take that measuring stick, and how high is the sky? How deep is the sea?"
Now, he said, "I couldn't measure it."

He said, "Never can I forget Israel." That's His people, His servants. And the Gentile is only a few taken out of there for His Bride. It's exactly right. That's the Bride.

Now, just seventy weeks was determined, perfectly, as Daniel said that Messiah would come and would be cut off in the midst of the week. And Jesus prophesied three and a half years. Now, in the middle of this three and a half years of Daniel, in the middle of it He was cut off. And now the last part is the tribulation period where the Gentile church is... Oh, this is great. Now, don't...?... The Bride goes in with the Groom, then after the millennium, walks out upon the ashes of the wicked.

Let me show you something here, just, while we've just got it in mind, let's just show you what it says, what the Bible says. And we can't deny this being the Word of God. If we do, then we're infidels. See, we got to believe. You say, "I don't understand it." Neither do I, but I'm looking for Him to reveal it. Look.

For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud... (like the Americans and so forth)... yea,... all that do wickedly, shall be stubble:... (It's going to burn.)... and the day that cometh that shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts,... it shall leave them neither root or branch.

How you got a eternal hell in there then? See, it's the last days when these things are being revealed. There's no place in the Bible says hell's eternal. To--to have... To be in a eternal hell, you'd have to have Eternal Life to stay there. There's only one form of Eternal Life, and that's what we're struggling for. Everything had a beginning has an end. Hell was created for the Devil and his angels, and will be consumed and done away with. Right. See?

But when this takes place, it neither leaves them root or branch.

But unto them that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness rise with healing in his wings;... ye shall go forth, as a--grow up as calves of the stall.

And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in that day that I will do this, saith the LORD of hosts.

Where's the wicked going to be after the tribulation? Ashes.

Remember... the laws of Moses..., which I commanded... him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

Behold, I will send to you Elijah the prophet before the coming of that great and dreadful day of the Lord:

Amen. Here's the Old Testament closing out like that, and here's the New Testament closing out with the very same thing. How you going to keep it away? Then, look, "I will send to you Elijah the prophet before that day comes:"

And he shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to the fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

There you are. That's the Word of the Lord. He's promised it. It must come.

And now, if you'll notice how this happens, it's beautiful how God does it. The Bride goes forth and the--with the Groom; and--and then after that the wicked is burned with unquenchable fire. And after the world has been purified, reproduces itself... Everything has to do that, has to go through a state of purification. Volcanic will break forth in that great last time, and the world will burst, and belch, and go forth; and all these cesspools of sin and all that's upon the earth will be molded into nothing. It'll burn with such a fervent heat that it'll be like that bleach that sends the--the color of--of the ink back into its original creation; so will the fire from God be so hot that it'll turn every filthy thing back to its condition again, when Satan and all sin is burned up and everything. And then she'll come forth as beautiful as she was in the garden of Eden. That's right. Oh, that great hour laying just ahead of us.

During the tribulation period... Here's what I want you to notice now, a little thing I dropped in here. During this tribulation period, after the Bride has been called out, and the church goes through the tribulation period, the hundred and forty-four thousand is called by the two witnesses of Revelations 11. Now, look, they'll prophesy one thousand two hundred and threescore days clothed in sackcloth.

Now, we know this Roman calendar has... We got twenty-eight days and sometimes of thirty and thirty-one, but actual the calendar reads this: thirty days to every month. That's right. And take a hundred--a thousand, two-hundred and threescore days and put thirty to it, and see what you got: three and one-half years exactly on the dot. That's the time--that's allotted time for the Messiahic message to be preached to Israel like it was back there.

When He returns back and makes Hisself known in a symbol, that when He comes...

When Joseph was taken down into the country and was rejected by his brethren because he was a spiritual man... He could see visions and interpret dreams, and when he did, he was taken down into the country and was sold for almost thirty pieces of silver.

He portrayed Christ exactly, because it was Christ's Spirit in him. Notice what happened then. And notice that when he did this, he was put in the prison, and one man was saved and the other lost: exactly Jesus when He was in prison on the cross. One thief was saved and the other one was lost. Exactly. Throwed into the grave, supposed to be dead, and was took up and ascended to the right hand of Pharaoh, that nobody could see Pharaoh without seeing Joseph first. Jesus sets at the right hand of God, and no man can come to the Father except by the Son. That's right.

And notice, every time Joseph left, when Joseph rose up from that right hand of that throne... Watch? Glory. There set Joseph by the right hand of Pharaoh. And when Joseph raised up to leave that throne, the trumpet sounded. "Bow the knee, everybody. Joseph is coming."
When that Lamb leaves the throne yonder on His days of mediatorial work, when He leaves the throne up there and takes that Book of Redemption and walks forth, every knee will bow, every tongue...?... There He is.

Notice, and when Joseph, rejected by his brethren, he was given a Gentile wife. Potiphar give him... Or Pharaoh give him a Gentile wife, and he bore Gentile children: half Gentile and Jew. They give a great symbol that when Jacob was blessing them, Ephraim on one side, Manasseh on the other, he crossed his hands and give the younger child the blessing; and the two kids was added unto the twelve tribes, which was only ten at that time, and he blessed them in Jacob himself; and Joseph, his prophet son, standing there said, "Father, you've done wrong." Said, "You put your right hand blessing on the young child, where it ought to went on the old one."
He said, "I know my hands was crossed, but God has crossed them." Why? Israel, having the rights to be a Bride, rejected and sold their birthrights, and the--went from the old son, Israel, to the new, Gentile, and the blessings went from there through the cross to the Bride.

But notice, after that (See?), through that... When all... He'd took his bride. But when them boys came down to buy food... Oh, it's such a beautiful picture. I'm off of the Seal, but I just got to say it (See?), 'cause you'll get the picture better, I believe.

Notice. Now, when they come down to buy food, you know, Joseph recognized them right away. And Joseph was the son of prosperity; no matter where he went it always prospered. You wait till the--He comes to the earth again; wait till our Joseph comes. The desert shall blossom as a rose, and the Son of righteousness rises with healing in His wings. Oh, my. All that cactus around Arizona will unfold into beautiful trees in there... It'll be beautiful.

Notice, here he comes forth, and he plays a little trick on them there. And he stands and he says, "Is my father still living?" See? He wanted to know if that boy's father was living.
He said, "Yes." (He knowed that was his brother.)

But did you notice. When he got ready to reveal himself to his brothers, and he found little Benjamin, which had been born since he had been gone. And that represents these Jews, this hundred and forty-four thousand that's gathering right there now, since He's been gone. And when He returned, he said... He looked at Benjamin; his heart was about to break.
And remember, they had--they didn't know that he could speak Hebrew. He was taken an interpreter; he act like he was an Egyptian. See?

And then when it was made known, he wanted to make himself known, he kept looking at little Benjamin. And--and remember, he dismissed his wife. She was in the palace when he made hisself known to his brethren. And the Gentile Bride, the wife, after Jesus being rejected by His own people, He has taken a Gentile Bride and will take Her from here to the palace to His Father's house in glory for the wedding supper and will slip back down to make Hisself known to His brethren, the hundred and forty-four thousand...?... See? There He stands. And remember, look at the symbols, perfectly.

And when he come back to where this was, he looked down to them and he said--he said--begin to look... And they begin to talk. They said, "Now, Reuben, you know that we're in for it now. See? Because, you know what we done? We've got this boy in this fix. Now, we oughtn't to have sold our brother." That was their brother standing there, that mighty prince, and they didn't know it.
That's the reason Israel can't understand Him today. It isn't the hour yet to know it. And then he--they thought he couldn't understand Hebrew, but he was listening right at them.
They said, "Now, we're in for it."

And Joseph, when he looked at them, he couldn't stand it no longer. Now, remember, his wife, his children was in the palace at the time: the saints gone out--out of their presence. And he said, "I'm Joseph, your brother."

And he run over and grabbed little Benjamin, fell on his neck, and begin to cry. And he made himself known.

And then they said, "Now, we know we got it coming, for we sold him. We was the one who sold him off. We was the one who tried to kill him, now we know he'll kill us."
He said, "No, don't be angry with yourself; you only done it to preserve life. That's why God sent me down here." And when He makes Hisself known, the Bible says (as we come to it), when He makes Hisself known to that hundred and forty-four thousand there, the little Benjamin of today and the remnant of those Jews left there; when He makes Himself known, they'll say, "Where did You get those scars? What are they doing in Your hands?"

He'll say, "Oh, I got them in the house of my friends." See?

Oh, then they'll realize that they have killed the Messiah. But what will He say? The same as Joseph did it: "You did it to serve life, don't--to save life. Don't be angry with yourself." Because that the Gentiles would not have been brought in, if the Jews hadn't have done that blindfolded trick. So He saved the life of the church by the things they done. So there you are. That's the reason today they can't understand this; it isn't the hour. No more we could understand these things until the time comes for it to be understood. Oh, my.

Seven thunders of revelation... May He show the Bride how to prepare for the great translation faith. (Now, let's hurry up because we haven't got about fifteen or twenty minutes yet.)
Now, what does this white horse mean? Let me read this. I've been so far off. Excuse me for getting off my subject, but--but I'll read the verse again, the two verses.
And I saw when the Lamb had opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it was the noise of thunder, and one of the four beasts saying, Come... see.
And I saw, and behold a white horse:... (Now, we're going to the 2nd verse)... a white horse: and he that set on him had a bow; and a crown was given... him:... (He didn't have it then.)... unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer. (That's all of that. That's the seal.)

Now, let us find the symbols. We found out what the thunder means. That's perfectly; we know that. See? The thunder was the Voice of God when the Seal opened.

Now, what does the white horse mean? Now, here's where the revelation comes. I'm just as positive of this as I'm standing here knowing this is the Word. I've read every book on it I could find. And with a... I... The last time that I was--tried to go through it, just teaching it, about thirty years ago, I took the book... Somebody had told me that the Adventists had more light on the second coming of Christ than any people that they knowed, so I found some of their good books to read them. I got Smith's book on "Daniel's Revelation." And he said this white horse that went forth was white, and it symbolized a conqueror, and in this conquering... Many of you Adventist brethren here knows the book, and many of you others also by reading it. And others, I read two or three of... I read when the... I can't call... There's two more books read, and both men agreed that that was right. That was fine teachers, supposed to be some of the best with the best light. So I thought, "Well, if I don't know, I'll just say what they said, try to teach it that way." And they give a very good explanation of it, what it really meant.

And they said, "Now, here's a white horse, and a white horse is a power, a charger." And said, "The man that set on that was the--the white horse was the Holy Spirit that went forth in the early age and conquered that age for the Kingdom of God. He had a bow in his hand which meant like Cupid. He shot the arrows of love into the hearts of the people, the love of God, and He conquered."

Now, that sounds very good, but it isn't the Truth. No, sir. That... It wasn't. "White" does mean "righteous." We--we realize that, that "white" means "righteous." The teachers taught it, that it was the Holy Spirit conquering in the first age. But my revelation of it by the Holy Spirit is not that way. My revelation by the Holy Spirit is: Christ and the Holy Spirit is the self same Person (See?), only in a different form. So here stands Christ, the Lamb. We know He was the Lamb. He's standing here with the Books in His hand, and there goes the white horse rider. See? So it wasn't the Holy Spirit.

Now, that's one of the mysteries of the last days, how that Christ can be the three Persons in One. It's not three different people: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, being three gods as the Trinitarians try to tell us it is. It's three--it's three manifestations of the same Person, or you might call it three offices. If you're talking to ministers, you wouldn't use office, 'cause I...?... just happened to think I'm on tape. So I'll tell you... 'Course Christ couldn't say, "I'll pray My office, and He'll send you another office." We know that. But if you want to make it: it's three attributes of the same God, and not three gods; three attributes of the same God. See? And so how could Christ be out there with a white horse conquering and standing here with a Book in His hand? It isn't so; it isn't Christ.

Notice. Now, the Holy Spirit and the revelation and Christ is... The Holy Spirit is Christ in another form. That's right. Notice, it is a Lamb that opened the Book, and the Lamb is Christ; and Christ is not seen anymore from then, but He is seen in the Book of Revelations the 19th chapter, coming on a white horse. If you'd like to read it, let's turn to Revelations 19:11 to 6. Let's read it right quick now while we're--while we're--if we got enough time, I hope, so it'll make it just a little better to us: 19, 19:11, begin at the 11th verse and read down including the 16th.

And I saw heaven opened,... behold a white horse;... (not on the earth; in heaven. See?)... and he that set on him was called Faithful... True, and... righteous... does he judge and make war.
His eyes were... flames of fire, and on his head was many crowns;... (Look at the diadem.)... and he had a name written, that no man knowed, but... himself.

I wished I could stop on that just a minute. Oh, my. I got a good notion but maybe when I see that you... See, nobody knows it. Did you ever know that the Name of Jehovah is not correct? Anyone knows. Dr. Vayle, you know that's true. The translators could never translate it. It's spelled J-u-h-v--J-v-h-u, I mean. It isn't Jehovah. They couldn't touch it. They don't know what it is. Called it Jehovah, but it wasn't His Name. Look. Every time a victory's won or something goes on, a name is changed.

Look at the days of Abraham. He was first Abram, and never could have that baby until his name was changed to Abraham. And Sarra, S-a-r-r-a could not have nothing but a dead womb until her name was changed to S-a-r-a-h.

"Jacob" means "supplanter, deceiver," and that's what he did. He put sheepskin on hisself and deceived his prophet father to take the birthright. He put poplar sticks in the water, speckled them, and scared the cattle when they was pregnated with the--with their young, to make speckled cattle and sheep. Nothing but a deceiver, but one night he caught ahold of something real. And he knowed it was real, and he stayed with it and held on until he overcome, and his name was changed and called "Israel" meaning "a prince with power before God." Is that right? Every overcomer...

Simon was a fisherman; but when his faith caught and knowed that was Jesus, when He told him He was the Messiah and told him who his name was and what his father's name was, he was overcome and changed from Simon to Peter.

Saul, good name, Saul was a king one time in Israel, but Saul didn't fit an apostle. Might be all right for a king, but not an apostle. So Jesus changed his name from what? From Saul to Paul. Look at the sons of thunder and on down.

And Jesus, His Name on earth was Redeemer, Jesus. When He was on earth, He was the Redeemer; that's true. But when He conquered death and hell, and overcome them, and ascended on high, He received a new Name. That's the reason they holler the way they do and don't get nothing; it'll be revealed in the thunders. See?

Notice, the mystery. He's coming, riding... There's got to be something to change this Church, you know that. There's got to be something. Notice. No man knowed but Himself. Now, notice, no man knowed but Hisself.

And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name was called The Word of God. (Oh, notice.)

And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

And out of his mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he tread the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.
And he had on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

There comes the Messiah. There He is, not this fellow on this horse back here. Watch the different. Here He stands with the Book in His hand here. The redemptive work is just... He hasn't took His place yet.

So it was not the Christ that went forth, the Holy Spirit. Not disagreeing with them great men, no, sir, I don't do it. I wouldn't want to do that, but this is what my revelation of it is. See, if you got something different, well, that's all right, but it ain't all right with me. See, I--I believe it this way; you know--you know what. See?

And notice, Christ is not seen any more (See?) from the time there. But He is on a white horse; so if this guy is riding a white horse, he's only an impersonator of Christ. See? Get that? Notice, the rider on the white horse don't have any name. He might use two or three titles, but he hasn't got any name. But Christ has a Name. What is it? The Word of God. That's what it is. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." And the Word made flesh. See?

The rider has no name, but Christ is called the Word of God. That's what He is. He's called that. Now, He's got a Name that no man knows, but He's called the Word of God. This guy isn't called nothing (See?), but he's on a white horse.

The rider has no arrows for his bow. Did you notice? He had a bow, but there's nothing said about having any arrows; so he must be a bluffer. That's right. Maybe he's got a lot of thunder and no lightning, but you find out Christ had both lightning and thunder; for out of His mouth goes a sharp two-edged Sword, and He smites the nations. And this guy can't smite nothing (See?), but he's playing the part of a hypocrite. He's going forth riding on a white horse, going out to conquer.

Christ has a sharp Sword, and watch. It comes from His mouth--the living Word. That's the Word of God revealed to His servants, like He said to Moses: "Go, stand there and hold that stick out yonder, call for flies," and there was flies. Sure. Whatever He said, He done it, and it come to pass. His living Word... God and His Word is the self same Person. God is the Word.

Who is this mysterious rider of the first church age then? Who is he? Let's think of it. Who is this mysterious rider that starts forth in the first church age and rides plumb on out into eternity, goes to the end.

The Second Seal comes forth and goes right on out into the end. The Third Seal comes forth and goes right on out into the end. Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh; every one of them winds right up out here in the end.

And at the end time, these Books that's been rolled up all this time with these mysteries in them, is broken. Then out comes the mystery to see what it is. But actually they started forth at the first church age, because at the first church age received the message, like this.

A white horse rider went out. See? Who is he? He's mighty in his conquering power, is a great fellow in his conquering power. You want me to tell you who he is? He's the antichrist. That's exactly what he is.
Now, because, you see, if an antichrist... Jesus said that the two would be so close together until it would deceive the very elected, the Bride, if it was possible. Antichrist, it's the antichrist spirit.

Remember in the church ages when we opened the first church age back there, we found out that the Holy Spirit was against a certain thing that got started in that church age, and that was called "the deeds of the Nicolaitanes." You remember it? "Nico" means "to conquer." "Laity" means "the church, the laity." "Nicolaitanes" "to conquer the laity": take the Holy Spirit out of the church and give it all to one holy man, let him be the boss of all of it. You went through it (See?), Nicolaitane. Notice, Nicolaitia was a--a saying in one church; it become a doctrine in the next church age. And

in the third church age it was a forcement; and they had the Nicaea Council. And it was then made a doctrine and a church.

And what was the first thing happened? An organization from it. Now, is that right? Tell me where the first organized church come from: Roman Catholic church. Tell me if Revelations don't say, in the Book of Revelations 17, that she was a whore, and her daughters were harlots. That's the same thing that organized with her: harlots. Taken the abomination, filthiness of their fornications for doctrine, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men.

Notice. Look, he starts out to conquer. Notice, he has no crown. The white horse rider; I'm speaking of here. See? A bow and a crown was given him afterwards. See? He had no crown to start with, but a crown was given him. Notice, later he was given a crown: yeah, three of them, three on one. That was three hundred years later at the Nicaea Council when he started out a spirit of Nicolaitia to form an organization among the people, and then it kept on going on, going on; it become a saying, then it become a doctrine.

You remember Christ speaking back to the church, said, "Thou hatest the deeds of these Nicolaitanes which I hate too," trying to conquer, take the Holy Spirit: just on one holy man; he can forgive all the sins and everything. Have we just read it over there, Paul spoke of it: that thing would set in the last days, and he couldn't be revealed till the last days? Then He that letteth will take the Spirit of God out of there, and then he'll reveal himself.

Today he's under the disguisement of a white horse. Watch how he changes from that white horse in a few minutes. He don't only become a white horse; he becomes a beast with many heads and horns. See, see? The white horse, he's a deceiver now, and that's the reason the people hasn't known it all this time. They thought it, but here it is now; it's going to be revealed by the Scripture.

Notice, when Nicolaitia (See?), antichrist is finally... He's incarnate in a man; then he's crowned. When he starts off as a Nicolaitia spirit in the church, he's a spirit. You can't crown a spirit. But three hundred years later he become a pope. And then they crowned him. He had no crown to start with, but he got a crown later (See?), when that spirit become incarnate. See? He become a man. Nicolaitane doctrine become a man; then they could crown it. They couldn't do it because he was just a doctrine. Glory.

Notice, and when this Holy Spirit that we have, becomes incarnate to us, the One that's in our midst now in the form of the Holy Ghost, becomes incarnate to us in the Person of Jesus Christ, we'll crown Him King of king...?... That's right. See?

Now, remember, about the time Christ come on the throne, the antichrist come on the throne: Judas. About the time Christ went off the earth, Judas went off the earth. Just about the time the Holy Spirit come back, the antichrist come back.

You know, John said over here: "Little children, I would not have you ignorant, you know, about the antichrist, which he's already come and working in the children of disobedience." The antichrist then, there he was, begin to form in there the Nicolaitane spirit to make an organization.
No wonder I hated that thing. See, see? There you are. It wasn't me; it was something in here. There's the thing; it's come out. You see it? I was all around the sides of it; I couldn't see it till now; I--I know it now. There it is, that Nicolaitane spirit God hated, and now that spirit become incarnate, and they crowned it. And here it is right here what the Bible said they'd do with it: perfect. Oh, my.

Incarnate... He become a man and then they crowned him. Read, notice, or read, rather, how Daniel said he will take over the church kingdom. Would you like to read it? Let... We got time to do that, haven't we? All right. Listen. Let's go back to Daniel just a moment. Turn back to the Book of Daniel, and we'll read just a moment; and we won't be, maybe another fifteen, twenty minutes or thirty, or something. All right, let's get Daniel the 11th chapter, and let's take the 21st verse. Here's Daniel. Daniel's speaking now how this fellow is going to take over.

And in his state shall stand up a vile person... (Rome, talking)... to whom they shall not give the honor of the kingdom:... (Now, watch.)... but he shall come in a peaceable--come in peaceable, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

That's exactly what it done, what Daniel said this antichrist would do. He will fit the people's place. Yes, it'll fit their--their menu for this day for the churches. For in this church age they don't want the Word, Christ; but they want church. The first thing, they don't ask you if you're a Christian. "What church do you belong to?" "What church?" They don't want Christ, the Word. You go tell them about the Word and how to straighten up; they don't want that.

They want something, just live anyway they want to and still belong to church and obtain their testimony. See, see? So, he fits the menu just exactly. And you remember, "he" was finally called "she" in the Bible. And she was a prostitute and had daughters. Just fits the bill of the day, what the people want. There it is.

God has promised it; when the Word is refused then they are turned to their desires. Let's read Thessalonians again. Let's... I want you to watch here just a minute. Say, "Well, we read it awhile ago." II Thessalonians 2:9-11, It said that they would, in turning down, rejecting the Truth, they would be given over to a reprobate mind and would believe a lie and would be damned by it. Now, that's what--that's what the Holy Spirit said.

Now, isn't that the desire of the church today? You try to tell people they have to do this, that, or the other; they'll let you know right quick they are Methodists, Presbyterian, or whatmore; they don't have to paddle in your boat. See? Certainly. They want it. And God said, "If they want it, I'll just let them have it. And I'll actually make them believe that that's the truth, 'cause I'll give them a reprobate mind concerning the truth."

Now, look here what the Bible says also. "As Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses..." so will these guys in the last days with a reprobate mind concerning the truth, and shall turn the grace of our God into lasciviousness, deny the Lord God. Now, you see where it's at. Not only Catholic, but Protestant, the whole thing, it's all the whole organized world.

That's that white horse rider under the--the way of a white, righteousness church (See?), but an antichrist. It's got to look like--on a horse even, just like Christ is coming on a horse. All anti--so close it'd deceive the very elect...

Here he is. He's the antichrist. He started riding in the first church age. Now, he rides on down, on down through every age. Now, watch him.

You say, "Way back--way back in the apostles time?" He was called Nicolaitia there. Then in the next church age, then he become a doctrine in the church. First he was just a saying, then he become a doctrine.

Swell, celebrity people, fine dressed, highly educated, polished didn't want all that carrying on in the church. No, they didn't want all that Holy Ghost stuff. Must be a church... "And we all go through the Nicaea Council and so forth at Rome." Then when they come there, they took the church, and took paganism, Roman Catholi--or paganism--pagan Rome and a few superstitions and took the--the Astarte the Queen of heaven, and turned it to be Mary, the mother; make intercessors out of dead people, and so forth, and took that round kosher wafer which is still puts round on there and called it the Body of Christ, because it represents the mother of heaven... When a Catholic passes by, he crosses himself because that light's burning in there is supposed to be the kosher which is turned to God by the power of the priest, when it is nothing in the world but just plain paganism. That's right.

I just don't understand it. Well, yes I do. (Excuse me.) Yes, sir. I understand by the grace of God. Sure. Now, notice. Oh, my, how they can do that. See? And they are given their desire. No, that's true. You don't have to do that. No, sir. If you don't want to do, you're not forced to do it. If you don't want to tally up to God's way of living and things and worship, you don't have to do it. God don't make nobody do it. But let me tell you something. If your name was placed on that Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world, you'd be so happy to do it, you can't wait for the minute to do it.

Look here. When you say, "I'll give you to understand; I'm just as religious..." Well, that might be true. Look it... Who could say them priests wasn't religious in the days of the Lord Jesus? Who could say Israel wasn't religious in the wilderness?

When they was even... "Why, God's blessed me so many times..." Yes, He did them too. They didn't even have to work for their living. He fed them out of the heavens, and Jesus said, "They're everyone lost and gone and perished."

"Our fathers," they said, "eat manna in the wilderness for forty years."
Jesus said, "And they're every one dead," eternally separated. See? He said, "But I'm the Bread of Life that come from God out of heaven. If a man eats this Bread, he'll never die." See? He's the Tree of Life.

Notice just how... And when Jesus come, those priests, they come up there, very religious. Boy, nobody could say they wasn't nice men. My, they walked to the line of that law. Everything that church said, they did it. If they didn't, they were stoned. And so they walked out, do you know what Jesus called them? John called them, "You bunch of snakes in the grass. Don't you think because you belong to that organization you got anything to do with God."

And Jesus said, "You are of your father the devil." He said, "Every time that God sent a prophet, what happened? You stoned him, and throwed him in the grave, and now you go out there and polish his grave."

Isn't that the same thing that Catholic church has done? Look at Joan of Arc, and Saint Patrick, and all the rest of them. They're the one who puts them in, and then dug Joan of Arc's body up, and throwed it in the river a couple of hundred years later, and burned her for a witch. "You are of your father the devil, and his works you do." That's exactly. Go all over the world... See?
That's right. That's what Jesus said; and you think it's all right. It looks pretty good, that white horse; but look what you got. That's exactly what's riding it.

Now, but He said they wanted it, so He would give them a strong delusion. Remember, this prostitute of Revelation 17, she is a mystery, Mystery Babylon, the mother of harlots. And John

admired her, just like this man... (Look, wait till we get here and watch him watching this horse here.) See, but you noticed he was... What happened was this: that he admired her with great admiration, but the mystery was that she drank the blood of the martyrs of Christ. A beautiful church, set there decked in purple and gold, and she had a cup in her hand of filthiness of her fornications.

What is "fornication?" Is "unrighteous living." That's her doctrine she was giving out, taking the Word of God and making it of non-effect by some, "Hail, Mary's," and all this other kind of stuff and giving it out, and the kings of the earth committed fornications with her.
Well, you say, "That's the Catholic church." But she was a mother of harlots, same thing that she was. There you are.

What happened? When the reformer died and his message died out, you--you organized it, and put a bunch of "Ricky's" in there, and started the thing right back to live the way you wanted to. You didn't want to stay with the Word. Instead of moving right on with the Word, they stayed right there, and, "This is it." You don't do that. He... That's it, Him up there.

Notice. (That's one thing. We want to hit just a couple more places before closing.) He is the prince that was destroy; Daniel's people. You believe that? I'm going to make this if you just help and be lenient with me for a few minutes, I--I'll make it just as quick as I can, but I want to make it positive (See?); 'cause I--the Holy Spirit's give me this just as certain as I'm standing here. See, see?

Now, look, let's take--go back to Daniel again just a minute. I want to read something 'fore... Whether if you don't go back, it's all right. I want to read Daniel 9--Daniel 9, and I want to read the 26th and 27th verse of Daniel 9. And watch, if he isn't the one to destroy Daniel's people--what he's going to do.

And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off... (See, that's the threescore and two weeks, He'd be cut off out of the seventy weeks.)... not for himself: but for the people and the prince... (That's the hierarchy here.)... that shall come--that shall come shall destroy the city and... sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with great flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

I want to ask you people something. After Christ was cut off from the earth in the three and a half years of His ministry, and what destroyed the temple? Who destroyed it? Rome. Sure. Constantine (Or, no, I beg your pardon.) Titus, the Roman general. He destroyed the prince. Now, notice. Watch this fellow come right on down just go on.

When Jesus was born, the red dragon in heaven stood at the woman to devour her child as soon as it was born. Is that right? Who was it tried to devour the child when it was born? [Congregation says, "Rome."--Ed.] See? There's the red dragon. Here's your prince. Here's your beast. See? There they are, everyone of them, just the same. See? Devour the child... God caught it up into heaven to set on His throne. That's where Christ is now till the time appointed. See? Now, watch what he shall do.

Now, oh... Now, I believe I was talking to somebody here. It might've been Brother Roberson today, or somebody I was talking on about this (about not this here but just on the same thing.) I believe I preached on it here not long back, what will happen to this United States on this money situation. See? Well, we are now paying our debts on taxes that'll be paid forty years from today. That's how far we are behind.

Did you ever turn on "KAIR" up there or "Lifeline" and listen to it (See?) from the... Washington? Why, we are completely busted. That's all. What's the matter? The gold's all housed up, and the Jews holds the bond. It's going to be Rome.

Now, watch. We know who owns the big department stores, but Rome has the greatest part of the wealth of the world. The rest of it the Jews have. Now, watch this. Now, just listen to this how the Holy Spirit brought this out for me.

And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week:... (Now, watch.)... and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the obligations to cease,... for the over spreading of abomination he shall make it desolate, even unto the consummation, and that determined shall be poured out upon the desolate.

Watch. Oh, what a shrewd thing he is. Here he is. Now, we got our picture and know that he's Rome. We know that he's the white horse rider. We know that he went forth as a doctrine. And then what was pagan Rome? Converted into papal Rome and crowned.

Now, watch. In the end time, not in the early days when Christ was preaching, but in the end time, the last part of the week, where we just took the seventy weeks of Daniel; and Christ has prophesied for the three and a half years, and three and a half years are yet determined. Is that right? And this prince in that time is to make a covenant with Daniel's people, which is the Jews. That's when the Bride's taken out now. She won't see it.

Notice. In the last one-half of Daniel's week, the people makes a covenant--this prince makes a covenant with Rome; makes a covenant with them no doubt for the wealth, for Catholic and Jew holds the wealth of the world.

I was in the Vatican. I've seen the triple crown. Was supposed to have an interview with the Pope. Baron Von Blomberg got it for me on a--for a Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock.
And when they took me to the king, they took the cuffs out of my trousers. That's all right. Told me never to turn my back, walk away from him. That's all right. But I said, "What do I have to do before this guy?"

Said, "Well, just go in and kneel down on one knee and kiss his finger."

I said, "That's out. That's out. No, sir." I said, "I'll--I'll call any man a brother that wants to be a brother. I'll call him reverend, if he wants to have the title of that, but to worship a man, that all belongs to Jesus Christ." No, sir. Kissing no man's hand like that. No, indeed.

So I didn't do it, but I got to go all through the Vatican. Why, you couldn't buy it with a hundred billion billion dollars. Why, you... And just think, "The wealth of the world," the Bible said, "was found in her." All... Just think of the great places, the billions times... Why did Communism raise up over here in Russia? It just makes me sick at my stomach to hear so many preachers hollering about Communism, and they don't even know what they're crowing about. That's right. Communism ain't nothing. It's a tool in the hand of God to bring revenge upon the earth for the blood of the saints that... That's right.

And after the church is taken away, Rome and--and the Jews will make a covenant with one another. The Bible said they would, with the holy people. And now notice, they'll make it, because why? This nation is going to be busted, and the rest of the world that's on the gold standard is busted. You know that. If we're living off of taxes, due bills for forty years from now, where are we

at? There's only one thing can happen. That's to call in the currency and pay off the bonds; and we can't do it. Wall Street owns them, and Wall Street's controlled by the Jews; the rest of it's in the Vatican, and the Jews has got the rest of it in Wall Street with the commerce of the world.

We can't call it in. And if we could do it, do you think these whiskey guys and--and all these tobacco people with billions times billions of dollars a year and write off all their income tax for old vulgar pictures and things like that--go out in Arizona there and buy millions of acres of land--or thousands--and dig them big wells at fifty thousand dollars and pay it off with income tax? And they'd put you in jail if you don't pay yours. But they write it off and throw up wells and send bulldozers in.

And what do they do? They put housing projects in there, and the next turn around with their money they made (they have got to make an investment) and put houses, projects in there and sell them for millions of dollars. Do you think them guys is going to compromise to change the currency?

Like this fellow down here in--in (What's his name?) Castro did. He done the only smart thing he ever did do then, when he destroyed the bonds: paid them off and destroyed them. Notice, but we can't do that. These guys won't let us.

The rich merchants of the earth hold it, and then there's only one thing to do: The Catholic church can pay it off. She's the only one that's got the money; she can do it, and she will do it.
And in doing this to get it, she'll compromise with the Jews and make a covenant, and when she makes this covenant with the Jews... Now, remember, I'm taking this from the Scriptures. And now, when she does this and makes this covenant, we notice in Daniel 8:23 and 25 he will cause craft to prosper (And craft is manufacturing.), in his hand.

And he makes this covenant with the Jews, and in the midst of this three and a half years, he breaks his covenant as soon as he gets the thing wrapped up and gets the money of the Jews tied up. And when he does that, oh, my, oh, my, he's called the antichrist until the end of the church age, for he is the--he and his children are against Christ and the Word. This man's called the antichrist. Now, he's going to hold the money. And that's where I think he'll come in. Just a minute, while I say this, then I want to go back to it in a minute.

He's called the antichrist and will be called the antichrist in the sight of God until the end time. Now, but then he'll be called something else.

Now, when he gets the money all under control, then he'll break this covenant with the Jews, as Daniel here said he would do it, in the midst of the last half of the seventy weeks of Daniel. And then, brother, what will he do? He will have all of the world trade and the commerce, a pact with the world, 'cause he'll hold the wealth of the world completely.

And during that time, them two prophets will rise on the scene and call that hundred and forty-four thousand. Then what'll take place? Then the mark of the beast of Revelations 13 will set in, 'cause he holds all the commerce, trade and everything of the world. And what will take place then? The mark of the beast will come in that no man can buy or sell except him that has the mark of the beast. Thank God, the Church will be enjoying a great three and a half years in glory. Don't have to go through that.

Now, notice, at the end time--at the end of the church ages, now, he is called--he and his children are called the antichrist, 'cause anything that's against Christ is antichrist. And anything that's against the Word is against Christ, 'cause Christ is the Word. Now, he's antichrist.

Then in Revelations 12:7-9, when Satan is cast out, the accuser... You want to put that down, 'cause I want to read it; we haven't got time now, 'cause it's twent--fifteen till ten. See?
But in Revelations 12:7-9, Satan the spirit, the devil, which is up there now, accuser of our brethren, all right; the Church is taken up, and Satan is cast out. When the Church goes up, Satan comes down. Then Satan incarnates himself in the antichrist and is called the beast.

Then in Revelations 13, he sets the mark down. See, when He that letteth--only now Christianity is left on the earth in its purity is because Him that letteth. You remember back here in that--in Thessalonians? Setting upon the temple of God, calling himself God; forgiving sins on earth, and that'll go on, and iniquity shall abound and on, 'cause it won't be known yet until his time to be revealed is called. And then the Church will be caught away. And when it's caught away, then he changes hisself from an antichrist now. Oh, my, the church, the great church and... Now, he becomes the beast. Hm. I wished I could make people see that.

Now, remember, the antichrist and the beast is the same self spirit. There's the trinity. Yes, sir. It's three stages of the same devil power. Remember, Nicolaitia (See?), it had to be incarnate before it could be crowned. See? Now, watch this. Three stages: first stage he's called antichrist; second stage, he's called the false prophet; third stage, he's called the beast.

Notice, Nicolaitia, the antichrist teaching that started in the days of Paul against God's Word: antichrist... Then he's called again the false prophet, which when the teaching become a man, he was a prophet to the teaching of the hierarchy of the--the hierarchy of the Catholic church. The Pope was the prophet to the false word, and that made him a false prophet.

The third stage is a beast, a man that's crowned in the last days with every power that pagan Rome ever had, because the seven-headed beast, dragon, was cast out of heaven and come incarnate in the false prophet. Here it is; he had seven crowns, and he was cast out and throwed into the earth and the sea. All right.

What are we saying? Who is this rider, this horse rider? You know what it is? It's Satan's superman.

I went the other night... Two brothers setting in this church now (Brother Norman, back there, and, I believe, and Brother Fred); we was over to hear a man teach on the antichrist, a well known man, one of the best the Assemblies of God has got. And his interpretation of antichrist was, that they're going to take a vitamin of some sort out of a--of a man and transfer this life out of a man into a great image that's going to step a city block at a time. And that's going... Could you imagine a man filled with the Holy Ghost under such illusion as that, or claimed to be? When here's the Bible that says who the antichrist is. It's not a... It's a man.

Notice, this rider is nothing but Satan's superman, a incarnate devil. He's a educated genius. Now, I hope you got your ears open. They was trying one of his children out not long ago in a television cast to see if he wasn't smarter than the next man to run for presidency; but however, he's got a lot of wisdom; so has Satan. He tries to sell it. He sold it to Eve; he sold it to us. We've been wanting a superman; we got it. All right. The whole world's wanting a superman; they're going to get it. Just wait till the Church goes up, and Satan's cast out. He'll incarnate. That's right. They want somebody who can really do the job; he'll do it.

Educated... This is the Satan's superman with education, with wisdom, with church theology of his own word, of his own making, and he rides his white denominational horse to deceive the people. And he will conquer every religion of the world, 'cause they've all going into the confederation of--of the--of churches and the world confederation of churches. And they already got their buildings built and everything setting right in line. There ain't one thing left. Every denomination's stuck right into it, the federation of churches. And what's backing it? Rome. And the pope's now crying, "We're all one. Let's come together and walk together."

And these people, even some of you Full Gospel people, deny--have to deny your evangelical teaching to take such a step as that. What have you done? So blind to that denominational thing you've rejected Truth. And Truth was set before them, and they--they walked away from it and left it, and now they've been given over to a strong delusion to believe a lie and be damned with it. That's exactly what it is, and the antichrist takes it all. And the Bible said that he deceived all, a-double-l, all upon the face of the earth whose names were not written under those Seals from the foundation of the world. Now, if the Bible said he did it, he did it.

They say, "Well, I belong..." There you are. See? That's just exactly. It's the same prostitute institution. It's the same system that started in the beginning which is antichrist throughout. I'll hear from it, but that's--it's the Truth. I expect to. Amen.

Now, notice, he'll conquer and almost has in his grip right now, while he's still antichrist before he can becomes beast. You talk about cruel punishment. You just wait. Watch what them that's left here on earth will have to go through with. There will be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth. For the dragon, Rome, spurted water out of his mouth to make war with the remnant of the woman's seed that was left upon the earth after the Bride had been selected and took out. And the dragon made war with the remnant that didn't want to come in, was hunted down. And the real Church will go through that if it was possible, but you see, they are done under this Blood by the grace of Christ, and is not going through...?... have no tribulation period. The next thing for the Church is rapture. Amen and amen. Praise be God.

Oh, how I love this. Let me tell you. We're telling what a conquer he's going to do, and he's really going to conquer; he's already done it. It's just already sewed up. That's all. Going to sew up with the money, filthy lucre. It's exactly. They love money more than God. Everything they think about now is how much money has he got. What is it? You know it's been said lots of times: "Give the church the money, and she'll revolutionize the world. Give the church the money, and she'll send evangelists all over the world. And what will she do? She will conquer the world for Christ."
Let me tell you something, my poor blind friend. The world's not won by money, but by the Blood of Jesus Christ. Give God men who's gallant men will stand on that Word, live or die, that'll conquer. There'll only be one thing that can conquer: those that's got their names written in the Lamb's Book of Life from the foundation of the world. That's the only thing will hear it. Money won't have nothing to do with it: send them farther into the denominational traditions.

Let's see. Yes, with educational genius, he'll be. He'll be smart. My, my, my, and all of his children around him will be smart: Ph.D., LL.D., double L.D., Q.S.D., A.B.C.D.E.F. on down to Z. They'll have it all. Smart. Why? It's after the order of Satan. Any shrewd craftiness against the Bible is of Satan. That's exactly what he took Eve with. Eve said, "Oh, it's written. God said for us not to do that."

He said, "But wait. Surely God won't do it, but I'll open your eyes and give you some wisdom." She got it. We've been wanting him; we got it too, this nation.

Notice, he'll conquer the whole religious world. He'll conquer--make a covenant with Daniel's people. Here it is, both in the Gentile and in the Daniel's people, the Jews to the last week, and here we are, even drawed out on boards, and you see it perfectly, there's where it is. Thank God. There he is. That organizational system is of the devil. And that's no punches pulled on it either. (See?) It's exactly. It's a root of the devil; it's a... And now, not people, not people in there, them are God's people, many of them. But you know what, when we get over here till where we get in these trumpets sounding; and the next time I come by, these trumpets sounding. You remember when them last angels, that third angel come across, "Come out of her my people."... When that angel flies at the same time that message drops here for the last trumpet, last angel's message, last Seal opens. All happens at the same time. Yes, sir. All seals up and goes over into eternity.

Now, watch, at the same time that this guy's a-conquering (Then I'll close.), God's going to do something then too. Let's not just give Satan all the credit here. See? Let's not talk about him altogether. See? While this great thing is going out there, this great system winding in these organizations in a union so they can pool themselves together and stand against Communism, and not knowing that God raised up Communism to conquer them. Sure. What--what--what made Communism rise in Russia? Because of the impurity of the Roman church and the rest of them. They took all the money there was in Russia and starved the people to death and give them nothing instead of live just like the rest of the world.

I was down in Mexico not long ago and see them poor little children. Any Catholic country is not even self-supporting; there's not a one of them. Ask me where... Show me where they're at. Any Catholic-controlled country can't even support its own self. France, Italy, and all them, Mexico, wherever you go, they're not self-supporting. Why? The church took everything they have. That's the reason Russia kicked it out.

Watch what taken place. I know this myself. I stand down there and you think the golden jubilee was on you hear the bells ringing. And here a poor little woman coming down the street, dragging her feet, and a father packing a baby, and two or three of them crying. She was doing penance to some dead woman up there, they had her, thought she'd get to go to heaven by it. Oh, what a pitiful thing.

Then I seen standing down there... Here comes... Their economics is so poorly balanced; the church takes everything they got. Here little Pancho, maybe--maybe Pancho Frank, he comes down, and he's a brick mason, and he maybe he makes twenty pesos a week, but it'll take the whole twenty pesos to buy him a pair of shoes. That's their economics. But now here, what about then if he being a mason and a bricklayer and make twenty pesos a week (just saying, I don't know what he makes, but say that kind of economics--the way it's balanced up).

Notice, now, if he makes twenty pesos a week, here comes Chico (See?), which means "little one," and he works out there for about five pesos a week, and he's got ten kids to feed; but there'll be somebody knocking on his door to take about five of those pesos or four of them anyhow to pay for some grease candle to burn on a million dollar gold altar for his sins. There you are. That's the balance of economics. That's the way their countries are. The thing takes it all. The church takes it all.

She's just got it in her hands. That's all. And her, with the money of the Jews in that covenant; the Bible said they'll take the whole thing, and then he becomes a beast; he breaks his covenant; he ravishes; he tears out the rest of that woman's seed like that, and spurts water out of his mouth, makes war; and there'll be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth. And the Bride's getting

married in glory (See?) same time. Don't miss it, friends. God help me; and I--I want to be there. I don't care what it costs. I--I want to be there.

Now, notice, in the same time this is going on, just before this takes place, rather, on the earth, God has promised, while all them scruples of denominations arguing their difference about their creed, God promised that He would send us a true prophet of the true Word with a message to return to the original Word of God and the faith of the fathers to bring down the power of the Holy Ghost amongst the people, with a power that will raise her above these things and take her in at the same time. Yes, sir.

Same Word be vindicated of Jesus Christ that He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. "Lo, I am with you always, even to the consummation. And the works that I do shall you do also. I'll be right with you. A little while and they won't see Me no more, 'cause they'll organize themselves and scatter out, but ye'll see Me, for I will be with you. I'll even be in you unto the consummation." When He said... His indignation be poured out after the consummation. There you are. Oh, God. Who is that white horse rider? You're not blind. You see who it is. It's that antichrist and that deceitful spirit that's gone now and crept in, and made and then sh...

See, God just keeps repeating it. He showed there's a man going forth with a white horse and with his bow and no arrow. He's a bluff. He has no power. You say, "The power of the church..." Where's it at? What do they do? They say, "We're the original church." The original church cast out devils, healed the sick, and raised the dead, saw visions and everything else. Where is it now? See? He's a bluff: bow with no arrow. That's right.

But you see, when Christ come, a Sword went forth from His mouth like a lightning flash. It went forth and consumed His enemies and cast away the devil. It cut away everything else and He come, His vesture dipped in Blood and on His thigh was written "The Word of God." Amen. Here He come with His army, coming from heaven.

That white horse rider has been in the land all the time. He will change from antichrist. He does that and becomes to a false prophet. See, he first started an antichrist, the spirit; then he become a false prophet. Then later, when the devil is cast out, he's incarnate then with the devil. Three stages: the first he's a devil to begin with, a spirit of the devil; then he becomes a false prophet, teacher of a false doctrine; next thing he comes as the very devil himself incarnate. See? There he is.

And at the same time that this devil falls out of heaven and becomes incarnate in a man, the Holy Spirit goes up and comes down incarnate Man. Amen. Oh, my. What a time.

Tomorrow night, God willing, the Second Seal. You love Him? (All right, Brother Fred...?... the tapes, brother, keep...?...) Now, you--you believe it? (I just shut the tape off.) Now, I'm going to hear from that; you know that. See? But I expect to. Let me tell you something, brother. I just now know for one time in my life why that Spirit has always warned me against them, that organization.

I'm grateful to the Lord God for showing me these things. I know that it's the Truth. There it is, revealed right there. Here he rides right down through the age and comes right out here and displays himself right down here just as perfect as he can be. See? That's him. Now, we're not deceived on that. Now, you got your eyes opened. Stay away from that kind of stuff. Love the Lord with all your heart, and stay right with Him. Yes, sir. Come out of Babylon.

THE SECOND SEAL

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Good evening, friends. Let's all stand just a moment for prayer if you will.

Our heavenly Father, we have assembled again in this solemn assembly tonight in the service of the Lord. And Thou hast promised that wherever we would meet together, as many as two or three of us, that You would be in the midst of us. And we can be assured that You are here, for we have assembled in His Name.

Now, we pray, Father, that--that You will come tonight and will break this Second Seal for us. And as the--the poet has said, that he would like to look a-past the curtain of time. And that's our desire, Lord, is just to--just to look a-past and see what lays ahead. And we pray that the Lamb that had been slain will come among us now and break the Seal and--and reveal it to us, the things we have need to see.

There be some here, Lord, who has not yet entered into this great fellowship around Christ, we pray that tonight that they'll make that eternal decision, be filled with the Spirit of God.
If there be any sick, Father, we pray that You'll heal them. Here are many handkerchiefs laying here that I'm holding my hands upon in commemoration of the--of the Bible of Saint Paul, where they taken from his body handkerchiefs and aprons. Unclean spirits left the people and they were healed.

We see the near coming of the Lord. We know that time is drawing nigh. These things has returned again to the Church after nineteen hundred years.

Now, we pray, Father, that You'll grant these things we ask for. Strengthen Thy servant and help Thy servants everywhere, Lord, and especially we who are assembled here tonight, that we might be able to receive the Word. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

It's certainly good to be back in the house of the Lord again tonight. And I know so many of you standing, I--I'm sorry about that, but there's just hardly anything more we can do. We--we got the--the church, just as increased it to where we could get three, four, three hundred or four hundred more in, but in special meetings this way, it--it carries a little heavier crowd.

Now, oh, I'm just having a wonderful time praying and studying these--these Seals. I hope you all are too. I'm--I'm sure you are. If it's meaning as much to you as it is to me, it's certainly a--you're having a wonderful time. And I got a...

I want to call a girl friend of mine after service, and this is her birthday. She's twelve years old today: Sarah, my daughter. And next, then day after tomorrow I have to make another call 'cause it's Becky's birthday.

And now, tonight we are studying this Second Seal. And e... For the first four Seals there is four horse riders. And I tell you today something happened again, and I--I... Something that I... I go and get the old script that I had that I talked on long ago. And just set down there, and I thought, "Well, I--I did the very best I could." And many writers and things... And I thought, "Well, I'll read a little

while, and look over and see this and that," and the first thing you know, something just happens, and it's altogether different. It just comes in different. Then I grab me a pencil right quick and start writing down just as fast as I can while He's there.

Oh, it's just something happened just about one-half hour ago. I was telling Brother Wood, coming down just a few minutes ago, just something that... Oh, you know there's a lot of things happen that you just can't talk about, you know, but just something just took place that just helped me so much.

I got a friend here somewhere in the building. 'Course you are all my friends. This--this brother is Brother Lee Vayle. He's a precious brother and--and a real student of the Scripture. Dr. Vayle is a Baptist with the Holy Ghost, and he's a... I don't say this complimentary; I just say it because I believe it. I think he is one of the best versed students that I know of among our ranks. And he just wrote me a little note here and was--sent it in there by Billy. And Billy couldn't hardly make it out to me, and I think--I haven't read it over--but I was just going to say what he said here. And I just read it, Brother Vayle, if you're here--I just read this about six months ago.

"I'm not positive," he said, "Brother Bill, I'm not positive, but I believe that Polycarp was a student of Saint John. (That's correct; he was.) I think Irenaeus was a student of--of Polycarp. (That's correct, exactly.) Irenaeus said, 'Jesus will return--will return when the last elected member of the body of Christ comes in.'"

That was Irenaeus about four hundred years after the--after the death of Christ. He said, "When this last age comes in..." Now, that's in the--the Pre-Nicaea Council. You fellows here that read the--the--study the Scripture, and study the, I mean study the history of the Bible, we find that in Pre--in the Pre-Nicaea Council. And I think it's the first book or the second book, you--you'll find it.

Now, he saw it years ago that he said at the last--last spot, last one elected--that elected... People thinks that election is something that's just been--that's just been something hatched up here lately. My, that's one of the oldest teachings that we have: election and calling. And so Irenaeus certainly a--the real student of the Scripture always believed in election. And so Irenaeus was one of the--the angels of the church age, as we seen as we studied, we believe. 'Course now they were all mysteries. They're all healed right--hid right here in these Seals (You see?), and they are to be revealed in the last day. How they started off with Paul, and--and Irenaeus, and Martin, and so forth down, and has come on down to the last age.

And now... We're trusting now that the Lord will bless us in our efforts tonight. Now, we been... The First Seal, I certainly enjoyed that. The First Seal, the blessings that went with it to me... And now, I--I don't want to keep you too long, but you see, I--I'll be going now just again in a few nights and after this is over, and we have to just kind of suffer a little while.

I appreciate... I see Brother Junior Jackson standing there, and I--and I thought I seen Brother Ruddell a few moments ago, here somewhere. And them brethren, that's our sister churches that has let out and the others; we certainly appreciate it. And I see Brother Hooper, I believe, standing up along the wall there from Utica, the church there. And we certainly appreciate your all's fine cooperation in this.

Now, last evening as we always like in teaching on the--on the Seals, we have--teach it the same way you do on the--on the--the church ages. And... When we got finished with teaching the church age, the last time when I drawed them out here on the--on the pulpit on a board, how many remembers what took place? He came right down, went right back there on the wall in a Light and

drawed it off Himself, right there on the wall before us all. The Angel of the Lord stood right here before several hundred people. And now, He's--He's doing something real supernatural now too. And so we're just expecting great things. We don't know... Do you like to just wait for that--that great anticipation, just don't know what's going to happen next, you know, just--just waiting?

Now, how great God is to us. And how wonderful, we so appreciate Him. Now, the 1st and 2nd verse, I'll read it to kind of give a little background, then we'll take the 3rd and 4th verse for the Second Seal, and then the 5th and 6th verse is the Third Seal. And the 7th and 8th is the--the two verses to each horse rider.

And now, I want you to watch how these fellows on this pale horse, maybe here it comes, just keeps changing as it goes down, and then that great last Seal to be opened, if God willing, next Sunday night, that when it happened there was just, the only thing that taken place was silence in heaven for a half hour. God help us. Now, I'll read the third verse now.

And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.
And there went out another horse... (4th verse)... that was red: and power was given to him that set thereon to take peace from the earth, that they should kill one another--they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

Now, a mysterious thing now when the--the beast told John, "Just come and see." And he didn't see what it was; he just saw a symbol. And that symbol, the reason it was... He said, "Come, see." But he saw a symbol that he was to symbolize it to the church in a way that they would watch until it come to the last age, and then the Seal would be open. Now, and everyone understands that now? See, the Seals would be opened.

And aren't you happy to be living in this day? That... See? Not only that, friends, but always remember now; last Sunday morning where the whole thing was based on, simplicity (See?), simple, humble. Happens in such a way that people just go right on by and don't even know it happened. And remember, we are looking for the coming of the Lord anytime. And when we...
I made a statement that I perhaps the rapture would be the same way. It'll be gone, over, and no one will know nothing about it, and just come like that. See? And usually... Just go on back to the Bible and look how it happens like that (See?), even as great a thing as the Lord Jesus coming. Nobody knew nothing about it. They thought, "That crank, somebody..." The churches said, "Just a fanatic. We... He's really crazy." Said, "He's a mad man. We know thou art mad." "Mad" means "crazy." "We know you got a devil, and it's run you crazy. And you try to teach us when you were borned out there illegitimately. Why, you was born in fornication, try to teach men like us, the priests and so forth, the temple." Why, my, that was a--an insult to them.

When John came, been talked about down through the ages from Isaiah to Malachi--that's twelve hundred--or seven hundred and twelve years he'd been seen of the prophets coming. Everybody was looking for him to come, expecting it at anytime. But the way he come, he preached, and done his service, and went on into glory, and even the apostles didn't know it. For they asked Him; they said, "Now, the Son of man is going to Jerusalem, all these things to be offered," and said, "why is it the Scripture says the--that Elias is going to come first?"

Jesus said, "He's already come; you didn't know it. And he did just exactly what the Scripture said he would do, and they did to him just what was listed." See, see? And they couldn't understand it. He said, "It was John."

And then, "Oh." See, they--they woke up to it. They... And when... Even at last, after all the things He--He had done and the signs that He'd had show them, and had even called them, said, "Which one of you can condemn Me of sin (unbelief)? If I haven't done just what the Scripture said that My office would do when I come to the earth, then show Me where I've sin. (See?) Then I'll--I'll show you what you're supposed to be, and let's see whether you believe it or not." See? He'd have come right back and said, "You supposed to believe on Me when I come." They didn't do it. See? So they knowed better than to tie in on Him on that.

But He said, "Which one of you can accuse Me of unbelief? (See?) Haven't I done just what it was?"

And even the apostles going along, stumbled. (We know how the Scriptures go.) Then finally, at last they said, "Now, we believe. We believe that no man has to tell You, for You know all things." And I'd had just liked to have seen His face. He must've looked at them and said, "Well, do you now believe?" Finally it dawned on them. Well, it wasn't supposed to be maybe till that time. You see? And God works everything just right, you know. I love Him for that.

But now, we're thinking of our age now, 'cause I get to talking on that, we won't get into these Seals at all. And... Now, remember, I--I'm getting much requests for prayer for the sick, and I'm praying for the--you all the time for every request I get and for the handkerchiefs and things. And if we can get these Seals finished up to the last Seal Sunday morning, we--if it be the will of the Lord, we'd like to have just a good old fashion healing service here, you know, where you just take the entire morning for praying for the sick. And I--I'm pretty sure it'll be a strange healing meeting. Yeah, I just have a feelings like that. And so... Not strange, but it may be a little strange to some. See, what...

Now, how great is God's grace to reveal His secrets to us in this day. Now, we all will believe that we're living in the last day. We believe that. And remember, the secrets was to be revealed in the last day. And how does He reveal His Word, His secret, the Bible? Would you like to read where He says it? Let's just turn over and see how He reveals His secrets.

Now, I want you to read Amos; turn over to the Book of Amos, and I want you to read in the 3rd chapter of Amos and the 7th verse. All right. I'll read the 6th verse too.

Shall a trumpet... blow in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD has not done it?

Surely the LORD... will do nothing, but he revealeth his secrets unto his servants the prophets.

Now, in the last days we are--it's predicted to us that there will rise a--a prophet. Now, we know that we've had all kinds... Now, I realize after looking around tonight, I--I'm speaking here where students are setting, and I--I'd like for you to understand me. And you realize these tapes cover the world (See?), just about all the world. And I'd want you to, not by no mean, think that I am trying to inject some kind of a--a cult of Elijah's blankets or robes and oh, all those things we've had plenty of them. But you know all those things are only a forerunning of the real thing that is to come to throw the people off.

Did you know we had false--false leaders raised up, false messiahs before Christ come? Didn't--did--did not the--the teacher of that day, that mighty teacher, Gamaliel, when the--the question come up about beating these men and so forth; he said, "Let them alone. If it's of God, why, you'll be found fighting against God, but if it isn't of God..." Said, "Didn't a man raise up not long ago and

take four hundred into the wilderness and so forth? We have those things." What was it? All forerunning the real thing when it come.

Now, see, Satan raises those up. Watch the shrewdness of this fellow that we're talking about here, Satan, where we're unfolding him right here, just stripping him down by the Scriptures and letting you see who he is. That's what the--what's supposed to be done, and you remember, he has not tried to go in to be a Communist; Satan hasn't. He's an antichrist, "So close that" Jesus said, "would deceive the very elected." And that's the one that's hid down in these Seals, whose names are on the Book since the foundation of the world.

He is a shrewd fellow, and when he sees this thing coming, coming up, then he throws everything he can out there to upset it 'fore it gets there. Did you know there will be false christs arise in the last day? It should follow immediately after this--after this great message that this brother will speak, that will actually come, be anointed in the spirit of Elijah, immediately. And they'll mistake him; some of them will think he's the Messiah. But he will strictly say, "No," because it's got to be coming like John.

In the time of John the Baptist, when he came out there to preach, they said to him, "Aren't you the Messiah? Aren't you He?"

He said, "I am not. I'm not worthy to loose His shoe. But I--I baptize you with water, but He will baptize with the Holy Ghost." And John was so sure that He's on earth he said, "He is among you somewhere now." But he didn't know Him till he saw that sign come down upon Him. Then when he seen that Light coming down, spread out like a dove and lit upon Him, he said, "There He is. That's Him." But John was the only one that saw It, you know. John was the only one heard the Voice. All the rest of them there, no one heard It.

But then when the real true servant comes on, with all the impersonation to it, it's to upset the peoples' mind. Satan does that. And those who can't discern right from wrong, they just tumble over; but the elected won't do it. The Bible said he wouldn't be able to deceive the elected.
And now, just before the coming of Christ, the Bible said there would be false christs arise and would claim to be Christ, and would say, "Lo," the people say, "He's in the desert." Don't believe it. "Lo, He's in the secret chamber." Don't believe it. "For as the sun shineth from the east unto the west, so shall the coming of the Son of man be." See? Yes, He'll--He'll--He'll appear, and it'll be a universal thing. And now, that will...

Now, of course, when they find out that something has taken place (You see?), then they'll... Now, remember, that will take place immediately after the going home of the Church (after the rapture). Now, there'll be false impersonations all the time, and we do not mean to be connected in anything like that. No, sir.

And I believe when the person comes, this one that is predicted to come (I'm showing you only by the Scriptures.), that the man will have to be a prophet. He certainly will. And the revelation of God, because God... The Word of the Lord comes to His prophet. That's exactly right, that's... And God cannot change. You see? If He had a better system, He would--He would've used it, but the--He--He's got--He chose the best system at the beginning.

Just like, He could've chose the sun to preach the Gospel. He could've put--chose the moon. He could chose the--the wind, but He chose man. And He never did choose groups; individuals. See, the... And never two major prophets on the earth at the same time.

See, every man is different. He's got a different makeup. If God can get one person (That's all He has to have.) right in His hand, He can do what He wants to. He just has to have one.
In the days of Noah, days of Elijah, days of Moses... Many rose up in the time of Moses. You know how they did and wanted to say, "Well, you're not the only holy one in the bunch," and--and Dathan and--and Korah... And God said, "Just separate yourself; I'll just open up the earth and swallow them away." You see? And--and so... And then the people got to complaining. He said, "I'll--I'll just take the whole thing away."

And there Moses took the place of Christ then to throw hisself in the breach and say, "Don't do it, Lord." See? And 'course, He... After He'd ordained Moses to do this, He didn't come over Moses, 'cause he was acting like Christ in that time. It was Christ in Moses. Absolutely.

Now, we're so glad today that God is revealing Hisself to us. And I believe the great day is just begin dawning, breaking; the lights are begin to flash; the birds of paradise is begin to sing in the saints' heart, they know that--isn't long now. Something's going to happen. It's just got to.
So if He does not do anything... Now, all Scripture is inspired. The Scriptures must absolutely be the Truth, no way around it. There's where I different with our friends the Catholic church. I believe that It was not written by just mere man; I believe It was moved by the Holy Spirit. And all these little things that's been added, try to add to It, did you notice in the solving up they was everyone kicked out. And these real true Scriptures dovetail one with the other one till there--there's no contradiction in them nowhere at all.

Show me one piece of literature that can--that can write a verse hardly without contradicting itself, or write a verse or two. And the Bible does not contradict Itself anywhere. I've heard the old critics say that, but I have had an offer for him for a long time to show me where it's at. It isn't in here. It's just because the human mind is confused. God's not confused. He knowed what He's doing. He knows...

And look, if God's going to judge the world by a church (as the Catholic church says it is), all right, then what church is that? Just look at the churches we got. We got nine hundred and something different organization of churches. Now, how... One teaches this way and one that way. What a confusion. Then anybody just do anything they want to; you go on in anyhow. God's got to have some standard, and that's His Word.

Speaking... Not throwing off to the Catholic now, 'cause the--the Protestant's just as bad. But speaking with a priest, he said, "Mr. Branham," he said, "God is in His church."

I said, "Sir, God is in His Word, and He is the Word." Yes, sir.

He said, "Well, He's in... The church is infallible."

I said, "He don't say that, but He said the Word's infallible."

He said, "Well, we used to teach that baptism that way and so forth."

I said, "When?"

Said, "Back in the early days."

I said, "Do you allow that to be the Catholic church?"

He said, "Yes."

I said, "Then I'm Catholic, old fashion Catholic. I believe the old fashion way. You guys today has got it all messed up. There's hardly anything in the Scripture you teach: intercession with women, and dead people, and all these other things, and, oh, my, non-meat-eating, and I don't know what all." See? I said, "You find that in the Scripture for me."

He said, "It don't have to be there. As long as the church says so, that's it. Don't make any difference what that says, it's the church."

I said, "The Bible said that whosoever shall add one word to it or take one away, his part will be taken from the Book of Life." So it's the Word; I believe the Word.

Now, and then if Amos says, and the other Scriptures that go with it, that if... And you remember on this we're just striking the highlights of it. Just... My, if--when I get in that room there and--and that anointing comes in, if I could write down what He--what all goes on, I'd be here for three months on one of the Seals. So I just strike the places and let it out just what it would seem to be that wouldn't choke the people, but yet not enough to hurt them, but just so that believing it would--it'd season the thing. You know what I mean.

Now, watch this now. "If God does not do nothing," said Amos, "until first He reveals it to His servants the prophets," and then we see what He's doing, it must be that He's fixing to do something, what He's revealing now. God is fixing to move on the scene in judgment; I believe. He's fixing to do something. And one thing again that testifies: surely we are in the last day; we're at the end of the age, the Laodicea Church Age. Now, for these things were to be revealed only at the last day.

Now, just think of that now. Let's just--just try to soak in what we believe that the Holy Spirit would have us know. Now, remember, nothing could be revealed, God will do nothing at all until first He reveals it to His servants the prophets. And before He does anything, He reveals it, and when He reveals it, you can remember this: something's on its road. See? It's being revealed.

And these things that we're talking about was to be revealed at the last day, just before the last trumpet, at the end of the message of the last church age. That's right. If you want to read that now, you can turn to... You... I just referred to you last night two or three times, Revelations 10:1-7 (See?): "And in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel's message, the mystery of God would be revealed and finished." And there's only one thing left when this Seven-sealed Book is open, then the entire mystery of God, why, we probed at through years, and according to the Scripture then when there was no way to understand it until this day, because it's been hid. We've seen the symbol, what it was symbolized by, but it could not be correctly revealed until the last day. See? Now, then we must be there at the--at the end time.

Now, remember, don't--and don't forget now that He does nothing until He reveals it; and don't forget also, that He does it in such a simple way that the wise and the prudent miss it. Now, if you want to mark that down, that's Matthew 11:25, 26. And...

Remember, He does nothing till He reveals it, and He reveals it in such a way that the smart, educated people miss it. Remember, it was wisdom that the world desired instead of the Word when the first sin did what it did. Don't forget that now. Oh, how grateful we should be to think that... Now, just look at the things that happened; look at the things that He's told us; look at here in this Tabernacle, you people that we been raised up here with.

Now, I'm going to ask the tapes to... Well, go ahead and take it. But look, I'm just going to say this to the Tabernacle people, you that's been here: I charge any of you in the Name of the Lord Jesus to ever--to put your finger on one thing of the hundreds of things that's been told before they come to pass and say they did not come to pass. Tell me one time that on the platform, out there wherever it was, that He ever spoke anything that wasn't perfectly just exactly that way. How... Could a human mind be that way? Certainly not.

When He appeared down there on the river thirty-three years ago this coming June in the form of a Light, you old-timers remember that I told you since a little boy that voice and that Light, and people thought you was kind of a little bit off at the head; of course, I would've probably thought the same thing somebody said it. But now, you don't have to wonder about it now, and the church hasn't wondered since 1933.

Down on the river that day where I was baptizing hundreds of people, I remember that Mayer boy told me, said, "You're going down to duck those people, Billy." Little Jim Mayer down here, I think he's dead now. I think he got killed out there; some woman shot him. But he--he asked me, "Are you going down to duck those people?"

I said, "No, sir, I'm going to baptize them in the Name of our Lord Jesus."

And there was a woman going along in the group. She said to another woman; she said--made a remark, something about it. She said, "Well, I wouldn't mind to be ducked"; said, "that's all right; I don't care..."

I said, "Go back and repent. You're not fit to be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ."
This is not nothing to play with. It's the Gospel of Christ, revealed by a commission, the Word. Just, now... You saying, "Nonsense," and "Foolishness," you could've placed it somewhere else; but remember, it's promised in the Word that this would happen, and just exactly what it would be, and here it is. See?

Then down there that day, when they were standing at the river, and the Angel of the Lord that I had told you that It looked like a--a star or something in the distant, and then It got close, and told you how the emerald Light looked, and there It come right down on the river where I was baptizing, when businessmen down here in the city said, "What does that mean?"
I said, "That wasn't for me; that was for you; I believe. That was for your sake that God did that to let you know that I'm telling you the Truth." By being a kid, a boy like, and about 21 years old, they--they wouldn't believe that (You see?), because it's too much for a kid.

And then, I was thinking; Brother Roberson here, one of our trustees, I seen here a few minutes ago, he was telling me the other day about being in Houston when the picture there was taken that you See? And I was on that debate. I was started to say something about it the other night. Brother Roy was the only--with one more man, was the only person in the group that had a recorder. It was one of them old fashion wire recorders (I see Brother Roberson now, and his wife) so, and--and this--Mrs. Roberson was sick.

Brother Roy was a veteran, his legs blowed, and they laid him out for dead. He was an officer in the--in the Army. The German eighty-eight hit this tank that he was with and just killed the men, and blowed him to pieces; they laid him out for dead for a long time, and they said he never would walk because both legs was severed, the nerves in them and things. My, he can almost outwalk me.

But what was it? There was something that he seen, and he went to Houston. And he was telling me about his wife. He's got--he's got the wire; he's going to fix it on a tape, and after the services is over here, why, he's going to play it for you all, I hope. And on the old wire--tape there, he's got my services held in Houston. And then his wife, he said he got her on there, and he never noticed it till the other day. She was, oh, she was so sad; she was sick, and she wanted to get in to the prayer line. (They never knew me, and I never seen them in my life.) So she was setting at a--a window that day, looking out and so dreary, you know, and upset, and wishing she could get a prayer card to get in the line; and happened to be that night she got in the line or the night after or something; I believe the same night.

And she got in the line, and when she got up on the platform, the Holy Spirit told her, said, "Now, you're not from here. You're from a city called New Albany." And said, "You were setting at a window today looking out and all worried about getting a prayer card." And there it is on the tape, years ago.

And then at the beginning of the meeting, when the Holy Spirit was there... That was the first of the meeting; we was only having about three thousand people, then we went to eight thousand, then to about thirty thousand.

So then in the... While I was speaking at the--one of the very first meetings, I said, "I don't know why that I'm saying this (Now, it's on the tape.), but it's--we are--This is going to be one of the highlights of my time. Something is going to happen during this meeting that's going to be greater than anybody's seen yet." And it was just about eight or nine, ten nights after that when the Angel of the Lord appeared before around thirty thousand people, and come down, and the picture was taken; there it is right now, which is copyrighted in Washington, D. C. as the only supernatural Being that was ever photographed in the world.

Then I talked about, you know, saying that sometime under the discernment say, "A person is shadowed to death. There's a dark hood of a shadow. They're fixing to die."
And then up here at East Pines--or Southern Pines, I believe it is, just when I was there in the last meeting, a little lady setting there; and something told her, "Take that picture right quick," when I was speaking to a lady, and there it was. I think it'll be on the bulletin board, has been for quite awhile. There's that dark hood hanging right over the lady.

She shot another picture as soon as the Holy Spirit announced it; it was gone. Said, "You're going to be healed. The Lord's healed you. The cancer's gone." There it was, and she was healed. See? There you are. See, it just goes to show that God knows what's the time of day it is. We don't. We just have to obey Him.

Now, we can just keep on talking, but let's get down here now just a minute and touch this back Seal so we can blend this one in with it. Now, just to review for a few moments the--the other--the First Seal.

We notice in the breaking of the First Seal, Satan had a--a super religious man. Did you notice that white horse rider, which they--it was thought to be that that was a--the early church going forth. But, oh, my, that's been taught through the years, but it couldn't be. Just watch when the rest of them, when we get them all tied together, then look where it's at. See? Now... And I don't know what the rest of them's going to be as yet, but I know it's got to come just perfectly in there, because it's the Truth. It's the Truth. That was the hierarchy church of Rome. Exactly.

These people who think that the Jews are the antichrist, they are certainly a million miles off the line. Don't you never think the Jews are an antichrist. Their eyes were blinded purposely that we might have a way to get in, giving us a time of repentance. But the antichrist is a Gentile. Certainly it is, an impersonator of the truth: "Anti," "against."

Now, this great superman... Oh, how he become a great man, and--and then finally was throned. Then after throned, he was crowned. And now, he... After that he was worshipped in the stead of God. Now, look, before that ever come... I want to ask you something: Who was that? What was that on Paul in II Thessalonians 2:3, that said that man would come? Why did that man look down through the age and see it? He was God's prophet. Certainly.

Why was it He said the Spirit speaks expressingly that in the latter time that they'd depart from the faith and would give heed to seducing (You know what "seduce" is.)--a seducing spirit in the church? That is clergy, seducing clergy spirit, workings of devils, hypocrisies in the church, heady, high-minded (wisdom. You see? smart, intelligent), having a form of godliness (just go say, "Well, we're Christians, we should go to church."), having a form of godliness but denying the revelations, the power and the working of the Spirit, from such turn away. See?

Now, notice he said, "For this is the sort that'll go from house to house and will lead silly women (Now, that don't mean Holy Ghost women.)--silly women that's led away with divers lusts." Divers lusts, they just like to get in every little thing that they can get into, and all kinds of societies, and live anyway that they want to, and still, "We go to church. We're just as good as anybody," dances, parties, cut their hair, paint, dress anything they want to, say, "We're--we're Pentecostals; we're--we're--we're just as good as anybody." Oh, your own works identify you.

Notice, but he said, "Man of reprobate minds concerning Truth." What is the Truth? The Word, which is Christ "... concerning the Truth."

"Oh, you... You make... You--you're a woman driver; you're a woman hater; you do this and that." No, sir. That's not right. That's a falsehood. I do not hate women. No, sir. I... They're my sisters--if they are sisters. But the thing I... Love is corrective. If it isn't corrective, it isn't love. If it is, then--if it's love, it's--it's phileo love and not agape, I'll tell you that. You might have a little phileo love for some nice looking lady, but agape love is a different thing. That's a love that straightens the thing out and meet God yonder somewhere where we can live eternally. See? I didn't mean that, maybe, in the way it sounded, but I... You know, what... I--I hope you understand. All right. Now...

But remember he said, "As Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so will they. But their folly was soon made manifest." Why? When Moses was commissioned to do something that seemed radical, but he went down there just as honest as he could be, and God told him to take this stick and to throw it down, and it would turn to a serpent. Then He did it to show him what it would take place. And before Pharaoh he stood out there just as God had commissioned him and throwed down his stick, and it turned to a serpent.

And no doubt Pharaoh said, "A cheap magician trick." So he goes and gets his Jannes and Jambres, said, "We can do those things, too." And they threw down their stick, and they become serpents. Now, what could Moses do? What was it? It was to show him that every genuine thing of God, the devil's got an impersonator for it. He impersonates to throw the people off the track.
What did Moses do? He said, "Well, I guess I made a mistake; I better go back." He just stood still for he'd carried out his commission to the letter. Then the first thing you know Moses' serpent eat up the other one. See?

Did you ever think what become of that other serpent? Where did he go to? Moses picked up the stick and went on out with it. He worked miracles with it. And that serpent was on the inside of the other stick. That's wonderful, isn't it? Yes, sir.

Now, antichrist comes into light gradually. I want you to notice. Now, when you here... Now, to my Catholic friends, just set still just a minute... And now... And then we're going to see where the Protestants, where we all are. See? Notice, the first church... When the Catholic church said that they were the first original church, they're exactly right; they were. They begin at Pentecost. That's where the Catholic church began. Now, I once didn't hardly believe that till I read history, and I found out it is right.

They begin at Pentecost, but they begin to drift. And you see where they are at? And if Pentecost drifts with the speed it's drifting now, they won't have to go two thousand years. In a hundred years from now they'll be farther away than the Catholic church is. That's right.

But notice how this white horse rider... (Now, we just backgrounding it a little till we hit this Seal.) Now, notice the white horse rider. When he went out he--he serves in three stages. The devil, as I proved to you the other night is in a trinity just like God, but it's the same devil all the time in three stages.

Notice his stages: In the first stage he come in, the Holy Ghost fell, and people had everything in common. And the Spirit of God was upon them, and the apostles went from house to house breaking bread with the people, and there was great signs and wonders wrought. And--and then the first thing you know, Satan began to cause a murmur to come up. Then after while these slaves and the poor of the land what received the Holy Ghost, they went out into different places testifying. They testified to their masters.

And after while there begin to come all like army captains and... And the different people the celebrity begin to see the gallantry and the miracles and signs that these men done, so they accepted Christianity. Well then (You see?), when he embraced Christianity and go down there to a place where they're meeting in a little old dark, dingy hall, and clap their hands and shout and speaking in tongues and getting messages, why, he could never take that to his--his competitor or whatever it is in his business. He'd never believe it like that (Certainly not.), so he's got to dress it up.

So they begin to get together and begin to think, "Now, we'll form something a little different." And Jesus, right immediately at the first church age, He told them in the 2nd chapter of Revelations here, "I have somewhat against you, because these deeds of the Nicolaitanes." "Nico," "conquer the laity." In other words, they want to make... Instead of everybody be one, they want to make some holy fellow. They wanted to make some kind of... They wanted to pattern it in paganism from where they had come out from, and they finally done it.

Now, watch. First Nicolaitane. The Nicolaitane was called in the Bible, antichrist, because it was against the original doctrine of Christ and the apostles.

I don't want to call this man's name. He is a great man. But I was at his meeting here a few years ago, and he knew I was there, 'cause I'd shook his hand. And he said, "You know, we have such today that they call Pentecostals." And he said, "They--they rely upon the Book of Acts." And he said, "You see, the Acts was only scaffold work for the church."

Would you imagine a man that's studied the Bible, a gallant old man, and had studied the Bible the way that fellow has, and then would make a remark like that? It sounds--it--it don't--It even doesn't sound like the Holy Spirit is around, it's got not to be nowhere; because anybody with common understanding would know that the Acts of the Apostles was not acts of the apostles; it was the acts of the Holy Spirit in the apostles.

Don't you know how we patterned it out in the church ages, the--them beasts setting there watching that ark there: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John standing there watching that. And in there is what happened as a results of the writing of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. That's what the tree putteth forth its first branch, and that is what happened. And if that tree ever puts forth another branch, they'll write another book of Acts behind it. 'Cause you see, the same Life's got to be in the same thing.

So now, today when we look over our denominational churches: Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Church of Christ (so-called), and Pentecostals and things, where do we find that? You don't find it. I will admit that the Pentecostals has the closest thing to it there is, because they are up here in the Laodicean Church Age. They had Truth and rejected it. They got lukewarm with it, and God spewed them from His mouth. That's exactly according to the Scriptures. You can't make them Scriptures lie. See? They're going to be truthful always. Don't try to... The only thing, don't try to line your thought up to the--or the Scriptures up to your thought, but reline yourself up with the Scriptures. That's... Then you're running with God. No matter how much you have to cut away or lay aside, line up with that. See?

Look what it did the first time it fell. Well, if God acted like that the first time, He's got to act like that the second time. He's got to act like that every time, or He acted wrong the first time. See, we as mortals, we can make mistakes. God can't. God's first decision is perfect. And the way He chose to do things, there can't be no other better way. He can't improve on it, because it's perfect to begin with. If it isn't, then He isn't infinite.

And if He's infinite, then He is omniscient. And if He is omniscient, then He's omnipotent. Amen. He's got to be that to be God. See? So He... You can't say, "He learned more." He didn't learn more; He's the--He's the very fountain of all wisdom. See? Our wisdom here come from Satan. We inherited it from Eden where we swapped off faith for wisdom. Eve did it.

Now, he was first called antichrist. The second stage, he was called the false prophet, because that spirit among the people become incarnate. You remember the white horse rider now had no crown when he started, but then he was--was given a crown. Why? He was the Nicolaitane spirit to begin with. And then he become incarnate in a man, and then he was crowned, and received a throne, and was crowned.

And then he served that for a long time, as we'll see as the Seals break, and then we find out after that a long time Satan was kicked out of heaven. And he come down, according to the Scriptures and enthroned himself. Just think, enthroned himself in that man and become a beast. And he had power, supreme power like, that he done all the miracles and everything that there--the killings and bloody fights and everything that--that Rome could produce.

All right. He killed by cruel Roman punishment. Just... Oh, how we could break in some Scriptures here. Remember, Jesus Christ died under the punishment of Rome: capital punishment. The message that I've got in my heart to preach up here at this next meeting on Good Friday afternoon meets three, four things. See? "There They Crucified Him." There, the holiest, religious place in the world was Jerusalem. They, the most holy (supposed to be) people in the world, the Jews.

There they crucified, the most cruel punishment that Rome could produce. Crucified Him. What? The greatest person that ever lived: There they crucified Him. Oh, my.

God help me to swing it into that bunch of businessmen to let them see where they're standing. All right. Now, not to be different, not to be nasty, but to shake that till them brothers can see that their dignitaries and holy fathers and things they're writing up in this Business Man's Journal is nonsense. Christians are not supposed to call any man, "Father." They start that... I've tried to help them in everything I can (you see where this tape goes, so) I'm finished. I will certainly won't have anything else to do with it. All right.

First, remember Christ. First as Nic--Nicolaitane. And what did the Nicolaitane age ask for? It asked to get away from them bunch of people that shouts, and clapped their hands and looks like disgracefully--like they did on Pentecost, act like drunk men, staggering in the Spirit and things. They didn't want none of that stuff. They said they were drunk.

And when the celebrity... (Listen, don't miss this. It may sound crazy to you, but it's the Truth.) When the--the dignitaries begin to come in, they couldn't stoop to that.

What makes God big is because He's big enough to stoop down. That's what makes Him big. There's nothing bigger, and He stooped the lowest that anybody could stoop or any human being ever stooped. He was the King of heaven, and He come to the--to the lowest city on the earth, Jericho. And He got so low to even the shortest man in the town had to look down on Him to see Him. Is that right? Zacchaeus. That's right. He was called the worst name that any human being could be called: a sorcerer, a devil, Beelzebub. That's what the world thought of Him.

Died the cruelest death. Didn't have a place to lay His head, kicked out by every organization. But when God exalted Him so high, till He has to look down to see heaven...?... God in humility. See? And He give Him a Name so great that the whole family of heaven is named after Him, and every family of the earth. All the family on earth is named "Jesus." All the families in heaven is named "Jesus." And such a Name that every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that He's the Lord, either here or in hell. Hell will bow to it. Everything else will bow to it. See, but first it was humility, then it become great. See? Let God exalt. He that humbles himself, God will exalt. See?

Now, we notice this "Nico" spirit wanted wisdom, smarter. It had to reason it out like it was in Eden, reason against the Word of God by the wisdom; and the church fell for it. What was it? Now, let's say--take this church here and take a bunch of people like we are, if you wasn't real Spirit-filled. And let us take, say... Now, nothing against the mayor of our city, I don't think I know him, Mr. Bottorff. Is he still mayor? See, I don't... See? Mr. Bottorff is a fine friend of mine. See? But say the mayor of the city and all the police force and--and all the marshals and they--they all come here. The first thing you know, if they got just a little thing in their head and begin to talk to the Board and the people around here, and say, "Now, you know what? This ought to be different..." If you're not Spirit-filled and got a real Spirit-filled man behind the pulpit, the first thing you know you'd be catering to them. Maybe not this generation; maybe the next generation.

And that's the way it started in. See? Why? They were saying, "Looky here, it's reasonable." You--you'd listen to it. Say a man come in here that could say, "This church is too little. Let us build a big church. I'll build you one out here; it'll be worth so much money--half a million dollars will be put in there. I'll put the thing on the broadcast." When they do that, then they got an axe to grind--nine times out of ten. You know one of them kind.
The first thing you know, then if he does, he runs things to suit himself. You can't say nothing because Brother John Doe back there, he's the finance of this church. See? And then you get a

little Ricky out of some seminary who knows about as much about God as a Hottentot does about Egyptian knight, and he will come along there, and he will cater to that guy, because he buys him a new car all the time, lets him ride around, and buys him this, that, and the other. And that's exactly how it started out. Right.

Notice, wisdom and smartness... They said, "Now, looky here. Isn't it only sensible that... Now, the--our--our women, what difference does it make how they wear their hair?" But the Bible says it does make a difference. Just take that one thing, besides the hundreds of others. See? It does make a difference. God said it made a difference, so it is a difference. But you see, if they get that started (and the Trustee Board and deacons and everything), the first thing you know the pastor either gets in or gets out. That's all. See, it's the people that voted it in.

All right, now notice, that spirit begin to move and the church that--that--that got so much dignitary in it, so much big things, and so much money started till after while they listened to it and fell for it, the crudeness of the devil. And that's the very thing that Eve done in the garden of Eden. Now, you hear that; that's right.

Look, the natural woman, Adam's bride, before he come to her as a wife, fell for the Satan's scheme against the Word of God by reasoning it. Before Adam lived with Eve as a wife, Satan beat him there. That's right. You heard "The Bride Tree" I preached on, that talks of it. (See?) All right.

Now, notice, there Eve fell for reasoning. Now, he, Satan tried to reason it. And she said, "But the Lord said..."

He said, "Oh, you know, but surely the Lord won't. See? You--you ought to be wise, you want to know something. Why, you're nothing but a dumb child. See? You ought to know something." If that isn't Satan... Oh, my. If that isn't some of these modern... See? "Oh, they're just a bunch of holy-rollers; don't pay no attention to them." See? Don't go..."

Now, the natural first bride of the human race, before her husband come to her, she fell from grace by listening to Satan's lie after God had her fortified behind His Word. If she'd have stayed behind the Word, she'd have never fell. Now, that's in the natural. Notice, the natural woman. And what was the curse? The actual curse of coming out from behind God's Word...

Now, remember, she believed about ninety-eight percent of It, but you just have to let one thing go. See? She believed a whole lot of It. Oh, certainly. She said this, and Satan admit that's right. If he can just get you on one corner, that's all he wants. See? Only thing you have to do is give the bullet a little twist this way, and it'll miss the target. See? That's all. Now, she believed so much of it, but yet missed it.

Now, and the--and the results, because she left the Word for one little speck of a reason... What say now, "What about the women? or, Why do you want to talk about something like that? But any of those little things... What's the difference whether it's initial evidence..." It's something to it. You got... It's got to be straightened out. We presumed at it through seven church ages almost, but the hour has come when God speaks it. And He don't only speak it, but He shows it, and vindicates it, and proves it. That's right. If He doesn't do it, then it isn't God; that's all. God stands behind His Word.

Notice now. Now, the natural woman caused natural death, because she listened to reason to make herself wise--make herself wise instead of staying behind the Word and doing what God told

her to. She wanted wisdom and be wise, and she listened to reason, and--and she lost the whole human race. See?

Now, this time the spiritual woman, the Bride of Christ that started on the day of Pentecost with the early apostolic church, lost the same thing at the Nicaea Council. Lee, you know that's right. At it's at the Nicaea Council when she swapped her spiritual birthrights to take Constantine's big churches and things that he offered them there; and she sold out her Scriptural birthrights for a bunch of Roman dogma. Now, that's hard on the Catholic, but the Protestant has done the same thing. They're represented in the Bible here as a daughter of the--a harlot of the whore. That's exactly right. Every one of them... No excuses, but out of there has always been a little remnant right along that goes to make the Bride. Notice, she lost her birthright (See?), before her husband got to her (See?); before the wedding she lost her virtue.

And now, you remember over there, she said, "I sit as a queen; I have no need of nothing," in that Laodicean Age there. "I'm rich and increased in goods," and so forth, "and oh, the whole world looks up to me. I'm the great holy church," and so forth. "We're this a way." The whole age...
And He said, "You don't know that you're naked, blind, miserable, wretched, poor, and don't know it." That's the condition.

Now, if the Holy Spirit said the condition would be that way in the last days, it's that way. There's no way of getting around it. That's the way it is.

Now, watch. Now, when she sold her birthrights back there, her virtuous right of the Word, what does she do? When Eve did it, she lost the creation; whole creation fell under her. Now, notice, and when the church did it, accepted dogmas instead of the Spirit and the Word, it cursed the whole system. Every denominational system that ever was or ever will be was cursed with it and fell, 'cause there's no other way.

When you get a bunch of men together to figure out anything, one's got a head this way, and one's got a head that way, and one's got a head this way. They put the things together, and shake it up, and when it comes out that's what you have got us.

That's exactly what they did at the Nicene Council. That's exactly what they do at the Methodists, Presbyterian, Church of Christ and the rest of them. And no man, no matter what God reveals to him, you got to teach it the way their credentials--their creed--creeds said or they'll kick you out. And don't tell me; I been there (See?), and I know it; and that's just exactly what's happened, so the whole thing's cursed.

No wonder the angel said, "Come out of her, my people, and be not partakers of her plagues." Because she's going to--she's cursed, and she's got to suffer the curse of God's wrath upon her, because she sold her virtue and right. But oh, my. But remember, seeing all that condition, but yet God promised in Joel 2:25 (if you want to put it down), in the last days when He said, "What the palmerworm left, the caterpillar had eaten; what the caterpillar left, the--the locusts has eaten; what the locust eaten..." just on down, bug after bug have come and eat on that church until finally it wasn't nothing but a stump.

Watch. What the Romans left, the Lutherans eaten; what the Lutherans left, the Methodists eaten; and what the Methodists left, the Pentecostals eaten (See?), until she's down to a stump. And do you know what? You take those worms in there, that locust and caterpillar and so forth, and you chase them down through the--a--the Book, and find out it's the same worm in just different stages.

Hold your point: So is these Seals. It's the same worm. You're going to see it when we bring it out, so I'll tell you now: It's the same worm all the time. Four of those worms, four here. And there they are the same thing; it's the same spirit. What one left, the other eat. What this one left, the other one eat, like that, till they brought it to a stump. But Joel said, "I will restore, saith the Lord, all the years the caterpillar has eaten."

What is it? How's He going to do it? If it started out antichrist by being against the teaching of Christ that accepted dogma instead of Word, and through the years the reformers have plunged at it as the Bible said, "But in the last days at the sounding (Revelations 10:1-7 He said,) the mysteries of God would be finished in the last days at the sounding of the seventh angel."
Malachi 4 said that He would send Elijah before that evil day come upon the earth, when He'd burn it like a furnace, and He would restore and to bring back the--the children to the faith of the fathers--the original apostolic Pentecostal faith which He promised to be restored. Now, that's just as plain as Scripture can say it. Now, it's promised. And if we're in the last days, something's got to happen; and it is happening, and we're seeing it.

Notice Satan's trinity: same person coming, just incarnate from one to the other. That's the way them bugs did, them worms, one to the other (Exactly.), Nicolaitane, spiritual antichrist, Pope, false prophet; beast, the devil himself incarnate. He can't do it... Now, you keep that on your mind now. When you follow this, you're going to see these riders come right straight up to that. See, I'm laying you a picture here. If I had it on a blackboard you could understand it better. See, I'm watching.

First, now you remember this: the first thing he is, he's an antichrist spirit. John said so. "Little children, the spirit of antichrist already working in the children of disobedience." See, that thing had begin to start. And then it become kind of a saying in the next church age. And the next church age it was a doctrine. And the next church age she was crowned. Now, isn't that just as plain as reading, anywhere you could read it? See?

See, there he come. Now, first he was called what? Antichrist spirit, because he was against the Word. That's what started it. That's exactly what done the whole thing, was turning from God's Word. Not because Eve might've give Cain a spanking one day. See? That wasn't what done it. The first thing that's done the whole thing was that she turned from the Word. She turned from the Word. And the first thing started the prostitution in the church of the living God, Christ's Bride, she turned from the Word and accepted Roman dogma in the stead of God's Word. What's happened to every organization's did the very same thing.

Now... But promised that in the last day He would make a way to restore again. The Word of the Lord would drop upon the earth as He did it in the beginning, and alway, and will restore back what? What started it? Against the Word. And what does this fellow supposed to do when he comes anointed with God's Spirit? He just brings the faith of the children back to the fathers. That's how He restores.

And you get this same Word in the same place that it is here, it's going to do the same thing. Jesus said, "If any man be of Mine... If... He that believeth in Me, the works that I do shall he do also." And when he asked Him to do certain things, He said, "I do just what the Father showed Me. I don't do nothing until I see it first. What I see the Father doing, that I do also. The Father worketh, and then I worketh hitherto." See? Don't you see it? Why, it's just like reading a newspaper. See?

Now, now, first... Then he become an antichrist. Now, he couldn't be antichrist, only in spirit. Then he become an antichrist, and that spirit took a man that taught the same things that that antichrist spirit was doing, and then he become a false prophet to the antichrist spirit. Now, what about a man in a organization? Suit yourself. I don't know what you think about it. But all right.
Now, finally he becomes a beast. Now, wait; we'll get in that in a--after while. See? All right. Now, if Satan's trinity lays like that... Satan all the time, Satan, antichrist spirit (the antichrist spirit incarnate) false prophet, then becomes the beast. See? When--not a demon that was in that antichrist, but when Satan himself is kicked out, he comes down and takes over the place where the demon was: the devil then. Then the devil is incarnate in a man. It's just repeating itself.

That's what Judas Iscariot was. And what would--did he do? Was he one of the fellows that was against Christ? Why, he was the treasurer, walked with Him (Certainly.), walked right along with them, went out there, and cast out devils, and done just exactly what they did.

And Christ was the incarnate God: God incarnate in flesh, Emmanuel. And Judas was the son of perdition as Jesus was Son of God. Incarnate God, incarnate devil... Some people only sees three crosses at that time. There was four of them. There was three on Golgotha that we see. That was Jesus in the middle, a thief on His left and a thief on His right. And watch.
One thief said to the other one, or said to Jesus, "If (Now, you know He's the Word.)..." But "If Thou be the Word, won't you save yourself? Won't you do something about it?" That's the same thing today.

Haven't you heard these old devils come, say, "If you believe in divine healing, there's somebody with the eyes; won't you open their eyes? Smite me blind. Smite me blind." The same old devil... See? "Come down off from the cross; we believe you. If you be the Son of God, turn these stones into bread": same devil. Just walk away (See?) from them; that's the way Jesus did it. He never clown for any of them.

Put a rag over His hand--over His precious eyes like that, and they took a stick and hit Him on top the head, said, "Tell us, if you are a prophet, now tell us who hit you? (They changed the stick one to the other.) Now, tell us who hit you, and we'll believe you are a prophet." He never opened His mouth. He just stood there. He don't clown. He just does as the Father says. See? Let's them go ahead. Their time's coming. Don't worry. Yes, sir.

Now, they touched His garment; they felt no virtue; but a poor little woman had a need just touched His garment, and He turned around and said, "Who touched Me?" See? Said... What a different touch. It depends upon how you're touching Him (See, see?), what you believe.
Now, you see, now as Satan is going to--has incarnate himself from antichrist to false prophet now, and in the days of the Jew, is antichrist amongst the early church... In the dark ages he become a false prophet to the world. See her there with her cup of iniquity. Now, that's to the church age.

Now, but in the age after the Church goes home, he becomes a beast. He becomes the devil incarnate, the red dragon himself. Oh, my. Can't you see what I mean? He's incarnate in his people then. He's got his people bound by his power. The false prophet has prophesied them right into it, give them over to strong delusions to believe a lie and be damned by it, denying the Word with a form of godliness.

God works His place in a trinity: justification, sanctification and incarnate Himself in His people ii the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Same thing. The devil's just in a type after Christ. Oh, Satan incarnates himself.

Now, watch. Satan... When Jesus incarnates Himself in His people, the very Life that was in Christ is in this person. What would it do if you took the life out of a grapevine and put it in a pumpkin vine? It wouldn't bear pumpkins no more; it'd bear grapes. See? What if you took the life out of a peach tree and put it in a pear tree? Would it bear pears? No, bear peaches. The life tells what it is. See?

When you say--hear people say they got the Holy Ghost and deny this Word, there's something wrong. The Holy Ghost wrote that Word. And Jesus said this: "If a man has My Spirit in him, he will do My works." You want to read that? If you want to put it down, it's Saint John 14:12. Yeah. All right. "He that believeth in Me, the works that I do shall he do also, even more than this shall he do, for I go to the Father." See?

Then He sanctifies and cleans him so he can stand before God. That drop of ink falls there and takes him across the chasm. See?

Now, watch. Satan, when he incarnates himself in his subjects, they do the work that he did. Don't you see? What did he do? Come right to that innocent woman to deceive her. And that's exactly what some of these devils do: come right into a place, and say, a little pastor gets started out somewhere come in and say, "Oh, if you just join up with us..." See? The same devil work. Now, that's the Truth.

And when Satan become incarnate into his church, if there be a devil, then they are the ones that does the murdering and killing and so forth, because Satan is a killer in the first place, a liar and a... See?

All right, what does Satan do when he does, when he becomes incarnate amongst the people? It's his duty to be shrewd. He is shrewd. You search the Bible, and you show me where God ever dealt with intellectual people. Hunt for it and see if it isn't always the intellectuals that's devil possessed. It's a big word, but it's true. I challenge you to take the--the lineage from Abel to Cain, and them fourteen generations, run them out, and see which ones was on the smart side and which ones was the humble ones.

Why didn't Jesus choose such people? He got fishermen and men that couldn't even sign their own names to put them the head of His Church. See? That's right. Wisdom is--is nothing. It's--it's against Christ. Worldly wisdom is against Christ always. Jesus never did tell us go build seminaries (He never did it.), having Bible schools. He said, "Preach the Word; preach the Gospel." And then if He said, "These signs shall follow them that believe..." See, you'll have to have the... In other words, He said, "Go, demonstrate the power of God to all nation."

Now, watch. Satan's duty is to pervert the Word of God to wisdom's reasoning. Oh, my. Oh. Then he marks his subjects by rejecting the original Word. Now, let... (Will you--will you--will you suffer with me just a little bit where we get this--this? I don't want you to miss this.) Let me show you a type so you can see it--all in typing and Word and everything. You--you can't... You shouldn't go away confused.

In the Old Testament when a man had been sold to slavery, there come a year of Jubilee every fifty years (forty-ninth year and then the year of Jubilee). And when a slave heard this, and he wanted to go free, there's--there isn't nothing that can keep him from going free. He can throw down his hoe and say, "So-long," go back home. The trumpet sounded. That's right.

But if he don't want to go, and he's satisfied with his slave master, then he's taken into the--the temple, and they take an awl (you know what an awl is), and they pierced his ear, and put a hole in his ear. And it's a mark that he can never go back. Is that right? He has to serve this master for all time. I don't care how many more times the Jubilee sounds, whatever happens, he's absolutely has--has sold out his birthright of being free.

And when a man turns down the Gospel Truth, Satan marks him. Where? At his ear. He deafens him so he can't hear the Truth no more. And he's finished. My. He stays with the group that he's with, if he won't hear the truth. No. "You shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free." The Truth makes free.

God marks His when they come. God marks His by vindicating His promised Word through them. That's exactly. Saint John 14:12, and another thing if you want to put down--down: Mark 16. Jesus said, "These signs shall follow them that believe."

Now, let us just take that a minute. Was He joking? [Congregation replies "no"--Ed.] Did He just mean--did He just mean the apostles as some would tell us? [Congregation replies "no"--Ed.] Watch, read the background of it. Go ye into (where?) all the world; preach to--this Gospel to (what?) every creature." It has not even one-third of the way have met it yet. "These signs shall follow in all the world, to every creature, wherever this Gospel's preached. "These signs shall follow them that believe," not just to one little handful.

Like a fellow one time tell me: "God only gave the twelve apostles gifts of healing, and..." Oh. Many of the brethren is setting here when he raised up to say that. See? He got enough of it in a few minutes. So now, notice, "All the world, to every creature, these signs shall follow."

Don't take Satan's unbelieving mark. Now, he will put it on you tonight if he can do it. He will poke you up against the wall and you'll walk out and say, "Aw, I don't know about that." You go home and study it. And then be sincere and pray, 'cause everything's too--is too perfectly Scriptural at this very hour, this sacred hour of time. It's done been for years, proved. Come right up to it and this is the hour. This is the time.

And now, don't let him poke that in your ear, his unbelieving mark. See? 'Cause he was an unbeliever to begin with. He doubted it. All right. Oh, don't even let--don't let him take the Scripture with his wisdom and--and twist It and pervert It with his own wisdom into reasoning powers. You just be humble and say, "God said so, and that's all there is to it." (Now, oh, let's--we're going to get too late, so we'd better stop right here and--and start on.)

Now, let's go to the Second Seal. When the slain, risen Lamb opened it, and the second calf-like beast said, "Come, see what the seal mystery is." Now, we get it. The Lamb, you remember, has to open every Seal. And the second beast... If you notice in the routine of where we just went through with the church ages--the same thing. The 2nd... First was a lion; the next was a--was a--was like a calf or ox or something. You see? And this beast said, "Come, see." now, and--when the Lamb opened the Seal. And then, went to see.

And when he walked in, what happened? Let's see what he found. "Come, see." There's a mystery sealed up here. That's been here now for two thousand years about. Let's see what it is. Now, we find here that he saw what? A red horse go forward.

Now, to my understanding (this to my understanding), this great sword that he had in his hand... (Now, we got about three things to look at now for about the next fifteen, twenty minutes.) Let's just read and see what He says here.

And there went out... (4th verse)... there went out another horse that was red:... (the first one's white)... and power was given unto him that set thereon to take peace from the earth, and... they should kill one another: and there was given to him a great sword.

Now, there's symbols here, and we want to look at them real close. But to my understanding, the best that I know now (You see?), Jesus predicted the same thing in Matthew 24. See? He said, "Now, you are going to hear of wars and rumors of wars, and just wars and rumors of wars and wars, and..." but said, "All these ain't yet. (See?) Time ain't yet."

See, they asked Jesus three questions (See?), and He answered them in three questions. There's where a lot of our brethren got tangled up, trying to place... Or the Adventists brethren about those seventh day and so forth back there to "Woe unto her that give child that gives suck and the gates will be closed on the sabbath day" and things like that. My. That don't even pertain to the question at all (See?), not at all. See? He was answering what they asked, but He didn't--didn't apply it all to the last days.

He said, "You'll hear... (Now, we're working on this one thing here. We'll come to some more of it in a few nights.) Look. He said, "You'll hear of wars and rumors of wars and so forth. Then all this is not... See, then they--they'll go back again and they'll deliver you up and so forth like this and all--all... That's not right yet." But when He got to the time when He was going to talk to them about what they asked Him about the end of the world, "When will all these things be, when there'd not be one stone left upon... What will the sign be? And when will be coming the end of the world?" See? They asked Him three things.

Then when He got down to the end of the world, He said, "When you see the fig tree putting forth its bud (See?), now you know that the time is at the door, and verily, I say unto you that this generation shall not pass until all be fulfilled."
How the infidel without the interpretation likes to lay onto that. See? He said, "This generation," not the generation He was talking to, the generation that seen the fig tree putting forth its bud.

Now, I just want to ask you something. Just let--just--just look at something right here in the face. Israel is now for the first time for twenty-five hundred years a nation. The oldest flag in the world is flying over Jerusalem tonight. Israel's in her homeland.

There was a brother here one time wanted to be a missionary, felt to go missionary to the Jews. I said, "You might get one now and then."

Oh, people thinks the whole nation... No, sir. Israel is converted as a nation, not as a person. "A nation will be borned in a day." That's Israel. All Israel's saved. Just remember that. Paul said so. All Israel's saved. Now, notice. All Israel... That's exactly right.

Now, notice this. But He said, "When you see the fig tree and all the other trees putting forth their buds..." Now, watch. There's never been a time for twenty-five hundred years that Israel has ever come to her homeland. We got the little show, "Three Minutes To Midnight." There she is, a nation, the six point star of David flying, all these things.

Has there ever been a time that the denominations has had revivals like they have in the last few years? Now, just study now; we're at home. When did the denominations ever bloom out over any man's ministry like it has with Billy Graham's, Methodists, Baptists, and so forth? When was there ever a man (Search down your history.) that ever went forth to the church formal by the name ending with h-a-m before? Just ask you..."A-b-e... A-b-r-a-h-a-m." Now, look, Abraham's name has seven letters, A-b-r-a-h-a-m, but our Brother Billy Graham has G-r-a-h-a-m, six, not seven, the world. That's where he's ministering to: church natural.

Church natural was Lot in Sodom, and when this fellow went down there and preached and blinded them by the Gospel, but there was One Who stayed with Abraham, and Abraham called Him "Elohim, Lord." Now, when Abraham seen Three coming, he said, "My Lord."
And Lot seen two coming; he said, "My lords." There's your difference. See your Trinitarian work? See, see? Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Lot..." You see that?

Notice, count it. Now, there was one come to this church spiritual, the Bride, Abraham, that wasn't in--in Sodom to begin with. And watch what He did. He never done no preaching like they did. He taught them, but then He done a sign before them. He done the Messiahic sign. He had His back turned to the tent, and He said, "Abraham..." Now, remember his actual name a few days before that was Abram. But He says, "Abraham, where is your wife, S-a-r-a-h?" A few days before that it was called S-a-r-r-a.
Abraham said, "She's in the tent behind You."

And He said, "Abraham, I (There's your personal pronoun again.), I am going to visit you according to the promise that I've made you." You see Who it was. See? A Man with dust on His clothes, eating the meat of a calf, and drinking the milk from the cow, and eating corn bread (Yes, sir.): God, Elohim, manifested in flesh: promised in the last day to manifest Himself in flesh again.
Notice. "Abraham, where is your wife, Sarah?"

"She's in the tent behind You."

He said, "I'm going to visit you."

And the lady, of course, being a hundred years old, she kinda laughed up her sleeve; she did: back in the tent now, behind the curtains in the tent. She said, "Me, an old woman..." Why, it'd ceased to be with them as husband and wife for years, you know, 'cause he was a hundred years old, and--and she was ninety. Said, "Now, that will never happen."

And he said, "Why did she laugh?" (Whew.) With His back turned to the tent. "Why did she laugh saying, 'How can these things be?'" See, He showed him a sign.

Now, He promised us that this will repeat at the end time again. And the two men went down there and preached the Word and told them to get out of there, the place was going to burn up and so forth, and it did. And Lot staggered out, the church natural down in sin, in the mire, but yet struggling along in their organizational programs... But the Bride, that one man never went to them. He went only and called the Bride type. Now, we're in the last days. See?

Now, notice. You said, "There God manifested in the flesh."

Jesus said Himself, "How do you condemn Me?" Said, "Isn't it written in your Bible, your laws, that they, the prophets, who the Word of God came to..." Jesus said the Word came to the prophets because He was Scriptural in all things. He said, "Now, the Word of God says that the Word came

to the prophets, and you called them gods, for the Word of God came to them." Said, "Then how are you going to condemn Me when I say I'm a Son of God?" with their own laws... Oh, my. There you are. See? How, where we at? We're at the end time.

Now, listen real close now. Now, we find out that there would be wars and rumors of wars. And now we see that the fig tree's put forth its buds, and the other trees put forth their buds, Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, and all put forth their buds, a great revival going on. Now, I believe that God's gathering the Bride for that last hour, the elect. Oh, my.
Now, notice. Let us now consider what John saw then, of these things what he saw: A red horse and his rider goes forth; power given to him to slay with a great sword.

Now, here's my revelation of it: This is Satan again. It's the devil again in another form. Now, we know that--that Seals pertained... (As I said the other night) and trumpets pertained to--to--to civil wars (You see?), amongst the people, or among nations. But you find out here that this man has a sword so he pertains to church political war. Now, you might not think that, but just watch it a minute, just a few minutes.

Notice the change of color of these horses: same rider. Change of color of horses... And a horse is a beast, and the beast in the Bible under a symbol represents a power. The same system riding on another color power from the innocent white to a bloody red... See? Watch him now how he's coming.

When he first started, he was just... Well he's just a little doctrine in the--in the--amongst called the Nicolaitanism. Of course it wouldn't slay anything. (That's Revelations 2:6, if you want to put it down.) He wouldn't slay anything. It's just a doctrine, just a spirit amongst the people. Now, he wouldn't slay nothing.

Oh, he was so innocent riding on this white horse. "Well, you know, we can have a great worldwide church. We could call it the universal church." They still do. All right. See? Now, "We could have... Oh, it is perfectly innocent. And, oh, it's so innocent. It's just a group of men. We'll all get together for fellowship." See, it's very innocent; it's white, the white horse was. See? Now.

So the dignitaries, and the better dressed, and the educated, you know, kind of like "birds of a feather," you know, we'll--we'll kind of get things together. "And the poor bunch, why, if they want to stumble along, well, all right; but we--we'll get a better class coming to our church. If we can just get ourselves pulled off right here, we'll--we'll be a--we'll be a bunch of masons or so forth. You know we--we'll just have the things fixed up--or 'Odd Fellows,' as they are." And so then... Not the Odd Fellow Lodge now, but you know what I mean. So it's odd to the real believer.

Now, but otherwise, in other words, "We want a little group, a little syndicate we can call our own. It's just a doctrine--very innocent. Brethren, why, we have nothing against you people, certainly not. You are all right, but, you know, we feel that--that we have business and ever... We--we'd be better off if we just had ourselves together." See? Un-huh. It finally went right on down till it happened. Yes, sir. Get together...

But when this awful deceiving spirit (Oh, man.) incarnated--incarnate spirit, this doctrine spirit became incarnated to take the place of Christ into a man, it must be worshipped then--turned to be a worship like Christ.

In other words, up over the Vatican (Now, I've been right there.) it's wrote Vicarius Filii Dei, and it's wrote in Roman numerals. Now, you just draw a line at the bottom of those Roman numerals, and

it means "Instead of Son of God." In other words, he's a vicar. (You know what a vicar is. Just takes the place of something.) He is the vicar instead of the Son of God. And the Bible said, "Let him that has the gift of wisdom count the numbers of the beast, for it's the number of a man, and his number is six hundred and sixty-six." Now, if you take VICARIUS FILII DEI and draw a line (the Roman numbers of V for 5, I for 1) and add it up and see if you haven't got six hundred and sixty-six.

The Bible said he would be setting in the temple of God, worship like God. When that little doctrine become a--incarnate, it become a vicar instead of the Son of God. See? Oh, my. That awful deceiving spirit. If you want to read that, read in II Thessalonians 2:3 and you can see where it's at.

And of course, you will remember Satan is the head of all political power of every nation. How many knows that? You want to put it down? Matthew 4:8

Satan took Jesus up to a high mountain, and he showed Him all the kingdoms of the world that ever was, or ever would be in a moment of time. Talk about a person, he said, "I'll give them to you if you'll worship me." And Jesus knew that He was going to fall heir to them.

That's what they say, "Why, you bunch of poor holy-rollers..." Why, we get the world. "The meek shall inherit the earth." What Jesus said. See, see?

Notice, Jesus knowed He would fall heir to them so He said, "Get thee hence, Satan. It's written. (Right back with the Scripture again. See?) Thou shalt worship the Lord and Him only." See?
Now, now, when--when he as his head demon incarnate in this super religious man (as the Bible predicts), then he unites his church and state, both of his own powers unite together. See? When the antichrist spirit went forth, it was a spirit. Then it become what? It become then... Now, watch this Seal. When the spirit went forth it was antichrist, against the teaching of Christ.

All right. The next thing did... What Christ set out for His Church to do, it was against sin. "It ought... Oh, it don't mean that. It--it don't mean it. That was for somebody else. That--that's back in the--a hundred years ago back yonder. That--that ain't for us." See? That's the "anti," "against." Then it become... Now, the rider went out; he was--he didn't have no crown, but he was given one. That white horse... He had a bow, no arrow. See?

So then when he went forth, then after while he was given a crown, because you can't put a crown on a spirit's head. But when this spirit become incarnate in the second work of his--of his dispensation of his mystic... The second work he become a crowned false prophet to the working of the antichrist spirit. Now, we see him there now. Now, he becomes that when he takes that... Then he is already... Satan controls the political powers of the world.

Now, he gets into a place till he's going to make a universal church power, taking religious power. And do you not understand, my brothers, that in--when this nation appears in the 13th chapter of Revelation, this little animal raised up like a lamb and it's got two horns: civil and ecclesiastical power. But he done the same thing the beast did before him.

It's strange, America is number thirteen and a woman. And strange it appears even in the 13th chapter of Revelation. We started out with thirteen stripes in the flag, thirteen stars, every--everything's thirteen, thirteen, thirteen, thirteen all the way down; and everything's woman, woman, woman all the way down.

And it finally end up, I predicted, a woman will control her. Remember that was thirty years ago I said it, and--and the--the seven things that I predicted, five of them's done come to pass. And they got the man right there now to bring her in. And you voted it in through your politics there. You...
All right. So much to say, you can't hardly get to where you want to get to. Notice now. I won't keep you but a little bit longer, if I have to carry over tomorrow night.

Look, notice. When Satan... Now, everybody that realizes that Satan controls all political powers of the world... He said so (Matthew the 4th chapter and you get it, and the 8th verse). All the kingdoms belong to him. That's the reason they fight, war, kill.
Now, remember, isn't that strange? They was given this sword to kill one another. Oh, my. Notice now. Now, when he did that he did not have the ecclesiastical power yet; but he started in with a demon of a false teaching, and that teaching become a doctrine. That doctrine become car--incarnate in a false prophet, and then he went just to the right place; he never went to Israel now, he went to Rome, Nicaea, Rome.

The council was held, and they elected a head bishop. And then by doing this they united church and state together. Then he dropped his bow; he got off his white horse; he got on his red horse, for he can kill anybody that don't agree with him. There's your Seal. Oh, my. Same fellow. Watch him go right on into eternity yonder with it. See? Unites both his powers together, the same thing they are trying to do right now, same thing.

Today and... A strange thing, maybe you don't understand it, but today from a Baptist group in Louisville (You heard it on the radio.) a speaker raised up and... (How many heard it? See, see? All right here you are.) They want and asking the church now that we don't really have to, oh, just kind of join the Catholic church, but we have to kind of fellowship with them. Get... And the same time that going on in Louisville, over here God's unfolding the Seals to His people to show us, "Don't do it." See them both working together. Remember, the crow and dove set on the same roost pole in the ark. Sure. Just remember.

Now, we find out he unites his power. Then when he become both state and church, the ecclesiastical, then what are you going to do? He forms his own religion, and now he can do whatever he wants to. Then he has the right to put to death whosoever will not agree with him.
That's exactly what he did too. And he did that just exactly. And when he--he--he did it to the true saints of the living God who kept the Word and wouldn't agree with him on his dogmas, he put them to death.

Now, Brother Lee Vayle and you teachers here of the Nicaea age and the early church, I don't know if you read this or not. If you want to read it, you get in Smuckers' "Glorious Reformation" and you find it that when Saint Augustine of Hippo become a priest under the Roman church, had the opportunity to one time the Holy Spirit tried to come on him, and he rejected It. How many knows that, as a teacher? So he rejected the Holy Spirit.

That's exactly what a type of the Protestant church today that's rejected the Holy Ghost. He went back down to Hippo, and he was the very one that signed that--that paper that had the revelation from God that it was all right and pleasing God to put every person to death that didn't believe with the Roman Catholic church.

Now, listen, I am quoting from the Martyrology: "From the time of--of Saint Augustine of Hippo until 1586 on the Roman martyrology, the Roman Catholic church put sixty-eight million Protestants to death." Was his sword red? Was he riding a red horse? What was it? The same power, the same rider. There's the Seal. They admit sixty-eight million on the martyrology besides all those put to

death outside of that. Oh, mercy. During the dark ages there were millions fed to lions and slaughtered in every way, because they wouldn't bow down to that Catholic dogma. You know that.

How much time you got? All right, let me read something. Turn with me; now let me show you something. Let's--let's picture this thing just a minute. Just happened to come on my mind, and we'll just read it. Let's turn over in Revelations to the 17th chapter of Revelations. We still got fifteen minutes more. All right. Now, listen real real close now as we read. You who have your Bibles can turn; I'm going give you just a little time so that you'll get it.

Did you get that, Lee? In Smuckers' is where I got it. See? "Glorious Reform," that taken straight out of the martyrology of Rome at the Vatican. Now...

That was down to the persecution of Saint Patrick's people. And then they call Saint Patrick their--their saint. Saint Patrick was about as much Catholic as I am; and you know how much I am. He--he detested the doctrine of the church. He refused to go to the pope. Yes, sir.

Saint Patrick even... Why, you ought--did you ever go up in Northern Ireland where he had his schools? You know his name wasn't Patrick. How many knows that? His name was Sucat. That's right. Lost his little sister. You remember when they were... See?

All right. Now, notice: 17th chapter of Revelation. Now, everybody just try to open your heart and let the Holy Spirit teach you now.

... there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the--had the seven vials,...
Now, you see there's seven vials; you know these sevens as we are going through. They all happen right at the same time, following the plagues, following the church ages just the same, 'cause it is all sealed up into that one Book, everything, and everything happens just in rotation, and one goes right into the other, and the other into the other. There's two spirits a working: God and the devil. See?

... which had the seven last vials, and he talked with me, saying..., Come here; and I will shew thee--unto thee the judgment of the great whore that setteth upon many waters:

Now, look here, over here. That waters... Whore, what is that? That's a woman. Can't be a man. And what is the woman symbol in the church--in the Bible? Church. Why? Christ's Bride and so forth (You see?), it's woman, the church.

Now, "waters," what does that mean? Watch here. Read the 15th verse of it there.
And he said unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore setteth, are peoples,... multitudes,... nations, and tongues.

This church is ruling over the whole world (See?) "set upon many waters."
With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication,... (Spiritual fornication is taking her doctrine--Nicolaitane doctrine.)... and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication... (Boy, you talk about a drunken bunch on it. You...)
So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman...

And did you know what, the Catholic's own writing admit this is their church? How many knows that? Right in their own writing, I got "Facts of our Faith" it's called that. See? Belongs to a priest. All right. All right.

And so he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman setting upon a scarlet clothed beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.
Now, just watch that, that symbol, that seven-heads. Now, you see here, said,... "And the--and the--and the--the heads which thou sawest are seven hills on which the woman setteth." Rome sits on seven hills. See? Now, there's no mistake about it. See? Seven heads and ten horns. You know are ten Kingdoms, and so forth.

And the woman was arrayed in purple... scarlet clothed,... decked in gold and precious stones... pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations--abomination of the filthiness of her fornication:

That antichrist spirit, fornication (See?) teaching, that committing adultery with God. See? Now, she's supposed to be a bride (See?), and committing adultery (See?); see just like Eve did--just like the church does there. See?

And upon her... head was written--a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT... (And anybody knows Babylon's Rome.)... THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

And... (Listen to the 6th verse.)... And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.
She was such a beautiful thing with crosses and everything on her; how in the world could she be the guilty of drinking the blood of the saints. It puzzled him. Now, he's going to tell him.
And the angel said unto me, Wherefore does thou marvel? I'll tell thee the mystery of the woman, and... the beast that carried her,... (Now, this is not under one of the Seals. This is something else. See?)... And he said... the seven heads and the ten horns.

The beast... thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit,... (has no foundation, the pope)... and shall go into perdition: and they that dwell upon the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the Lamb's book of life... (There's the elected. See?)... life from the foundation of the world,... (How, when was your name put on the Book of Life? At that revival you attended? No, sir. From the foundation of the world.)... when they beheld the beast that was, he is not, and yet is.

See, the beast. One will die; another one take his place. He was; he was not; he was; he was not; was; he was not, and she's go plumb into perdition that way. See? All right.

And here is--and here is the mind which hath wisdom... (How many knows there's nine spiritual gifts, and one of them are wisdom? All right.)... The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman setteth. (Oh, you'd have to be totally blind, deaf and dumb not to get that. All right.)
... there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is... (Nero)... and... one is... to come; and when he cometh, he must continue just a short space.

You remember what he done: burnt the city and laid it on to the Christians, and put his mother on a single tree of a horse and run her through the streets, and fiddled while Rome burned. All right.
And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth,...

Pagan Rome brought into papal Rome, when the incarnate antichrist spirit become incarnate and was crowned, he was made a crowned king of Rome, both in state and church together. Oh, brother. See? It's just full of it. See?

... is... the seventh, and he goeth... (How long does he last? They never change the system.)... to perdition.

... the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kings--kingdoms as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. (That's dictators, you see, of course.)
These have one mind,... (Now, look here. And they talk about Communism.)... These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he's Lord of lord, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, chosen, and faithful.

And he said unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore setteth, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.

... the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore... (When that covenant is broken, we talked about last night)... and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

Don't you know the Bible says the shipmasters and everything else said, "Alas, alas, that great city... how it's met its doom in one hour." See?

For God has put in their hearts to fulfill his will, and to agree, and give their kingdoms over to the beast, until the word of God shall be fulfilled.

... the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over all the kings of the earth.

Tell me one... Russia don't reign over all; we don't reign over all. There's only one king that reigns over every... like that Nebuchadnezzar's iron running out to every one of them toes, that it's Rome. Rome don't do it as a nation; it does it as a church.

Every nation under heaven is to Rome. No wonder he said, "Who can make war with him?" He can say "peace" that settles it. Every Catholic says "Don't fight." and he... They don't fight. That's all. Who is able to do what he can do? Nobody. That's right. So they wondered at the miracles he could do. He can stop war. The only thing he has to do is just say, "Stop." That's all. But you think he will do it? Certainly not.

Notice. That sure show... They should kill one another; they should kill each other. His bow had no arrows at first, but his great sword did. He done his killing later and changed from white horse to a red horse, the same exactly devil with his sword.

What did Jesus say? Jesus said, "They that take the sword will perish by it." Don't fight back. See? Jesus that night when He told--said that and Peter took his sword. See? Just--just do like He did; just go ahead.

Now, now, remember he's got a sword. He's going forth a sword in his hand, riding red horse, wading through the blood of everybody that disagrees with him. Now, do you understand it? How many understands what that Seal is now? All right. Now, what did Jesus say? "They that take the sword will perish by the sword." Is that right? All right.

All right. This rider and all his kingdom subjects that are slain down through the age that's drawed all this blood of the martyrs of the saints will be slain by the sword of Jesus Christ when He comes. "They that take the sword will be slain by the sword." They took the sword of dogma and antichrist and cut down the real true worshippers all down through the ages by the millions, and when Christ comes with the Sword (For it is His Word that proceeds out of His mouth.), He will slay every enemy there is before Him. You believe it? "Kill the enemy..."

Let's go over here just a minute. Revelations... We'll see now if I'm just saying that or whether the Word says it: Revelations 19:11.

And I saw heaven opened,... (Amen.)... and behold a white horse; and he that set on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he did judge and make war.

His eyes were... the flames of fire, and on his head... many crowns;... (Oh, brother. See, He's done been crowned by his saints. You see?)... and he had a name written, that no man knew, but himself. (You remember, we--we can't--we don't know that, see? what it is.)

And he was clothed... (Let's see.)... And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called... (not "is," but called)... The Word of God.

For He and the Word is the same. See? Now, notice, not His names, His Name; called Word of God. He only knows one Name, no other Name.

And the armies... of heaven... which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. (That's the righteousness of saints. See?)

Now, watch. What did Jesus say? "He that takes the sword..." All right, red horse rider, here where she's coming. "He that takes the sword..." You might have killed sixty-eight million of them down through these ages since then, maybe more, but Jesus said, "He that takes the sword will perish by it." Watch.

And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword...

Hebrews the 4th chapter said, "The Word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword, cutting even to the marrow of the bone." And what else does the Word do? It's a discerner of the thoughts of the heart. That's right.

... out of his mouth goeth a sharp two-edged--a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he tread the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath of Almighty God.

And he had on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KING, AND LORD OF LORD.

As the impostors against the Word of God, and because they wouldn't agree... And this thing, Satan placed, united the political powers which he held and the spiritual powers which he held together and made a church that sweeps into every nation; and he's put millions times millions (after he had jumped off from his white horse onto his red horse), and he took his sword and went forth; but God said with the same thing that he perverted, or tried to--the false teaching, that same Word will rise in power, coming forth from the lips of Jesus Christ, and it shall slay him and everything before him. Amen.

There's the Second Seal. Do you love Him? Oh, my. That's THUS SAITH THE LORD. Praise be to God.

If all these other revelations and visions and everything has hit just exactly on the--on the point... And how many knows that, raise your hand. Hundreds, everybody here with their hands up. That's right. So shall this be. Remember, it's so.

Oh, friend, come to the fountain that's filled with Blood drawn from Immanuel's veins; where sinners plunged beneath the flood, lose all their guilty stain.

Come believe on Him if you've never... Don't take any chance. Don't--don't... If there's anything in your life, friend, we're here... Something is fixing to happen. I don't know why; I don't know when. I know what's going to happen, but I don't know when it's going to happen, but it's bound to be, because He is revealing it right now. He doesn't do anything 'less He makes it known (Amos 3). He makes it known first, and He promised that these things would come in the last days, and the seventh church age, at the end of it, when the messenger's arrived, there it would be.

It would be revealed; those broken Seals will be revealed; and here they are. Now, that is in the Name of the Lord. Believe it, friend. Yes, sir. Come out of Babylon.

I want to say something before closing, 'cause I got--I'm getting just nine-thirty; just right now time. Billy and I, when we got off of the plane in India, our last trip there, I was looking at a--a paper that they brought, was written in English. And it said, "The earthquake must be over; the birds are coming back," then it give the details. They... There's something funny happened.

India don't have woven fences like we do; they pick up rocks and make their fences, and they build a lot of their houses out of rocks, just place them up there and it's warm there around, oh, anywhere pretty near in India, 'less just in the mountains. And all down through Calcutta and things, the people just lay on the streets, starving to death, so forth.

Now, so, and they build their houses and towers of their house. They run the fence right up here at the side their house, build the tower for the house, and the tower maybe, where they got their well, they dug it for their cattle and things, then run their fences around.

And all at once something begin to happen. The little birds, you know, go into those rocks, and they build their nest and raise their young ones; and something begin to happen.

Every day when it would get hot, all the cattle will come around and stand under the shadow of those walls, keep cool. And all the little birds live in those places; and all of a sudden, all them little birds, for some unknown reason... (Now, you know what we said the other day about little birds. See?) Some unknown reason, they all took off; and they went out and didn't come back to their nests. They went out in the field, and they set in the tree, wherever they could get, right on the ground.

The cattle wouldn't come around. The sheep wouldn't come around. They stayed right out in the field and hugged up against one another, a good way to do. They knew that something was going to happen. Then all of a sudden a earthquake took place, and shook the walls down, the fences down, and everything else.

Then the little birds begin to come back. Didn't come back for three or four days, then begin to come back. They said, "Well, the earthquakes must be over now; the birds are coming back."

Why? Don't you believe that the same God that could make them birds and cattle and sheep in the days of Noah go into the ark, He is still the same God that can make them fly to safety? Is that right?

Now, let me say something, brethren. There's something fixing to happen, and all these big old ecclesiastical walls are going to collapse and go right back over yonder and agree, 'cause they are going to do it as certain as I'm standing here. There's an image to that beast just as certain as I'm standing here, and this nation took it according to the Word of the Lord.
Listen, when you feel that little funny feeling, you get away from them walls. Get away; you'll die in there. Don't do it. Come out of it. Get away from all this stuff. Flee to safety as quick as you can. Ask God for mercy.

Don't just take some, "Well, my mother was Methodist, so I suppose I'll be." "My papa was Baptist, I'll be." Don't you do that. Don't you--don't you take any chance. I don't care how simple and humble it seems; it's the Word of the Lord. You flee to Jesus Christ just as quick as you can, and stay there until God fills you with His Holy Spirit, for the hour's going to come when you're going to hunt for it and it won't be there. So be sure to do it.

Let's bow our heads just a moment. Heavenly Father, oh, I just sometimes, Lord, stand here, and I tremble. I think of that awful hour that's approaching, and I... There's no way to stop it. It's predicted that it would come. Now, I've thought of why don't the people come and--and--and listen, and why don't they come and accept it? But of course I know that--that You--You said they wouldn't, so they won't. But there is some that's got their names written on the Lamb's Book of Life, and when them Seals are throwed open there, they see their name there, and the Holy Spirit speaks to them; they come.

You can't keep them away. No one can: no one. They're coming anyhow because You're leading them like You did those little birds and the sheep and the cattle. Thou art God. Some instinct that them animals have that they know that they must get away...

If instinct to an animal could warn him to flee from danger, what should the Holy Spirit do to a church that claims to be filled with it? God, be merciful to us.

Forgive us all, Lord, of our short comings. We don't mean to stand here in this pulpit and let these people stand around walls, and their limbs a-aching, and then just go away and say, "Well, that sounds very good."

Lord, we want to do something about it. We--we want You to search our heart, and if there's anything wrong, Lord, let us know now. Please don't let us come to that hour yonder when it's too late. Search me; try me, Lord. Here I stand here by the grace of God seeing those Seals broke down there and come telling the people, when You predicted it would happen this way weeks ago. And now, Father, here it is right before us.

Now, Lord, try me. Search me. Search me in my heart. Lord, we don't--we--we want You to look into our lives, and if there's anything in there that's not right, just speak it to us, Lord. We want to make it right, right now, right now while there is a fountain filled with Blood, while there is a--a Bleach that can cleanse our sins and unbelief. We want to plunge our souls beneath that, all of our unbelief...

God, help our unbelief. Take it away from us, Lord. We want to receive rapturing grace. We want to be able when that mysterious thunder thunders out yonder, and the Church is taken up, we want to be ready to receive it, Lord. Grant it. Try us, Lord, by Thy Word. Let us look into It, and if we see that we have failed...

If there are those here, Lord, who were baptized in titles, knowing nothing about the real true baptism, may I be as faithful as Paul when he passed through the upper coast of Ephesus and he found disciples screaming and shouting and having a glorious time. He said unto them, "Have you received then the Holy Ghost since you believed?" They know not whether there be any. He said, "Then to what was you baptized?" And they'd been baptized by that glorious holy prophet, but they only baptized unto repentance; then they were rebaptized in the Name of Jesus Christ. And Paul commanded them to be baptized over again.

Lord, in the Light of Your Word, I command every person that's not baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ to hasten to the water quickly while you have a chance. You who have not been filled with the Holy Ghost, I command you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ; fall to your knees and don't get up until the Holy Spirit has sanctified you thoroughly and filled you with His love and goodness until your soul is so satisfied in the Presence of God that your whole desire is to serve Him and walk for Him and work with Him all the rest of your life. Grant it, I pray, that God will give you this charge, in Jesus Christ's Name.

I love Him, I love Him
Because He first loved me (Do you really love Him? Now, put your hands up.)
And purchased my salvation
On Calvary's tree.

[Brother Branham begins humming, "I Love Him."--Ed.] If there's any setting that feels their need tonight, feels that they need to be baptized, or needs the baptism of the Holy Spirit... You know your need; it's been revealed to you, and you want to be remembered in prayer. There's none of us can give it to you, only we can baptize you; but the only thing, we can't give you the Holy Spirit. God does that alone, but you feeled your need that God is speaking to your heart that you need It, and you want us to remember you in prayer, would you stand up so we could know you--know who you are? God bless you. The Lord bless you.

I guess there's hundred and fifty, maybe, standing in here, or maybe it's like that if I can see all. I don't know what's in the rooms and around outside holding their hands up, so forth, but you have a need, now, let's pray.

Now, you who see those people that's standing by you and they're standing as a witness before Christ, "I--I--I need You, Lord. I need You. I--I'm trusting I--I'm one of those that's going to find my name tonight behind that seal yonder that was put on there from the foundation of the world. Something struck my heart and I'm standing, Lord, is it me? Are You calling me? I want You to reveal to me my name over there. Fill me and seal me into Yourself by the Holy Ghost." You who've already been sealed in, I want you to raise up, turn around to them and lay your hands upon them to pray for them. Now, be deadly sincere.

Heavenly Father, in the Name of the Lord Jesus let the great Holy Spirit move upon this audience as a rushing wind a fall into every heart here, Lord, and send down the baptism of the Holy Spirit upon these people. And there's water waiting... While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on them that heard the Word, they were all filled with the Holy Ghost...

[The balance of Brother Branham's prayer is not clear--Ed.]

THE THIRD SEAL

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Good evening, friends. Let us stand now just a moment for prayer as we bow our heads.
Our heavenly Father, as we hear that--that beautiful hymn, we--we're thinking, Lord, of that--that You're near; and we pray that You'll receive us tonight, Lord, as Your children, forgiving all of our sins and trespasses and giving us of Thy blessings as we are needy people.
And in this great hour that we're now living and we see yearly it gets darker and darker to the world, and the coming of the Lord gets brighter and brighter as He reveals Himself in the--in His Word and in His manifestation. We have come again tonight, Lord, to attempt this meeting and to pray Thee to open to us, Lord, this Third Seal of this Book, that it might be known to us that we would know what to do and how to live and how to be better Christians.

I pray, God, that You'll make every unchristian in here tonight realize their need of You. Grant it. And I--I pray, heavenly Father, that every borned again Christian will realize that he must live closer than he has in the past, that we might all be in that unity of Christian love and faith.

Grant that every sick person in our midst will be healed tonight, Lord. They do realize their need of You. And I pray, Father, that You'll bless everything that's done or said to Your honor and glory, in Jesus' Name we ask it. Amen.

Again tonight we've assembled together again for this, the--the Wednesday night of the week, and we're trusting the Lord tonight for a--a great outpouring of His blessings upon His Word. And today I have been studying as usual and trying to think of the things that would be more appropriate to say and the--how to say it and then depending on the Lord to give to me the interpretation and meaning of--of this Word that's written. And I am grateful to Him for what He has done for us through the week that we--of the opening of these Seals.

And now, perhaps it would be a good thing if Sunday morning, that... You know, many times we don't mean to be misunderstood, but you know, you--it gets that way. And so maybe Sunday morning, if all who has a question in their mind concerning it, would write it out and give it on the desk here Saturday night and so I can see what it is, and then I'll try to answer it for you Sunday morning, the Lord willing.

I think that'd be better than what we were planning, because sometimes it's misunderstood, you know; and so that way I... It'd be better that I would--I would get it straight, you know. It--it would be just what it should be, 'cause sometime I...

Someone called today and said that I--that called up and wanted to know if it was true that when the--the rapture taken place, there'd only be one in Jeffersonville and one in New York and the rest of them overseas. So I... See, it was just misunderstood.
And then someone said that Saturday night if the Lord give to us the last Seal, then Jesus would be here Sunday morning. See? So it's a--it's a... You see, you--you don't... That--that isn't so, that you don't... It isn't... We don't know... If anyone tells you that they know when He's coming, you know they're wrong to begin with, because no one knows that. But we want to live today like it was right now.

Now, I'm going to try to turn you around for a minute, so be ready. I--I believe Jesus will come within less than three minutes from right now, of His time. You know how long that would be? About thirty-five years. See, a thousand years is only one day with Him. You see? So when you hear... The apostle back here said, "The time is at hand." Over here, "The time is at hand." The apostle said that in Revelations. You know how long that's been? That hasn't--that was just yesterday to God--not even two days yet. And see, if it's three minutes, less than three minutes of His coming (See, that'd be thirty years, about, to us, or something on that order.) and look how--at what three minutes would be to Him. He's already rising up to come. So we...

You... Sometimes when you read here He's speaking in the terms of the Word (See?), not in our terms. And then if I knew He was coming tomorrow night, tomorrow night, tomorrow I would study and ask Him to give me the message for the Fourth Seal; I'd come down here preach it just the same. See? I--I want to be doing every day just what I would be doing if He comes. And I don't know no other better place than to be caught right at the post of duty (See?), at the post of duty. So we just keep carrying on till He comes.

Sometimes when we just read... And now, be real careful and when you read--get the tapes, listen to them real close, because you'll get it on the tape, because they been playing them tapes back, and they're really good and plain, so you'll get it clearer there.

Now, everybody in love with Christ, I hope, tonight, and everybody loving Him. I'll tell you what sometimes what confuses the people, that someone that come in and didn't get the first part of the service (You see?), then they come in and hear you refer back, hit back something, and then they take that with what's said, and they didn't get the first part; then it's all confusing to them (You see?); then--then they do think that something was said different, but it--but it isn't.

So if you've got a question that you don't understand, just write it on a piece of paper; lay it in anytime between now and Saturday night, and I'll try Sunday morning to... If it's a little puzzling... You say, "Well, I wonder just what this meant here; I didn't get it." (You know what I mean.) Then I'll try to answer it for you Sunday morning, the Lord willing.

Now, tonight we're going to read from this blessed old Word again in the 6th chapter, and we start tonight with the Third Seal, and that is the 5th verse, the 5th and 6th verse. And tomorrow night we close the four riders: the white horse, and the red horse, black horse, and pale horse. And I want to say this, that each time, even till this morning about... I get up real, real early and go to prayer before things stir and just keep on praying through the day.

But this morning early, the Holy Spirit came to where I was, and just as plain as anything, I--I seen this other Seal open up, now, just exactly. Now, now, now, He hears me, I know, and I'm very grateful. Now, you'll just remember that there is something happening that I--I hope you're catching it. See? There--there--there's something happening. I just want to test this church one time and see if they could actually pick up something before it actually taken place. Now, remember, remember what I've told you, and may the Lord help us.

Now, in the 5th verse...

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

Now, let's background this just a little bit on the Seals that we have passed, because just like in the church ages, why, we try to give a background to kind of lap it over till you could... That's the way the ages are actually in the Scripture; one laps the other one over, just like that, like climbing a ladder and, or climbing a step, rather, one running down to the other and coming back like that as you go up a step.

And now, this seal--the... It's a--the Book of Redemption sealed (Everybody understands that?), and this Book is sealed with Seven Seals; it is a seven sealed Book. See? And now, remember as we pictured it out to you, and took it from Jeremiah and all. Now, they... When they had... They wrote like this on a piece of--of script or paper, rather, or not paper, but it was a hide, and they rolled it up like this. Now, that... And then the end of it was left like that--that denotes what's there. Then the next one takes the same kind of position, rolls up the same way, rolls like that, and then at the end here, it is torn off like that and left another one. Well, that was the seven sealed Book.

Now, we never had books like this till lately. The books in the old time were scrolls. They were rolled up. And then when they'd want the subject or anything like we... If the Bible's rolled up, you want to read the Book of Isaiah, you'd turn down here to Isaiah and unroll it like that and read it. And this is a seven sealed Book of Redemption.

And now, we find that the Lamb comes out, takes the Book out of the hand of Him that set upon the throne, and breaks the Seals, and--and loose--and loosens that--looses the Seals to the people. And the four beasts setting there that we took in the church ages, the same four beasts, you see them all the way through the Scripture, and they are the one who does the announcing of these Seals being broke. Now... And we see it is a--a Book of Redemption.

And then we went back and got the--the kinsman redeemer and picked him up to see what his work was. And now, for all these years, Christ has been doing the Kinsman Redeemer work. Now, all that understands that, say, "Amen." He has been doing the work of the Kinsman Redeemer, but there will come a time that when the redeeming work will be over, and when the redeeming work is over, then He leaves the throne of God, where He's seated now, but that's not His throne. "He that overcometh shall set with Me in My throne as I have overcome and have set down on My Father's throne." That is not His throne. That belongs to Spirit, God. Christ, the Lamb, it doesn't belong to Him. He is the incarnate God (See?), which is the same God made incarnate.

Now, He rises from the seat. First the announcement went forth for... "Who is able to come and--and take this Book of Redemption?" See? For the whole plan of redemption from Adam, all that Adam lost... There was nothing lost until Adam, and after Adam all was lost in the earth. And... Everything on the creation of the earth was lost, and everything fell with Adam, crossed the chasm that no one could get back, no way at all. Man, when he sinned, he left his way; he left no way back for himself.

And then the... When this question was asked, John the revelator, the--the prophet John was in the vision and saw it, and there was no man in heaven, no man on earth, no man beneath the earth, or nobody was even worthy to look at the Book. See? Now, just think of that. Then the Lamb comes forward, and He takes the Book. Now, John was asked not to weep anymore. He said, "Behold the Lion of Juda has prevailed, and--and He can take the Book and open It." So he turned to look for a Lion, and he saw a Lamb. The elder called, said, "A Lion has prevailed," but when he come and looked, it was a Lamb coming out from the throne.

Now, he'd never noticed that before. Why? He had been back there in His--doing His mediatorial work, for He was bleeding for the people, intercessing for the people until the last soul that was put

on the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world come in. There's just going to be so many of them there, and that's it. That's all. The others won't even want to come in; they have no desire to come in.

And so then when that last soul comes in, then the time of redemption is finished. Then the Lamb comes forth to claim His rights to what He has redeemed, and that's all creation. The earth and everything belongs to Him. See? He has redeemed it with His own Blood. And when He come forth to take this Book to open it, why, my, they was... John didn't weep anymore. And he looked, and this Lamb was a slain Lamb. It has already been killed, but it was alive again.

And now, we found out that a slain lamb is a bloody lamb, bleeding all over. It's been slay. After It'd been slain, It'd raised again and was setting on the throne, say back in behind the throne like this, interceding for all those souls that would come. Then when the last one was here and it was completed, the... God still held the Book of Redemption. See? Now, He's just doing the Kinsman work now; like Boaz went down, and Ruth was just setting there waiting until Boaz... I mean Boaz done the re--kinsman redeeming work.

You remember me preaching that not long ago? Ruth gleaning, and Ruth, whatever she did, and on down and the last thing was Ruth waiting (You remember how I typed that in the Church?), while Boaz goes down to do the kinsman redeeming work; he did it. Kicked off his shoe, and made a testimony, and redeemed Naomi and through there got--got Ruth.

Now, so Ruth was just waiting, because she'd already labored. She'd done all of these other things, but she was waiting. And now... And then when the Church is waiting, resting, many of them, most of them in the dust of the earth, while He's doing His Kinsman Redeem work.

Now... The world's still going worse, and sin is heaping up and--and sickness and trouble and death and sorrow. The godless men and godless women die right down; cancer eats them up and everything else, when they can't appropriate enough faith to reach out there and take a hold of it. Now, notice, but then after it was all over, after the--His--His interceding was done, He comes forth, takes the Book out of the hand of Him, and then John, and everything in heaven, and begin... The souls under the altar begin screaming (We get that in the Sixth Seal again), and how they rejoiced, and--and the--fell down, the elders, and poured out the prayers of saints. And the souls under the altar cried, "Worthy art You, because You have redeemed us to God, and we're going back to earth to live as kings and priests." Oh, there's a great...

And the... John said everybody in heaven, everything beneath the earth, and everything heard him praising God about it. John must've found his name on there, you know... And all that time...
Then he said, "He is worthy to take the Book of Redemption." Now, it doesn't belong back to the Judge any more. It belongs to the Redeemer, and He's done done the work of redemption.
Now, He's going to show the church what He done. See? Then He just takes... But the Book is closed. No one knowed at all. They know it was a Book of Redemption on it there, but it's to be revealed in the last days according to Revelations 10. The seventh angel is going to be given the message of that, because it said that in the time of the sounding of the seventh church age--the seventh angel, when he sounds, all the mysteries of God should be finished up by his sounding. Then after it's revealed, the Angel come down from heaven, which was Christ (Now remember, this angel and is on earth, a messenger). Down comes Christ (You see Him in the 10th chapter of Revelations.), puts one foot upon the land and the other one on the sea, rainbow over His head, eyes and, like--and feet like fire and so forth, raises up His hand and swears by Him that lives forever and ever on the throne, that time shall be no more.

And when He takes this oath, seven thunders utter their voices, and the writer... Which when John was taken up, was supposed to write what he saw. He started to write down. He said, "Don't write it, because... Don't write that. It is an un..." He said, "Seal it up." What in? "Seal up; don't say it." See? It's to be revealed, but it's not even written in the Word. And then when He begin to open the Seals, we find out they were all puzzling. See? When he opened the First Seal, he thought, "Now, here He's going to say, 'And it will come that So-and-so will take the throne and certain do this and this will do that.'" But when it was, here he's went a white horse riding, and a rider on it. Well, "He had a bow in his hand, and he was given a crown after while," he said. That's all.

Then the Lamb turned back again and pulled another Seal off and here went out a black--a red horse rider. And he had a--given a sword, and he was going to make war and given great power and take peace from the earth and kill one another. That was kind of a--still a mysterious thing, wasn't it when He opened it up? And then goes on and said, in the day just before these seven thunders, all the mysteries here are revealed.

Now, look, then we find out as we've been studying that down through the ages we've had reformers, not prophets, reformers. And each office carries its own--its own work. Just like a man that is a telephone operator, he isn't exactly an electrician. He might do a little job at it. And--and like if a man is a lineman, why, he certainly... A man that's a post hole digger and never did do any line work, he better keep off the line, but he might do a little patch up work or something.

But when the real thing is to be revealed at the last day of the last part of the church, is when God has said that He would send to us, according to the Scriptures, and we've searched it through and through, that He predicted that the spirit of Elijah would return in some person.

Now, I think that's been made just as clear, and we--and--and we're looking for that to happen. Somewhere an anointed person in the last days to rise up. Now, you'll hear a lot of fanatics and everything else, but that just--just tries to... It's the Devil trying to take away from the real one when he gets here. See? But it'll be properly identified. You know what Elijah was. And watch that, and you'll--you'll know. And then, when he... Now, the elect will know (See?), not the others. They sure won't do it. They'll miss it a million miles. Like...

We've been through all that and showed how they missed John, how they missed Elijah, how they missed Jesus, how they missed them all the way along, and they'll do the same thing, 'cause the Bible said they would. See? So then, in that time it'll be very humble. It'll be so simple. That'll what'll makes people fall away from it. It's too simple for them. We find out that always when people get smart and educated and know a whole lot, then they just--that--that's just the kind that misses it, you know. See?

Jesus never took them kind of people for--be His disciple. He took unlearned people, fishermen, and nobody's connected with their churches and things. He just got ordinary men, tax collectors, and farmers, and fishers, and so forth to do His work (See?), 'cause they--they know they're nothing, then He can make something out of them. See? As long as they keep knowing that they're nothing, then God can work; but when they get to thinking that they know something, then you don't know nothing that you ought to know, the Bible says. So then we--we find that.

And now, we find out then that these mysteries are supposed to be revealed. And why didn't these other men, Wesley, Luther, and those great reformers who brought out justification, and sanctification, the Pentecostal age with the baptism of the Holy Spirit and things, why didn't he catch these--these messages? Why didn't they get them? Because they were reformers. See?

Just like, take it on the other side, there was people come in who was--had power as kings but wasn't kings. See, see? You have to notice the Bible terminology of anything. See? Now, watch. But these--the reason that all the stray ends of the mysterious part about justification, the mysterious part of sanctification, the mysterious part of the baptism of the Holy Ghost and why... What kind did... Did Eve eat an apple, or did she eat a pomegranate or something? See? Did... What was the serpent's seed? And--and... Is the baptism in the Name of the Father, Son, Holy Ghost, or the Name of the Lord Jesus right? And oh, a hundreds of those things that has been left loose-ended. See?

And then in the last hour this fellow is to come on and reveal the thing (See?), take up the Scriptures. It'll be properly identified. Yes, sir. And... Now, it won't be a great big thing now. It looks like here in the Bible it'd be something big.

How much bigger it was when John was supposed to come down there and baptize? Just think now, the prophets back, all the way back to Isaiah, Malachi, and all of them spoke of him, when he would come, and when he did, just a lone, old uneducated fellow with whiskers all over his face, and hair sticking out like a fuzzy worm, and a big old piece of sheepskin draped around him, no education at all, never went to school a day in his life as far as we know. See? Here he come out of the wilderness, not even as much as welcomed into a pulpit, and stood out there on the river of Jordan and begin to call for people to repent. Could you imagine it?

The Bible said that everything will be so great in that day even to all the high places will be made low, and all the low places will be brought up (Yes, sir.); and all the rough places will be made plain. Why, I can imagine seeing them out there think--John would come out, or this great forerunner of Christ, and just take all the desert and smooth it out and put it in grass again. See?
Oh, then I imagine they had it all fixed up about like they have today. But it was so humble, even the apostles missed it. They said, "Well, why does the Scripture say... Is the... You're going up there to be offered up now; why does the Scripture say that--that Elias must come first?"
He said, "He's already come, and you didn't know it." And the Son of man, they'll do the same thing; but, "John," He said, "did just what was listed for him to do, and they done to him just what they were supposed to do"; and said, "so must the Son of man be suffered."
Why, there wasn't, I guess, one-third of the whole Jewish race ever knowed that Jesus Christ was on earth. They--they might've heard of some fanatic down along there somewhere, but they didn't pay any attention to it, just going on. "He came to His own, and His own received Him not."

Now, there's where I believe even... Now, it didn't say He'd secretly come, but the rapture will be a secret. So if that was so secret when He come, how much more will the rapture be unknown. See? They want to... Directly they'll say, "Well, I thought we were supposed to have a rapture and all this judgment upon the earth."

He said, "It's already taken place, and you didn't know it." See?
It'll be so--just like a thief at the night. Like a--a book I read one time... What is that called? "Romeo and Juliet," is that what it was, or something. He let... They got the ladder up the side the house some way I for... (It's been a long time ago.) And he come, got his--to get her out at nighttime.

Now, that's the way that it'll--a--it'll take place, and it'll be gone... Not that they'll have--send down a bunch of Angels down with some spades and dig up the graves. The Bible said we'll be changed before even you could bat your eye, just a twinkle. It'll all be over that quick. Just say, "Somebody disappeared."

Well, I'd imagine if we could search the world over today, there's been five hundred people disappear off the earth each day (See?) they don't know nothing about. They just come up disappearing. Well, there ain't going to be too many go in that rapture.

Now, I don't want to scare you, and I--and I--I--I don't think it's that way; but I just want to tell you what He said, and you know it yourself. "As it was in the days of Noah wherein eight souls were saved by water..." Eight souls out of the world be saved by water.

Well, you say, "Oh, my, there is no need of me trying." That shows you haven't got the kind of faith you need. "If there's just going to go, be one, that'll be me (Amen.), 'cause I believe." See? That's the way you want to believe it. "Be me." Sure. I want to live so close to Him that I know He's going to take me when He comes; I believe it. So if there--if everybody else misses it, I'm going to be there by His grace, 'cause He promised me that, and I know that I--I'll be there, 'cause He can't lie, and I know my soul and life bears record, and I try to live daily just like He was coming, so I--I'm--I'm going to be that one. That's the way you want to feel. If there's going to be eight, I'll be one of that eight; going to be five hundred, I'm going to be one of that five hundred. Don't know about the other fellow, but I want to be one of that five hundred. You see? See?

That is the way you want to remember it. See? And if you don't remember it like that, there's something wrong with your faith. See, you're not sure you are saved yet then. You're just guessing at it. Don't do that.

All right, we ain't going to get into this Seal, are we? All right, I want each night... I don't know whether you mind me taking up your time. We could get out a little bit earlier. There's not too...
In the revealing of these--of these Seals, remember, it's only really one verse. The first tells the announcing of it. The second verse... Most all commentaries and so forth, the reading of it are--are... The reading of their thoughts, and I have--and I've always believed like nearly all of them does that that first horse rider was the--was the early church. But when the Holy Spirit revealed it, it was absolutely contrary to that. And so then, all it does, it just show what it is. And then I try...

Now, to me this is very sacred. That's the reason I'd rather answer these questions, and let's get it everybody knowing straight and on tapes too, that they'll understand now. See? I tried to speak awhile at night on backgrounding to get the people rushing in and pushing in and... You shouldn't do that. See? But when it does, it's human being, and it's hot and in here and you--and you are restless, but you've been very, very nice. The best I've ever seen the people act in the Tabernacle has been this meeting, and just setting quiet, and the mothers taking their babies to the nursery when they start crying and everything, it's been very nice.

But I've tried to background it until I just feel the anointing of the Spirit on me to say these words, to say what has been revealed to me. And then if I've somewhere doing that, if I have made a mistake here, surely here before all the people, He will correct it for me. I--I want it--it's--it's... I want it right. There's no need of taking just what you imagine; there's something right, and--and we want that. We want God to give us what's right.

So now, we took this--these riders as they come up--the first horse. Now... And we realize that that was the--the antichrist that went forth. And then we find out last night that the same fellow that went forth as antichrist with the white horse, we found him with a sword last night, riding and killing people.

Now, now, it's always the natural and the spiritual, and for the Church sake, I want to type just before we get to the opening of this Seal, which, what He give me. I got it wrote down here. I got several Scriptures here--seven or eight pages of it, and as I refer to it...
Notice. I want to give a type of the church and make it so plain that you'll be bound to see it. See?

Now, there was a natural bride in the garden of Eden. (You remember last night?) That natural bride, she was Adam's sweetheart, not yet his wife, 'cause he hadn't knew her yet as a wife. Just like Mary was Joseph's wife, but he never knew her yet. She was found with a child. See? Now, before Adam knew his wife, she was just a bride to him. All right. And we find out that God... She--she fell in the garden of Eden because she failed to hold to God's Word.

Now, He knew that Satan would be loosed among them, so He gave them a place to stay behind, fortify them. Well, there... Who could know any better place to be fortified than God if He's trying to take care of His own children? If I wanted to take care of my little Joseph, well, brother, everything--and I knowed his life depended on it, why... and I was able to do it, why, a forty foot concrete reinforced would--would be the thing would do it, that's--I'd make it ninety foot to be sure that...
And if I can think that about my little boy, which if his mortal life would lost, I believe a child would be saved, how much more to God to His child that would be eternally lost. What should He place him behind? He placed him behind His own Word. As long as you're in that Word, you're safe. "If ye abide in Me and My Word's in you, then just ask what you will..." That's it, the Word.

So Eve got to strolling in the garden, and she run into the serpent (a very polished-up sort of a fellow), and she... And he begin... Now, he was on the other side. God lives, dwells, works in humility, never any other way. See? Now, the little humble lady walking along there, and Satan come up as a wise, slick, polished sort of a fellow, and he wanted to sell her the program as long as... No matter how much Satan was around, as long as she stayed behind this Word, she was all right. See? So let Satan do whatever he wants to, you just stay with the Word. See? Don't make a bit of difference. If he says, "Why, you're sick."

"By His stripes I'm healed." See?

"Well, you're going to die."

"He will raise me up again (See?); He promised."

See? Just stay behind the Word. That's all. Christ retreated to the Word Himself: "It's written..." See? Now, stay behind the Word. But Eve, she begin to kinda let down, but she never let it all down; she only let one little phrase down, and that's what Satan wanted her to do. He got her from behind God's promise by reasoning. Don't never try to reason God's Word; just believe It. See?
So she stepped out from there and before Adam ever got to her for a wife, she was already defiled by Satan. And she...

And... Did you notice? Christ did the same thing. Exactly. Now, for redeeming, God had to be there first. And did you notice Mary? Before she come to Joseph, the Holy Spirit had done got there. Amen. See? That's where the Redeemer come.

Now, now, notice, the natural woman fell, and God made a way for her to be redeemed. Although she had fallen, He made a way. Now, that was, the first bride on earth fell before her husband and her were married. She fell by--by the reason of--of reasoning. Instead of staying with the Word she fell, and she fell to death, eternal separation. With her, she took her husband and everything else there was on the earth; she fell.

Now, but God full of mercy, made a way to redeem that woman. And now, He promised her, telling her that sometime in the future the true Word would come to her again. The true Word will be made known to her. Now, remember that, 'cause He promised Christ through the woman, and Christ is the Word: Saint John 1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh (See?) and dwelt with us..." God dwelt with us in flesh. He was the Word.

Before a word it's a thought, and a thought has to be created. All right. So God's thoughts become creation when it was spoke by a word. That's when He presents it to--to you as a thought, His thoughts, and it is revealed to you, then it's still a thought until you speak it.

That is the reason Moses went out to pray (that Pillar of Fire around him) and He said, "Go, hold your stick towards the east and say, call for fly." There's no flies, but he went and held the stick there and said, "Let there be flies." No flies at all yet. Went on back, but the Word, God's thought has already been spoken. It's a Word, now it's got to happen. See?

Now, don't you see where Jesus said? "If you say to this mountain (Not if I say it, but) you say to this mountain, 'Be moved'..." And the first thing, I guess, in Moses time, big old green fly begin to buzz, and after while they were five pounds per yard. See? Where did he come from? He did... God created them. Don't you see?

God can destroy this world tonight with--with gnats if He wants to. Why, He could pile gnats plumb to the moon. The only thing He would do, just say, "Let there be gnats to the moon." That'd be all there would be to it. No chemicals or nothing, they'd just keep on growing, growing, growing on--on. See?

He can do what He wants to. He's God, the Creator. The only thing He do is just speak it. That's right. He's the Creator. Now, if we just get to realizing how great He is... See? He just does what He wishes to. He sets up there and looks at people, and these little educators smart mouthing there's no God and everything... Why, it--it's just like it was at Babel again--Babel, rather.
Now, we notice that God told Eve that after so long a time, "The Word is coming back to you." Now, how did she fall? I want my class to say it. What did she fall from? What did Eve fall from? The Word. Is that right? The Word. And God said He'd make a way to redeem her back to the Word again. All right. After so long a time the Word would be known to her. All right, the Word would come for one purpose now.

Hold tight now, what I'm saying. The Word would come to her for one purpose; that was for redemption. All right. But until--until then, she had a substitute that would--that would work until the time arrived for the original Word. Now, you--you understand clearly? See?

He told her the Word would come to her again, but until that time He give her a substitute until that time arrived. So He gave her a offering to make, a substitute for that blood. Now, the blood was of bulls and sheep, and goats and things; but it didn't take away her sins. See? It only covered her sin. It didn't take it away at all. It covered it, for it was a animal's blood, and in the animal's blood is animal life. It was a substitute until the real (Now get your coats on)--the real human Blood, as human beings would be, become incarnate: God, without sex, virgin, the virgin birth produced that.

Now, God's Word promised became Blood and was incarnated in the Person of Jesus Christ the Savior. The blood of bulls and goats and so forth... But now wait, here God made the promise, saying it would be there when It come. Her Seed should bruise the serpent's head. Now, if--if her

seed, come just like from Adam or like it had been from the serpent and so forth, then it'd still be sinful seed.

That's the reason John wept. There's no man, because no man--everybody was across the other side of the ditch, the chasm. But there's coming a time that when this substitute blood of animal would be done away with when the real incarnate Blood came: God, made flesh and blood. The Bible said He was. I Timothy 3:16, "Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: for God was manifested in flesh..." That's right. The virgin birth did this.

Now, the blood of sheep and goats covered sin but didn't get rid of it, for it was an animal's blood. But... It was to be all right (was to be a substitute) and they sure got--got used to that substitute. And so they just kept on, and when the real promised Word was made manifest in Jesus Christ, Who proved to be the Son of the great Creator, God, and was vindicated Himself by being the living Word of God... Whew, my... He proved He was. He could speak things into existence.
There ain't a human being or--or nothing in the world could do that. There ain't a thing on earth can create but God. The devil can't create. He's a perverter of what's been created, but he can't create. Sin is only righteousness perverted. You know what I mean? What is a lie? It's the truth misrepresented. See? What is an adultery? The right legal act perverted. Everything in sin... Sin is just a--the Truth perverted.

Now, he could not create. But when Christ came proved He was the Creator. There was the Blood that was been promised. Now, if you want to read that, you--let's just turn for a minute. (We going to take our time on this anyhow tonight. I... It makes me nervous. I think everybody wants to go home, you know, and so it's...) Now, let's get Acts 2 (Thank you) and we'll just... Acts 2, and we'll find out whether this is right or not, whether He was proved that He was God. No. Get Acts 2; now let's get here at the 22nd verse, Peter speaking the day of Pentecost.

Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles... wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as you your als--you yourselves also know:

A Man that was approved that it was God among you. By the very things He done proved that He was. Here's Peter standing at the Sanhedrin telling them. Nicodemus knowed the same. He said, "Rabbi, we all know that You are a teacher comes from God, 'cause no man could do these things lest He come from God." See? They know it. But why?

Now, watch. Now, Eve was promised this, but when that Bride come on down and refused... When the real Word came to her, so the woman refused to recognize the Hebrew bride, for she was the bride of God. He put her away in divorcement. Is that right? She was a bride of God.

You say, "Well, they wasn't never married yet." That's right, but Joseph put Mary away before--was going to put Mary away 'fore they was married. See? He was engaged to her.

And when He come and the Word that He promised come for the wedding, He found her wrapped in her substitutes so bad that she wouldn't take the real promise that had been made, the Word, Christ.

Maybe you don't get it. Let me go over it again. I want you to get this. See? She was promised, the bride Eve, to be a redeemer. Her Redeemer would be the Word. And when the Word came, made flesh, she rejected It. She was given substitutes (Now, hold that substitutes), given substitutes to go on until the Redeemer come, and when the Redeemer come she wanted to continue with her

substitute and rejected the true Word, and that was the Hebrew bride. So did He by the second Eve bride, the mother of all spiritual living. See? Eve means the mother of all that's spirit--all that's living: Eve, mother of all that's living.

Now, and when He came to the Hebrew bride, she was the mother of all that was living, but she rejected it. Natural Eve fell in Eden by listening to Satan's reasoning against God's Word. That's how she fell. All right, sir. She fell because she did that. Spiritual Eve, now that's the Church, Christ's Bride, she fell not in Eden but in Rome. See? At the Nicene Council when she rejected that Pentecostal church that went down to Nicaea and listening to Roman's reasoning instead of holding on to the Word, she fell and everything away from her, died with her, around her.

Now, just as natural Eve fell, spiritual Eve fell. God's bride fail--fell in the garden; Christ's bride fell in Rome (See? Notice.) by the same reasoning against God's Word. She also forfeited her rights of virtue to Satan, which we found in the breaking of these Seals that that was Satan and still is Satan there. The Bible said it's the very seat of Satan.

And as Eve forfeited her--her virtuous rights and give them over to Satan in the garden of Eden, the church, the bride of Christ did the same thing at Rome when they forfeited the Bible for their dogmas and reasoning.

See how it types? You just run those types you're bound to come out right. If my hand looked like... If I've never seen myself and I see my shadow coming, I'll know just about what I look like. See? But, that's the way... If you want to see what is coming, look at what has been. For the all the old things were shadows of things to come, the Bible said. All right. For...
She forfeited her virtuous Word (the Word of God), when she sold the Bible and put a man in there that says that the church has rights to change anything they want to change; and they've done it. And the Bride of Christ, the Pentecostal Bride, sold out her virtue at Nicaea, just as Eve sold her virtue to Satan in the garden of Eden exactly. All right.

God has promised this church, this Pentecostal church, knowing she would do it, like He did to Eve... God has promised the Pentecostal church... Do you believe that she sold her birthrights before I--her virtue when she left over there? Do you believe that? She... Sure, she did. Then what good is a creed not based on this Bible?

I want somebody to find what's called the Apostles' Creed or even one word of it in the Bible. That's a Catholic Creed, not an Apostles' Creed. Read Acts 2:38; that's the Apostles' Creed. If got a creed. See, see? Now... That's what they used all the time anyhow. So if you... See?

So they sold out their birthright. Not only that: Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterian, Pentecostals and the rest of them has done the same. She formed a denomination, Rome. What made her do that, she formed a denomination and put man at the head of it, and the Methodists, Baptists, Pentecostals and everyone's done the same thing: put a group of men at the head of it.

No matter what God says, they--you got to do it the way they say do it. Well, what is it? It's nothing in the world but spiritual prostitution, the wrong type of woman. Yes, sir. Creeds--lying creeds, manmade... Then she became when she did that (Now, I'll prove this.), she became a whore to God. You believe the Bible says that? Yes, sir. Her daughters has done the same.

Now, in Revelation 17 (if you want to mark it down), John was taken in the Spirit and saw a great whore setting upon... (And, we read it last night.)... And there was the seven hills and exactly what she done, and she had given the world her filthy fornications. Is that right? And all the kings of the

earth committed fornications with her--cheating, stealing, lying, paying for repentance, and novenas, and every other thing.

Well, now remember, she had daughters. Well, if she become a body and under an organizational system, then the whole system's wrong. And if Eve, disobeying God, throwed everything into death that was under her, and every church that organizes throws everything to death under it... That's exactly. The whole thing's gone. That's exactly according to the Word here.

Read Revelation 17, and the Bible said that he would burn her with fire and all of her children with her. That's right. That means every organizational system will burn with the whore. Now, that sounds flat but... And I--I know you'll hear from it, and I--I want to hear from it. And I--I... That's right through. The Bible said so, so that makes it right. Yes, sir.

She became a whore. You can read it in Revelations the 17th chapter. She... What did she do? She committed fornication against her own husband. "Well," you say, "no." That's the Bible. The Word is God. And if you take one thing... Would you want your wife kissing some other man? If she didn't do no more than that, you wouldn't want her doing it. She'd prove her untrueness. "Whosoever shall take one word away from it or add one to it..." Hallelujah.

Christ wants His wife pure with the Word. The way she must be. Because nothing, not one tot or one jittle or anything (or tittle) will pass from that law, from that Book till it's all fulfilled. Jesus said, "Both heavens and earth will pass away, but My Word shall never pass." Don't put any private interpretation to It. He wants the pure, unadulterated, not even a flirt. I wouldn't want my wife flirting with some other man, and when you go to listening to any kind of reasons beyond that, you're listening--you're flirting with Satan. Amen. Don't it make you feel religious? God wants you to stay unadulterated. Stay right there with that Word. Stay right with It. All right.

God promised to her, as He did to Eve in the garden of Eden, to this last Eve here, which the Pentecostal church, the beginning of the church, the church itself is a mother of all of the living people; because as long as they go in there... But you see, when they take up her sins, they die with her.

Here comes a little fellow along; you say, "I--I want to serve God."

They say, "Well, here's what you do. Go down there and repent."

"All right, I'll do it." "Glory to God," go down and repent.

"Now, come join us."

There--there you are. Uh-huh. That got it. That's right. Died right with it. See, see? Now, that's just--that's what this Book is teaching (See?), not what I'm saying, because it says here so. All right.

Now, God has promised her as He did Eve. He told Eve there would come a time that there would--the Word would come back to her again. Now, you remember that? What she lost from, it would be restored, 'cause there's only One thing can restore, and that's the Word. It's exactly.

As I said, "Shoot a gun. If you don't hit the target, find where it went off at. You got to come back there and start again." See? And if you go back, you go to Nicaea. That's where you start again. See? Go back away from them organizations, away from all that church... We've been seeing these Seals is perfectly...

I always wondered all my life why I was so against the organizational systems, not the people, no. The people are just like me, or you, or anybody else, but that system, that denominational system... Now, I see it right here. I never knowed it till now. That's right.

God promised the spiritual Eve as same as He did the natural Eve that again the Word would be restored to her. In the last days He would restore to, the Church, to the original Word again.

Now, watch real close. I--I want you to be sure now. God promised Eve the time would come when the Word would be restored by her seed. This Word, Itself, would become Seed. And when... You say, Give her a substitute..." And she held that substitute. And when the Word come to her, what did she do? "I don't want it." It was too humble. Didn't look right to her, wasn't polished enough.
"A stable? Oh, my. My. A guy like that, not a day in school? Why, I--I couldn't accept that. That's no Messiah. A guy let guys kick him around like that and then call it 'Messiah,' let them put a rag around his face and hit him on the head, He called Himself a prophet? A real prophet raise up after them..."

They didn't know prophets. Jesus said so. He said, "If you would've known the prophets, you'd knowed Me." That's right. See?

Now, notice. But when the Word came to her the way--just exactly the way God said it would come; she had it figured out some other way. I'm talking about the Bride--the Jewish Bride, the Hebrew Bride. That was Eve to begin with. Then when it come out here she didn't want it. She wanted to stay with her substitute.

Now, God promised spiritual Eve at Pentecost, told her even before it happened (four hundred years before the church ever fell), that they would fall away, and they would do what they've done, but He promised in the last days He'd send the Word again.

Jesus spoke the same thing when He was on earth. He would send it again, and what is--what will it find? It'll find the same thing that it found when it come first. That's right. They've got the--they want their substitutes; they want their denomination; they want their creed; they want to live just the way they want to and they want... "Well, I am So-and-so. I belong to So-and-so." Don't make any difference what God's a doing, how much He manifests Himself. He could raise the dead; He could tell the secrets of the hearts; He could do everything that the Bible said He would do. And that don't make a bit of difference--"If it ain't connected with my organization, it is--nothing to it."
Same thing that Hebrew bride did. That's right. See? They listened to their substitute, and God promised them the real. And when the real come, they didn't want it; it was too humble.

Now, it's the same thing today when--when it rises on the scene. Now God said in Malachi 4 that He would send the message in the last days that would restore... Joel said, "I will restore all the years..." Everything that Rome eat up, and everything that the Methodists eat up, and everything the Baptists eat up off that original Pentecostal branch, God said, "I will restore in the last days." That's right.

And He can send us such a person that will be... The only thing that God ever sent His Word to was a prophet, not to reformers, to prophets. It wasn't the hour for it. Now, it's getting to be the hour, and that's the reason we are watching for it to come. It'll be so humble and gentle and so...

Oh, my. You think them aristocratic Methodists, Baptists, and Presbyterian, and Pentecostals will ever receive it?

"Well, you say, "Pentecostals?"

The Pentecostals is the Laodiceans: rich and have need of nothing. It said, "You don't know that you're poor." You might be building millions of dollar buildings, but you're still poor, spiritual poor.

"Oh," you say, "I see it all." You're blind.

"Well," you say, "Bless God, I'm covered." Naked...

"Well, I sure... Well, our boys... We got seminaries, we..." And don't know it...

Now, that is just vice versa. Now, if the Bible said that the Laodicean church would be in that condition, and there's no person on earth could deny that this isn't the last age, because the Laodicean Church Age or the seventh church age, and here we are. The second two thousand years is finishing. There's no more church ages.

That's the reason you Latter Rain brethren couldn't start another organization. There's going to be no more. That's right. It's at the end. Amen. Can't be no more church ages. It's all over.

But then, if the Pentecostal message was the last message which justification, sanctification, the baptism of the Holy Ghost... The last three messages, the last three church ages forms the complete birth. Just like when a woman is having--going to have her baby. The actual first thing happens is water; the next thing's blood; the next thing's life. When they killed Jesus at the cross, the substance come from His body to make up the new--to make up the--the birth. They stuck His side, blood and water came out, and "Into Thy hands I commend My Spirit." What came from His body was water, blood, spirit. I John 5:7 tells you about that.

There are three that bear record in heaven: the Father, the Word (which is Christ), and the Holy Ghost, and these three agree in One. They're not One, but they agree in One. And there are three that bear record... Or they are One, I mean. I'm mistaken. The... And the three that bear record in earth is the water, blood, and spirit, and they agree in one.

You can be sanctified without being justified, and you can be justified without being sanctified. You can be sanctified without receiving the Holy Ghost. It's exactly. The disciples in John 17:17 was sanctified and given power to cast out devils and still didn't have the Holy Ghost. See? Sure. Had to go up to Pentecost and wait till the Holy Ghost come. That's where Judas showed his colors. See how that spirit worked its way through justification and sanctification, but when it come to the end, he showed his color. (See?) That's right.

Now, notice, now, and here we are at the end time. And spiritual Eve, just as nat--as Hebrew Eve was promised... The Hebrew bride was promised the Word to return, and the spiritual bride from Pentecost, when she fell at Nicaea, then she's promised in the last days that the Word will come again. Now, you say... Then... If you want another Scripture, take over here, Revelations 10. And said, "In the hour, the time of the--the last angel, the seventh angel, seventh messenger, begins to sound, the mystery of God is finished (See?), the restoration back to the Word. The Bible said that this messenger of the last days would be--restore them back to the original faith again, back to the faith of the fathers. But you think they receive it? No, sir. Last days He would restore the original Word again, as He said in Malachi 4, but--that--that she had forfeited.

Now, she forfeited that Word at Nicaea. Eve forfeited in Eden. Eve rejected hers at Calvary, and Nicaea's group is rejecting it in their last days--just the same. My. But when the Word came in human flesh, she, Eve, the Hebrew church, mother of all spiritual living as then, she rejected it; she was so dead in her traditions and dogmas that she missed it. So is this one. It's exactly.

All right. They miss Him, the living Word manifested in the flesh by the Word that is promised. The Word promised to do these things. The promise was made, and it'll be like this in the last days. "As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man." Now, watch what happened at Sodom. "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man." See? Watch what happened then. See? Now, He said it'd be the same thing, and we live in that day where that it could be... I guess I could get six hundred promises of them like that out of the Scripture just referring to it. See? Now... But they rejected.

She held to her traditions and substitute instead of the--the... She held to the substitute blood instead of the real Blood. Jesus, the Word said... When He was manifested to her... Because she held to these traditions, Jesus the manifested Word, said to the bride, Hebrew bride, "Because you hold to your traditions, you make the Word of God without any effect to you." It can't be effective.

Now, that's what's the reason today that the--the revivals that we're supposed to have... We have denominational revivals; we haven't had a real stirring. No, no, no, no. No, sir. Don't think we got revivals. We haven't. Oh, they've got millions and millions and millions of church members, but not a revival nowhere. No, no.

The--the Bride hasn't had a revival yet. See? There's been no revival there, no manifestation of God to stir the Bride yet. See? We're looking for it. It will take those seven unknown thunders back there to wake her up again. He will send it. He promised it. Now, now, watch. Now, she was--she was dead.

And now, if the churches would forget their creeds, and forget their dogmas, and just take the Bible, plead the promise, then it would come effective to them. But see, Jesus said, "You with your traditions make the Word of God not effective to you." Well, that's the same thing today with spiritual Eve. See? The spiritual bride of today, so-called the church, she takes the Word of God; and she won't accept It, and she accepts dogmas instead. Therefore, the Word's not effective to her (See?), because she tries to inject her creed with the Word, and it won't work.

Now, what we need today... I just keep reading this here "Herald of His Coming." Across the headlines "We need a prophet to return. We need a prophet to return." and I guess when He does return they'll know nothing about it, just like I said. That's right. It's always been that way. See? "We need a..." Everything you talk about: "We need a prophet to return who'll bring the Word of the Lord, fearless. We believe the Bible promised it."

Now, I know Brother--Brother Moore and them, eat in his house and everything else (the editor); and he's a--finest man that walks in shoe leather, I guess, one of the finest fellows. But just... See, he knows that we've got to have that. And Sister Moore, one of the finest women, little--poor little fellow, and they sacrifice. And that's one of the best papers on the field in my opinion is "The Herald of His Coming." But you find out they keep blasting that "We need a prophet. We need a prophet." See? My. That's what they talk about.

And then here we are today, and like yesterday and today announcing on the radio that in the Baptist churches and so forth that we're not to take in with the Catholics, but we're to kind of

fellowship with them. See? And right here the message going out right here to stay away from that poison thing. See, see? "How can two walk together 'less they be agreed?"

Light and dark can't fellowship together. When light comes in, dark goes out. See? It can't--the most powerful... You can't put light out with dark, but you can put dark out with light. That's right. And He is the Light, and He is the Word. See? Now, there you are, right straight back. You can't make it lie or do anything wrong. It comes right straight back to this spot again. Yes, sir.

Just like some guys start to try to fuss with you, if you know where to stand, know what he believes... It's just like taking a rabbit and turning him loose in a pen and you've got every hole stopped up. Just stand at the gate; he's got to come back. So... See? He has to come right back to the gate again 'cause that's the only way he can get out. He will stick his head through here and almost break his neck, go over there and over there. Just stand and watch him, and he will come right back. See? That's all. That's the only way to do: stay with that Word. Now, just blast all around your creed and just break your neck everywhere, but you got to come right back to this Word. See? That's all of it.

Now, see, they--they--they--they don't want it. They don't want God's Word. Because she held to her traditions, she kept the Word of God from being of non effect. The same now on spiritual Eve, she don't want... She wants to keep her traditions and get away from the Word of God. She holds again to the denominations and their creeds and traditions of her elders instead of taking the Word of God.

And when the promise of the Word in the last days is brought to her, she will not receive it, because with her traditions, like the Hebrew bride did, the real Word, though manifested, proven, vindicated, she won't have it. Why won't she? Because there's her type. She can't do it. That's right. She can't beat her type. See? And it's predicted she would do it, so how you going to keep from anything...

Now, the only thing to do is be happy you are in. That's all, be ready for it. All right. God promised in the last days that He would manifest and would vindicate His Word to her and still she wouldn't do it. All that God promised her by His servants, the prophets, God promised through Jesus Christ, God promised through Joel, God promised through Paul, God promised through Malachi, John, God promised through John the Revelator, all them prophets, just exactly what the last message would be to her.

Now, if you want to write them down, 'course you all know them: Jesus: John 14:12; and Joel: Joel 2:38; Paul: II Timothy 3; Malachi 4th chapter, and John the revelator: Revelations 10:17, 1-17. See? Exactly what would take place now. And to the church, what is it? The incarnate Word made flesh amongst His people again (See?), and they just don't believe it.

You know what Jesus said when He seen He--when He done them miracles before them and proved that He was God, proved that--that what He was doing, He was--He had done exactly. He--He said to them, He said, "Oh, you Capernaum, who is exalted into heaven, if the works had been--the mighty works had been done in Sodom that's been done in you, it'd be standing today." That's right.

And in Capernaum, He never done nothing but heal a few people and told them the secrets of their hearts and walked out. Yes. That's all. See, they don't know what mighty works are. They think it has to be a great big program where everybody gets up; and the judge makes a speech; and--and the bands playing, the colors fly, and the--and the well-dressed women and their... and

tarrying, and all the Ph.D's, LL.D's, the big tall hats and turned-around collars and everything; they all have to walk in; that's something great. God said, "That's foolish." See?

And He brings up a little something that don't know what-- difference between, maybe, abc's hardly and performs something that just sets the real Church afire; and the rest of them says, "A bunch of holy-rollers." God calls that great, and the world calls it foolish. The world calls that great, and God calls that foolish (See?), just vice versa. See? And the thing that God has promised, God will and has done. Here we are.

Now, still she remains as she did, the Hebrew Eve. She just wouldn't do it. You could raise up the dead; you could see the Spirit of God. Jesus came down, vindicated Himself to be the Son of God. First He started preaching. Well, they thought, "Well, kinda odd like fellow. Who is he anyhow?" Well, the first thing you know, people begin to say... Of course they'd said before when His forerunner come, John--they said, "Are you the Messiah?"

He said, "No, but He's standing among you somewhere." See? Why? He knowed when his message taken place what he was to do. He knowed what he was going to do.

Just like Noah kept watching Enoch. When Enoch went, Noah said, "Better get close to the ark. The time is at hand." Noah kept watching Enoch (See?) and John watched for the sign that Jesus told him--or God told him to watch. He said, "He's standing right here now somewhere among you. I don't know Him, but I will know Him."

Standing there and they said, "Aren't you the Messiah?" Said, "We were sent from the headquarters." Said, "The--the elders and all sent us down here. If you are the Messiah, why don't you come up and make yourself known up there, not down here in this bunch of stuff down here. You come up there and make yourself known."

He said, "I'm not the Messiah." He said, "I'm the voice of one crying in the wilderness."

That went far over their heads as it could go. They didn't know nothing about it (See?), and yet they was all looking for him to come; but it couldn't be a guy like that. Oh, my, that would be terrible.

"What school are you from?"

"None."

"Have you got your fellowship card?"

"What is it?" See? He was anointed of God. He said, "There's one thing I have, the axe is laid to the root of the tree." Now... That's all he--that all he had. He talked in terms of a woodsman, not in the terms of a clergyman--vipers, axes, and trees and so forth. He--he didn't talk in ecclesiastical terms, but Jesus said there never was a prophet like him, never a man born of a woman like him till his day. That's right.

He was more than a prophet; he was the messenger of the covenant: stood right between the--the--the two dispensations coming in (See?), more than a prophet. And so then... Standing there, they didn't know him. They didn't understand him. He was kind of an odd like sort of fellow, so they just missed him. See?

Then when Jesus come then, and surely they wasn't going to accept Him, this carpenter's boy (There wasn't nothing like that) with a black name behind Him of illegitimacy. He... They wouldn't go to see a Fellow like that.

But--but look what God did. He took the unlearned poor fishermen, woodsmen, farmers, and harlots and left the dignitaries set there. Why? What... Why did He do it? Why did He do such a thing? (Could you imagine?), because that them people recognized Him to be the Word.

Now, let's just watch them just a minute. Here's an old ignorant fisherman, can't write his name. The Bible said he was ignorant and unlearned. He brings his fish up and sets it down, goes down there and sees what all this noise is about, but way down deep in him he knew that the Bible said that the Messiah... All Hebrews look for the Messiah, because there was to be a Scriptural thing happen when He come.

There'd been a lot of messiahs raise up and said, "I'm He," and led them off by the hundreds, and--and perished and everything; but see, that was to throw off the real One when He comes. We've had Elijah's mantles and coats and every other thing, but that--that's--that's just to throw off the real thing when He does come. See? That's right. All kinds of people that's wore the robes and the garments and been buried in all kinds of hoods turned around and everything else... That don't... That just only vindicates. Like a bogus dollar shows there's a good one somewhere if you can just find it. See? So here He come.

Now, these dignitaries come out, and they was so on their substitutes, "Why," they said, "now, if the Messiah comes, he will certainly come to Caiaphas. He will come to our denomination. He will come to the Pharisees."

The Sadducees: "That's what you think; He will come to the Sadducees."

There they was (See?), the same thing they have today. See? Now, but when He come, it was strange. He would come, oh, very contrary to what they thought, but He come according to the Word, and they didn't know the Word.

Let me say that real, so you'll--it'll sink way down. I want us to get it: That's what is the matter with you today. See? You don't know the Word.

Jesus said, "You can discern the face of the skies, but the signs of time you can't discern."
Said, "We have Moses..."

Jesus said, "If you'd knowed Moses, you'd knowed Me." That's right. See? Didn't know Moses, and therefore they didn't know. They just knowed creed that they'd hatched out.

Now, let's take this old fisherman. Sets his basket down, pushed his gray beard down, walks down, "I believe I'll see who it is."

His brother said, "Come on. Let's go down here. That's that same guy; the guy they said the other day. I stayed all night with Him last night. You know John and I was talking about?"
"Yeah, that wild man down there? Yeah, I heard about him."

Well, a--a--old Simon, you know, said, "I heard about him down there. Yeah, been down there--two or three months ago down there, yep."

"Well, he said... And one day he was standing there and he said an odd thing. He said, 'You know, here He comes right now.' They said, 'How do you know?' He looked over there, and there was an ordinary Fellow standing there. He said, 'I see the Spirit of Godlike a dove coming down on Him. I hear a voice saying, "This is Him. This is My beloved Son in Whom I am pleased to dwell in.' Then he walked right in the water and baptized Him and so forth. Well there, he said he knew Him."
"Oh, I don't know," Simon said. "I've heard all of that lots of times." But here he comes up; but down in his heart was a predestinated seed. Jesus said so. That's right. He walks up to Him. Walks up and said, "I'll go down to the meeting and see."

Walks up there, Jesus standing there, just an ordinary little Fellow. Walked up--and said, "Why, your name is Simon, and your father's name was Jonas." That deflated him. Why? that little Eternal Life seed struck in there. Yes, sir.

Said, "Wait a minute. How's that? You never did see me, neither did you know my dad 'cause he'd been dead for years, but here you come tell me that. Now, I know that the Bible says..." (Now, that's not go back to what the elders says.) but "the Bible said that the Messiah would be a prophet. There He is. That's Him."

One day He passed through Samaria going down through there with a bunch of Jews. He left them. And this little ill-famed woman come out, maybe a pretty little lady, you know; and she'd been turned out on the street as a kid, and she was going through there. Maybe she was thinking about something. She walked up there, and set the bucket down, and she started to let the windle down, you know, get the water, and she heard a Man say, "Bring Me a drink."

She looked around and there set kind of a middle-aged Jew. She said, "Say, aren't you a Jew? You shouldn't do that. It's not customary for you to talk to me. I'm a Samaritan."

He said, "But if you knowed Who you're talking to, you'd bring--you'd ask Me to give you a drink."

She said, "Where's your bucket? Where's your string?"

"Well," He said, "the water that I give is Life."

"The what? (See?) Why," she said, "why, you all want to worship in Jerusalem. And our fathers worshipped in..."

"Oh," He said, "that's right," but said, "we Jews know what we worship," but said, "you know, the time is coming when--when men will not worship in Jerusalem or in this mountain." He said, "They're going to worship God in the Spirit, because He is a Spirit; He's Spirit and Truth."

Well, she begin to study, you know.

He said, "Go, get your husband, and come here."

She said, "My husband? I haven't got any husband."

Oh, He said, "That's the truth." Said--said, "You've been running around with five and got the sixth one now." And said, "You--you've had five. And--and you--you know, you--you told the truth."

Watch. What was it? That Light struck that seed that had been laying there that was spoke by God. Yes, sir. The seed was on the earth. When God moved the water away and the sun hit it, it come up. That's right. See? That's all it needed was sun. It needed light. Yes, sir.

And then when the Holy Spirit in Him moved away her past life and showed it to her, that Light struck it; she said, "Sir, I perceive You're a prophet." She said, "That's how... We know--I know it, that when Messiah comes, that's what He's going to be, and we ain't had a prophet for hundreds of years. We have never had a true prophet for hundreds of years." And she said, "How... You tell me about my husband and told me how many I've had and so forth... Why," said, "I don't understand this," said, "when Messiah cometh, well, He's going to do that, but Who are you?"
He said, "I'm He." That was it: A harlot.

And the priest looked around and said... Well, they'd have to answer to their congregation, said, "Don't fool with that fellow. He's--he's possessed of a devil."

Now, that's the difference. That's the same thing today (See?), same thing today. Hits just exactly. Yup, yes, sir. She--she knew it because the Light struck it.

They... Them fishermen, woodsmen, farmers, tax-collectors, harlots, they seen in Him what the simple Scriptures said He would do, and the Pharisees couldn't see because of their tradition. Amen. They couldn't see because their traditions; but the prostitute, the farmers, and all them, they saw it. All that was predestinated, when the doubts rolled away, the seed went to growing. That's right.

What did she do? She said, "Well, I'm glad I met the Messiah." Oh, no, brother. Right into the city she went. She forgot about the water. She said, "Come, see a Man Who told me the things that I've done. Isn't this the very thing that the Scripture said Messiah's going to do? Isn't this exactly that?" And the people could see that same thing that Jesus Christ said in Saint John 14:12, it would happen again.

He said it also in Luke when He said, "As it was in the days of Noah..." how God manifest Himself in a Man and told who was behind Him, and what Sarah did (laughing in the tent), and all these Scriptures of Malachi and so forth predicted in the last day. Hebrews 4 said when the Word comes back... Malachi 4 said it would return back by a man; the--Hebrews 4 said the Word of God discerns the thoughts that's in the heart, and they can see it done and walk right away from it. Their traditions hide it and makes it non effect. Well, we're just here. That's all.

You know, He could do this same thing today. He'd come right on the scene and produce the same things He did then as He said He would. See? He promised to do it. He promised to do it. And if He would do the same things... The Laodicea messenger is supposed to do it; and then if the Laodicea church sees it done, they'll do just exactly like the Hebrew church did at the beginning. See? No matter how well vindicated it is, all--they do it anyhow. Oh, my.

Now, It said that it would--we would return to the original Word and be made manifested as promised to restore again the faith, original faith again. And if He made Hisself known that He was dwelling amongst His people by doing these things... He could even have His picture taken, scientifically prove it, and still they don't believe it...?... Let the mechanical eye of the camera catch Him standing there, that same Pillar of Fire, same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8) to show that it's--it's scientific in every other way, scientifically, in the spiritual realms, and every way it could be vindicated, it's been vindicated and you know they'd probably do the same thing. They'd probably just walk right away and do the same thing that they did.

Oh, God, help us. Oh, my. Now, we'll just stop here. God, help us to see now, my prayer, as we come now, 'cause I don't want to keep you too late. God help us to see. I believe, maybe the Spirit upon us to be right now that He'd help us to reveal, open up this Seal.

Let's read as we see the state the church is in. We see where it has been, seen what they did, seen where it was supposed to come, see it there, and see what they was supposed to do. They did just that. Now, you see where we are at? You do the judging. I can't judge. I'm just responsible for bringing this Word. Just as It's give to me, I can give It. Until it's give to me, I can't give It. No one else can.

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

Now, the Lamb's got the Book in His hand breaking the Seal. Broke the first one, second one, and now, He breaks the third one. And as He breaks it, the Lamb breaks it, the Third Seal, the third beast... Now, how many knows what the third beast looked like? Looked like a man. The first one looked like a lion; the other one looked like a calf or an ox, and the third one looked like a man, as a man.

And he heard the--the living creature that--the beast, living creature like a man said to John, "Come, see what it is, this mystery that's been hid." All down through the years of redemption, since the foundation of the world, It's been hid under this Seal, what's going to happen. Now, come, look what it is." And so he opens it up; a thunder blasts; and the Lamb opens the Seals.

Now, and John walked up to see what it would be. What did he see? He seen a black horse, and his rider had a balance or scales in his hand. Now, that's the first thing he saw. When the Lamb announced it, broke the Seal, then the other beast... See, them beasts are taking turn about, announcing, "Come, see."

And John, where he was standing, maybe like this, he walks over here when the Lamb opened it, walked over, usually the thunder strikes as we seen in the First Seal. And he watches to see what takes place, and he sees a man coming first on a white horse; he watches him ride down and on down through; John sees him plumb to the end. He sees him come down, his white horse, got a bow in his hand, and the--the rider has; and he has no arrows with it. And the next thing he sees, he gets a crown, rides right on through.

Then we find out and then the Lamb, here it comes again. He opens another and looks. Now, here comes a red horse. And this man has a sword in his hand. He rides right on down through the Scriptures (See?) with a sword in his hand and was to kill and take peace from the earth.
Now, the Lamb opens another Seal. Another one of the living creatures like a man said, "Come, see." Now, he walks up to see what this is. And when he does, there comes a rider on a black horse.

Now, last night we found out that the same rider that rode the white horse was the same one on the red one. And the voice said--in the midst of the beast called out (You see?) to come to see what it was; he was in this living creature. And he saw this black horse, and when the voice in the midst of the four beasts called out, "A measure of wheat for a penny, and--and three measures of barley for a penny, but see that thou hurt not the--the oil and the wine." See?

This rider, let's discuss him. If you'll notice the first rider, who he was, and we found out last night, Scripturally, that the second rider was exactly the same man, only he was on another horse. What happened? He changed his ministry. See? That's right. We found out he was an antichrist, and he'd changed his position. We found out that when he first just was a white horse, he become a doctrine. Now, we're taking every one of these right back in the Scriptures. See?

Now, watch where we're at tonight, that other church age now. See? We're come down to the third church age now. See? Just exactly on the third church age is just exactly like the third horse. See? Now, the first church age what it was? The Nicolaitane's had a doctrine (See?) just the first one. All right. And then the first thing we know this Nicolaitane doctrine, it become sanctioned and was right, went into action. And they crowned this fellow. Then this spirit, antichrist, become incarnate in a man. See? And we find out later on he becomes an incarnate devil too. The demon goes away, and the devil comes in.

And just as that church is--that kinda antichrist church progresses, so has the Bride come along with different things; through justification, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost, just moving right on (See?), just like that. Only they taken their revival first, and the Church is taking it the last. Their first three years--first three stages of them that went to the dark age, then the third three stages comes the Church out from justification, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost again, incarnate God made manifest among us.

Here he comes in as the antichrist, as the false prophet, then the beast, then in dark age. And the Church comes out of that dark age, justification, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost, incarnate Word, the way now. Uh-huh. And he goes down. he does... He goes down; the Church goes up. See? It's just as perfect as it can be. Oh, it's beautiful. I just love it.

This rider is the same one but another stage of his ministry. The first stage, a white horse (See?), he was just a teacher, just an antichrist teacher; he was against the Word of God. And now, how can you be an antichrist? Anybody that denies that every Word of this--isn't true and to be taught just the same, is an antichrist, 'cause they deny the--the--the--the--the Word, and He is the Word.

Now, first stage, white horse, he was just a teacher, but an antichrist spirit in its doctrine and its quality. It was innocent. It couldn't hurt nothing, seemed like, just going on... That's the way Satan comes in. Oh, he's a slick bird.

He told Eve, said, "Now, you know, you're looking for wisdom. You don't know what's right and wrong." Said, "Now, if your eyes were opened, you would know what," and said, "the fruit is very pleasant. It's good. It--it's--it's pleasant to the eye. You should take it now. Now, you don't know whether it is or not, do you?"

"No, I don't, but God said not to do it..."

"But oh, he... Well, I know, but..."

"God said He--we'd die..."

He said, "Surely He won't do that." See? Just sweet as it could be. Look what it did.

Watch this antichrist spirit rise up amongst the early church--a doctrine of Nicolaitanes. "Nico," "conquer the laity," make a holy man. See? Oh, it's just is in...

"Why, we just want fellowship. Why, you're scattered out here; nobody knows where nobody's at. I think we all ought to have an organization and just be different. (See?) We go right--put ourselves together. We ought to make a lodge out of it."

That's what it is. There is no such thing as the Christian church of Methodists; that's not a church; that's a lodge. Baptists, that's not a church; it's a lodge. There's only one Church, and that's the mystical Body of Jesus Christ, and you're borned into that (That's right.) by predestination. That's right.

"All the Father has give Me will come. No man can come 'less the Father calls him, and all He's give Me will come to Me," So that's--that's it. He just... The Lamb sets there making--making intercession till the last one comes in. The little bell rings and He walks out and takes His possession then (You see?), so, brings His Church home, His subjects, and casts His enemy into the lake of fire and all of his subjects go in there with him, and that's it. Then we walk out in the millennium.

Same rider now... This first stage, he was innocent; and second (Now, if you went a little bit higher, a little more than that, in the second stage the Bible said he'd be given a crown, and they crowned a man, a superman. See?), crowned him. And then the Bible didn't call him a pope. The Bible called him a false prophet. Why? Yeah. Of course he must be a false prophet by his antichrist spirit that taught antichrist against the original Word. 'Cause if you taught against the original Word, it was antichrist, it was--and the Word is God (See?), Christ. All right.

Now, after that, we find him then crowned. When he got crowned... Now, he's a very innocent, helpless; he's just a little fellow. But then in the Nicene Council, he was made... And Constantine give him all the property. And then what did he do? Then he... See, Satan give him his throne and authority. The Bible said so as we have went through it.

Now, the next thing we find out that the devil controls all politics that ever has been or ever will be. We find that in Matthew 4:11. And now, we find out then that Satan already had politics, but he's trying to get the church. So he goes down to deceive it. He gets his superman, works him into an organization and crowns him vicar (See?) of Christ. Christ acted instead of God. See this guy's a vicar instead of God. See? Just the same: instead of God, what he's supposed to be, a vicar under Christ.

Now, now, when he did that, then what did he do then? He... Satan took his political power (which he was already over) and took the religious power (which he had already been crowned) and put them together, and then he made him another crown over hell. And then when they had passed on, if they pay enough money, he'd get them out. See? So now he's--he's vicar over heaven, over purgatory, as he wants to call it. No such thing in the Bible (See?), but he had to make something. The Bible said he come out of the bottomless pit and returns back the same way, and on earth, a ruler...

Now, what was he given then? First he had a bow, but he didn't have any arrows. But now he's got a mighty sword in his hand. He can do something now. Then he jumps off his white horse; the white horse rides on out. Now he straddles what? A red horse, blood, blood red horse. He really rides that one. Oh, sure. Now, he's given great power and a great sword to kill; then he rides his blood red horse.

We see from the Second Seal that was broke last night, he taken peace from the earth and did kill one another. And his own martyrology of the Roman Catholic church shows that they put sixty-eight million Protestants to death from the time of Saint Hippo of--after Saint Augustine of Hippo until 1580 something: sixty-eight million. (Smucker's "Great Reform," if you want to read it--"Glorious Reform," it was. See?) Now, sixty-eight million recorded on the martyrology...

When one of their so-called saints got the revelation that anybody that disagreed with the Roman church should die as a heretic... That just set them around then. Boy, he went to spilling the blood. He--he jumped on his white horse--on his red horse, and he went to riding.

Oh, now, his great power comes; he was made vicar of heaven and worshipped as God, ruler of the earth. By uniting the church and state together made him ruler on earth, give him a crown over that. He could pray the souls out of purgatory. He could also inter... He was just like God on earth: instead of God.

Together he had great power to kill whomever did not agree with his command. Who's going to say anything to him? The church can't say nothing; he's head of it. State can't say nothing; he's head of it. So they died by the millions. All them little churches, brother, was busted up, and killed, and murdered, and fed to lions and everything else. See? The dragon, Rome, give him his seat and authority. The Bible said so. See? So he rode his typed red horse through human blood till it become a red horse.

Now, John sees him on a black horse. He changed something else. Now, I have to--to say this just the way it comes to me; and then... And if it come to me and didn't compare with the rest of the Scriptures, then God never give it. See, the Scriptures has to every one; it's just one great big--big thing, like that. Scripture has to agree with Scripture, and anything contrary to the Scripture... If that Angel of the Lord told me anything that wasn't Scriptural, I wouldn't believe Him.

I said there in Chicago the other day with all them hundreds of ministers... Was anybody there at that meeting? Sure. That meeting in Chicago, I said, "Now, you all talk about you got... You thought you was twisting me in here in something." About like that's in this room now. I said, "What is it you got it against me?" I said, "The Holy Spirit showed me three nights ago where every one of you'd be, and we wouldn't be in that..." Ask Carl, here, if it isn't right; and there was Hank and all of them. That's right. You all was there to hear it.

I said, "Now, you got it against me on my teaching. That's what's the matter. Now, I want one of you to come here and get your Bible and stand by me and disprove it." It was the quietest bunch you ever heard. I said, "What's the matter with you?" I said, "Then if you know you can't stand up against the Word, then get off of my back."

"You doctors of divinity and everything and talking how... And introducing yourself as 'Doctor,' 'Doctor,' 'Doctor,' and I'm a..." I don't know whether... Brother Wood and I say "cheechaker," or "green horn." "I have no education, never come through any seminary or school, but you get your Bible and come here and stand by my side, disprove the serpent's seed, the baptism in Jesus' Name, or any of those things that I teach."

Nobody said a word. And you all know that. That was the quietest bunch you ever seen.
See, they just crow like I don't know what. Now, now, here it is. I don't believe in fussing with people, but when it comes to a spot where they try to drag you into it... And I wouldn't have went, but the Holy Spirit told me, said, "Go on over there; I'll stand by you."

Told them three or four days behind--before time. You all was there and heard Mr. Carlson and them and--and Tommy Hicks--and all of them set there. And I went three days before, and I said, "You're going to have to cancel that place."

It was a stormy night; I was having a meeting. He said, "Go, stand by that window at that third little door there. And I went there and stood right in there. I looked out like that. He said, "They've got a trap set for you. They're going to ask you to speak at that Ministerial Association of the Greater Chicago." Said, "They got a trap set for you on your teaching of My Word." He said, "Now, they're going to cancel off that place there. They ain't going to get it, and they're going to get to a place where it's brown." Said, "Here it looks."

I stopped, and I seen myself in a corner, looked back there and seen, I seen all them people. I seen all them ministers set there, the way they was. I looked them all over, and He said... "Well," I thought, "I'd better not go over there then, Lord, if they're going to do that. I don't want to hurt their feelings or do anything wrong."

He said, "Go; I'll stand by you." He did. That's right. Now, you all... Here's witnesses right here were setting right there and know it. That's right. Well, you got the tapes here also. But there you are. You see?

Now, now, here is the mystery of this. And now, It... When it revealed to me early this morning 'fore daylight, then I went quickly to the Scripture and begin to look--search it up. Here it was. Three of them so far has been absolutely supernaturally revealed. That's right. Now, here is the mystery of the black horse according to what it was revealed to me. See?

He has started riding him in the time of the dark ages. That's what the dark horse represented: the dark ages, for it was a time of midnight to the true believers that was left. Watch now in that church age, that middle church age, the dark church age. Watch how he says, "You just have a little strength." It was a midnight to them for the true believer.

Now, watch. Practically all hope had been taken from the true church for this fellow controlled both church and state. What are they going to do? See? Catholicism had taken over both church and state, and all didn't agree with Catholicism was killed. That's the reason he was on a dark horse. And watch what a dark thing he done (See?), then you can see. And you just... If you know your history, watch it. And you... Well, you won't have to even know it to know this.

Now, watch. All hope was gone; that's his black horse. Now, he rode in on his white horse, cunning; then he was give power, he took peace, slaughtered the millions. That's what he was going to do as he rode on through; and he still does it. See? Now, here he is on his black horse now, coming forth, dark age, that was that time, just about the time after the church got set up and got in power, they smothered out everything else and went through about hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of years is what every reader knows that was the dark ages. How many knows that? Sure, the dark ages. There's your dark horse, representing that dark age.

Now, all hope's gone, no hope at all; everything looked dark for the little believers. Now, that's the reason it's called--represented a dark horse.

His balances or his scales in his hand (You see?), calling out "A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny." See? Actually that is... Wheat and barley is natural staff of life. That's what bread and stuff's made from. But you see, he was charging for this.

What it means, that he was charging his subjects for the kind of the hope of life that he was sending out to them by making... he started in that very time of making them pay for prayer, charging for prayer. They still do it--novenas. "Cause, what was he doing? Capturing the wealth of the world, the scale weighing out a measure of wheat for a penny and three measures of barley for a penny.

The rider on a black horse (See?) he was making--stripping his subjects of their money, when the Bible predicts that he holds about the wealth of the world. As we said last night about Russia and all that, they just take all the money and just stripped the people for everything they've got, everything. So there you are.

Now, notice. Do you see where that old money taken in church comes from? Get away from that stuff. To build an organization, a big something--a million dollar here and... You see what the mother of it is?

Thank you, Lord. Oh, my. I'm so glad. Yes, sir. All right, it's been His grace; that's all. All right, it's a midnight time. Do you understand that now? And here he is charging for the kind of life, that's this barley and stuff, natural. It wasn't spiritual, now; it was barley. See? So... And barley bread and wheat bread... He was charging for that kind of a life that he was giving to his subjects, charging for prayer by the priest to pray people out of purgatory. Charging... (Now, I'm taking this right out of history). Charging for, I guess, it's novena, I guess everybody knows what. Novena, I guess that's something you have to do, you know, some penance. Somebody have to charge for that. Bringing the wealth of the world to him, into hisself, into the church itself, and he's still riding. Oh, sure he is. Yes, sir, still riding.

Notice... Here's the good part now. Notice, "See that thou hurt not this wine and oil." Just a little bit of it left, brother. "Don't you touch that." Now, oil is--symbolizes the Spirit, the Holy Spirit.

I'll give you a few verses if you want to, a few Scriptures in Leviticus 8:12, where Aaron, before he went in had to be anointed with oil, you know; and--and Zechariah 4:12, of oil coming, pouring through the pipes and said, "This is My Spirit," oil. Another thing, if you want to see Matthew 14:25, there was a foolish virgin (25:3) the foolish virgin had no oil, no Spirit. And Matthew 25:4, the wise virgin had oil in her lamps, Spirit-filled. Spirit... Oil typifies the Spirit. Oh, glory. You get it? All right.

Now, oil typifies Spirit, and wine symbolizes stimulation of revelation. Boy, I like to run all over the place. It's a wonder I didn't wake up the neighborhood when the Lord showed me that. Stimulation of revelation... See? Oil and wine in the Bible is associated together always. I got the concordance and looked, and there's a string of them that like--like that, where wine and oil goes together all the time. See?

When the truth of a promised Word of God has been truly revealed to His saints that's filled with oil, they all get stimulated. Wine is a stimulation. Glory, I feel it right now, stimulated with joy, shouts. And when it does, it has the same effect upon them that--that wine does upon a natural man; because when the revelation has been given of a truth of God, and the true believer filled with oil, and the revelation is revealed, the stimulation becomes so great that it makes him behave hisself unnormally. That's right. Glory. Maybe that's what's the matter with them now. That's right. It makes them behave theirself unseemingly.

Now, if you want Scripture for this, just start reading Acts 2. What'd they have? They had the promise that had been given them. When all of the promise of the Holy Spirit was poured out on them, and was--it was Scripturally a-vindicated...

Now, see the... What if they'd said, "Now, wait. He told us to wait up here for our ministry." And after eight days, they said, "Well, I tell you, boys..." Mark said to Matthew, "I--I believe we've already got it, fellows. Don't you think so?" See, "We already got it. Why are we waiting on our ministry? Now, we ought to just go on out preaching. He told us to come up here and wait, and this is eight days we been here."

"Well, let's wait another one."

Nine days come. Then Mark comes around or--or--or maybe one of the rest of them, John, said, "I--I--I believe we oughtn't to wait any longer. I believe we've already got it, don't you?"

And I can see Simon, 'cause he had the keys, you know. "Now, wait a minute, boys. The Scripture's got something to say about this. He never told us just how many days to wait. He said, 'You stay there until... You stay there until Joel's prophecy comes to pass, until Isaiah's prophecy is a-vindicated. For with stammering lips and with other tongues will I speak to this people,' and this is the refreshment. This is the wine that's poured out."

What is wine in the Bible? Refreshment. This is the refreshment that comes from the Presence of the Lord. It's--it's got to be Scriptural now. See?

So, you see, wine represents stimulation of revelation, and when the Holy Ghost fell, and they seen the fire of God fall upon them, my, that begin to stimulate them, and the first thing you know, they got so stimulated till the people actually thought they were drunk, but they were stimulated by the revelation.

By God's... Here it is. God's vindicated revelation made plain to them, they was happy about it. God promised it. Here it was revealed to them and vindicated to them. Amen. Here was a man standing there saying, "This is that; this is it," and there it was being a-vindicated by the same signs...?... There's--there's stimulation by revelation (See?), and now, they really had it then.
That's the reason Peter could get out there and say, "Why, you men of Judaea, and you that dwell in Jerusalem, listen to me. All you doctors of divinity, listen to what I'm going to tell you." Oh, how wonderful. Revealed, revealed, they become so stimulated when they seen it vindicated. That just always does that; it always does.

When I see that God promised to do a certain thing in this day, when He promised to break off these Seals in this last day, and you don't know the joy, the glory, when I seen Him reveal this, stand there and watch it happen, and know that I'll take any person or charge, He never did say one thing to us but what happened that way. And then to see the joy that's in my heart when I see His promise for this last days as He promised to do it, and here I see it vindicated and made perfectly right.

Now, I'm just... You hear me say, "I feel religious," that's what's the matter. The stimulation is so bad, I--I just--just about ready to go to cutting up, you know, stimulation from revelation.
All right. They become so stimulated over the--the revelation that they vindicated (all right) the promise. Oh, my. There broke out the joy of stimulation till the people said, "They're drunk on new wine," when God revealed His promise to them; and not only did He reveal it, but He proved it.

That's what I've always said: "A man can say anything (Yeah, he could just apt to say anything.) but when God comes around and vindicates that..."

Now, the Bible said, "If there be one among you who claims to be spiritual or a prophet, and if he says these things and it don't come to pass, then don't pay no attention to him. Don't fear him at all. Don't fear that man; but if he says it and it comes to pass, that's Me," He said, "I--I'm in that. That proves why it's Me." Then that little Samaritan woman, when the Scripture said that this Messiah would do these things, and here He stood and did it just exactly what the Scripture said, she said, "There He is. Come, see a Man. Isn't this exactly the thing that the Scripture said would happen?" See?

She got stimulated by revelation. Is that right? She becomes a stimulated by revelation when it was vindicated. See? That's right. She knowed that there was... "We know that Messiah is a-coming Who's called the Christ, and when He comes, He will do these things." She seen it.
And He said, "I'm He." Then the stimulation started, and away she went, shouting and down through the city. She left her old water pot and went down there and said to the men, "Come, see."

Now, if you only knowed the eastern traditions, that's wrong for her to do that. Yes, sir. A woman of that type, nobody'd listen to her. No, sir. See, she had the mark and when she--if she would go down the street like that and act like that, the man of the street pay no attention to her. But, brother, she had a Word of Life there. She was stimulated. You...?... It was like trying to put a house out on fire on a windy day. Oh, there was something fanning it. She was--she was ready. Yeah, you couldn't put that out. That was God's fire burning. Yes, sir.

She said, "If you don't believe it's so, you just come over here where the meeting's going on, and I'll show it to you." Yes, sir. And so the men went out there. And He didn't do it one more time, but they knowed something had happened to that woman. She was changed, so they believed Him. Yes, sir. They believed on Him. 'Cause "faith cometh by hearing, hearing the promise of God," the Word of God, and watch It being made real. Because it's a seed, and when it's sowed, it will take life. It'll produce just what it's talking about. If it doesn't, then it isn't God's seed, or the sower didn't know how to sow it. He wasn't sent of God to sow seed. He might be sowing them on top of a rock or something. (See?) So you--so you... See, the sower sowing the seed, God takes care of it; it falls in the right place. Oh, my.

Then what does It say to this rider in black? "Don't you hurt My wine and My oil. Don't you touch it, My wine and oil. Now, I've got just a little bit of it down there, but there's still a little bit there. Yes, sir. Now, you can go on through and measure out all that kind of life that you're putting out; that's up to you. You're going to pay for it down there; but when you come across that wine and oil, you leave it alone." Oh, my.

If you can--if you... In other words, like this: "If you catch some of My little flock that's filled with My oil and wine (See?) wine and oil of the pure Word (See?) and you're going to kill them, 'cause you--you're doing that, that's what you're doing, don't you force them to say any "hail Mary's," or do anything like that or some of your creeds. You keep your hands off them, they know where they're going. For they are anointed with My oil, and by being anointed with My oil, they have the wine of joy, 'cause they know My Word of promise, 'I'm going to raise them up again.' Don't hurt that. Don't go trying to messing them up, just 'cause... just keep away from them." No.

All... He vindicates His Word and brings it in. They knowed... They knew they'd rise again. Oh, how I like that. Whew. They'll rise again. Here comes the black horse, riding now--dark ages. There went the white horse; we seen what he done, perfectly. Here comes the red horse; we see

exactly what he done. Here comes the black horse; you see the same rider all the time, what he's doing, right down through the ages.

Now, we find out he measured it out and charged for it. Exactly. Wheat, natural, natural life--what they was living on--but symbolizing Spirit, oil, and joy of the wine. That spiritual life--don't hurt that. Leave it alone. And otherwise: "Rome, don't you touch it. It's Mine. That belongs to Me."

Now, I've got another thing here I want you to notice. Notice. It was not one of the four beasts that said, "Don't touch the oil and the wine." Did you notice that? The four beasts had been talking. But watch. Let me just read out here just a little bit, see: Now, "A measure of penny for a--for a--wheat for a penny and three measures of barley for a penny and see that thou hurt not the wine and oil." Now, look here, "And I--and I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts..." What was it? The Lamb. Amen. It wasn't the four beasts. The Lamb said it. Why. He's going to take His own; that belongs to Him. He's redeemed it. See? Amen. "Don't you touch that oil." No, sir. Not the four beasts, but the Lamb was the One that said it. Now, oh, my. The Lamb, not the four beasts didn't announce this.

The Lamb said Itself: When the four beasts said, "Come and see," and they went, and they seen it like that, and He said, "A measure of wheat for a penny, and a four...?... so much like this and so much barley..." But then the Lamb cried out right among them, and said, "But don't hurt the wine and oil." Uh-huh. That's right. Oh, my. "Listen to it. Don't you hurt it, boy, or you are going to pay for it someday." (Oh, my, nine-thirty.)

Well, to the best of my understanding and the--the best that I know of, and with all that I believe in my heart, that's the true meaning of those three Seals. I want to thank God for it. I'll say this, that it's the revelation that He give me. He gave that to me, the revelation of it. And I do believe that we're living in the last days.

Tomorrow night we're take that pale horse rider. And now, I don't know; I do not know--God knows that's true--I do not know one thing about it. No. I looked up my old context that I had years ago... (I seen Brother Graham Snelling awhile ago. I... He might've went out), but I remember when I was preaching here before, I looked up to see what I said... Years ago one day I was going through Book of Revelation, I took all four horse riders at one time.

I said, "A white horse--that was the early church, no doubt." I read that out of the book of the Adventists and the rest of them. I said, "That was the early church that went forth, conquering." And the next was the black horse. I said... I forget now what I called that black horse. I said--or the red horse, rather. I said, "That horse was probably meaning that--that trouble's on the road, and it going to mean a lot of wars going to hang up, or something like that." I said, "Probably it'd be a lot of war." I said, "That's what that'd be."

And then I said, "The--the pale hor...Or the--the black horse, I said, that--that means that--that maybe there'll come a black time on earth when all the stars will--will quit shining, the sun will go down and moon won't give its light." I said, "That's probably what that means."
I said, "The pale horse, it means a lot of sickness is coming on." Now, I don't know what it means, but that's--that was my interpretation of it then, 'cause I just took it the best I could standing here in the pulpit, but... Oh, I almost said something there on a... Oh, you'll--you'll see. Just watch. See? Now...?... now, listen. Oh, aren't we happy for this hour that's...?... When we see all this thing heading up, I think:

Nations are breaking,

Israel's awakening,
The signs that the prophets foretold.
The Gentile days numbered,
With horrors encumbered,
Return, O dispersed to your own.
The day of redemption is near.
Men's hearts are failing for fear.
Be filled with the Spirit,
Your lamps trimmed and clear.
Look up, your redemption is near (Oh, my),
False prophets are lying;
God's Truth they're denying,
That Jesus the Christ is our God, (That's...?... Do you believe it?)
But we'll walk where the apostles have trod.
For the day of redemption is near,
Men's hearts are failing for fear.
Be filled with the Spirit,
Have your lamps trimmed and clear.
Look up your redemption is near.

Isn't that wonderful? I love that--redemption is near. And...
It shall be light in the evening time.
The path to glory you will surely find.
In the water way is the light today;
Buried in the precious Name of Jesus.
Young and old, repent of all your sins.
The Holy Ghost will surely enter in.
The evening light has come.
It is a fact that God and Christ are One.

He's the Word. Oh, my. Wonderful.

Soon the Lamb will take His Bride
To be ever at His side,
All the host of heaven will assembled be;
O, 'twill be a glorious sight,
All the saints in spotless white;
And with Jesus they shall feast eternally.
"Come and dine," the Master calleth,
"Come and dine";
You may feast at Jesus' table all the time;
He who fed the multitude,
Turned the water into wine,
To the hungry calleth now, "Come and dine."
Oh, "Come and dine," the Master calleth,
"Come and dine"; (dine on the Word)
You may feast at Jesus' table all the time;
He who fed the multitude,
Turned the water into wine,
To the hungry calleth now, "Come and dine."

Oh, my. Are you hungry? Blessed are they... Glory be to God. Do you love Him? Let's sing, "I Love Him." Let's all just stand now and raise up our hands and express ourself to Him. "I love Him, I love Him, because He first loved me." All right. All together now.

I love Him,
I love Him,
Because He first loved me,
And purchased my salvation
On Calvary's tree.

[Tongues goes forth--Ed.] Just real reverent. We have an interpreter here, Brother Higginbotham. I don't know if he's here tonight or not. No... Find out what He said to us. Just wait a minute. Here... [The interpretation is given--Ed.] You can hear her. Praise the Lord. My faith is li--lifted up high in God. Do you--you love Him tonight with all your heart? Oh, praise Him, and say, "Thank You, Lord, thank You. How we give You praise with all of our heart, Lord. Glory to God. Just give Him praise, all ye people, God's people.

THE FOURTH SEAL

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Good evening. We bow our heads now just a moment for prayer. Our gracious and heavenly Father, we are approaching Thee again tonight now in the Name of the Lord Jesus to give Thee thanks for another day. And we are asking now for Your blessings on the service tonight. Let the Holy Spirit come and give us the interpretation of these things that we're so diligently seeking. O God, may it be so precious that we can all fellowship around the Word in such a way that when we leave, we'll be able to say, "Did not our hearts burn within us as He talked to us along the way." We thank You for what He has been to us and trusting that He will remain with us as we journey on, for we ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen.

So happy to be back in the house of the Lord tonight in the service again. And we are--are glad... I'm so happy that... Just thought this one wouldn't come, but it finally did. And so I'm so thankful, that being the last of those four horse riders, which I think is one of the main messages to the Church at this time...

I don't know what the other one is. I'm just taking it day by day. Just as He reveals it, I'm trying to--to give it by--as He gives it to me.

Are you enjoying the--the blessings? Have you noticed how it just in--in collaboration with them church ages just how it just exactly fits in just perfectly with them. That's how it... To me, it shows that It's--It's the same Holy Spirit that give the church ages, same Holy Spirit then is giving this (You see?), 'cause it's blended together, all one big act of God showing Himself in different ways.

You notice, when He showed Himself to Daniel in the vision, there'd be a representation of one thing, like a--a goat in this place, or maybe a tree, and the next place it would be a statue, and--and--and things He just making it the same thing all the time. Just be sure that we don't miss it.
I was certainly thrilled just a few moments ago talking to a little lady setting here about eighty-five years old, and she... Not long... Just 'fore I left to go out west, why, there was a little girl up in Ohio that was, I think so, that was dying with the last stage of leukemia. Now, leukemia is cancer in the blood stream. And, oh, the little thing was, you know, such an awful condition that there was no more hope for her at all. They were feeding her by the veins--the operation. And so they was a real poor family. And they... Mrs. Kidd, here, and--and Brother Kidd, they told them about the Lord answering prayer so much, and they got together, I think, and hired someone and brought the little girl down.

And she was a very pretty little girl, about oh, six or seven years old--nine years. And--and she was back there in the room, and the--and when we went before the Lord, the Holy Spirit gave a word to her. And they had to take her and have to take her and feed her, you know, that way, and when she left, she was crying for a hamburger, and so, taking her food by mouth. And they gave her the hamburger and just went ahead feeding her natural.

In a short time, a few days, they taken her back to the doctor, and they--the doctor just simply couldn't understand. He said like it even wasn't even the same girl. He said, "Why, there--there's not even one trace of leukemia about it nowhere--nowhere at all." So... And she was dying. They'd done give her up, just feeding her through her veins. She'd done turned yellow (You know how

they get.) and so they... And now she's at school playing with the other children, just as happy as can be.

Reminds me of another case of that. One day I'd just come home; there was a... If I'm not mistaken, they were either Episcopalians or Presbyterian people that'd brought a little girl from Kansas, and the doctors had give her up with the leukemia, and they gave her, I believe, four days to live.

She'd gotten so bad so they said it just... Spend those four days coming over here through the snowdrifts and things across the country to have her prayed for. And the grandfather, a very fine looking, elderly man, and grayed hair... And they'd her already two days down here in a little motel out here (I guess it isn't standing there now.), this side of Silver Creek. And so, I went down that night to pray for her.

It was early in the morning. I'd come in that night from out of town and went down. And the elderly father, grandfather was walking in the floor, and the mother trying to take care of the child. And while I knelt to pray, the Holy Spirit revealed to me a secret that was between the--the mother and the father, something they done. I called them to side and asked them about it. They started crying, said, "That's right."

Then I looked back, and I seen the little girl skipping a rope, going playing. And now, the little child... In about three weeks time they sent me the picture of the little girl back in school, skipping a rope, and had no leukemia at all.

Now, now, those testimonies are absolutely bonafide truths (See?); so our God is so real that we--we just serve Him and--and we believe Him, and--and I--I know He's real.

Now, I'm trying my best now, and--and while something inner in among us is working its way through... And now, we're going to try tonight, by the grace of God, to take this Fourth Seal and see what the Holy Spirit will have to say to us in it.

Now, I'm going to read the--Revelations the 6th chapter and beginning with the 7th verse (7th and 8th); there's always two verses. The first is the announcement, and the second verse is what he saw.

And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.
And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that set on him--that set... was--was Death, and Hell followed... him. And power was given unto them over the four parts of the earth, to kill with the sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with... beasts of the earth.
Now, the Lord help us now to understand this. It's a mystery.

Now, just a little preview to back up, as we did the church ages--these riders and these breaking of these Seals... Now, so we just get it in our mind, talk a little until we feel that it's the appropriate time to speak.

Now, we have noticed now that the breaking of the Seal, it's the sealed Book of Redemption. And then the Book is rolled up like a scroll just like the old way was. It wasn't a book of this type, 'cause this is just recently come in, these kind of books in the last, oh, I guess a hundred and fifty years or something, two hundred. And then they'd roll it up, then leave the end loose. As I told you how it was done, and the Scriptures, where to find it, in--in Jeremiah and so forth. Then the next was rolled around there and the end left loose and like that, and each one was a Seal, and it was a

seven-sealed Book. And it was a... No one... When they was... It was a seven-sealed Book of Redemption. Pardon me.

And then no one in heaven or in earth or beneath the earth was worthy to open it or even to look upon it. And John wept because he could find no man, because if that Book was not taken out of the hand of the original Owner, where it had been lost by Adam and Eve, and went back after they forfeited their rights of the Word, the promises, their inheritance...
They... Remember, they controlled the earth. He was a--he was an amateur god, for he was a son of God, and a son of God is a--an amateur god. Now, that ain't contrary to the Scripture. I know that sounds strange, but Jesus said, "If you call them who the Word of God came to..." And what does the Word of God come to? Prophet. "If you call them who the Word of God come to, gods, how can you condemn Me when I say I'm the Son of God?" See?

And now, they were gods. And men, if you become born in the family of your family name, you are a son and part of your father. And then--then when sin came in, we found out the man crossed the chasm, and--and the blood of bulls and goats covered, but did not remit, until the real Bleach came that could take the stain of sin and break it completely to pieces and send it back upon its original perverter; that was Satan.

When it got back to Satan, he waits his time of eternal annihilation. Now, that shows what we believe. We believe that he will absolutely be done completely away and annihilated.

I believe that sin will be broke up, and when it's confessed upon the basis of the Blood of Jesus Christ (It's like dropping a drop of black ink in a bunch of Clorox bleach.), it just breaks it into the chemicals and sends it plumb back to where it come from. See?

And that's the way the Blood of Jesus Christ does. Then that sets a man across the chasm again as a son of God. See? And then--then he becomes a... Why, even he's... The creative power of God is in him, and at least whenever God can command it to be done, it'll be done. And we get back.

That when the--the Moses, under the blood of bulls... And when he met that Light, the Pillar of Fire in that burning bush, and he stood down there on a commission God had give him, and he was a prophet; and when the Word of the Lord came to him, he spoke and even things created by the Word. See?

And now, if it'll do that under that, the blood of bulls, what about the Blood of Jesus? Not covered, but remitted it altogether; and you stand in the Presence of God as a redeemed son. Now, see, the church is far beyond its standard of living. And I think too many times we're probing instead of really coming out and facing the issue. I got something I want to say, and I--I will at the time.

And now, notice that there's something wrong somewhere in the churches. And I think it's the denominational systems that's twisted the people's minds and so forth until they don't know how to do it. That's right. But we're promised that it would be revealed.

And now, these Seven Seals that this Book is sealed with, and those Seven Seals... Now... And then after these Seven Seals are completed, we find in Revelations 10 there was seven mysterious thunders that John was commissioned to write but then forbidden to write those. And at the time of those thunders, we find Christ, or the Angel come down with a rainbow, and put His feet on the land and sea and swore that time had run out at that time.

And then we find--find out that in the revealing of the Seals that the--the Lamb had left His mediatorial work as an Intercessor and had come forth now to claim His rights, all that He had redeemed by His death.

And then the... No one could open the Book; no one understood It. It was a Book of Redemption, and God, the Father, Spirit, had It in His hand, because Christ was at the throne as a Mediator, the only Mediator. Therefore, there could be no saint, no Mary, no Joseph, no nothing else on that altar, because it was Blood, and only the Blood of Jesus could make the atonement. So nothing else could be standing as a mediator. That's right. There was nothing else.

So all this idea of interceding with Jude for politics and interceding with Saint Cecilia for something else, that's nonsense. That's not... I--I don't say them people are not honest and sincere. I don't say you're not sincere in you doing it if you do, but you're wrong. You're--you're sincerely wrong. And anything...

They say, "Well, this--this angel, this--this appeared to--to Saint Boniface and said this, that, and the other and they can say this."

I don't doubt that a bit in my mind but what somebody seen the vision. I--I don't doubt what Joseph Smith saw the vision, but it wasn't according to the rest of the Word. So therefore, to me it's wrong. See? It has to come with the rest of the Word.

That's the way the church ages and Seals and all the rest of it. And when anybody thinks that he has those seven thunders, if it don't compare with the rest of the Word, there's something wrong here. See? It's got to come THUS SAITH THE LORD, for this is the Book; this is the revelation of Jesus Christ in its entirety.

Now, I--I believe then that the Lamb came forth. They didn't know... John was weeping. He couldn't find nobody in heaven, in earth 'cause all was other side of the chasm (See?): sin.

There was no man; and an Angel, of course he'd be worthy, but after all, it had to be a kinsman, had to be a human being, and there was no such a thing, 'cause every man had been born by sex. Had taking One born without it, so God Himself took that in the virgin birth and become Emmanuel, and His Blood was for--the One was worthy. And when He crossed this chasm Hisself and paid the price and bridged the way for the rest of us, then He set down to be Mediator, and He's been setting there. And the Book has actually been closed all that time. It's there, but it's still in symbols. They seen it.

John even saw it, the announcement when the first come forth. He said, "A white--a horse went forth. He had a rider on him, had a bow in his hand." That's symbol. That isn't revealed. See? No, it's just a symbol. And as far as any man upon the earth, that's all he could say. That's right.
He might stumble and stagger, no doubt hit somewhere here or there and after while... But we find out then that in the Book of the Revelation at the seventh angel's message, the mysteries, all the mysteries of it, should already be revealed by that time (Now that's Revelations 10:1-7.), that it should be revealed according to that time--at that time when He did.

Then the seven thunders utter their strange voices, and John was going to write... It was... John knew what it was, but he--he didn't write it, 'cause he was forbidden to write it. That's absolutely and altogether a mystery. It's not even in symbol or nothing. We just know he--it thundered; that's all.

And now, in studying this... Now, don't forget... Now, Sunday, or Sunday morning we omitted the healing service because of having the answers to the--to the people's questions. Now, if... I want you to have a question on these Seven Seals, if it's bothering you, something that you don't understand. Let's have it on the Seven Seals, then I can tell by Saturday night whether it's enough to--to answer them or not. You see? And then just... Now, just say... Well, about something else, or "Should I do this?" or--or "My... I had a dream." Them--them's all worthy things, now remember. They're worthy things, but let's stay right with the Seven Seals; that's what we're right on. That's--that's what the--the meeting is designated to: the Seven Seals. Let's stay right with that.

I got to go home, got to have a few meetings out in the west. I'll be back again then in a little over a month or two or something like that, and maybe the Lord will permit that we can have something else on that--maybe healing service or something then or whatever we're--whatever it is. Then we've got seven trumpets here to come forth yet. You see? And them all comes in there too, and the seven vials (See?) to be poured out, so... And it'll all blend right in here, but it's all a mysterious yet.

Now, last night we find that the First Seal went forth, and the rider and the Lord... So help me, I never knew it before; none of these things have I ever knowed before. That's right. And I just don't--just go up there and take the Bible and set down and set there until... When it goes to breaking forth like that, I just pick up my pen and start writing (See?), and just stay there, maybe for hours, till It gets--a--It gets finished.

Then I go back, and I find out as I see where He said this... I thought, "Well, looks like I've seen that somewhere." I get my concordance, go look back (Is there something like that?) and here it is right here. And then here it is over here again; here it is back here and down here and over here. Then I just tie it right in. I know that's God as long as it's comparing Scripture with Scripture. That's the way it has to do. Just like putting a building together, the stones have to fit stone by stone.

Now, last night we had the opening of the--of the Third Seal. First was a white horse, and the next was a red horse, and then a black horse. And we find out that the riders were the same rider all the time, and that was the antichrist to start with. He didn't have no--no crown, but he received one later on. And then we find out that then he was given a sword to take peace from the earth, and we find out that he did that.

Then he come in with the dogmas of giving the church with money by weighing a penny of--for this and two pennies for that, but he was forbidden to touch the oil and the wine, which was a little that was left.

And then, we give--left off last night with the illustration of what the oil and wine was and what the effects that it had. And we... It might've sounded a little rude, but it's just exactly the Truth. See?

Now, we left off on... Well--well, let's for just a few moments review of that now. And then we left off on the power of the wine, what the oil represented Spirit. (I guess you all got it all down. You'll find it on the tape, if you didn't and where to find the Scriptures.) That the oil always symbolizes the Holy Spirit, like the foolish virgins with no oil, wise virgins with oil, which is the Holy Spirit, and then on back in--in the--the prophets and so forth.

And now, of course I don't try to pull out every Scripture in there, and there's things that you can't even speak about; take too much time. But I try to place out here with Scriptures and so forth just enough to give the people so it'll let them know and see the picture of it.

But if you'd set down with one of them Seals, why, my, you could take a month's sermons every night right on that Seal and still not even touch it (See?), on one of them. And that's how--how much there is to it. But I just hit the high spots of it, then you can--you can see what it's all about.

Now, as oil symbolized the Holy Spirit... Then we find out that oil and wine is connected in worship (See?), always connected in worship. And the wine, I said (which come to me) that the wine symbolizes that it was the power of--it was the power of stimulation by revelation. See? And that's when something has been revealed. It gives stimulation to the believer, because it's presented by revelation. See? It's something that God has said; it's a mystery. They can't understand it. See? And after while, God comes down and reveals it and then vindicates it.

Remember, if the Truth is revealed, the Truth is also vindicated. God constantly... No matter how smart the person might be, how brilliant he might be in his mind, if God don't back up what he's saying, there's something wrong. That's right, 'cause it's the Word.

Now, when Moses went out there under the inspiration of God and said, "Let flies come," flies come. He said, "Let frogs come"; frogs come. See, what if he said, "Let flies come," they didn't come? See? Then he--he didn't speak the Word of the Lord (See?); he only spoke--he spoke his own word.

He might've thought there ought to be flies, but there--there didn't any flies come because God hadn't told him so. And when God tells you anything and says, "You go do this, and I'll be right with it for this is My Word," and He shows it in the Bible, then God stands right behind that. And if it's not written in the Bible, God stands behind it anyhow, if it's God's Word. See? And then if it's outside of that, it's revealed to prophets. We realize that all the mysteries of God is made known to prophets and them alone (See?), Amos 3:7.

Now, now, the power of revelation brings stimulation to the believer, for the power of wine, natural wine is to stimulate. See? It's to--to bring a person that's all slumped down to a stimulation. See, see?

Well then, now there's a power of the revelation of the Word gives stimulation of joy to the believer, stimulation of satisfaction, the stimulation that it's vindicated, it's proved. It's called in the Scripture, as we want to refer to it, as new wine. We always refer to it like that as "These are drunk on new wine," (See?), all right, or spiritual wine. I think the best interpretation would be--would be on spiritual wine.

As the natural wine reveals itself in stimulated power, so does the new wine as it reveals the Word of God which is Spirit. Now, that's the--that's the... See? The Word Itself is Spirit. You believe that? Let's read it. Let's read it. Saint John 6, let's just do... You... Then you--then you don't say, "Well, I... Somebody said that." Let's--let's see Who said it, and then we'll know whether it's Truth or not. Saint John the 6th chapter, and--the 6th chapter and I believe it's the 60--63rd verse. All right. (I think it's it.) Yes.

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profit nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

The Word Itself is Spirit; it's Spirit in Word form. And then, you see, when It is quickened or brought to Life, the Spirit of the Word goes to work and acts. See? Because that... Now, look here: A thought has to be a thought before it can be a word. And then when a thought is presented, it is a word.

Now, this is the--God's thought that He has placed in the Word, and then when we receive it from Him, it becomes a Word.

God revealed to Moses what to do. Moses spoke it, and it happened. See? That's it, when it's really comes from God... Now, we find out that--that it--it stimulates, and it gives joy, because it is God's Word, and the new wine--the new wine stimulates the--when it reveals the Word; then brings joy beyond measure sometimes (We went through that.), that it brings such joy till you get over-flooded.

Now, I know there's a lot of fanaticism and people carrying on. I know sometimes they do it when the music's jumping up and down and everything. And I know that goes, and I--I believe that too. I've seen people in the day when the--as long as the music's playing, everybody was jumping and screaming, but when the music stopped, they stop. See? I believe... Well, that--that's still all right, as far as I'm concerned (You see?), as long as people lives right and... But now, what... You start bringing the Word. Now, that's the thing that actually brings Life is the Word, and that brings the joy of stimulation of new wine. See? That's... And that's what it was on Pentecost when the Word was vindicated.

Now, look. Now, Jesus told them (Luke 24:49), "Behold I send the promise of My Father upon you, but you go up to Jerusalem and wait until..." What was the promise of the Father? Joel 2:28, why, we find out He was going to pour out the Spirit. In Isaiah 28:19, how there'd be stammering lips and other tongues and all these things. They went up there, and as we went through it...
Maybe one said, "Why, I believe we've waited long enough. Let's just accept it by faith." That was good Baptist doctrine, but it didn't work with them brothers. So then, the first thing you know, it had to become a reality, and they waited on their ministry for the Word to be vindicated. And when you come to seek the Holy Spirit, you do the same.

Yes, you can accept it by faith; you have to accept Christ by faith; that's exactly right. And you accept the Holy Spirit by faith, but then let the Holy Spirit come and give the circumcision as a witness that He's accepted your faith. You see? Then...

See, Abraham believed God and it was imputed to him for righteousness, but God give him the sign of circumcision as a confirmation He'd accepted his faith. So that's the same thing we must do. We must wait on the Holy Spirit till It's done something, not necessarily 'cause we spoke in tongues, not because we have danced, or we got emotional, we shouted: until we were changed, until something actually happened. I don't care what form it comes in, just so it happened; that's the main thing. See?

And I believe in speaking in tongues and all these other things are all right, but just that in itself won't work, and you know it won't work. So it doesn't do it. I've seen witches speak in tongues, seen wizards speak in tongues and dance in the spirit. See? Sure. Lay a pencil down and it write in unknown tongues and somebody interpret it (See? That's right.) and tell the truth. That's right. Wrote just exactly what had happens, and it was just exactly that way.
See them throw dust on their head, and cut themselves with knives, and cover it all over with the blood of a wildebeest or something and--and sure (See?), and call on the devil. Uh-huh, see? So you see, that don't... Speaking in tongues doesn't do it.

"Though I speak with tongue of men and angels and have not charity, it profit me nothing." See? Though I could do it. See? So those things doesn't mean that you have the Holy Spirit. But when He, the Person, the--the immortal Spirit of Christ becomes your personal Savior, and changes you,

and throws your views right straight into Calvary, to this Word, something's happened. Yes, sir. Something has happened. No one will have to tell you about it; you'll know it when it happens.

And the new wine, when it brings revelation, then it's--it's revealed, and that's the way it was at Pentecost. They knowed that--that there was supposed to be a Spirit poured out upon them, and they waited till this happened. And when the vindication of the revelation took place, then stimulation was on them.

They sure did. They steamed up too. They... Right out into the streets, where they was afraid and had the doors shut, and they were out in the street. Where they'd been afraid of a group of people, a-preaching the Gospel to them. That's right. See? Something had happened, because the true Word of promise was vindicated. Now, let's stop here...?...

If that brought such positive to them men that they--they nearly every one of them sealed their testimony with their blood... No matter what come along, as long as they lived they never got over it. It stayed there, because it was the true Word of promise vindicated. The revelation become a-vindicated, and they died sealing their testimony with their own blood.

Now, look at the promise of the last days. And here we see it vindicated right before us, the--the present coming of the Holy Spirit and the works that He was supposed to do, and we find it right among us. See?

Oh, we should... Oh, my. Now, how can we hear? Something takes place; I tell you, friend. When the real, true, sincere, predestinated believer, when that Light strikes upon that seed, something burst forth to a new Life.

That little woman at the well, when those scholared priests had said, "Well, that's the devil. He's a fortuneteller. He's--he is telling those people their fortune, and he's--he's a devil." But when that little woman with that predestinated seed...

Now, you think that's not right, but Jesus said, "No man can come except My Father draws him, and all the Father has given Me will come." And he--and the antichrist in the last days is going to be able... That antichrist spirit that we're studying in denominationalism, and proven that denominationalism is antichrist...

Now, be honest. Any man could walk away from here like that, he--he... There's something wrong if he still believes that the denominational system isn't antichrist. Why, it's absolutely proved from history, from everything there is, plumb through God's Bible and everything else, it's antichrist, and Rome is the head of it. And the daughter churches follow right along, and both of them are cast into hell. That is right.

So we see this thing, antichrist, the spirit of it. And the day that we're living in, and, why, it should bring joy unspeakable and full of glory.
That little old woman, as soon as that struck her, my, the seed burst forth...

Now, remember the Bible says that in the last day that this antichrist would deceive the whole world. There'd only be a small number whose names were put on the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world. And when that true vindication of the revealed Truth of God's Word strikes that heart, he will strike the water, and out yonder with the Holy Ghost, just as hard as he can, and you can't stop him from doing it, because the new Life worked forth.

I was talking to a person not long ago. He was trying to discuss with me and saying, "Aren't you ashamed to say that God created the heavens and earth in three days--or in six days?"
I said, "That's what the Bible said."

Said, "Well, we've got evidence and can prove that the world is millions of years old."

I said, "That didn't have anything to do with it. In Genesis 1:1, it said, 'In the beginning God created heavens and earth' period. See? That's all. Now, the world without form and void." And I said, "I believe every seed was laying right there from some other civilization or something, and as soon as the water lifted off and the light struck it, up come the trees and everything."

The same thing with the human being; it's a type. When all the--the--the mist is moved away, and the revealed Truth to that real seed laying there still germitized, and the Light of the Gospel can strike it by true a-vindication of the Word, it'll live; it's got Life in it...?... Outside of that it can't live. It hasn't got no Life in it.

Them names were put on the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world, will come forth just as certain as anything. That's why Jesus sets right there and waits with His mediatorial work until that last seed. He will know exactly when to strikes.

As Dr. Lee Vayle... (I guess he's still in the meeting somewhere; I haven't seen him for days. I don't believe I've seen him... He is here.). Well, the other day he sent me this about what Irenaeus said. I picked Irenaeus by a long ways to be the angel of the age. That he was--that he said, "When that last member of the Body has come in in this last age, should be--the thing would be revealed at that time"; and here it is, just exactly right. See? We're in the day.

All right, then Pentecostal had beyond joy. They was really stimulated; I think, it does anyone. Let's just take just a moment; let's think about David. He's--he got all stimulated too. He said, "My cup's running over." I mean, he really had a--a great event in his life. What--what caused him to do that? When he was in the Spirit... (For he was a prophet. We know he was. The Bible said so: prophet, David). Now, for he was a prophet, and he was in the Spirit, and he seen the resurrection. If you'd like to read it, it's in Psalms 16:8-11. He said, "Moreover my flesh was made glad. My... I--I rest in hope, because You'll not leave my soul in hell, neither will You suffer Your holy One to see corruption."

I tell you, his cup got to running over, 'cause he seen no matter what it was... Oh, he seen the resurrection and he was really--and his cup run over.

Again David had another cup running over in II Samuel (being that you got your pencils out), II Samuel 6:14. There'd been a dry spell. They'd took the ark. The enemy had come in and got the ark of the Lord, and they took it down and set it up before Dagon, and Dagon fell on his face, and took it to another city and plagues broke out of the...

That was the hottest thing they ever had on their hands down there, and they couldn't get rid of it, 'cause it was out of its place. Now, when they put it on the ox cart and started back, and when David saw the ark coming, you know what he did? He--he got so full; his cup got to running over with stimulation. When he seen the Word being revealed back into Israel again, he danced in the Spirit all around and around and around and around and around like that, yeah. His cup got to running over. You see? Why? He saw the Word returning.

And I think that would make anybody get a little stimulated when they see after all these years, and then the true Word, by the promise that it would be, being brought forth and vindicated. What a time. What a time.

Now, let's read. I--I get all talking; I won't get to this, and I'll have you all here till ten-thirty. I let you out early last night, so I ought to keep you a good long time tonight. Yeah. No, I was just teasing. You see, I'm... We just want just as the Lord will lead. Now.

And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come... see.

Now, when the Lamb had opened the Fourth Seal... Let's stop there now, the Fourth Seal. Now, Who opened it? The Lamb. Was anybody else worthy? No one else could do it. No. The Lamb opened the Fourth Seal, and the--the fourth beast, the living creature like an eagle, said to John, "Come, see what the fourth mystery of the plan of redemption has been hid in this Book," 'cause the Lamb was opening it. In other words, that's what he was saying. There's a fourth mystery here. I've showed you in symbol. Now, John... I don't know whether you understood it or not, but he wrote down what he saw. But it was a mystery, so he wrote what he saw. The Lamb was breaking the Seals, and God still wasn't going to reveal it; it was left for the last days. See?

Now, we had symbols, and we've probed at it, and done very good sometimes (See?), but we know it's moved right on. But now, in the last days we can look back and see where it has been, and that is supposed to be done that at the end of the church age just before the rapture.

How anyone can get the Church going through the tribulation, I don't know. But... What's it got to go through the tribulation for, when it hasn't got--got--hasn't got a sin? I mean the... I don't mean the church; the church will go through the tribulation. But I'm talking about the Bride.

The Bride won't, no, it hasn't got a sin against it at all. It's done been bleached out, and there's not even a--a--there's not even smell of it; there's nothing left. They're perfect before God. So what's any tribulation to purify them, but the others do. The church does go through the tribulation, but not the Bride.

Now, now, we're just taking it in all kinds of symbols now like the--the church, Noah, the carried over type, went on out into sin. See? Now, they did go over, but Enoch went first. That was the type of the saints that would go in the--in--before the tribulation period.

Now, we find out this Lamb opened the Seal. Now, the first beast we find... If you notice, the first beast we find was a... The first beast was a lion, the living creature (found that in the book of the--of the church ages); and then the second beast, I believe, was the--the face of an ox or a calf; and the third beast was the face of a man; but the fourth beast was a face of an eagle.

Now, that's exactly the way we've got them rotating just exactly like that, and that's exactly the way they're even placed in the Book here.

And then as a great teacher at one time in Florida teaching, saying that--that the whole--that the Book of Acts was just merely a--a scaffold work for the--for the church... The church was found in the four Gospels. And we find vice versa from that, that it's the four Gospels that guards the Book of Acts. It's from those four Gospels that the Book of Acts is written: the acts of the Holy Spirit in the apostles. And we find over in the Book, that them guards are setting there watching east, north, west, and south. Remember how we drawed it out here, and how beautifully, perfectly everything hit just to its spot?

Now, I want you to notice... said, "Come and see." John... Now, I want you to notice again before this... Now, this here is the last of the riders to reveal the working of the antichrist. Tomorrow night strikes the souls under the altar, the next night, the judgments. The next night, the going away of the--of the end of the age--end of time of all things (See?), when she's taken up.
Therefore, right in that Seventh Seal there pours out vials, and everything else are poured out. What they are, I don't know.

Notice. But now, on this here, we find that this fellow here is an eagle, this man that, or this living creature that's poured forth here now. Or in other words, there's four different ages of it. There was an age of the lion. And we find out that this being the fourth age... And he said, "Come and see the fourth mystery of the Book of Redemption that's been hidden in this Book. Come, see." And John went to see, and he saw a pale horse and again the same rider upon this pale horse. Now, he has a name called death.

Now, notice, none of the other rider... None of the other horses or no time that this rider ever rode, they didn't have--that man had no name, but now he is called death. It's not mentioned. See? He's revealed now what he is--is death. Well, how we could linger on that for a sermon and make it real plain. But anything that's anti, that's against the real, has to be death because there's only two subjects: that's life and death. And that proves that the Holy Spirit's revelation of this in this day is exactly the Truth. The anti, he's death, because the Word (as we'll see later here) is Life. See? And this man is called death.

Now, it was not mentioned of the other times of this rider. But since... Now, it is mentioned that he's called death. But the--under the revelation of the Lion... Now, watch. I--I want to read this close so I'd be sure. (Wrote down the place, stand here...)

Under... Not under the revelation of the lion age or--or the first age, the early age, this wasn't revealed. The next age was the age of the ox, which is the dark age, the middle age. It wasn't revealed as what it was. Nor the man-like beast of wisdom, representing the reformers, Luther and Wesley and so forth, it wasn't revealed.

But in the eagle age, the last age, the prophetic age where there is to rise prophetic utterance (See?), to whom the secrets always comes...

Now, there's where we get... We're going to linger on that a little while tonight so that you'll thoroughly understand. Now, in most times you realize these... I'm just not speaking to this group here. These tapes go everywhere. See? And I must make it clear, 'cause somebody just get one tape, and then if you don't get the rest of them, they're all hung up. See?
God has promised this (See?) for this day, for the last ending up of all these different things that's gone on and being mixed up. We are... We've had Elijah's garments; we've had Elijah's robes; oh, there's been people that... John Alexander Dowie is buried up there wrapped in a--a robe; he said he was Elijah. And we've had all kinds of things like that. What is it anyhow? It's only to take away a Truth that is going to be presented. See, see?

They had false christs before Jesus' time. See? They always do that. It's Satan running out a counterfeit to upset the minds and the faith of the people before the thing actually happens. That's all.

Didn't Gamaliel say the same thing to the Jews that day? Said, "Wasn't there a man raised up and professed to be this, and he took four hundred out in the wilderness, they perished," and so forth. Said...

"Every branch that My heavenly Father hasn't planted," Jesus said, "will be rooted up."
Gamaliel said, "Let them alone. If they--if it be not of God, won't it come to naught? But if it be of God, you'd be found fighting against God." The man used wisdom. He was a teacher.

Now, notice. Now, to wind up all these mysteries, God has promised that there would be a genuine Elijah rise, some man anointed with that Spirit, and it would reveal. He promised it in Malachi 4.

And I got some notes and letters that says that isn't so, but I'd like to talk to that person. See? Why, you can't deny it. Any real good theologian knows that to be the Truth, that they're looking for it. But it just be the same way like it come by John, the forerunner of the first time of Christ.

Why, they didn't recognize him, because there's such great things prophesied of him. Why, he was to make all the high places come low, all the low places go high, all the rough places go smooth; and, oh, he, well, oh, the prophets... Isaiah, seven hundred and twelve years before his birth, and Malachi, four hundred years before he come on the scene, all those prophesied of him. And they was expecting some corridor of heaven to be let down and this prophet walk right out with his staff in his hand from God.

And what happened? A man that couldn't even show a fellowship card, he couldn't show a credential, stayed out in the wilderness, not even a common school education. We're told by historians that he left to the wilderness when he was nine years old, after the death of his father and mother, and was raised out... His job was too important to mess with some seminary. He had--he had to announce the Messiah.

God couldn't use a man all stuffed full of theology. He can't do it, because he will always drift right back; that's his line of learning. He drifts back to that. So he goes to see something; he tries to drift back to what the teachers have said. Be better if he'd kept away from them things and just believe God.

And we find that they missed him. Even the apostles standing there missed him. Why, they said, "Why'd the Scripture say (the scribes) said that Elias..."

He said, "Well, he's already come, and you didn't know him."

But that's where I pattern the resurrection and--or the rapture. It'll go and they'll... I know that sounds strange, but maybe you'll know a little more after tonight, if the Lord willing, just how it's going to be. See? It'll be so secret nobody will know about it, hardly. The world will just think--just go right on like it always did. See? That's the way He always does it.

Do you know, I doubt whether one--one... I'd say one-ninetieth percent of the people on the earth ever knowed Jesus Christ was here when He was here. You know when Elijah prophesied, I doubt whether there was hardly anybody knowed that he was... They knowed there was a crank up there, some old fanatic, but they hated him. Sure. He's a--was what they call a oddball.
And I think any borned again Christian is kind of an oddball to--to the world, because you've been changed. You're from another world. Your spirit's from across the chasm, and this thing here is

such a messed up thing. You're--you're not different, there's something wrong. You're still too earthbound. You ought to be heavenly minded. Heaven lives by the Word.

Now, we notice that this--this great thing taken place. And now, we believe that there is to be a coming of the true spirit of Elijah. It's predicted it would be. See? And we must remember it'll be here in its own season and time. We may be laying a foundation for it now. And it won't be no organization.

I--I disagree with a good friend of mine on that. He says it'll be a group of people. I want you to show me that by Scripture. God, the unchangeable God, never does change His plan. If He does, then He isn't God (That's right.), because he's a mortal, and he knows just like I do, and he makes mistakes. God has never changed His plan since the very time in the garden of Eden. He made a plan for redemption; that was the blood.

And we've tried education; we've tried dictatorship; we've tried psychology; we've tried denominationalism; we've tried everything to push everybody together, or love everybody together, and everything else. There's no other place of fellowship but under the Blood yet, the only ground that God meets man.

God always deals with one individual. Two men's got two ideas. There never was two major prophets on the earth prophesying the same time. Look back and see if there was. No, sir. Too much scrupled up. He's got to get one man completely surrendered and use that person. He searches for that person, but there will be one sometime, somebody who'll listen to Him word by word.

I don't care what anybody else says, they'll never move from it. That's right. They'll wait on, THUS SAITH THE LORD, and then--they won't move until then. He will be properly a-vindicated. You'll... Now, the outside world will hate it, but the elected seed, the predestinated seed, like there was in the days of Jesus, when that Light flashes, that seed will come to Life like that. They'll know it. It'll understand it. You won't have to say a word about it.

She said, "Sir, I perceive that You're a prophet. I know when Messiah comes, He's supposed to..." He said, "I'm He."

Boy, that's--that's enough. She didn't have to tarry all night and tarry the next night; she had it right then. She was on her road. She was telling them about it.

Now, remember, now in the first age was a lion age. That was the Lion of the tribe of Judah, Christ. His own influence of life, taken that age. That's the first beast, which means power that answered by human voice.

The next age was the ox age or the dark horse rider's age. See? Now, the reason this first age was a white age, was that... As--as I've always heard people say that that first rider, white, was the power of the church went forth to conquer, and we find out he was given a crown, that that was it. It was the church. It was the church, but where did he go to? Went to Rome, is where he did and got--received his crown.
Now, the second age was a--was a red horse rider which was a dark age. And now, now, the--the next age was the--the man of the--of age which was the black horse rider, and he was the age of the reformers (See?), went to the--the voice who spoke.

Now, the black horse rider, that was the antichrist; but the one that was speaking in that age was represented as man. And that's the wisdom, smart, shrewd. See? And they didn't get it, See? They didn't call... They didn't name him. See? They just said it went forth.

But now when it comes forth, the eagle age; that's the one that God always likens His prophets to eagles. He calls Himself an eagle. The eagle goes so high there ain't nothing else can touch him. Not only is he up there, but he's built for that position. When he gets up there, he see where he's at. Some people get up there and can't see where they're at, so don't do no good to get up there. But if you...

But you let a crow try to fly with an eagle, or a hawk, either one; he'd disintegrate. He's got to be pressurized for where he goes.

That's the trouble today; some of us don't get pressurized. We explode too quick (You see?), when we're jumping; but we got to be pressurized. When you get up there, and have the keen sight of the eagle to see what's coming and know what to do. Now, the eagle age revealed it.
Now, we find out that eagle age was promised in Revelations 10:7 and in--and in Malachi 1:4 that would be in the last days (See? That's right.), that it would be here. All right.

Notice. Now, this fellow, we find out that he's riding on a pale horse. Pale... Oh, my. After... Notice, after sixty-eight million Protestants, as we took from--from Smucker's "Glorious Reform" of the--of the martyrology of Rome, last night... We find that up to the fifteen hundred mark (I believe it was, or eighteen, I don't remember exactly now) but there was sixty-eight million put to death to protest the first Roman church, Rome.

No wonder he could impersonate himself in the personified name of--and called death. He sure was. Now. God only knows how many he caused to spiritually die by his anti-Bible Word teaching. This is the one he put sixty-eight million to the sword and killed, and probably literally billions died spiritually on his false teaching. No wonder he could take the name of death.

See the rider? The first place, as an antichrist he was death to begin with, but he's innocent then. Then he received a crown, a triple one, and when he did, then he united... Satan united his church and state, because he was over both of them then. Antichrist was Satan in the form of a man.
And then also Saint Matthew, I believe it is, the 4th chapter, tells us that--that Satan took Jesus, our Lord, up and showed Him the kingdoms of the world, all of them, in a moment of time, and the glory of them, offered them to Him, and he said that they--they were his.

So, you see then, if he can unite his state and his church together, then the red horse rider could ride sure enough. See? Truly.

Now, then we find out his mystery here in his church and state. The fourth stage of his ministry, he's called the beast. First he's called the antichrist (See?), then he's called false prophet, and he's called the beast. Now, we find him here being called as the beast.

Now, I want you to notice that's after the fourth horse, and in this fourth horse, if you'll notice, all... The first one was white, and then the next one was red, and the next one was black, and the fourth one... All of these other three was represented in it, because pale is red and--and white and so mixed together. See? He... It's--it's all mixed in this one horse. See? And there he become four, or actually the three in one, and it was all mixed up in that one thing.

Now, I want you to notice the four of them. Notice the off-mark of four of the spiritual mathematics. God is threes. This is four. He's in four here. First, antichrist, white; second, false prophet, red; third, vicar of heavens and earth and--and purgatory, black; fourth, the beast, pale horse, Satan being kicked out of heaven. You want to read that? Revelations 12:13, Satan being kicked out of heaven...

Then in Revelations 13:1-8, he is incarnate in the person of the beast. He's first the antichrist, just--just a teaching called Nicolaitia; then he becomes from that to a false prophet. If he's an antichrist, antichrist is against. Anything that's against God's Word is against God, because the Word is God. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was made flesh, Christ, and dwelt among us." And now, he is against the Word, so he'd be antichrist; but a spirit cannot be crowned. That's the reason he didn't receive a crown, just a bow with no arrows.

And then when he come to crowning time, then he become the false prophet of his antichrist teaching. Get it? Then he gets a sword, because he unites his powers together; then he don't have to ask nobody. He's governor of state; he's governor of heaven: receives a triple crown, makes himself an idea called purgatory, where if--if some of them died back there, and they got some money they want to pay them out, he can pray them out of it, 'cause he's got the power to do so. He's a vicar. Certainly he is. He takes the place of God on earth. If that ain't as plain as anything... We find it, pull it on down through the Bible and count his numeral numbers and everything else. Here he is; play him up back here in number four, not number three, number four. See?

Now, let's turn, Revelations 12. Let's just read this just a little bit 'cause we--we'll have time to do it. And let's read Revelations the--the 12th chapter and the 13th verse.

And the same hour there was a great earthquake... (No, I got the--I got the wrong place, the 13th) And when the dragon saw that he was cast out into the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

Now, you see, he was cast out of the earth and becomes incarnate. As the antichrist spirit become incarnate into a man, that man changes from one thing to another, from an antichrist spirit to a false prophet, and then the beast comes into him.

Just exactly like the church grows. His church went from--from antichrist to false prophet, and in the great age to come the beast that is to rise up, so the church comes the same way, through justification, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost as Christ being in the people, just exactly. And he's got the antetype of it over there, the (See?), the type of it, rather. There he is just exactly. That's him: kicked out of heaven.

Now, we find out in Revelation 13:1-8...

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up... (Now, here's twelve, where he was kicked out. Now, watch.)... saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his head the name of blasphemy.

And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet... (Oh, if we just had time now, we'd take the rest of the night right on them symbols there and show, bring it right straight to him again. Any... Most all of you know that from other lessons.)... were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth... the mouth of a lion: and the dragon give him his power,... seat, and... authority. (Ha. Incarnate Satan. See?)

I saw one of his heads as it... wounded to death;...

And on down, it goes if you want to... When you get the chance to read on down. No, let's--let's read just a little bit.

And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

You just watch. Don't you never watch Communism. It's nothing but a tool playing in the hands of God to help you someday to get... revenge the blood, as we'll get tomorrow night. See?

And they worshipped the dragon... (Who was the dragon? Satan. That right? The red dragon... All right.)... which gave power unto the beast:... (Where he get his power. See?)... and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who's able to make war with him?
And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things of blasphemy; and power was given to him to continue forty and two months.

And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God,... (There you are. See? Oh, on a...)... to blaspheme his name,... (give him a title)... his tabernacle... (which is the Holy Spirit's dwelling place, to make it a place in Rome, a Vatican city; you can just go on down)... and them that dwell in heaven. (blasphemed them by saying they were intercessors)

And it was given unto him to make war with the saints... (And he did.)... and to overcome them:... (He did: burned them to the stake, fed them to the lions, and killed them any way he could.)... and power was given him over all kindreds,... tongues, and nations.

It never did become that way in Rome until pagan Rome was converted into papal Rome and the Catholic power spread the world; made the universal Catholic church.

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names were not written in the book... ("Touch not My oil and wine." See?)... And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names were not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.
If any man has an ear, let him hear.

He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and... faith of the saints.

Now, we had him coming last night with his great sword to kill. We find out that he gets killed with the Sword too, the sword of the Word. God's Word, sharp, two-edged sword slays him, puts him right down. Wait till them seven thunders utter their voices to that group who really can take the Word of God and hand it there. It'll slice and cut. And they can close the heavens; they can shut this or do that, whatever they want to. Glory.

He will be slayed by the Word that proceeds from His mouth; it's sharper than a two-edged sword. They could call for a hundred billion tons of flies if they wanted to. Amen. Whatever they say's going to happen, because it's the Word of God coming from the mouth of God. Amen.

God always... It's His Word, but He always uses man to work it. God could call for them flies down in Egypt, but He said, "Moses, that's your job. I'll just tell you what to do, and you go do it." He fully done that. See? He--He could've chosen the sun to call them; He could have caused the moon to call it or the wind to call it, but He--He said, "Moses..." That--that... He chooses men. All right.

Now, we find out here that this Satan, after being kicked out of heaven, incarnates himself in the beast, and now he is a beast. Antichrist, false prophet, and now beast and given the name of death, and hell follows him: fully Satan on his throne... Oh, my. On the earth--he's Satan representative on the earth; that he now is head of the kingdoms of the world, the very same kingdoms that he offered to the Lord Jesus in Matthew 4, Satan now becomes a full king.
Now, this happens later on. He's false prophet now. He will become beast after while when he breaks his covenant there with the Jews. You know how we been through... All right.

Notice now, he will be given a heart of a beast at that time, and Satan will incarnate himself, because when the Church goes up, Satan's cast out. See? It's done then. All of his accusing is done. See?

Now, as long... Look, as long as the Intercessor is still on the throne, Satan can stand there and accuse, because he is the attorney of the other side. He's the opponent of Christ. And Christ is... He's standing there... The--the--the opponent is standing there saying, "But wait, Adam fell. Adam done this. I conquered him. I got his wife to believe a lie, and You said she'd be damned by it. I got it."

But here's the Mediator standing there (Amen.), the Kinsman Redeemer (Amen.) standing there with the Blood that can take the vilest sinner's heart and change it. A Mediator is on the throne. Yes, sir.

Satan said, "But they are guilty."

Jesus said, "They're not."

That Clorox was invented or manufactured to take stain, take the coloring out of ink or any other stain--they got it. It'll break it up till you never will find it again. It goes back to gases and all the way back to cosmic light and it'll past molecules and everything else till it turns back to the original where it come from. It's a creation--it had--a creation had to come from a Creator. But all the chemicals that was manufactured and put together, they're broke up and that's just all there is to it, there's no more of it. Even the very--the very water substance it is, blends with the Clorox which is ashes. Amen. Glory to God, it's all clean.

That's what the Blood of Jesus Christ does to the true child of God. When he confesses that sin and stands there justified in His... Mercy, goodness... Even it's so great till God said, "I can't even remember it anymore, and he's absolutely My son." "Verily, I say unto you, if you say to this mountain be moved and don't doubt in your heart but believe in what you said, it shall come to pass; you can have that what you have said." You are a redeemed son. Amen. I know that's true.

I seen squirrels to appear yonder on six different times that I know... and not the one that would be setting here. Just as He can create squirrels the same as He can create flies or frogs or anything else. He's God, the Creator. That's right. And when... no mortal being, but when that sin of that mortal is confessed and dropped into that Clorox of the bleach of Jesus Christ, that bleaches all sin, he's purely unadulterated without sin, without fault.

He that's borned of God doth not commit sin, for he cannot sin. The Bleach stands between him and God. How could it ever get there when It breaks it up and sends it right back to the one who perverted it. Amen. Whew, I feel religious. I--I tell you, I'm get stimulations now as this begins to reveal.

Notice, fully Satan on his throne (Yes, sir.) offered it to God, offered it to our Lord. Here he is setting here with this beastly heart in him. Now, here is the person, the beast, the incarnate devil. He makes his appearing here on earth under the false pretense (Oh, my goodness.)--under the false pretense of the true Word, he associates himself with the Word.

He did just the same thing that his--his type did, which was Judas, two thousand years ago. What did he do? Judas came in as a believer, being a devil from the beginning. He was born the son of perdition. He pulled nothing over on Jesus, 'cause He knowed him from the very beginning (Amen.) for He was the Word.

All right. And remember, Judas took the place as treasurer and fell by money. So does the church of this day. The Catholic church (as we noticed last night) charging for novenas, charging them for prayers, and charging them for everything. It's almost same--fell the same thing to the daughters of the Catholic church, which the Protestants... The whole thing's wrapped up in money. There's where Judas fell, and here's where he fell, and there's where the Protestants fall.

Watch... Rides a pale horse as he appears on his ride, this last ride. He's on his last now. Now, that is not in our day. That will be on down. It's the Seal foretold. 'Cause, see, the Church has done gone up when this happens.

When Christ appears here on earth, as--as this fellow appears and becomes completely, completely the devil... From antichrist all the way down to false prophet, then into the beast, the devil himself, and he's riding on a pale horse, colored all up and mixed with all kinds of colors to make him pale and deathly.

But when our Lord appears here on earth, He will be riding on a snow white horse, and He will be completely, fully, the Emmanuel, the Word of God incarnate in a man. You can see how much difference there is in them. That's the difference though.

Notice, the antichrist was on a pale horse, mixed color. A horse is a beast that represents a power. His power is all mixed up. Why? It's politics; it's--it's national powers; it's religious powers; it's demon powers; it's all kinds of powers mixed together, a mixed pale horse was. He's got all kinds of powers.

But when Jesus comes, it's on a one solid colored horse--the Word. Amen. This one mixes its colors of red, white, black. Three colors in one--represented in one, and three powers represented in one: a white horse, a black horse, red horse, and three crowns in one. See? Sure.

I seen the crown myself--stood, oh, that close and looked at it. Wouldn't let me get to it on account of the glass. So there it was, a big lock on it, setting in a case, triple crown; so I know it's the truth. So there he was--triple crown. Vicar of heaven, purgatory, and earth. Three powers united together, see, all mixed up in a color, pale. Death spoke in a whole thing. Political, and--and religious, and--and demon powers mixed together. Politics, he is the king of politics; Satan is. Smart? Whew. Sure, don't try to outwit him; just trust the Lord.

As I've all--went through it before, all smart, educations, and things like that come from the wrong side. Just follow it through the Scripture; find out that's right. Follow Cain's children and see what they become. Then follow Seth's children, see what they were.

Not that I'm supporting ignorance, not at all, no, sir, but you take any persons hardly of the Bible, very seldom... And he... There's one named Paul that was a smart man, and he said that he had to forget everything he knowed in order to know Christ. He said, "I never come to you with enticing words of wisdom of men, but I come to you in the power of the resurrection of Christ."

That's right, power of the Holy Ghost... Look at the others. Some of them didn't even know right or left hand, and--and all... Look down through the age of the prophets and where they come from and so forth. See what I mean? See, it's a smart, intellectual, and wisdom; wisdom is exactly the very thing that takes you away from God.

He had three powers or three--three jurisdictions: the earth, heaven and purgatory. He is himself a trinity. That's what he's made up of, and he rides in a trinity. His power's in a trinity. His crown's in a trinity. His horse is in a trinity. That what he is? A trinity, a power of trinity, a crown of trinity, a horse riding of trinity (That's of offices.) a four again (See?), a four again.

All right, three stages of his ministry makes him one person, Satan incarnate, three stages of the mini... Antichrist, false prophet, and beast, them three typing... See, now there's three types, now, that makes him. God--or God makes Himself known too, in water, blood, spirit. Makes a Christian a son of God by the Word of God. See?. And these three powers makes him a devil. See? Oh, this here is water, blood, and spirit which is of God. And that's pol--politics, religion, and demon power mixed together makes him the devil.

Christ's first coming, a mortal. He comes three times. Christ is in three. See? Watch how he comes, he's a four.

Watch Christ. First coming, He come a mortal to bleed and die. Is that right? That's His first coming. The second coming is the rapture. We meet Him in the skies, immortal. His third coming, He's the incarnate God (Amen. Yeah.), God Emmanuel to reign on earth. That's right. Only three... Fourth stage of the rider... Watch. The fourth stage of this rider is called death. Death means eternal separation from God. That's what death means: to be eternal separated from God.
Now, if we place this fellow out, class... If we have showed by the Bible who that fellow is... And we even took the hills, the place and everywhere just exactly in detail right on down. And now, he's called by the eagle, death. That's what He calls him.

Remember, here... See, death is eternal separation. Remember, saints don't die. They sleep, not die. "He that heareth My words and believeth on Him that sent Me has Eternal Life." That's right. "Shall not come into the judgment but's passed from death unto Life. I am the resurrection, and life," said Jesus; "he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die..."

Lazarus' dead? "He sleepeth." "Fear not, the girl's not dead, but sleepeth." They laughed Him to scorn. Is that right? Oh, my. See, saints don't die. Separation from God is death, eternal death, and this fellow is called death. So keep away from him.

What is he? An organiz--organizational system, the first, number one church, organized. And when he took the--the understanding of Constantine at the Nicaea Council... We brought them women, last night, and showed how that Eve, the first bride, before her husband ever got to her, she fell by disbelieving God's Word in Eden. The spiritual Bride that was borned on the day of Pentecost of Christ, before He could get to her, what happened? She fell at Rome, What? Forfeited her virtue of the Word for dogma. Amen.

Oh, my. I--I feel stimulation coming again on me. To think that, that's... I don't mean to act crazy. I don't mean that, but I just... You don't realize what that does to me. I've been setting in this for four days now, just, it's just... I have to say something kinda get me feeling human again. You know what I mean. All right.

Start talking like that and you see visions breaking all over the place. That's right. See, that's the reason I say something to get myself back again, and shake back again. See?

Did you ever notice when we have a discerning line? I'll say something will make people laugh; then I'll say something make people cry; then I'll say something make them angry. I've got something spotted out; I'll say something to see how it takes. Then I see what kind of a light's over them, what takes place. I know where it's at, now, whether it's calling or not. If it isn't--sets there, a genuine believer, all right.

You call them then, say, "You, So-and-so." And when you get down, Spirit begins to anoint, then you begin to see that flashing coming everywhere (See?), like that around, around the room. That's the reason I say something, kind of start back again, start off new again. See?

Now, ever since last Sunday I just set right in a room, just praying, that's all, under the anointing; and I--I know this is right. You believe God? I know you do. You just watch at the end of the week. Uh-huh See? See? All right. See?

Now, death means eternal separation from God. You remember now, saints don't die. Remember, his bride was given a pale horse... I mean, this rider was given a pale horse to--to go forth with, he's given this--this pale horse to go forth with. And he rode this pale horse of death. Now, we know what that was. We know what church that was.

And remember... and last night, she was not only a whore, she was a mother of harlots. And we find out that what made her a whore was a woman that's that type of a woman... (I'm just... It's a flat word to say amongst a mixed audience, but the Bible says that. You see?). So then we realize that that's a--that's a woman that lives untrue to her marriage vows. And you see, she's supposed to be, says herself--calls herself the queen of heaven. That would be the bride of God, God is Christ. And we find that she's committing fornication; and she's causing the kings to the earth to commit fornication, and all the rich men, and great men; the whole earth went after her. See? And then we find out that she produced some daughters, and they were harlots.

What is a harlot but a whore, same thing, a fornicator, fornication, evil, adultery, committing... What'd they do? Organized, got a system, taught the manmade systems, Pentecost and the whole bunch.

Now, don't let your--your conscience drop down in your pocket, Pentecost. But let me tell you something. Let's look the thing right in the face. We're too late down the road now to go to pulling punches.

Looky here. We are living in the Laodicean Church Age, and that was the most ridiculous church age of all the rest of them, a lukewarm and the only one that Christ was on the outside trying to get back in; and that's the Pentecostal message...?... Said, "I'm rich." Boy, you was poor first. Now, you be--really got rich (See?), have need of nothing, and--and all what you was.
And He said, "You're naked, miserable, blind, poor, wretched, and don't even know it."

Now, if a man was naked out there on the street and knowed it, why, he'd try to help himself; but when he--when he don't know it, and you can't tell him no different, then he's in a bad shape. God have mercy upon him. That's right.

Notice. Oh, my. Now, remember, this antichrist himself, being the man, his bride, which is his church, was given a space to repent; and she did not do it in that church age, Thyatira. You remember it? See?

Well, let's go back just a minute. It won't hurt us to go back just a minute. Let's go back, 1st--2nd chapter just a minute. We'll just read it--the second chapter of... Now, Thyatira. Now, watch this just right quick now. My, we're just about closing time, and haven't got started. But...

Notice, Thyatira. Now, it begins with the 18th verse of the--of the 2nd chapter.

... unto the angel... (That's the messenger.)... of the church of Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who has his eyes like unto a flames..., and his feet are like onto fine brass;
I know thy works, and thy charity, and thy service, and thy faith,... thy patience, and the works; and thou has to be more than the--then the last to be more than... first.

Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou suffers that woman Jezebel...

There you are. You know her in the Bible. She was the wife of Ahab. And here is the woman, church, Jezebel, the wife of the false prophet which is supposed to be the genuine prophet of God: the pope (Right.), the genuine prophet and his wife Jezebel. Now, Ahab was supposed to be a genuine Jew, but he was a rascal; you know that. Because his wife just led him anyway he wanted to. We find out Jezebel takes her money and leads these the way they want to too.

... which calleth herself a prophetess... (Get it?)... to teach and... seduce my servants... (See, that Jezebel teaching just swept the country.)... to commit fornications,... to eat things sacrificed to idols.

... I gave her space to repent... (See?)... of her fornication; and she repented not. (Watch this next verse.)

... I will cast her into a bed... (That's hell.)... and them that commit adultery with her, unto great tribulation... (That's going into great tribulation, not the Church now.)... except they repent of their deeds. (Now, watch out here.)

... I will kill her children... (her harlots)... with death;... (Spiritual death... You believe it? That's the Word. "I will kill them with death." And if they're killed, they're eternal separated.)

All right, remember, He gave her a space to repent. Thyatira Age was the dark age. The dark horse rider rode in that time, when all the masses and everything had to be paid for and the prayers and--and the novenas and so forth.

Now. See his black horse then? After he refused to repent in Thyatira (Watch.) changes his riding from a black horse to a pale one, death, for his last ministry.

Now, I might just give the individual a little shake here. To refuse God, to refuse God's call, you'll do it the last time sometime. And just like that church did, it's over. God's patience will not always

strive with man. See? And when she refused it, and refused to accept it, then she changed, and went; now she's got a name called death, separation.

God said, "I'll even take her children, the Protestants, and everyone of them I'll kill with eternal separation."

There you are, Thyatira Age, the dark age. His black horse now turns to death for his last ministry. See how the church ages blend in with the Seals just perfect, then we know it's right. The Holy Spirit makes no mistake. He gave us a great a-vindication the last time when we got the church ages done back there, you know.

See the loving, long-suffering of God. Before He passed judgment upon her, He gave her a place to repent. And it's in the Name of the Lord I say this: He's give the Protestant church the same thing, and she won't do it. These messages shook everywhere, and she won't do it. She's going to have her own dogmas and creeds; I don't care how much you explain it.

As I said there in Chicago, the other day 'fore more ministers than there are people setting here... And there they had me penned off about the doctrine of serpent seed, and all this other thing. I said, "Somebody get your Bible and come here and stand by me then." Nobody said nothing. Tommy Hicks said, "I--I never heard that like that before, Brother Branham. I want three hundred of those tapes. I want to send them to all my ministers."

There was about fifty or seventy-five said, "I'm coming down there to be rebaptized." Did they come? Not a one of them. Why? He give them space to repent. He will cast their children to death, spiritual death. (We'll pick that up tomorrow night, the Lord willing, or in Saturday night on those plagues that passes over. You watch what takes place there.)

Like He give Egypt, He give Egypt place to repent. What was that last plague? Was death. That's the last plague that's hit the Pentecostal church. It's spiritual death; she's dead. That's in the Name of the Lord. She's spiritually dead. He gave her place to repent, and she rejected it; now she's dead. She'll never rise again.

And them people out there trying to bring in Episcopalians and priests and so forth, and calling them "Holy Father So-and-so." to... Why, they ought to be ashamed of themself. How blind can men get? Don't Jesus say when that sleeping virgin come to buy oil, she did not get it?

Everybody... You hear people say, "I got the Holy Ghost; I spoke in tongues." But they don't want to come around a church like this. "Oh, you know, I don't believe I want to go around a place like that." And then say you got the Holy Ghost? But you want your dignified way. You want to stay in Babylon and still enjoy the blessings of heaven.

You have to make your choice. You can't stay out there in the world and serve God at the same time. Jesus said you couldn't serve God and mammon. So if you won't expect... If you really get saved, you'll enjoy meetings where the Holy Spirit is vindicating Itself and showing that the Word of God is so.

Someone said, "There's people make too much noise. It makes me nervous." You'll be nervous if you'd get to heaven. And you just think when all of them are there; then what about it?

Oh, my, how the Lord wants to get... He--He's long-suffering like He was in the days of Noah. He tried hard. He suffered long for a hundred and twenty years to get them to repent; they wouldn't do it.

In the days of Egypt, He sent plagues and everything else; they wouldn't do it. He sent John; they wouldn't return. He sent Jesus to die to save the whole group that would hear the Word.

And now in the last days, He promised again that He would send a message to call it out and restore the original faith back to it--back to the Word, and they won't receive it. They're so dogmatic in their dogmas and creeds till they got a... Oh, they think if they had a... If an Angel walked down... But God don't do that. He takes something ignorant and stupid, something that don't know hardly your abc's or anything, and then He takes that type of a person; 'cause He could take something that's nothing and then work through it. As long as something thinks they're something, then they can do nothing with it. He's always did that. You have to become nothing to become somebody with God.

Oh, my. And notice. Yet, He gave her a space to repent, but she didn't do it. He's done it again; she won't do it. Her rejection away, makes her... or... Her rejection makes a perfect way for Satan to come into her and be incarnate (That's right.), incarnate himself right in her because she rejected the Word, and that's exactly the same thing that the Protestant church becomes a harlot is because she rejects the vindicated Truth of the Word of God, and that gives the Devil a place to come right in and incarnate himself, and he will make an image unto the beast when they can consolidate together, right yonder now, and go on and do just exactly what he said. That's right. Amen.

If I had an education, I could bring it out. I haven't got no education. I'm just expecting the Holy Spirit to reveal it to you. He will to those who... That's right. He will do it.

Notice. Look how--what she did here. She rejected God's message for her to repent. She started off an antichrist, and that's what she was. She become a false prophet, an incarnate devil, and when she did with her false teaching... Then in all of that, God give her space to repent, tried to get her.

See how long-suffering, what a wonderful love? There's no love like that. Look at those even that spit in His face and things, He forgave them. That's God. See? Don't reject God's message.
Look, she was asked to repent, go back to where she fell from. And where did she fall from? The Word. Yeah. Where did Eve fall from? [Congregation answers, "The Word."--Ed.] Where did the denomination fall from? [Congregation answers, "The Word."-- Ed.]

There you are. See? No other way, just every time its comes right back to the Word, right back to the Word (See?), and they get into a system that runs them back away from the Word, runs them from the Word instead of to the Word.

Notice. Look, she was given a space to repent, go back. Repent means to go back, turn back, about face, repent, go back. And she was given a space to go back to where that...

Now, remember, she was the original Pentecostal church that the Holy Ghost was poured upon on the day of Pentecost. How many Bible students knows that? Sure, she was. See where she went from. She fell from the Word and accepted dogmas. She expect... Instead of the Holy Ghost she wanted a holy man: Doctor, LL., Ph., Q. U., and then made him a pope. See? Sure, but she--that's

what she wanted, somebody to do her praying, somebody she could just pay her money out, and that's all she had to do. See?

Now, it's the same thing today. As long as they got a pew to set in, pay heavy on the collection plate, that's good enough. They're a member of that church. Don't tell them nothing else about it. They don't want to know. That's her daughters.

Now, where did she fall from? From the original Word of the apostolic apostles and prophets. That's where she fell from. That's where the Protestants fell from.

Repent. Go back. Turn back 'fore it's too late, if it ain't already too late. One of these days that Lamb will leave His place, and then it's all over. So is her daughters been asked now, before being judged with her, to return back.

Now, the last message they get is when this prophet that I've been speaking of, which I've been reading many books about it... And I know that real good sensible, spiritual thinking men know that that's coming. See, they know it's coming. See, they... But the trouble of it is, they keep saying, "We need it. It's going to be." And when it comes, then they'll be so humble they'll probably miss it just like they did the other time. That's right.

People will write about it and everything, say, "Oh, yes. It needs to be," and then let it be showed right before them, and they just go right on. See? They've always done that.

Watch now. The original Word, they--she has to repent to go back at. So her daughters has been asked to be forced, they will be judged and throwed into the same bed and killed with her. They've been asked to turn back to the original Word, go back to the apostolic doctrine; but they're so tied down with their creeds and things, they won't do it. They only make fun of it.

Then what do they do? They finally form up in the image unto the beast, another power, notice, and act to the Lamb's Bride like she did in Revelation 13:14. That's what they do, just persecute, just the same thing.

The churches makes just as fun of the true Bride of Christ as Rome ever did (Just exactly. Yes, sir.), acts to the real Lamb's Bride just exactly like she did in Revelations 13:14.

Now, notice, we see by God's Word of promise, He will--He will kill her children, the denominations, her daughters, with spiritual death. (Now, that's Revelations 2:22. Don't forget it.) To kill is to put to death, and death is eternal separation from the Presence of God. Think of that, friends. Think of that. Don't you trust in any manmade creed. Anything that's contrary to the Word, you keep away from it.

Now, watch. Watch in the Bible here. It said his name was hell, and... I mean his name was death, and hell followed after him. Now, hell always follows death in the natural. When the natural man dies, hell follows him; that's the grave, hades (See?); that's in the natural. But in the spiritual it's a lake of fire. See? All right. See, it's eternal separation where they're burned up and just... And Malachi 4 said, "It don't even leave him stubble or branch or nothing else." It's the way the world has of purifying itself again for the millennium. See?

Have you noticed, the rider is a he, and "he had in his hand..." Man, false prophet, but his bride is called the church, she, Jezebel: Ahab, Jezebel. Why, it's just as perfect as anything, ain't it. See?

Daughters is she also, but never received one man headship. Protestants do that. But still harlot in principle of their doctrine, denomination, systems... That's just--that's what it says.

Notice. What is this all coming to? (Now, we've just got about twelve, fourteen minutes here, I guess.) Look what this is all coming to. What is it? It's going right back the way it did. It started in heaven; it's coming to the end time battle.

The first thing in heaven was a battle. Lucifer was kicked out and come to the earth; then he polluted Eden. Then he's been polluting ever since.

And now, from the battle in heaven, it's coming to the battle on earth, and it is to be finished at--on earth at the end time in a battle called Armageddon. Now, anyone knows that. The battle started in heaven. Holy... And so, they kicked them out. Michael and His angels overthrowed them--just run out. And when they did, dropped right down in Eden, and here started the battle down here.

May... God had His children all fortified up by His Word; and Eve stuck her neck out, said, "I believe you're right, maybe..." And there it went, and it's been ever since. Then God come down, and now He's got to... He come down to redeem those that would come down... As I said, "God's like a big contractor. He lays out all His material on the earth, and then He builds His building."
Now, remember, before there was a grain of--of seed on the earth, before there was a sun that ever struck the earth, your body was laying on the earth, 'cause you are the dust of the earth. See? You are. God's the Contractor.

Now, the way He was going to do it was reach down and get like He did Adam, a little bunch of calcium, potash and cosmic light, and, "whew." [Brother Branham makes blowing sound--Ed.] Say, "There's My other son." See? Then He'd bring up some more and, "whew" [blowing sound--Ed.], "There's another one."

But what did Eve do? She corrupted that way, and she brought it through a sexual act; then death struck it.

Now, what's God doing? He's got so many of those seeds down through there that's predestinated, so much of the predestinated, and then at the end time, He won't say, "Eve, come bear another child." He will, "whew" [blowing sound--Ed.] call and I'll answer. Right. That's the idea. When that last one's brought in, that settles it.

Now, the battle started in heaven. It'll be finished on earth in the form of Armageddon. Now, let's watch and see it unfold. And maybe we can unfold it if the Lord help us right now to do this now. Watch it unfold.

The mysterious rider (Watch what he does now.) opposed, refused to repent and to go back to the original blood Word. The Word became blood and flesh (See?); he refused to go back to It. Is antichrist... The true Word Bride is the... He's opposed to the true Word Bride. Takes his own bride (He opposes this true Bride too.), and he takes his own bride and brings her to him in a form of religion called creeds and dogmas. See?

And now, seeing the holy Bride, he is against her, but he forms his own bride called antichrist by antichrist teaching, which is contrary to Christ. See how shrewd he is? And now, instead of having a unity of love controlling worship under Blood, he's got a denomination. Instead of having the Word, he took creeds, dogmas, and so forth.

Like in the Protestants says the Apostles' Creed. I want you to find a word of it in the Bible. Why, there's no Apostles' Creed in the Bible. As I said here not so long ago somewhere, "If the apostles had a creed, it's Acts 2:38." That's exactly all I know they ever had. That's what they called everybody to do. When he found one of them that looked like they were Christians, he said, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?"

They said, "We know not whether there be..."

He said, "Then how was you baptized?"

Now, being baptized into Jesus' Name or in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, rather, that--that's all right, but that's not all of it yet. No, sir. You could be baptized fifty times like that, and don't do a bit of good until the heart's changed by the Holy Spirit. It all has to go together.

Notice, it's--it's Christ... The antichrist refuses the true Bride doctrine, and therefore he takes his own bride now and builds her up under a creed of his own, takes his own bride and makes her a denomination. She gives birth to other denominations, as quoted in this holy Scripture: gives birth to daughters. And she don't--she becomes just like her mother: natural, worldly, denominational, opposing the spiritual Bride, the Word.

They don't say they don't belong to church. You talk to a denominational person, "Sure, I belong to church."

"Are you a Christian?"

"I belong to church."

That don't have one thing to do with it. See, I said... You don't belong to... You--you might belong to what is called a church (See?), belong to a church. That's not a church. Them's not churches; them's lodges where people get together and... feed like, "birds of a feather..." but you're only one Church; and that's the mystical body of Christ. And you don't join that; you're born in it. As I've always said, "I've been with the Branham family fifty-three years and never did join it. I was borned in it." See?

Now, notice, it's just typed beautifully (I--I got a Scripture wrote down here, but I... We ain't got time to get to it.) as Esau and Jacob. Now, Esau was a religious man; he didn't claim to be an unbeliever. He believed in the same God Jacob did, same God his daddy did, but he was just a shyster (or, excuse the expression) just... He was just no good. He--he--he was...

Now, as far as being morally, he was really a better moral acting man than Jacob was. But you see, he didn't think... "Oh, what's that birthright got to do with it?" and he sold his birthright to Jacob. See?

But Jacob, he didn't have big things and like Esau did. He didn't have the inheritance he did. But there was one thing Jacob wanted, was that birthright; and he didn't care how he had to get it, he was going to get it; and God had respect to him.

And then, that's the same thing today with the natural man, carnal mind, worldly minded. "Well, I belong to the state church." "I belong to this church." "I belong to that." That don't have one thing to do with it, not a thing.

Watch. Gathers them now on his mixed colored horse. He's gathering them together on his mixed colored horse 'cause he's got political power. If you don't believe he has, how did this president get in just now? How did that ever slip up? Come over here for freedom of religion, and you bunch of Democrats that would sell your birthrights out to politics. I ain't got... Democrats... parties are, they're both rotten (I'm talking about Christianity.) But you sell your birthrights on a Democrat ticket to put something like that in. Shame on you.

Don't you realize that this nation exactly is in a pattern of Israel? What did Israel do? She come over to a strange land and took the occupants out and killed them off and went in and possessed the land. That's what we did. The Indians, that's the only true American there is, is our Indian friends. And then what did they do?

Israel had a few great men. First thing you know... They had David and had Solomon; they had great men. And finally they got a renegade up there, Ahab, that married a Jezebel, an unbeliever. Well, that's the same thing we did. We had a Washington and a Lincoln, but look what we got now. And the very thing of it is, he's married and soused down and dyed-in-the-wool to Jezebel. He might be a pretty good sort of a fellow, but she's going to run the business. You see it right now; the whole family is coming in.

What did the Holy Spirit tell me about thirty-five years ago (And all of you old-timers know it.) of seven things that would happen before the end? This is the last--next to the last thing coming up. Everything else hit just exactly on the dot to the wars and everything else. See?

And now, she's right in the hands of woman to rule the nation, Jezebel (See?), but remember, in the days of Jezebel someone really told them their colors.

To gather them on their mixed colored horses... See? He's gathering this thing together, mixed with creeds, denominations, manmade doctrines. Is that right? Sure, a mixed color--the mixed color of the dead, pale horse of the world... Now, that's right. Mixed colors of the dead, worldly form of the pale horse.

Oh, my. No holy blood of the Word at all. And watch, from corner--from the four corners of the earth, they gather them. Gathers them to Armageddon, the Bible says. I'm trying to think of the Scriptures. I got them wrote down here. I ain't calling them but just... where they were written down--see what they are. Gathers them together to the great day of the battle of the Lord God. Watch.

Now, on this mixed colored, worldly, pale, sick horse... Just think of it. You know that's a bad thing. Now, watch where he gathers them--from the four corners of the earth. They are gathering now for the showdown. The showdown will be at Armageddon according to the Word (See?) on the pale horse, riding on it with a death tacked, with the name tacked on him, death. The antichrist... Listen, antichrist, first denomination. That can't be spirit. With his Jezebel, a prostitute to the Word, with her daughters with her--Protestants gathering themselves together now in unity.

Did you hear the Baptist people speaking the other day over here you know? Huh? "Oh, we won't join up with them, but we'll--we'll be friendly and kind of click with them. We won't have to join their church, but..." There you are; there you are, just exactly what the Word said here (See, see?), old harlot in the first place. See?

Now, here they are joining themselves together, coming to that showdown to Armageddon and riding on a mixed colored horse, with one horse of white, one horse of red, one horse of black, the

three different political--a--political power, spiritual power controlled by demon power which is the antichrist, mixing that all together, you got a pale, sickly looking thing he's riding on. That's right. Now, notice. Look what he's riding on. This pale looking, grizzled colored horse, mixed with black, red, and white, coming into the battle, gathering his subjects from every nation under heaven.
Did not Daniel interpret the dream and seen that streak of iron running to every kingdom, of Rome? Here they come, gathering. Now, set still for the close just a minute and listen close.
They're gathering in now to do it, bringing his subjects from the four corners of the earth, riding a pale, sickly, three colored mixed horse: same man.

Now, in Revelations 19, not only is he getting ready, but Christ is getting ready to meet him. The battle's going to be hot and heavy. Christ, in Revelations 19... Christ is gathering His, not from the four corners of the earth, because there's going to be a little bitty remnant. What's He doing? He's gathering them from the four corners of heaven (We'll get them souls under the altar tomorrow night, and you'll see whether it's right or not.)--four corners of heaven on a snow white horse. He also has a name, not death, but the Word of God, Life. Amen. Got it wrote right on His thigh here: The Word of God. That's the only Life because God is the only source of Eternal Life there is: Zoe. Is that right?

And He's got wrote, "Life," riding on a white horse, and here's a man with three different powers mixed up, called death, gathering his earthbound delegates, and Christ is gathering His heaven-born subjects, saints.

He's got death wrote on him; Christ's got Life wrote on Him. Those with Him are on white horses also, and they are called "the chosen before the foundation of the world," (Amen.) and they are faithful to the Word. Amen. Whew. I like that one. Called, chosen before the foundation of the world, and then faithful to the Word by their choosing, all stimulated with new wine and oil just riding right along, coming down to meet Him. They know the thunders will issue the thing 'course pretty soon. See?

Watch, how does He do? So if He is the Word, and His Name is the Word, then the Word is Life. The antichrist--anything anti is against. So anti is against the Christ, the Word, so it's got to be a creed or a denomination which is against the Word.

Why, I don't see how you're going to miss it. Do you understand? How could you miss it? I don't know how you're going to, but that's true. Anti is against. Isn't that right? take away from. That's what he was. He's riding his mixed up horse. We see it right here in the Word of God. We see it right there in the seven church ages. Here He brings it right back in the Seals opening up and showing them things that went on in the church ages.

Anti is against the Word. See why creeds--why we're so against the creeds and denominations, because they're against the Word. See?

Here we see Life and death coming to the final struggle. The white horse of true Life, the pale horse of mixed creed. You see the thing coming to a--s--to a real showdown.

Now, I want to say something here. You might not believe this, but I looked it up to be sure. There's only one original color; that's white. How many knows that? There's only one original color. Anything else is mixed.

Christ is on a solid white unadulterated Word from the beginning. Amen. Every color would be white if some chemistry hadn't broke into it. Amen. Glory. Every church would be standing on the

apostolic doctrine of the Word of God and God confirming it if he didn't have creeds and denominations mixed into it. There you are.

Oh, Brother Evans, I feel good right now. Yes, sir. Yes, sir. Only one original color, that's white. It never--it never mixed with denominations or creeds. No, sir.

And remember, His saints are clothed in white robes, not mixed with denomination and creeds. Now, we find out the denominations and creeds... Here's where you get your mixed color, but this is the original color He's riding. The original color's on His people, and they've been dipped in Blood that cleansed that garment and sent it right back yonder. See? That's right.

Those that mixed turned pale and go to death. It is a perverting--per--perversion to mix colors with white. You pervert the original color. Is that right? If the original color, only color is white, and you mix something with it, you pervert its real cause. Amen. Is that right? And when... If He is the white horse, and He is the Word, then to mix anything with that, any kind of a creed, add one word to it, take one word away from it, it's to pervert the whole thing. Oh, my. Keep me with the Word, Lord.
Truth and error... Oh, my. No matter how good, that it... Truth and error cannot mix. It cannot mix. It's either the THUS SAITH THE LORD, or it's wrong. No matter what "Holy Father" said it, Saint Boniface, or--or the Archbishop of Canterbury. I don't know who said it; if it's contrary to the Word, it's perversion. It won't mix.

Say, "Why, this fellow done..." I don't care what he done, how much holy he is or anything like that; this is the only direct Truth that we have. No church, no creed has no Truth, if it's outside of this; and show me one that's got it. I want you to tell me. I'll turn a page in the Bible and show you something. See, see? Just call the one.

You say, "Pentecostal."

Oh, my. (I just caught that thought from somebody.) Better leave it alone right now, because I seen that started a sore spot right there. I didn't--didn't want to hurt you, but I--I just wanted you to know I know what you were thinking about. See?

Those that mixed turned the anti to death (See?), turns the death color when you mix any kind of anything with the original. It is like Christ said about the mustard seed. Yet it's the smallest of all seeds, but it won't mix with nothing. Mustard won't mix. He's genuine mustard; so if you just got that much of faith, just hold to it.

Notice, Life followed rider on white horse Who was the Word, Life, vindicated by His resurrected saints that He had with Him. Now, how's the battle going to go? Jesus said, "He that believeth in Me though he were dead, yet shall he live." He said, "If you believe in Me though you--you were dead yet shall you live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." Again He said, "He that believes in Me..." He will give him Eternal Life, rise him up at the last day. That's His promised Scripture.

Here comes Satan with all four corners of the earth with his Protestants and with his--his Catholics, and all together, marching right up to the battle of Armageddon. All right. And here comes Jesus coming down from heaven with resurrected saints, vindicated Word.
As I said, "If God speaks and sends you, He--He--He backs up what you say." See, see? Notice, if you're an ambassador from heaven, all heaven's behind you. And heaven is consisted of the Word.

Notice now, He's come with resurrected saints, vindicating that His Word is true. So Satan knows then the bottomless pits is ready for him. See? Oh, my. While death rode the pale horse, mixed creed and denominations and followed him... Oh, my, the eternal separation from God, that's where he rode them to--to eternal separation. Christ rode His Church right into glory in the resurrection.

Notice verse 8 now--just for--the last part of verse 8 while we're closing (See?), "Power was given unto them." Who is them? See? All right. Antichrist called death; hell followed. Watch his four point scheme.

Antichrist, white horse, kills by spirit, being antichrist, spiritual kill.

Number two: Red horse: kills by sword, political power when church and state united.
Black horse: souls when he give out his doctrine, and she did there with her fornications, and he weighed out the food by... Sold their... What they'd give for food for balance and the pennies and so forth.

Fourth, a pale horse: eternal separation from God (again four... See?). Oh, my. Praise be to God.

Now, last, here in closing... To those... Have you got... I'm past time. But will you give me about ten more minutes? I've got so many calls today about--about me speaking here. There's been so much fanaticism start out about Elijah, till that's just... It's--it's hammered to death. And you can... But if--if that... May God help me to help you to see what I'm looking at, will you? Just try to See?
Now, here in closing, to those who don't believe that the last messenger to the church age is Elijah, the prophet, a man anointed in that line... After death... Watch. After death of this last church age... Now, you notice what happens. See? After death, their dead bodies are destroyed by wild beasts. You know that. Now, that's true. Like theirs had the type of Jezebel.

Now, turn to Revelations 2:18 and 20. I believe we had this just a few minutes ago, didn't we? Yeah, I believe we just got that. I had it wrote down here for some... Yes, the time of moral decay. That's what it was. See it how it was... how Jezebel had come in... Now, Jezebel is the churches, this modern church, not Bride now. Jezebel in the Old Testament is a type of the church today, according to the Word of God of Revelations 2:18-20. "Thou sufferest that woman, Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess..." See? Is that right? Now, it's typed perfectly to Jezebel.

Now, the first... We could just give you Scripture after Scripture (See?), that the last age is a prophetic message to the church, calling them back to the original Word.

Now, notice. Is that right? Malachi 4 said so, and others, Revelations 10:7 and on down. See? Jesus Himself predicted it down, down, down; "as it was in the days of Lot" and so forth like that and on down. It just keeps coming on down.

Jezebel is the type of the modern church today, 'cause Catholic and Protestants are joined together now. Right. There is no getting around it. They're both denominations, so it's--so it's just mother and sister. That's all. They fuss and argue with one another, but it's the same thing, both harlots. Now, I'm not saying that myself. I'm quoting from THUS SAITH THE LORD. All right.
Now, we notice, killed by a command of God was Jezebel--was killed because God had Jehu to go down there and have her throwed out of the window and kill Jezebel, and the dogs eat her flesh. (Is that right?) literal Jezebel. Ahab, her king head: dogs licked his blood as the first Elijah predicted.

See where we're going, don't you? Why? The first Elijah was a rejected man by the churches. And Jezebel and Ahab was the head of them churches: church and state, it's all together. And Elijah revealed Ahab's sins to him and commanded the whole church to turn back to the true Word.
If that isn't exactly what the second Elijah is supposed to do when he comes to this church in this day: restore back the original faith. I don't see how you're going to squeeze away from it. That's right. Turn back to the true Word. That's right.

Now, if you want to see their bodies, let's turn over here to Revelations 19 after--after the Word slays them. Now, the Word's going to kill them. You know that. All right now, you just watch and see what happens when Christ coming in Revelations 19, beginning with the 17th verse.
And I saw an angel standing in the sun;...

Now, that's right after... Look above here. "And his vesture was dipped with blood, and he's called King of king and Lord of lords." (In the 13th verse, He's called the Word of God. See? Now, here He is King of kings and Lord of lords.)

And I saw an angel... (Now, watch. He goes forth.)
And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations:... (Out of His mouth, like from God's mouth to Moses' mouth. See?)... and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and... tread the winepress--press of the fierceness of the wrath of Almighty God.
And he hath on his vesture (a name)... on his thigh a name written, KING OF KING, and LORD of LORDS.

And I saw an angel... (Now, watch, now He comes forth smiting. Who's He smiting? Jezebel and her Ahab, false prophet.)

And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls of the air in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together to the supper of the great God;

He feeds them to the beasts and birds. Now, watch over here in the other chapter here of the Book of Revelations. And... (Just a minute.) "Kill with the sword and death and beasts of the earth." See? The Jezebel church, her actually body, is to be eaten by fowls and beasts of the earth. Just exactly like Ahab and Jezebel was in the natural, so are they to be in the spiritual form a church. Do you see what I mean? All right.

Elijah (Oh.), Elijah was the prophet in the days of Ahab and Jezebel, natural. And He's promised to do the same thing according to THUS SAITH THE LORD, in the Word to the Jezebel, spiritual: His Spirit form of ministry.

Watch. Elijah, though in his day properly and profoundly vindicated, could not turn them back to the Word. Is that right? Though Elijah tried with everything; he did everything; he--he showed them signs and wonders; and they laughed in his face. Same thing they'll do with this spiritual. See? He could not turn them back to the Word.

Out of the millions... Now, listen, Church, close now you that is going to be confused on this. Out of the millions in the world in the days of Elijah, when Jezebel and Ahab was reigning in--in type of the antetype today--out of the whole world, there was only seven hundred saved of Elijah's preaching. Is that right? It's exactly.

Look, Elijah never knew even one of them was that way. He thought he was the only one saved until God opened one of the Seals and showed him the mystery of the Book, that He had seven hundred that never bowed down to them creeds that they had. When God opened His Book to Elijah, He said, "Now, wait a minute, son; I got seven hundred that's tucked around out there: got their names on the Book since the foundation of the world. They're Mine." Whew.
God opened the Seals. That's the reason I think John was doing all that shouting the other night. He must've seen his name on there. You see, see? One day God opened...

Elisha, he had preached; he'd done everything; he'd--he'd--he'd preached his heart out, done everything he could, and still they just "hawed" him and called him everything and said, "You're the cause of all this. You're a spiritualist. You're the one who makes all this trouble to come. You're guilty," and everything like that. They said everything to him. Jezebel threatened to cut his head off and everything else. That's right. Everybody was against him.

And then he said, "Lord, after I've done all You told me to do. I've stayed exactly with Your Word. When You told me anything, I was fearless. I walked right into the king's face and everything else and told them, THUS SAITH THE LORD, and You haven't told me a thing, and I've not told them one thing but what happened. And now, here am I, the only one left out of the whole bunch. I'm the only one left, and they're trying to kill me."

God said, "I'm going to open up one of the Seals and show you something." Said, "You know, I got seven hundred back there that ain't never bowed a knee or joined any of them creeds yet, denominations. There's seven hundred of them ready for the rapture. See?" Oh, oh, He said to His prophet, who He reveals His Word to (See?), through the Scripture, "I have seven hundred prepared names yet out of this generation, seven hundred of them. They have not bowed their knee to any (if I'd say it in this day) religious organizations and come creeded up in them."
You see what I mean? Then it simply has to be. It's just got to be. And it's according to the Word. When the man arrives on the scene, he will be a prophet just as certain as I'm standing in this pulpit; and he will stay right with that Word. He will not take down for nobody's creed or nothing else. That's right.

He will be a woodsman type of a fellow like Elijah was, he--and like John came. He will--he will hate women, bawl out, immoral women. Boy, he will wave them on. Elijah did, and so did John (See, see?), and he will be right straight with that Word. He will be--be against organizations. Organizations? "Think not to say within yourselves, 'We have Abraham to our fathers,' for I say, God's able of these stones to rise children to Abraham." Sure did.

Now, there you are, friends. Here's the Fourth Seal open, and the riders of the four horses is revealed to the best of my knowledge. Now, this is all that took place on earth. Next Seal we see, is in heaven where souls are under the altar.

Now, just in closing I want to say these couple--just a few words right here, I got wrote down. We have skipped about on these four Seals, first four Seals. Now, tomorrow night, we--we change the scene from the earth things going on... He looks up here and sees the souls under the altar, the sacrifice altar. The next night the judgment strikes. And the fourth night, the last night, Sunday night, I don't know what--I don't what these others mean; I just read them like you did; but there's silence for a half hour; but there's something took place. I'm expecting Him to reveal it. He will do it; I'm satisfied He will.

We had to go different places of the Scripture to Revelations 19 to show the coming of Christ will slay the antichrist. That's the reason I had to leave these, just take them two verses. I had to go to

different parts of the Scripture to prove these things; so that's the reason I went to Revelations 19, to show the end of antichrist will be the slaying... Of Christ, when He comes, He will slay the antichrist.

To Revelations 10 to show that the seventh angel's message will be a person in this last days, anointed of God for a ministry, just like Elijah the prophet has (as is predicted in Malachi 4) to reveal the true Word of the original God in this generation, the original Word of God in this generation. Like he did to the natural Jezebel, so will this man do it to spiritual Jezebel, the denominational churches.

I had to go to the 7th chapter, the 10th chapter 1 to 7 verses to prove that it was right, and over to Malachi, and Amos and so forth to prove that. Elijah was a prophet that prophesied and condemned Jezebel in that particular generation, and Elijah never died. He certainly didn't. He appeared again some eight hundred years later by the side of Jesus Christ on Mount Transfiguration. He isn't dead.

Now, we find out that his spirit is to anoint a man, according to the promise of God in the last days, promised to do the same in spirit Jezebel as it did in natural Jezebel, in the last age.

That's why I--I went to so much of the Bible to prove it, so it won't be left a question in your mind. If there is, you let me know. Write me a letter or a little note... And it so perfectly blends even to the beasts destroying their natural bodies in the last day, consuming them as he did then.

To the best of my revelation that was give to me by God and foretold that it would be done, this is the Truth of the four horse riders to the best of my knowledge.

What do you think about Jesus?

I love Him, I love Him
Because He first loved me
And purchased my salvation
On Calvary's tree.

Now, remember, with no (that's--go ahead if you will)--with no bad feelings towards any people in any organization, 'cause God has got children in the Catholic system; He's got children in the Methodist system; He's got children in the Baptist system. How many of those... All of them different systems is represented here tonight, that come out of it when you seen Light? Let's see your hand.

Now, remember, there's people out there just like you, but it's the system that kills. See? It's the antichrist spirit that finally gets them to a place till they won't hear no Truth.

You remember, the other night when I went through the sealing? If a man heard the jubilee call, and he refused to go free, he was taken to the post and an awl marked his ear. Ear is where you hear; and faith cometh by hearing. Then if he hears it and refused to accept his freedom, then he has to serve his denominational master the rest of his life. Amen. Oh, my. Isn't He wonderful?

I love Him, I love Him (Let's just raise our hands now and worship Him)
Because He first loved me (Glory.)
And purchased my salvation
On Calvary's tree.

Now, just bow your heads, and let's worship Him now as we hum it.

Lord, how thankful we are. I'm so glad, Lord, so happy for You and Your people. Oh, Lord, You purchased our salvation on Calvary. We gladly accept it, Lord. Now, try us, Lord, by Your Spirit, and if there be any evil among us, Lord, any unbelief of the Word, any persons here, Father, that would not punctuate every promise of God with an "Amen," may the Holy Spirit come down now, the white horse rider, while His Spirit, Spirit of Christ in the face of antichrist, and call His own. Call them out, Lord. May now they repent; come quickly to You and be filled with the Oil and the wine and be changed from that denominational robe of Cain's death unto a snow-white robe of Eternal Life given out by the Bridegroom; and then they'll go to the wedding supper someday in the vindicated Word of the resurrection. Grant it, Lord. Search the hearts, while the people wait on You, through Jesus' Name.

Now, just search your heart, my brother, my sister, my friends. I've been with you a long time. This is about thirty-three years. Have I ever told you anything in the Name of the Lord but what come to pass? Search Christ now while you have a chance to. It may come pretty soon where you can't do it. See? He may leave the seat anytime of His intercession; then you could cry with all your heart, you could stomp, you could speak in tongues, you could run up and down the floor, you could do anything you wanted to and join every church in the world; there's nothing, no more Bleach for your--your sins. Then what do you--where are you then?

While I believe, with all my heart, the seat's still open. I believe He's still on the throne of God, but soon He's going to rise now and come forth to claim what He has redeemed. He's doing the work of Kinsman Redeemer while Ruth is waiting. But soon, you know, after Boaz done the kinsman work, then he come and claimed his possessions, and that's exactly what the Bible said He done. He come forth and took the Book; then intercession is over. He's off the throne. There's no more Blood on the mercy seat, and then what is it? Judgment seat.

Don't let it be said some of these days. "I thought the rapture was supposed to come," and hear the Voice say back, "It's in the past." God help you. Now, let's bow our heads.
Brother Neville, come for dismissing or whatever you have to do. God bless you till tomorrow night.

THE FIFTH SEAL

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Let us bow our heads now for prayer.

Gracious heavenly Father, the Almighty God, Who brought again Jesus Christ from the dead and has presented Him to us in this last day in the power of the Holy Spirit, we are grateful for these mighty visitations of the--of the immortal God. And now, Father, we are facing another hour, a hour which might change the eternal destination of many people. And to approach this, Lord, we are insufficient, because it is in the Scriptures that the Lamb took the Book and opened the Seals.
O Lamb of God, come forward, we pray. We call on You, Lord, the great Redeemer. Come forth and show us Your plan of redemption that's been hid through the years, breaking this Fifth Seal for us tonight, Father, and revealing what's beneath that Seal for us, that we might go away a better Christians than we are now--might be better fit for the task that lays ahead. We ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Good evening, friends. I deem this a grand privilege to be here tonight on this great event. I don't know anywhere that I could feel better at than to be on the work of the King. And now, coming especially on these lessons where we're just waiting... If He would not reveal it to me, I could not give it to you.

I'm not trying to use any of my own thoughts or anything, just as He will give it. And that's right. And I--I'm sure that if I don't use my own thoughts and it comes in the way it has, and all through life it's never been wrong; it won't be wrong this time.

Now, we're just gloriously and very, very thankful for what He has done for us, the great mysterious hand of the living God. What greater thing could be, how much more a privileged people could we be than to have in our presence the King of kings, Lord of lords?

We would probably blow the whistles, and--and hoist the flags, and lay out the carpets and everything for the President of the nation to come to the city. But just think, that would be all right, and it'd be an honor to the city. But think, in our little humble Tabernacle tonight, we're inviting the King of kings, God; and we don't... He don't desire carpets to be throwed out and so forth. He desires humble hearts to be laid out, so that He might take these humble hearts and reveal to them the--the good things that He has in store for all those who love Him.

Now, we asked... And I've got a testimony that I would like to--to give. Now, if I'm mistaken on this... I just heard it, and I could be that I'm way--wrong, but I think the people are here and--that the testimony applies to.

And then, a few days ago when I was out to my home now in--in Arizona, a--we got a--a call that said there was a little boy that had rheumatic fever; and that goes to the heart. And he was such a... His father and mother are such darling precious friends of mine. It was one of our deacons here of the church, Brother Collins. His little boy, little Mikie (Joe's playmate) was suffering with rheumatic fever of the heart, and the doctors had sent him home, put him in the bed, and told the parents not to even let him up, nor raise him up to take a drink of water: take it out of a straw; he was so bad. And the parents, faithful, comes to the tabernacle here and believes.

And a few nights ago, not trying to wait... We'd announced healing services on Sunday, but seeing that we're going to have to answer questions, so then we had to omit the healing service. And then I had a little something that I been keeping in, my inside of my heart. And the mother and father wanted to know if they could bring the child to the--the room, and they brought the little fellow out there, and the Holy Spirit pronounced him healed.

And so the parents being respective of that, taken the little fellow home and sent him on to school--just sent him on to school. The doctor got a hold of it. So the doctor wasn't very well pleased with such a thing, so he told the mother that the baby should be in bed, of course; and she give him the story.

And I think the man is a, I understand, is a Christian believer by a denomination a Seventh Day Adventists--the doctor is. And so, he said, "Well, you ought... It's time for the child, for me to examine it." Said, "You ought to at least have it examined."

She said, "Very well." Took the child down, and the doctor examined it, the blood, where the rheumatic fever lays... And so I understand that the doctor was so amazed he didn't know what to do. The little boy is perfectly normal, sound, and well, not a...?...

Now, I--is the Collins here... I might've told that wrong. I don't... Is that right, Sister Collins? Yep. That's little Mikie Collins, just about six, seven years old; and that happened right in the room about three nights ago.

Oh, there had to be Somebody in that room besides human beings. It was the great mighty Jehovah (That's right.) that comes to honor His Word. And I--I am so grateful to hear that. See? I know we all are. Not only me, but all are, because what if that was--was your little boy or my little boy?

And remember, I'm giving testimony, just as--just one, and pick out one here and there; it's happening everywhere, but just to let you know that--that my real ministry is on divine healing. But you--I'm here for these Seals because... A little later you'll understand why I had to do this. And so, I'm not a teacher. I'm not a theologian. I--I just pray for the sick, and I love the Lord.

And now, now in this though, that... Last night we gave a testimony of the little girl... I got her name, and Billy's got it here now somewhere of the parent and who they are. And this little girl was in the last stage of leukemia, just...?... Just so bad that they could not feed her by the mouth anymore; she had to be... her blood transfused through the veins. And she was a pretty little thing. She was small for her age. (About like this little lady here, I suppose, but she was about this high; very...) They were like most of us. You could tell by the dressed child and the parents that they were very poor, just very poor, and so--but real reverent, and the Holy Spirit pronounced that child healed.

Now, just think of that--with leukemia. That little fellow... And the blood was so bad they couldn't even feed it through the mouth no more. It had to take--go to the hospital and take the blood transfusions through the veins, feed it, I guess glucose or whatever... I don't know what medical terms does for that disease; but however, it had to be fed that way. And before the child left the place, it cried for a hamburger.

And the parents, after they'd heard the Holy Spirit of THUS SAITH THE LORD (See?), they, and them strangers, never was around before, but they... A--a dandy old couple that just got their seats

here for them a few minutes ago, Brother and Sister Kidd, had instructed them on what to do and what to listen for, and the child eat its meals on the road home.

Two or three days after that in school, and was--went to the doctor, and the doctor was so amazed, he said, "There's not even one trace of leukemia found in the child." See? Now, that's instantaneously on the mark, the power of Almighty God to take a bloodstream and cleanse it out right like that and--and put the pulsation of--of new life back in there, because your--your bloodstream is your life, mortal, and the--create new cells and clean out the old. And--and what it is, it is absolutely... I'd say this: It is a creative act of the Almighty God to take a--a bloodstream that's contaminated with cancer until the little fellow yellow and puffed out. And within just a few moments time, a brand new bloodstream...

I believe, (I'm not going to speak it in His Name; I'm going to speak it in my--in the revelation of my faith), what happened in Sabino Canyon the other day... I believe that the hour is approaching when missing limbs will be restored, and the glorious power of the Creator... I--I believe if He can make a squirrel appear that has no... Here if the man or woman just got a part missing, and that's complete animal in itself. Oh, He is God. I--I love Him.

Well, now, I get started on them subjects, and we just talk on, and the people around the walls and standing in the halls and the rooms and so forth. So I'll get right straight to the message, and I want to say this... Now, I want to give thanks to Him Who's omnipresent, and that today, not knowing one thing about that Fifth Seal, it came in that same mysterious way this morning, just about a hour before daybreak that when I was out in prayer. And today... I have just set these last five or six days just in a little room, don't see no one, just go out and eat my meal with a--with a friend, with some of my friends here. And 'course, you know who that friend is; it's Brother and Sister Wood. See? And--and you know... And I went over there and--and stay with them, and everybody's been nice. There hasn't been anything, just simply... I'm trying to stay right with that message of these Seals. It's important. I believe it's--it's the hour of it's revealing time of revelation of it.

And now, I want you to be sure now, early, before--as soon as you can, write out your unknown understandings of--of these Seven Seals, if you have them, and lay them on the desk. And maybe Brother Neville or somebody might put a box up here... Well, here--here, I see them now. That's good. I'd rather have them tonight that I can maybe study on them awhile for Sunday morning.

Now, don't... This time, right at this time, don't make it requests for, say, "Is the evidence of the Holy Ghost this?" See? I--I'd like to know about what I've taught about (You see?), so we can get this one subject, like the church ages, straight (See?), because that's what we're dealing with now. Now, like we was going to pray for the sick then that takes maybe a--a different prayer, and you're anointed, come in for a different thing, you know, and you're seeking God to find out. "Will there be somebody there tonight, Lord?"

"Yes, it'll be somebody wearing a yellow dress, setting in the right hand corner, and when you call her, call her this, and say thus and thus she's did, and she has so-and-so." Then you go down there and watch, and there she is. See? There you are. See? It's different. See? And this way I'm praying: "Lord Jesus, what is the interpretation of this? Reveal it to me."

And a... Now, let's get our--our Swords out again now, and--the Word. And I appreciate Brother Neville's spiritual support as well as his brotherly love, back here behind me, praying for me, and you all out there also. And now, tonight being Friday night, we'll try--just make it as... We... You can't possibly hit all the things, if--'cause you could take that--just one of those Seals and stay,

just--just bring it right through the Scripture, right down. See, it take months and months and months, and you still wouldn't have it, 'cause the--the Seal itself ties the entire Scripture from Genesis to Revelation, one Seal of it.

So what I try to do is keep from getting way off of it, I'll jot down a Scripture or a little note here somewhere, and keep from just keeping on that one thing, I have to watch back 'cause I only... Speaking, I speak by--by way... I--I hope it's the right inspiration. And then when I--when I look down to see the... that... And I begin to speak and I feel myself going off on a subject, I'll turn around look back the other way to try to get another Scripture to get on that (You see?), to kind of lighten it up a little on that side instead of trying to go on with that.

And so now, we're going to study tonight, by the grace of God, by His help, the--the Fifth Seal. And it's a short one. It's a little longer than the other. The four horse riders now was two verses apiece, and this is three verses in this one. Now, the Fifth Seal begins in the 6th chapter of Revelations, the 9th verse.

And now, if you happen to be a--a stranger that hasn't heard these four horse riders, well, you... See, sometimes you--you just drop back and kind of tap something, and when you do, you're expecting the people to understand it. So if there a little something you don't understand, well, just kind of bear a little bit or get the tape and listen to it, and--and I'm sure you'll--you'll get a blessing from it. I have; I--I hope that you--that you do.

Now, everybody ready from the 9th verse now to the 11th, or including the 11th.
And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:
And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou... judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also... their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

Now, this is rather a mysterious... And now, for the sake of tapes, and clergymen and teachers that's setting present, now if you have a different view from this, I did too. But I'm just taking it from the inspiration which completely changed my view of it. See?

And then I find out, as you see these revealed, it's taking right back and bringing those church ages and the Scriptures right together, tying it up. See? And that's the reason that I believe that it comes from God.

Now, we realize that, and I am thinking that sometimes that we depend on what some great teacher might've said about it (See?), and that's--that's all right. I don't condemn the teacher, not by no means. And I don't condemn anybody; I just condemn sin, unbelief, nobody.

And some people have said, "You condemn organization." No, I don't. I--I condemn the system of organization, not the people in there, the group of people that makes the organization, you know; but the system they're governed by, that's what I condemn, Catholic and Protestant the same.

My, I've... Some of the best friends that--a--a--a--that I know of are Catholics, just world...?... Do you realize... And the man may be sitting here tonight, perhaps is, the only way that we got this

tabernacle built, because a Roman Catholic stood on his feet in the court there and went to the front for me, boy, like nobody would do. That's right, and they couldn't turn it down. That's right. They said they had to--figured out too many people. Said, "Oh, that won't make eighty more in that church," like that. "That church is standing there," he said. "I--I know the pastor," (and all like that) and said, "that church has been there." Said, "The rest of you can add to it, then why can't they?" A Roman Catholic, good friend of mine. See? Yes, sir.

A--a boy that is a Catholic, a real royal friend of mine, was talking to me. He had a certain hardware store before I left. He said, "Billy, I--I know you don't believe in our system of religion"; he said, "but I'm telling you right now," said, "God has honored your prayers so much for us. I believe if you get in trouble anywhere in the nation," said, "every Catholic in the country would come to you." So you see, that... He said, "Every 'cross back,'" he called it. I'm going to tell it just the way he did.

'Course they claim to be that because the early Christians packed crosses on their backs. We know that by history. And they claim to be the early Christian, which they were, but the system has got them off of that path (You see?), and them people, a Catholic, or Jew or whatever it is, they're a human being off the same tree that we come from. See? That's right. They are--they are a people who love, and eat, and drink, and sleep and--just like anybody else. And so we mustn't never condemn individuals, no, no one. See? But...

We mustn't condemn individuals, but as a minister, I have to strike that serpent out there that's biting into those people. You see? And I don't... There's... I don't even... Just me in myself, I wouldn't do that if it wasn't a commission from God that I'm duty bound to do it (See?), and I must hold that true and faithful.

But if a Catholic, Jew, or whatever he was, come here... If he was a Mohammedan, Greek, or orthodox, or whatever he might be, if he come here to be prayed for, I would pray just as sincerely for him as I would for my own. That's right. Certainly, because it's a human being. I've prayed for Buddhists, and Sikhs, Jains, Mohammedans, and--and every kind (You see?), like that. And I don't ask them no questions; I just pray for them because they're somebody, a human being, that wants to get well, and try to make life a little easier along the road for them.

Now, we realize that in this... And many of you here, I know there's at least two or three real scholars setting here, and--and they're smart, read out of other men's doctrines on this subject. And I want these brethren to know that I--I'm not condemning these men. I'm only expressing what the Lord shows me; that's all I can say.

Now, we don't want to never think that because some little wash woman or--or little plow boy out there couldn't get a revelation from God, because (You see?) it's--God, He actually reveals Himself in simplicity. That's... We had that Sunday to start this off on--how He reveals Hisself in His simplicity. That's what makes Him great.

Now, let--let me just... Let me review that just for a minute. What makes God great is because He can make Hisself so simple. That's what makes Him great. God is great, and He can make Himself in such a simple form, that the wise of this world can't find Him. They just can't find Him, because He makes Hisself too simple. Now, watch. And this in itself is the mystery of the revelation of Jesus Christ. See? This in itself that a--a... There--there's can be nothing greater than God, and you can't make anything as simple as He makes Himself. See, that's what makes Him great. See?

Now, a great man, he just can get a little greater and maybe he stoop down and say, "How do you do?" to you (See?), or something like that, but he can't make hisself little. There's just something about him. He's a human. He just can't make hisself little, 'cause when he gets to get down too small, then the first thing you know, he's got to refer to what somebody else did, and like that, and then he starts pulling hisself back up again. You see? But the way up is down in God. Yes.

The wise of the world is trying in their wisdom to find Him. They only climb away from Him in doing so. See? The wise of the world... If you're trying to explain something by some mathematics or something, remember, He's even put it in the Bible in Rev... Or in... No, I beg your pardon. Isaiah 35, I believe it is, that even it's so--it's so simple that even a--a--a delinquent person would understand it (See?), or even a fool shall not err therein.

Wise misses it far by their wisdom, going farther from Him by trying to find Him by wisdom. Now, don't forget that. That'll be taped. See? The wise in their wisdom go so far to try to find Him by their wisdom, they miss Him. See? If they could be big enough to be simple enough, they could find Him. If you're big enough to get simple enough... See?

That... And you know that--that really is the truth. I've went in to people in their offices and so forth that were really were men, big kings (See?), and potentates, monarchs; and usually them are big men. And then I've went into places where a guy got a change of clothes, maybe some minister that wanted to argue with me awhile, and you--you'd think that the world couldn't run without him (See?), and that--that's just puffed up in the head. See? But a big man, a big man sets down and tries to make you think you're the big man. See, see? He can humble himself.

And you see, God is so great till He can humble Himself a place till a human being can't climb down that far. See? That's all. And in their... And they're trying to find Him... Now, look, they are trying to find Him by sending the boys to school and getting a bachelor of art and degree. And--and they're trying to find it by a theological terminology of--of--of the Bible, and they're trying to find Him by educational programs, and by organizational programs, and by beautifying things. And trying to find... He's not there at all. You just fighting the wind; that's all. You--you're getting away from it.

If they could be big enough to be--to be simple enough, they could find Him in that direction by being simple. But as long as you're going towards wisdom, you're going away from Him. (Now, let me get that so you won't miss it.) As long as you're trying to find God by wisdom, like it was in the garden of Eden, like it was in the days of Moses, like it was in the days of--of Noah, like it's been in the days of Christ, in the days of John, in the days of the apostles, and to this day, when you try to figure it out, and try to find God by wisdom, you're going farther from Him all the time. You're trying to understand it. There's no way of doing it. Just accept it. See? Just believe it. Don't try to understand it.

I can't understand why that--well, a lot of things... There's not many things I do understand or can't understand. I can't understand how this young fellow setting here eats the same food I can and here he is, got a full head of hair, and I ain't got any. I don't understand it. They tell me calcium makes it, and I can't keep my fingernails cut off enough and no hair at all to cut off. I--I don't understand that.

As the old saying is (this might kind of change the position in seriousness, but it is seriousness, but I haven't got to the Seal yet) how that a black cow can eat green grass, and give white milk, and churn yellow butter. I--I sure couldn't explain that (See?), 'cause you see each one is a product of the other one, and how it does... I can't explain it.

Can't explain how two lilies stand or two flowers of the same breed, and one red and the other one yellow, and one brown and one blue. I don't understand it--same sun upon them. Where does the color come from? See? I can't explain it, but yet you have to accept it.

I just wish that some great theologian would explain to me how this world stands in orbit. I wish you could scientifically throw me a ball in the air, turning, and let it make the second revolution in the same place. You couldn't do it. And yet this is so perfectly timed till they can tell the eclipse of the sun to the minute, twenty years from now. They ain't got them a watch or clock or any piece of machinery that's that perfect, and yet it stands there. And then leaning backwards; what if it straightened up for a little bit? You just--you just make yourself silly to try... See?

So you see, don't try to get wisdom to understand. Just believe what He says, and the more simpler you can get, then there you are. You'll find it. Now, I'm so thankful for that, thankful that He is, has made Hisself simple. Now, we find the 6th chapter and the 9th verse, let me start now.
And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony... they held:

Notice, there is no mention of another beast or a living--living creature to this announcement of the Fifth Seal. Now, remember, there was on the Fourth Seal; there was on the First Seal, Second, Third, and Fourth, but none here. See? Now, if you notice... Let's just read back one of the Seals. Let's go back to the Fourth Seal (See?), and that's the 7th verse.

And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come... see.
... when he had opened the third seal, I heard the voice of the--of the third beast say, Come and see.

... of the second beast, Come and see... (and... the first beast say,)... Come and see.

But then when we get to the Fifth Seal, there's no beast. Now, just notice.

And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar...

Right quick (See?), there's no--there's no beast there, and a beast represents power. We know that. See? There's no living creature.

Now, one of those creatures, we find out in studying the--the--the revelation in the churches, that the--one of them had the--was a lion; and the other one--the other one was an ox; and the other one was a man; and the other one was an eagle. We find out in the church ages that those four beasts, meaning four powers, was gathered around the Acts of the Apostles just the way that the--the tabernacle in the wilderness, and...

You understand it, 'cause I won't take time to go into it now. We drawed it out here and showed just exactly. They were watching over this, the Lamb and the Word to perform the Word just as they did the--the ark of the covenant in the holy place in the wilderness, and so forth.

Now, we even positionally showed by the tribal colors of Israel and by the... How many heard the--or the Seven Church Ages? I guess most have: two thirds of you. Notice that even the nature of the beast was exactly a tribal emblem, which way the four... the twelve tribes, set four on each side or--or three tribes on each side. And the four beasts set and watched these tribes from all four ways.

And when we went and got the Gospels and show exactly when you enter into the ark, they was a-guarding the ark, the covenant; and then we find out that the covenant of the new church, its representation on earth was the Holy Spirit. The Blood had sent back to us the Holy Ghost, and the four beasts represented as the--the twelve tribes of Israel, as it watched, and finding their natures and taken that same nature and bringing it to each one of those four Gospels, exactly, was exactly the same. One talked to the lion, the other one to the--the ox, and the other--the four Gospels. There it is. The four Gospels is the protection of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I just always wonder... It stuck with me, now, this is about six years, I guess, since I heard a great man say that was--the--the Acts of the Apostles was just the framework. I've heard it said many times, but to hear a man with his status as a preacher and as a teacher, that's wrote some of the famous books that the people read everywhere; and to say that the Acts of the Apostles wasn't actually suitable for teaching of the church, when the Acts of the Apostles is the very foundation of it, not the framework, the foundation. 'Cause the Bible says that the--the--the foundation of God is built upon the doctrine of the apostles. That's right. Christ the Head--the Cornerstone.

And when this fellow stood there and made that remark, I--I--I just... My heart just failed. And I thought, "No wonder..." Well, I see now, in the Seals. It just wasn't revealed; that's all. See?

So then there they was standing there. But there's something just saying that. Now, notice, they guard. Now, when we got Matthew 28:19 and run that thing down through Matthew (which represented the lion) and coming in there, we found exactly why they baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ. And there He was, standing there with that very Scripture to guard the sacred trust of the baptism of the Name of Jesus Christ. (Well, I'm getting off on the church ages now. See?)

Notice, but here when we come to this Fifth Seal now, there's--there's--there's no rider goes forth, and there's no beast to announce it. John just... He... The Lamb opened it, and John saw it. There was no one there to say, "Now, come, look; come, see."

Notice, no power of the living creature. Or there's... And on the Sixth Seal there's no beast to announce it. And on the Seventh Seal there's no beast to announce it, no powers to announce it (See?); no one does it. On the...

Look, on the--after the Fourth Seal, there's no announcement by any beast power from the Fifth, Sixth, or Seventh Seal, not at all.

Now, notice. I love this. As in the times of the rider of the four horses, the rider, singular, of the four different horses, there was a beast that announced the power. Every-time the rider straddled another horse and come forth to ride, another kind of a beast come out and announced it. That's a great mystery. See? That is the mystery... Why? Announcing the mystery.

Why isn't there one here on the Fifth Seal to announce it? Here it is. According to the revelation that the Lord Jesus gave me today (See?), or this morning, early; that is that the mystery of the church ages are already finished at this time. The mystery of the antichrist is revealed at this time. The antichrist took his last ride, and we found him on the pale horse mixed with his many colors, and rides all the way into perdition. (We get it on the trumpets and so forth when we--we teach that. I go into it now, but we get plumb off the subject again.)

And we--we go... he rides... That's the reason there's no one there. Now, we know written 'cause some reasons for something. Now, you remember at the first beginning, I said, "There can't be nothing without a reason."

Remember the little drop of ink? See? Now, you got to find the reason. There was some reason they didn't have to have a beast or a power to announce this Seal being broke, and only God can reveal why (That's all.), because it's all--all lays in Him.

But the reason that He reveals, that I--as I understand, that it is because the mystery of the Book of Redemption, as far as the antichrist being revealed... And at the same time the Church is gone, and these things don't even happen in the church age at all. That's right. They're--they're away from the church age. The Church absolutely is raptured at this time. The Church goes up in the 4th chapter of Revelation, and does not return until it comes back with its King in the 19th chapter. But these Seals here are revealing what has been, what is, and what will be. See? And now, what was to be for the church age was revealed by these Seals, and now, watch what takes it.

The--the four stages of his rider has been revealed. The four stages of the antichrist riding has been revealed at this time; therefore, they don't have to have anymore. And there was four living creatures of God to announce the rider as they rode. Four beasts are four powers.

Now, we know that "beast," by interpretation of the terms of the Bible symbols, means "power." Now, let's get that close. The four are beasts in the Bible represent a power among the people. Now, if we find out... Like in Daniel when he saw a certain nation rise up, it would be maybe a bear holding a rib in his side: symbol. Then he seen another power raise up, a goat; it represented something. Then he seen another power raise up, and--and it was a leopard with so many heads; it represented a certain Kingdom. Then he saw another one rise up--a great lion with teeth and--and stomped the residue; that represented a different power altogether.

One was a--a Kingdom of Nebuchadnezzar, and another type of a dream. Daniel saw a vision. Nebuchadnezzar dreamed a dream, but Daniel interpreted his dream, and it was correctly with the vision. Amen. Whew.

Oh, if you just know what happened. What happened before we left here? You understand? Why, six straight dreams come exactly with the vision. Amen. See? A dream interpreted is a vision, because a person not maybe being born with the subconscious to stay--be awake when he sees it, then God--ducks over in his subconscious and speaks to him--which He promised that in dreams in the last days He would visit people and also in visions. See?

Now, a vision is when you are wide awake (standing right like this), and certain things are revealed, and you stand and tell them just right about it--see what happened and what's going to be and so forth. But now, a dream is when you are asleep, and your five senses are inactive, and in--in--you're in your subconscious. You're somewhere, because when you come back, you remember where you been, remember it all your life. See, so it's your subconscious. Then in order. See?

As Congressman Upshaw used to say, "You can't be something that you hain't," and that's just about right. See? And then if you're born a seer, now (You see?), to do that those both conscious's has to be right together--not one here with five senses active, and the other one out here when you're asleep with the five senses are not active. But you see, when both of them--you're born--right together, you don't go to sleep. You just go from one to the other one like that--you don't go to sleep. There's not enough room to go to sleep, and you can't make yourself that

way. So gifts and callings are predestinated of God. They are--they are God's gifts and callings, even without repentance, the Bible said. See? They were ordained before the foundation of the world. See?

Now, now, we find out that the beast of Daniel, it meant that it was a power raising up amongst the people. Or in--in John's visions here also shows that it was powers--nations raising up.

Like the United States appears in Revelations 13 as a lamb. And then, if you want to know a different... You say, "Well, that--that's talking about national power." It also represents holy power too: a beast. Did you know that? Notice, Rebekah, when--a--when the--the servant of Abraham, Eliezer, when he came to get Rebekah, she--he mounted her up on a camel, the very camel she watered. And she rode this camel to meet her unseen bridegroom. The very thing she watered was the thing that took her to her future home and husband.

And it's the same thing today. See? The very thing that the Church is watering, that is the Seed, the Seed of the Word; it's the very Word that becomes alive and carries us to our unseen Bridegroom. See? The... See?

And look how perfectly. Isaac had left the home and was out in the field away from his home when Rebekah saw him; and the Church meets Christ in the air, and then He takes Her back into the home--Father's home where the mansions are prepared. Isaac took Rebekah the same way.
And notice, it was love at the first sight. Yes. Oh, my, she just run to meet him.! And that's the way the Church will meet Christ in the air and forever be with Him.

Now, terms of the Bible. These beasts are power. Notice. I want... Now, I want you to notice the devil had his four changing colored beasts to go forth on. He had his four beasts; that was all three of them put into the color of one and made that one a--a pale horse--a white horse, red horse, black horse. And we seen each one of those was a stage of his ministry--a stage of the early church that had formed into a denomination at Nicaea--the original Pentecostal church upon whom the Holy Ghost was poured out, coming down, took up an antichrist spirit, formed an organization, gave birth to some daughters of organization, changing his power three times, and put them in one, and made a pale horse, and then given a name called Death, and rode him into eternity. Just as plain as it can be. Oh.

Now, notice, he's given this--this horse, and he's riding it. God--God has also as every time... Now, watch. When the antichrist appeared first, what did he appear in? White horse (See?), why, innocent as he could be, just a doctrine in the church. They wanted fellowship. Your fellowship's with Christ; but they wanted a fellowship. They just couldn't stand it. They wanted to get... well, you know like little cliques will rise up in the church. You--you know it, you pastors. See? They... Like they say, "Birds of a feather..." But if we're borned again brethren, now that--that's not the attitude to take. You see? No.

Now, we--we--we... If we see something wrong in our brethren, let us just pray and keep it before God and love that man till we bring him right into the Presence of God. That's the way, really the way to do it.
You know Jesus said... There will be weeds in there, because Jesus said there would be, but don't pull them up. You'll take the wheat with it. See? Just let them alone. He will do... Let Him do the segregating when the time comes. See? Let it all grow together.

Notice, as the beast went out, the antichrist went out on a beast, his power. Oh, I love this. I just begin to feel religious right now (See?), maybe the stimulation.

Notice, when the antichrist... Oh, see... Them--them revelations in the presence of that ball of Fire hanging there in the room, till... Oh, brother. Although I've seen It since a child, it... every time It comes near me, It alarms me. He almost puts me in an unconscious condition. You never get used to It. You can't: It's too sacred.

Notice, as the antichrist went forth on his beast of ministry there, God sent forth a beast to combat it. See? Now, watch. Then every time the beast rode on his horse (the antichrist rode on his horse, on his beast) to announce his ministry, God sent His beast also, in his own mask to announce His combat to it.

Now, the Scripture says, "When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of God raises a standard against it. And so when the enemy went out as an antichrist, God sent a certain type of power out to meet him. And then when they--he went out again as a red horse rider--another color, another power, another ministry--God sent another one after him to combat it, to hold His Church. Sent the third one, again God sent His third beast to come and announce it. He sent the fourth one. God sent His fourth one, and then the antichrist end, and the church ages ended too at that time. Watch. Now, oh, I... This is really good.

Now, we see that the devil changing four--a--four beasts meant what power they was revealed to the--what power he revealed to the world and how they ended on this pale death horse. Now, let's look at God's powers of these beasts to combat them.

The first beast of God that He went out to meet the antichrist with, the antichrist spirit when it said it's just his teaching. Now, remember, when the antichrist first rode, he was in a teaching ministry. The antichrist rode first in a teaching ministry.

And watch the one that went to meet him, the Lion, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, which is the Word. When his false teaching went forth, the true Word went to meet him. That's the reason we had an Irenaeus, and a Polycarp, and--and--and those fellows, Saint Martin. When that antichrist was riding with his false teaching, God sent His teaching out, the Word, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, which is the Word made manifest in the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit there to manifest Himself which is the Word...

That's the reason the early church had healings and miracles and visions and power, is because it was the living Word in the form of the Lion of the tribe of Juda riding out to combat that. Amen. Now, you got it? He sends his power, antichrist; God sends His, the Word. Antichrist, false teaching: the true teaching went with it to combat it. Now, that was the first one. Now, this was the first church, apostolic, that went to meet him.

Now, the second beast that the antichrist sent out was a red beast, which was a--that he rode on--was to take peace from the earth and--and war. Now, the second one that went to combat him was the ox beast. The ox means a labor, a beast of burden.

And now, if we could just stop just a minute. Let me get-- let... Just so you be sure to see this. That--that's the kind might be a little puzzling to you. But let us get Thyatira over here. Watch and see if it isn't a--a--a--a laboring church. You see?

And to the angel of the church of Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes are like the flames of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;

I know thy works (See? becoming all works now See, because that's the one who's riding with them) and thy charity, and service (see? it's all just...) and faith, and... patience, and thy works;... (again, twice--thy works) and the last to be more than the first.

See, that shows that the Thyatira Age, after the antichrist got settled down and it come into a Thyatira Age, the little church could do nothing but just--just simply labor. And another thing, the ox is a--also is a beast of sacrifice. See, they give their lives just as freely as they could give them. In the Dark Ages, a thousand years, there the Catholicism controlled the world, and they just went right in, "yes" or "no". They didn't mind dying. If it was death, that's all right. They went and died anyhow. Why? The very Spirit of the age...

That's the reason them... That's the reason Irenaeus, that's the reason Polycarp, John, Paul, those great mighty men out there combating that thing... Paul saw it. He said, "I know that after my departing, that wolves are going to enter in among you, brethren teaching perverse things; it'll draw you away."

Look at that stern little old apostle standing there, his back beat full of stripes, his eyes watering, but he could see farther than their--that scope--claiming that out yonder that they can see a hundred and twenty million light--years of light space. He could see plumb into eternity. Yes. There he was. And he predicted it and said that's what would take place, and said... Also went on down to the other age to come...

Now, notice, there he was. Along after him... Saint John lived the longest. And when Saint John was trying to take all the sacred epistles anointed with the Holy Ghost and put them together and make the Bible, the Roman empire caught him and put him on the Isle of Patmos. He was out there on the Isle of Patmos for the Word of God's sake. Polycarp was helping him translate it.

I read the other day the letter that Mary, herself, wrote to Polycarp and upbraiding--not upbraiding him, but commending him for being a gallant man that who could teach and accept the teaching of Jesus Christ of Who was born of her from God. Mary's own note that she had wrote to Polycarp... Polycarp was fed to the lions, you know. No, he was burned. It was too late for them to turn a lion loose in the arena, and so they tore down a bathroom (an old bathhouse there) and put him in the--in the--in the arena and--and burned him.

And on his road coming down, he was walking with his head down, and the Roman centurion said, "You are an old man and well respected. Why don't you denounce that thing?"

He just kept looking towards heaven, and a voice spoke from somewhere. They couldn't understand where. And said, "Polycarp, don't fear; I'm with you."

Why? He was standing by that Word. And when they begin to pile the boards on him to burn him, there was a heavenly music come down, and a--and the anthems from some angelic somewhere singing songs. He never even one time batted an eye to them. That's gallant men; that's men who can stand.

The martyrs down through the ages there suffered terribly. But what was they? They were under the inspiration, the Spirit of God, the power. And don't forget this, church, and you brethren on tape, I want you to examine this: How could man do anything else besides the power of God that had been released to them?

I'm going to set this box up here to represent that. If God sends a certain Spirit among them, that's the only thing that they can work by, is the Spirit that works among them.

Now, we'll prove to you by the history of the church and by the opening of the Seals and the powers that let loose... And watch exactly the church responded to the--the anointing, and they couldn't do nothing else.

Now, the first was that lion that roared, that pure unadulterated Word. The second in Thyatira was the ox, and it was a--a burden, a beast of burden (pardon me), and it was also a sacrificial beast. And wasn't that exactly the poor little church of Rome that settled down there to a thousand years of dark ages? And anything that didn't profess to be of the Roman church was put to death immediately; and they had to labor, go from place to place.

You Masons, I'll call your attention. You remember the sign of the cross? Now, you--you know what I'm talking about. Now, notice. Now, if you--if you notice that was packing and preserving that Bible. See? And they had to labor among one another. There you are, the ox.

And when it come time... We read it last night. See, when the thing went forth, and the sacrifice come, and they had to go, He said, "Don't you hurt the wine and oil." What did they do? They willingly walked up there and died.

They didn't care because the Spirit of the church in that day was sacrifice, labor. And they walked up just as freely as they could walk, anointed with the true Spirit of God of that age, and died like heroes of sacrifice, thousands times thousands, sixty-eight million of them on the record: ox, sacrifice.

Oh, my. Do you understand it? Okay. All right. Now, the sacrifice, it only could labor in that age to combat the great opposition for that one thousand years.

Now, the third beast that went out from the devil was this black horse. See? Now, the third beast that went out, power from God to combat him, to combat the powers of the black horse, was a man, cunning, smart, with the wisdom of God.

You know, a man is the--smarter than any of the beasts. See? He's smarter 'cause he can outwit him, mostly. He's cunning, shrewd. See? And he's the... The age from the dark age now, coming out from the dark age down to this other side where this black horse was riding, when they charged for their--their--their sacrifices and everything they done, and money was just... Oh, you know how it was.

Now, the next thing went out to combat that was a beast with the face of a man: smart, educated, shrewd, fine, anointed with that Spirit of that day. You notice it?

Now, he went to combat him with the cunningness of God's wisdom with him. That was the age of the Reformation: Martin Luther, John Wesley, and so forth. See, it was the Reformation: Zwingli, and a, oh, who all, Knox, Calvin, and who all (See?), went out. It was a cunningness.

Now, you watch. Exactly from the dark age, from the Reformation, this a-way, watch; it was the shrewdness of man.

(If you drop your windows just a little bit, I believe people getting kinda a little warm, maybe, and there if you'd just pull the windows down just a little bit, 'cause it's... I know if me standing here preaching getting hot, I know you're bound to be out there.)

But notice, it was the shrewdness of man. Now, do you understand? That third beast that Satan sent out, he become shrewd too.

Watch, "A measure of wheat for a penny, three measures of barley for a penny." See? Oh, my. See? The money-making scheme, the shrewdness to get the gold of the world and the wealth brought into it. That's exactly to fulfill. That's what... Begin to charge for prayers and for--make a place called purgatory; and prayed their ancestors out, and, or you had to will your deeds and everything, your property. The church and it was--state was the same, and the church taken your property over.

And a... Don't you see some of these evangelists, this day still have that same anointing on them, making old people give up their pensions, and deeding their homes over to certain things. Why, brother... I don't--I--I don't want to get on that. See? But now... I'll stay right with this. I look back to see where I'm going. Now, notice... Them men, that's up to them. That's up to them. That--that--that don't have one thing to do with me. I'm just responsible for this here.

Now, notice, the--the beast come to combat it now, was man. And we all know that this beast of man, this power of man in his intellectuals, recognized that that kosher that Martin Luther had in his hand when he was climbing those steps... They said, "This is the Blood of Jesus Christ. This is the body of Jesus Christ."

And Luther throwed it down and said, "It's bread and wine. It's not the body of Christ, 'cause It's been exalted and setting at the right hand of God, making intercessions." See, wisdom (See?), man.

And when John Wesley come along, after Zwingli had come in, and Calvin, and he got the church to a place on security till they didn't want more revivals, "Whatever is going to be is going to be," that was all. And they just lived any kind of lives. The Lutheran Church was so twisted and the Anglican church (Oh, my.) the whole country become corrupt just like it is now. The churches had twisted... When King Henry the--the VIII come into England, and after bloody Mary, and all these things taken place... And then the church was so full of violence and corruption. Men claiming Christianity and living with four, five wives or doing anything they wanted to do and carrying on in filth.

John Wesley studying the Scripture and watching it, it was revealed to him that the Blood of Jesus Christ sanctifies the believer, and you're--shouldn't... Then what did he do? He come out with another reformation. He saved the world in his day like Luther did. See? What was it? That man, beast power, going out.

He give men wisdom of understanding that the thing is wrong. That isn't the Blood of Jesus Christ. That isn't the--the body of Jesus Christ; that represents the body. See? That's the still great fuss between Catholic and Protestant now. That's the only thing they can't get together on right now. Everything else they can get together on but that. These--and them councils they're having...

Notice now, but this--but they couldn't get together on that. See? The one is the blood, and says it's the literal blood, that the priest has the power to change this bread to the literal body of Christ.

That's what the little tabernacle is in the--the--the church. You know that's the reason they make signs and any kind of a pagan offer as they go by, you know, and bow theirself, and tip their hats and so forth. That is not to the building; it's to that kosher that's in the--the tabernacles. And...

Notice how Satan shrewdly pulled that. But see, at that time, upon the man's being (See?) God put a Spirit of wisdom upon man to understand that's wrong. Now, that was to combat the third beast, that had got the church so corrupt (that he was riding) that it was terrible--the reformers.
What did they do then, they--in the reformers' age? They brought the church from its pagan ceremonies of idolatry back to God again. See? That's what the beast went forth, that cunningness of man, rider to do it.

Now but, read now verse 3, or Revelations 3:2 just a minute. Now, I've got it marked down here for some reason. Now, this just comes in now, the Lutheran Age and the reformers' age. Revelations 3:2... What they did, they organized. As soon as Luther got his church started on, they organized it. All right, the same thing Wesley did, same thing Pentecost did. It's exactly; organized it. And what did they do? They take up the same system that they come out of. See?

Now, watch this Revelations speaking to this Sardis Church. To the angel of the church, is the first verse, of course. See? Now, watch.

Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain,... (that is the Word that you've been taught See?)... the things which remain, that are ready to die:... (She's right then ready to start back in an organization just like the Catholic church they come out of. See?)... for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

There you go. There's the--there it goes right back again. Don't you see why organizational systems is wrong? Who started it? Did God? Did the apostles? The Roman Catholic church did it.
Now, just let any historian say different. It's not there. They are--they say they're the mother church, and they are; but they organized the thing and put a system with man's head to it. We didn't take one man like they did; we take a whole council of men and put them together; and then you really got confusion. That's right. How can a council anyhow...

It's just like we think democracy is right. I believe it is, too, but it'll never work right. It can't with a bunch of Ricky’s around here to run it. How in the world are you going to get it right? You can't. Notice, the real thing was a godly king.

Notice, the beast, the third beast now, was the cunningness of a man. And he represented the reformers that went forth from the idol of pagan, say, "This is the bread; this is the wine." See, the antichrist has still got something symbolizes Christianity. He's got to, 'cause he's against. You see? And then if he's got to be against something... Now, if he come along and say, "Oh, I'm a Buddha." Well, that has got nothing at all to do; that's just a heathen to begin with. But the antichrist is cunning. He's got all kinds of things that represents Christianity there, only got it off on the other side, something against the original doctrine of it. See, that's what makes him antichrist. See?

So the reformers, when the beast went forth in the form of a--of a man to combat that... Now, don't forget this, class; don't forget it. See? Remember it all the days of your life. See? These beasts are correct; it's THUS SAITH THE LORD. See?

Notice, idolatry brought the--the man beast went forth with the power of God by wisdom that God gave him and brought the church from idolatry back to God. But in the... We find out in that same

church age when they started to denominate to do the same thing that they did in the beginning, that Rome did... Now, she's going to make daughters to that church, and what does she say? Said, "Now, that you're--I haven't found you perfect, and you got to strengthen that little strength you got left."

Now, listen to him warn them in Revelations again, 3:3. Let's get... Well, I believe I got it just a few minutes ago.

Remember from... how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent... (Just, in other wise: "Remember, that you come out of such corruption as that. See? And look here.)... If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come unto thee as a thief... (Uh-huh.)... and thou shall know--and thou shall not know what hour I will come upon thee.

On down, He's going to move the candlestick. See? So that's it. What is it? The Light of the Church. And she went right into the same organizational system of pagan darkness that she come out of, and there she remains today. And honest hearted people thinking that that's the truth, just the same as Catholics are, and the Protestants laugh at the Catholic when they're just six of one and half a dozen of the other, exactly according to the Word: man's wisdom.

Now, notice. Oh, how I love this. Listen to Him now warn them. Now, now, we... You perfectly agree, every one of you (Now, if you don't, write me a question), that those beasts are exactly identified in each age as the Bible has identified them here? That's exactly what they done. Their history shows what they done. We look right here and see what they done. And here, them beasts...

I--I never knew that before. I was just setting there, and I could just see it moving up there just the same as you're looking at me. See? And it's got to be right, 'cause it's right here with the Bible, so how are you going to do anything else, but say it's right?

Notice. Now, the fourth beast that was sent forth to combat the antichrist in this last beast... Are you ready? The last beast that was sent forth, or the last power to combat the antichrist (who was against the teaching of God, the antichrist) was an eagle. See? The fourth living beast was an eagle. Now, you just study the ages, study the Scriptures, it's a eagle. And in the Bible the last age was an eagle age, and God likens the eagle to His prophets. See? It... Now, watch. The last age, the eagle age--a revealer of the true Word. See?

Before God moves to action, like He did in the days of Noah, He sent forth an eagle. When He brought Israel, and Pharaoh's army was ready to go, He sent an eagle. Every time He sends an eagle at the last end of it. And here He sends an eagle again. That's exactly with the Word, so how can you make it anything else? He sends an eagle.

Why? A revealer of the Truth that's been fallen all through the age. So how in the world could the--a--the ox, or the--a--or the--a man, or whatever beast was riding, how could it ever be revealed until the eagle's come? They had their place. They were godly sent beasts, just the same as anybody else was.

The lion, that was the original. There's where the antichrist come up in the--in combat; then He raised up another power. He sent a power to meet it. Then He raised up another power, and He sent another power to meet it. And then at the last power, He brings down the eagle to restore the children back to the original faith again of the fathers--the eagle age. Then did you notice? There's no more beasts. That's all of it. That's the end.

Now, if you will take now Revelations 10:1-7 (I've been referring to it.) remember, in the last messenger's age (See?) what was to happen? "All of the mysteries of God would be revealed." The eagle. Amen.

Now, you see the four beasts that rode? That was perfectly right. You believe that? And now, here's each age, or each power, that rode behind it, and there is the Scripture that shows what the enemy's rider did. That's been revealed in these Seals, and also it's been revealed now that each beast power that God sent out to combat it hits exactly on the dot, up to the eagle time.

Now, if this is the last time, there'll come a eagle. That's right. And to that... Now, remember, now, in the days that the lion came, the original Word, about one-hundredth of them listened to the lion. In the days that the--a--the ox came, just a teeny little drop of them listened to the ox message. In the days that the--the man come, he worked among men. You see? So he was shrewd. He got a little group out, and what did they do? Satan seen that, so he just sends them right back and marries them into it. And remember, when the eagle finally comes, it'll be one-hundredth of one percent that'll listen; it's a eagle age.

Remember, it's all these other riders... And then even Jesus predicted if He didn't hasten His coming there wouldn't be any flesh at all saved for the rapture. Is that the Scripture? See where we're at then; don't you, brother and sister? See where we're at? God, I'm so glad. I--I don't know what to do, brothers.

This is not me standing up here to--to talk. I'm in here too. I--I'm among you. See, I... It's me. I got family. And I got brothers and sisters that I love. And the God of heaven kind enough to come down and--and reveal that thing by His own, by visions that's been proved for thirty years it's the truth. Here. We're... We have arrived...?...

Scientific search has proved it. The vindication of the Word has proved it. And we're here; and this revelation comes from God, and it's the truth.

Have you caught anything? I just wondered if you was. See? Yes, sir. I might not have to tell you then Sunday. Notice, notice. Wonderful. Now, notice now. And then according to the--the time that God was going to deliver the antediluvian world, He sent the eagle. And the time He was going to deliver Israel, sent the eagle. Do you believe that the time, even on John, on the Isle of Patmos, this message was so perfect that He couldn't trust it with an angel?

You know, a angel is a messenger, but do you know the messenger was a prophet? You believe that? Let's prove it. Revelations 22: let's see if it was a eagle. See, he was... Sure he was an angel; he was a messenger. But it was a prophet that revealed this whole Book of Revelations to him. Revelations the 22nd chapter and the 19th verse, I believe that's right if I've got it written down here: 22:19. I may be wrong. No, 22:9. That's what it is, I was looking at 22:9. That's right. Oh, yes, here.

Then saith he to me, See thou do it not: for I am of thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets,...

Watch what John seen here:

...I John saw these things, and heard them... (Now, he's closing it. This is the last chapter.)... And when I... heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed these things--which shewed me these things. (And he, then the angel... See?)

Then said he to me, See thou do it not:... (No true prophet would be worshipped or messenger of any kind. See, see?)... Then said he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them that keeps the sayings of this book: worship God.

See? Now, the Book was so important that it is the Word of God. Now, watch. And when the Word of God is brought forth, it's got to be brought by the prophet, because that's who the Word of God comes to.

I was expecting to get a question on that in this--in this box here; I thought I'd just beat them to it a little bit, you know. I just feel there is one in there though, and so I--I just thought I'd get to it. See, see? Every Word of God is brought. The Bible doesn't change its system at all. See, it's the same thing. It's got to come to this seer that we're expecting to arrive. Now, notice Revelations 10:1-7. Now, let us read the--the 9th verse again.

Now, we get... we... Now, 'fore we go to that verse, I want to--to ask you something. Do you see perfectly, before we leave these Seals? Now, remember, there is no more powers goes out after that eagle (See?), no more. Every time the antichrist sent forth something, God sent a power. The antichrist sent another power; God sent something to combat it. See? Then he sent another power; God sent something to combat it. See? And then when He got down to the eagle, that was His Word back like it was in the first place.

Now, watch. Isn't the prophet that we're looking to come, some man anointed with the--with the Spirit like Elijah? It won't be Elijah, of course, but it'll be a man like that will come down, and his very ministry is to send, to restore back to this fallen people through these denominational twists, back to the original faith of the fathers.

Now, if that don't tie that Bible together, I--I don't know what does. I--I--I--I can't say no more about it, 'cause that's it. Now, you just arrived. That's the truth. You take anything from there, you twist it. See? So it's just got to be that way.

Now, notice. Now, in the 9th verse, souls under the altar. Now, here's where I'm going to get some real disagreement. But just watch just a minute, just... See? I thought that too, but it didn't come that way. We've... I've always thought that these souls under the altar were the--the--the martyrs of the early church, and I'm sure that Dr. Uriah Smith and everyone of them says it is. See? But... I thought so myself. But when the Holy Spirit showed the vision to it, it wasn't; it isn't the souls.

Now you, now you say, "Well, I--I don't know about that." Well, now, just a minute. We'll find out. So... These are not the souls of the--of--of the Bride Church, not at all. We thought that was the Bride Church waiting there, souls under the altar (You see?), crying, "How long, Lord? How long?" Let me read it again now, so we get it right.

And when he... opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

See, the Word of God and the testimony which they held... Now, don't--don't move from there. Just a minute. See?

And they cried... How long, Lord? How long?... (You see?)... holy and true, dost thou... judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

And white robes were given to every one of them; and it was said to them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and the--and... brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

Now, for they at this time, if you notice, this Fifth Seal being opened (See?), the Church is gone. It just can't be the souls under--the--the early church. Now, now, please, if you ever did give this attention now, 'cause this is a great controversy, so I want you to listen real close now. And you've got your papers and things to write with. Now, I want you to notice.

Now, these cannot be them souls, because the--the souls of the--of the righteous martyred and the righteous people, the Church, the Bride, has done been took up; so they wouldn't be under the altar. They'd be in glory with the Bride. Now, watch. For they are gone in the rapture in the 4th chapter of Revelations; they was taken up.

Now, who are these souls then? See? That's the next thing. Who are they then, if they are not the early church? This is Israel that's to be saved as a nation, all them that are predestinated. That's Israel. That's Israel itself.

You say, "Oh, wait a minute." You say, "They can't..."

Oh, yes, they are to be saved. Here, let's settle it, just a minute. I got four or five Scriptures. I'll take one. Let's take Romans, just a minute, and find out if they are. Let's take the Book of Romans and go to the--the 11th chapter of Romans, and we'll find out just... Let's just read it and then we'll have it by ourself: Romans the 11th chapter, the 25th and 26th verse. Now, listen at Paul here. And Paul said, if anyone else, even a Angel preached any other gospel, what he was to be? Cursed. Watch.

For I would not, brethren, that you should be ignorant of the mystery, lest you should be wise in your own conceits;... (There you are.)... the blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulfilling--fullness of the Gentiles be come in.

The last Gentile Bride be brought in for the Bride, the blindness come to Israel for that purpose.
And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion a Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness for Jacob:

Right? Now, they are Israel that's under this altar. Watch. Israel was blinded for the very purpose of us being saved. You believe that? Now, who blinded them? God. God blinded His own children.

No wonder Jesus, standing there at the cross, and them Jews howling for His Blood--that was His own kids, and He was the Scripture. He was Hisself the Word. And here He, knowing that those people would've gladly received Him, and that's the reason He blinded them so they wouldn't recognize Him. He come in such a humble way and blinded them to it, that they wouldn't receive it. See? The Scripture said they would do it; and He blinded--was blinded. Jesus pitied them even so much as He said, "Father, forgive them. They don't know what they're doing." They were blind. Paul said they were blinded for a cause: for us.

Notice now, I want you to watch this real close. They were given robes. They didn't have them. They were given robes--white robes, each one of them. Now, the saints now have... already have one. They get it here. But there, they were given robes, and the saints already had theirs and gone on. See? See, they had--had not... They... See, they had not a chance because they were blinded by God, their own Father, so that the grace of God could be fulfilled so the Bride could be took from the Gentiles. Is that right?

Let--let me show you a beautiful type here in Joseph. Joseph, the spirit man, the eagle, he was born among his brothers just like the real Church is among the other, and he could interpret dreams and see visions, and the rest of them hated him. His father loved him. Notice, then he was ousted by his brethren, not by his father. Out by his brethren, and was sold for almost thirty pieces of silver, throwed into a ditch and supposed to be dead, taken up and set at the right hand of Pharaoh, and because he was ousted by his brethren (See?), he was given a Gentile bride, not of his own people.

Through there, he bore Ephraim and Manasseh, which was added into Israel. As Israel blessed them by crossing his hands, from the youngest to the oldest, to cross the blessings from the Jew back--or from the Jew to the Gentile. See? Crossed his hands to the younger son, which is the younger church to come in. The--the mother church stood in the sun; she brought forth this baby. And notice, to get him, Israel crossed his hands in the type, and Joseph, them same children was a Gentile mother, the bride of Israel, back there become crossed from the old orthodox over to the Christian way by the Holy Spirit that crossed Israel's hands. He said, "God has crossed my hands." He had nothing to do with it.

Notice. Then Joseph, rejected by his own brethren, his own people, took a Gentile bride. Just exactly what Jesus done: rejected by the Jews, took a Gentile Bride. Now, let's read something here. I've got a Scripture wrote down, Acts 15. And oh, this is just kind of... It's what we're supposed to teach it anyhow. Now, I believe I have this right: read Acts 15:14. All right. I hope this is right now. All right. "Simeon hath declared how God..." Let's start at the 13th verse.
And after they had held their peace, James answered,...

Now, you see what had happened, they'd went to the Gentiles (See?), and the fuss was on, 'cause they were Jews. See?

And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me: Simeon... (That's Simon Peter)... hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

See? My wife's name was Broy. When I took her she was a Branham. See? Jesus takes His Church out--or His Bride out of the Gentiles. It's the Scripture, typed just like Joseph was.

Now, notice this. Now, these souls under the altar was, the--the--these--these souls, understanding now that are under the altar, why they were martyred by sinful men like Eichmann. See? They're holding right on, millions of them (See?), but they remain Jews.
Now, remember. What was it? They were killed for the Word of God's sake, not for the testimony of Christ. Did you understand that? But remember, the church come in. Also the martyrs of the church was for the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. How many knows that here too? All right now,

But these didn't have the testimony of Jesus Christ "... for the Word of God and for the testimony which they held," as Jews. And Hitler hated them, so did Eichmann, so did Stalin, all of the rest of

the world (See?), but they stayed true to what they believed. And they killed them because they were Jews.

Did you know Martin Luther kinda had that same idea, too? It's the truth. He said, "All Jews should be taken out. They're antichrist." See? But he was just under another dispensation, and didn't see it--didn't see the Word. Now, the Word of Truth comes forth.

How you going to ever blind out Israel? You can't do it. No. Oh, how could that prophet stand up there that day and say, "You look like a unicorn, Israel," when they was trying to show him the worst parts of it; and he said, "Why," he said, "whoever blesses you will be blessed, and whoever curses you will be cursed." That's right. Oh, my. How are you going to do it?

One time they thought God would forget. When the prophet seen that dark thing coming for the Jews, that man standing there and the Word of God pouring to him, he said, "Oh, Lord, are You going to forsake Your people?"

He said, "What's that laying there by you?"

He said, "A measuring stick."

"How high is it to heaven? Measure it. How deep is the sea?"

He said, "I can't do it."

He said, "Neither can I--neither can I ever forget Israel." No, sir. He ain't going to forget her. He had to blind His own child. Now, think of that: blind His own child to give us a chance, and we turn it down. Now, don't that make you feel about so little that you could crawl under a concrete block with a ten gallon hat on and never touch it. That's pretty small, you know. Oh, my.

Yes, they held for the Word of God. They were Jews. They had their law, they stayed with it. You remember last night now? They stayed with that. And they were Jews, and had the law, and the Law was the Word of God. They stayed right by it. That's right. And for the testimony they held, they were martyred, and here was souls under the altar, after the Church had been gone.

Now, watch. They had in their blindness martyred their Messiah, and now they were reaping for it. They realized it. They recognized after it was gone on. They seen then when they come before the altar of God. But now the grace of God is to them.

Now, watch. Now, they could not, by no means, be saints, 'cause they would already be robed, but here they are now, just souls under the altar for the Word of God and the testimony they held for being God's people, the Jews. But now, watch. The grace of God comes to them, and Jesus gives them each one a white robe (Watch.) plumb over after the Church is gone, because they were loyal to their cause, and they were blinded, and they didn't know it. They didn't know it. They were playing exactly the part that God had ordained for them to play. And here--here, John looks over and sees souls under the altar. Now, watch. He sees those souls. Watch what he calls them.
They cry, "Lord, how long?" Watch.

"Just a little while longer." See? (Let's get that as we go down right through the Scripture.)

They realized they'd murdered their Messiah. See? And they didn't know it, but then they realized. They got--they got murdered back to pay for it, for doing the wrong. And now, look what a thing

they had to do. See, they was guilty of murder, so they got murdered. See? They cried out, "His Blood be on us." See? That's right. And they were blinded. Now, if they hadn't have been blinded, God said, "Let them alone. They're not worthy." But being that they was blinded by God, His grace reached down to them. Amen. Talk about amazing grace, and give each one of them a robe, because all Israel will be saved: every one that has his name written. That's right.

Jesus give them robes, like Joseph did to his brethren: a type. Look, when Joseph stood there, and when he finally... He made hisself known there by the altar, his own altar, in his palace, his throne; he said, "Everybody leave me." His wife was over in the palace where the Bride will be. And he said to them; he said, "Don't you know me?" Hey, he's speaking in Hebrew now. "I'm your brother, Joseph." Oh, my.

They said, "Now, oh, you're going to get us."

Said, "Wait a minute; wait a minute. God did that for a purpose, had you to throw me out in order to save life." Glory, there you are exactly. He said, "Don't--don't be angry with yourself." Remember Joseph said that? He said, "Don't be angry with yourself. Everything's all right now. It's all over. God sent me here ahead of you."

You know, the Bible said they'll say to Him when they see Him coming, said, "Say, You're the Messiah, we know; but--but what about them scars?" See?

He said, "Oh, I got them in the house of My friends."

Friends, and then they'll, when they realize it, them that's left, the hundred and forty-four thousand, the Bible said that they'll separate one house from the other one and take days just to cry and wail and walk up and down the floor, saying, "How did we do it? How did we do it? Why, we crucified our own Messiah." They crying like a home would for its only begotten son. "How did we do it?" Them Jews are, they're the most religious people in the world; God's chosen. But He blinded them to take us, and we turn it down. What is the judgment of the Gentile church? There you are. See? Blinded purposely by God, so that He could get us, the Bride, for Jesus. Take them out of the... See, and fore types it and everything...

Now, you see who these souls are? They're not the martyred saints. They done gone. That's right. Notice, they were... They've done gone. See? So these are given robes, each one of them. And now I want you to notice. But now God's grace stoops to them. Jesus gives them each a white robe like Joseph did his grace to his brethren.

Now, watch. Though they had tried to rid Joseph also, but his grace reached right down to them. See? "Oh, that's all right. That's all right. You didn't mean to do that. But see, that was God doing that. See? God let you all do that so you could run me out, and bring me down here so I could save lives for people, these Gentiles here, where I got my wife from. I wouldn't have had no wife if--if I'd have stayed back up there. And I--I love my wife; she's got me these children here," and said, "I--I... And now, now I'm coming to get you all. Now, you all are going to have good too. I'm going to bring you down here; we're all going to live together as one big family." He said, "One thing I want to ask you. Is my old father still living?" Oh.

And watch him, what he did to little Benjamin, which is the type of the hundred and forty-four thousand as we'll get later. See what he did? He just run right quick to Benjamin, fell on his neck and started hugging him. His little brother that had been born into the family, after he'd been gone, by his mother, the first church, the orthodox church. The hundred and forty-four thousand were

born in His absence, while He was away to get His Gentile Bride. Oh, my. Don't that just do something to you? There... So, you see who they are? There you are.

Notice now, though they had tried to get rid of Joseph, his grace reached to them. Though they tried to get rid of Jesus, He still comes right back around, 'cause they was blind, and gives them each one a white robe. He's going to take them right on in home anyhow. It doesn't make a bit of difference 'cause He done said, "I'll save them all anyhow." See?

Now, verse 10. Notice, they asked for revenge. See? Now, if that had been the Bride, it'd been like Stephen: "Father, forgive them," you know. See? But these are Jews that just come in. See? They asked for revenge.

Notice, again... See? Again He said... Notice, it's not... He said, "It's thy brethren," the Jews, the hundred... Now, they wanted revenge.

They said, "Oh, we're going to... We--we want you to revenge us down there."
He said, "Just a little while now, just a little while, for..." (Notice, let me read it here. It's in the--the 10th verse.) All right.

And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

And white robes were given to every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet... a little season,... (See? Watch)... a little season, until their fellowservants... (See? Now, what is it? The prophets now are preaching to Israel. See?)... till thy fellowservants also--thy fellowservant and also thy brethren, that should be killed... (See, the ones predestinated to be done, so you see, should be killed)... as they were, should be fulfilled.

See, in other words, it's predestinated to them. It's the Scriptures that they have to do it. And just rest for a little while. Now, you got your robes; you're going home. And just set there a little while. See, wait just awhile. Now, notice. Now, notice. Thy brethren--thy brethren had to yet be killed, which means the hundred and forty-four thousand yet to be called in the tribulation, the hundred and forty-four thousand is called...

Wish we had time. We might get it tomorrow night, if the Lord willing, we--but just before we get in on another Seal. See? Also... Now, watch. They have to be martyred by the antichrist; we just come through, and notice in his last ride, where he breaks that covenant with them Jews down there, and there she goes. See? These Jews, a hundred and forty-four thousand, is to be called out by the two witnesses of Revelations 11.

Now, you remember, they was to prophesy. You've read that. How many's read that? Sure, we all acquainted reading the Scripture. And they prophesy, these two witnesses prophesy in the time of Daniel's second half of the seventy week. That is the last three and a half years.

You remember how we took the Daniel's seventy week? I said we would need it when we got in here. I didn't know why, but I--something told me we'd need it, and here we are. See, see?

Notice, in the time of Daniel... Now, remember, Daniel was told that the Messiah would come (the prince, the Messiah, rather) and He would prophesy. Israel still had seventy weeks left, and in the midst of the seventy week the Messiah would be cut off, and the daily sacrifice taken away (Is that

right?), but there was still three and a half weeks determined. In this block He takes the Gentile Bride. Now, she goes up, and when she goes up, two prophets arrive to Israel. See?

And those souls that's been martyred now down through here, real true Jews down through there, they'd their name on the Book, that lived the right life, and done the right thing, lived Judaism to the dot; and they were martyred by Eichmann and many others. Honest people, millions of them down there and them Germans shot them to death, and murdered them, and killed them, and hung them on fences, and burned them up, and cremated them and everything else. That bloodless, blood-hearted hungry, Hitler and Stalin and Mussolini, and all them people that hated them Jews...

I think that's just one of the--one of the things that's holding this nation together, 'cause they've always respected the Jew (That's right.), give him a place. You honor a Jew, and God will honor you. Now, there's a bunch of Jews that's renegade, just like there's Gentiles the same way. But the real Jew, God's put his name on the Book before the foundation of the world, and here he was murdered down in this time. And remember...

Think of it now, how perfect this is. Right after them millions of slaughtered Jews, innocent people, by the nations of the world, here the Scripture says right in this time that they're each one under the altar, realized what has happened; and they are given white robes.

And they said, "Well, why--why can't we go back to the Kingdom right now?" The Jewish Kingdom is to be set on the earth, you know. John said the Kingdom in heaven (See?), to be set... Now, this is the Kingdom of the Gospel (You see?), but the Kingdom of the Jews will be preached by these--these two prophets. So notice the--the--the kingdom of the earth here. The Kingdom of heaven is preached by the Jews--or to--I mean, to the Gentile. The Kingdom of--here on the earth is to be set up in the millennium, after the millennium to the Jews. Now, notice. Notice this now. Here while they--while they are preaching (See?) before these--these prophets ever arrives on the scene, these Jews that had to die under Eichmann and them, is... each one of them that's predestinated is given, by grace, a white robe. Amen. Each one of them given a white robe... Notice now what happened? As soon as that takes place...

I--I'm watching that clock back there, and I know we're--we're getting late, but I don't want to... See, I--I... Them noticing them poor fellows standing there, God help you, brethren. I hope each one of you are given a white robe that day too. See? Standing, changing back and forth with legs hurting, and some of you worked all day. I know what that is. And look here... And some of the poor little old women standing. I notice some of these men give the women their seats, and somebody else give some poor little mother with a baby... And I--I see all that, and I'm sure He does. Notice, but I don't want to keep you too long. If I can just get you to see the message, that's all I want you to do. See?

Now, notice. These Jews... I have to do this in order to--to let you see the revelation of this Seal, see what it is, these souls under the altar and who they are.

Now, notice. In the time of Daniel, now, the second half of the seventieth week... Now, remember, Messiah was to be cut off in the midst. That's the middle. Well, what's half of seven? Three and a half. How long did Christ preach? [Congregation answers: "Three and a half."--Ed.] That's right. Now. But there's determined yet to the people what? Another three and a half year.

But during this time, why, see what happens is the Gentile Bride is selected in the seven church ages and goes up, and when it does that way, all these Jews that's martyred along there, because

of blindness (laying under the altar) God comes over and says, "You see what it was? Now, I'll give each one of you a robe."

They said, "How long, Lord? Are we going in now?"

Said, "No, no, no, no. Your fellowmen, the Jews, has got to suffer a little bit yet. They got to be martyred like you was martyred. The beast has got to get them when he breaks his covenant."

Now, notice. And now, notice once... Now, just so you'll remember, these prophets are to prophesy according to Revelations 11 (You raised your hands you had read it. See?), and they're given power. And we're going to find out who they are just in a minute, the Lord willing. Now, notice who these prophets are. And now the Bible tells it here. Sure it does. Sure. See?
Now, notice, in the middle of this three and a half weeks now, that they are prophesying down here, and the--the Revelations, here said and they--they prophesy a thousand, three hundred and two score days. If...

Now, the regular Jewish calendar, the regular time of God's calendar is exactly thirty days in a month. The Roman calendar what mixed it up. The regular calendar is thirty days in a month.
Now, if you want to take thirty days and add three and a half years to it, and see thirty days, then see what you got: one thousand three hundred--two hundred and threescore day; one thousand two hundred and threescore days (sixty days), exactly three and one half year. Now, you see there's no mistake to that. There it is. Just fits together like a dovetail coming together.

Notice. The two prophets preached for three and a half years to the Jew. In that, it's called out the hundred and forty-four thousand.

And then, notice, these two prophets are exactly Moses and Elijah. See? Now, look. Look their--look at their ministry. Now, watch what these prophets do. They have power to smite the earth with a plague as oft as they will. Who did it? Moses. They have power to shut the heavens, and it rain not in the day of their ministry. Who closed the heavens for three and a half years? [Congregation replies, "Elijah."--Ed.] There you are. That's them.

See, it's... See, the man, when he dies, he doesn't change his status; he doesn't change his make-up. See? Look, when--when... before... When Saul had backslid and there was no prophets in the land, he couldn't understand what to do--what to do. He was up against it; he was going to battle. He went to the witch of Endor. Now, just the blood of bulls and goats, she could do this. And she called up the spirit of Samuel; and when Samuel come up, there he stood in his prophet robe. Not only that, but he was still a prophet. He said, "Why'd you call me out of my rest?" (See?) said, "seeing you've become an enemy to God." He said, "By this time tomorrow night you're going to fall in the battle, and this time tomorrow night you'll be with me." That's exactly what happened.

See, not only... He was still a prophet. See? And these fellows are still prophets. Now, we're going to get a little deep in that just in a few minutes, the Lord willing. See?

Oh, my, how I love that Word. There's no wonder man shall not live by bread alone, every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. These two prophets are Moses and Elijah according to their works being repatterned again. That--that has always been their ministry.

Now, notice, just as they did... That didn't change them. Remember, nee--these guys never died. Watch just a minute. Now, don't confuse, 'fore we get away from this, don't confuse Elijah's fifth time ministry with his fourth time ministry. I've been telling you, the Gentile Church is looking for

Elijah. That's right. And here he is over here with the Jew. Remember, he can't come four. That's--that's the--the enemies number. He has to be five.

The first time he come, he was Elijah himself. The next time he come, he was Elisha. The next time he come, he was what? John the Baptist. The next time he comes is for the seventh angel. And the fifth time he comes, he's with Moses over yonder...?... Yes, sir. Don't confuse him.
Five, if you know your--your numerals of the Bible, five is the number of laboring grace; and that's what He's done. Now, watch, you want to know what it is. Was Jesus a labor of grace? J-e-s-u-s--five; l-a-b-o-r (Is that right?)--labor for--for love for you. And if you get to Him, how you come? By what? F-a-i-t-h, in l-a-b-o-r. Is that right. Labor is the number of grace.

All right, to the believers... Notice, the first Elijah, that was him. The second was Elisha. The third was John. The fourth was the seventh angel or the last messenger to the church, according to Malachi 4 and Revelations 10:7. Now, the fifth time, he is a messenger to the Jews, to the hundred and forty-four thousand, to the Jews after the Church is gone.

I--I--I just feel a little funny. See, see? Look. If--if some think... I want you to get this now. If some still think that Malachi 4, to restore the people, is the same thing he's going to do down there with the Jews and think it's all the same, let me straighten that out for you just a minute. See, it would be a little bit confusing, 'cause remember, in Malachi 4, He says "return the faith of the fathers--or the children back to the fathers." See, "back to the fathers."

Now, let me show you the difference of the ministry. If he comes to return the faith of the children back to the fathers, he would deny Christ. He would go back to the law. Is that right? The fathers kept the law. Do you get it?

Notice, when Elijah, when he come to fulfill his ministry in Malachi 4 (See?), as Malachi 4, Elijah was by himself. But when he come to minister to the Jews of Revelations 11, he has Moses with him. So there's no confusion, not a bit. Get it? When Elijah comes of Malachi 4, he's by himself. Elijah will... not Elijah, Moses. Elijah will arrive.

But the same inspiration that said Elijah will come for the last part of the church age to restore the faith of the children back to the original faith of the fathers, the apostolic faith, which were supposed to go back, and the antichrist has got them all pulled out... to restore back, as all the rest of the Scriptures has blended together... See? He comes by himself. See? But when he comes to the church, the Bible--comes to the--the hundred and forty-four thousand, the Bible plainly states that both he... There's two of them, not one of them, two of them.

And his first ministry couldn't take the Jews and put them back to the law, because he comes preaching Christ to the hundred and forty-four thousand (Amen.), that Messiah that was cut off. Amen. That's it. So don't have it confused. It's not confusing. The Scriptures don't lie, not a bit. Glory. Oh, when I seen that I just... I said, "Thank you, Lord," when I was watching it take place out there, seen that Elijah walk out there for that first age by himself. Then... He was by himself, then when I seen him come again way on over to somewhere else, there was two of them there. I seen...?... "There it is. That's good. That does it, Lord. Amen. I see it now." If I hadn't have mentioned it, it'd been a little confusing to somebody, but He told me to mention it, so I did.

Notice, these men are kept alive by God from their original ministry for future service; they served it so well. See? Just think, that spirit of Elijah ministers five times: Moses, two. Watch, keep alive for further service... They were neither one of them dead now. Don't you believe that? They were both seen alive, talking to Jesus on Mount Transfiguration. But remember, they must die.

Now, now, Moses actually died, but he rose, 'cause he was a perfect type of Christ. See? Nobody ever knowed where he was buried. The Angels come took him. See? He had Angel pallbearers. Why? No mortal man could pack him where he was going. He just went through an act; that's all. He had Angels as pallbearers, 'cause they took him where he was supposed to be; no one knows. Even to Satan didn't even know; he disputed with the archangel. That's right. He couldn't understand what happened to Moses. "I see him trembling over there, and looking over the land, and looking back to the children and so forth, I see him trembling, but he stepped up on the rock, and that was the last time I saw him."

That's the Rock. That's the Rock. Let me stand on that Rock at the end of my road. Yes, sir. My colored brother used to come up here and sing a little song,

If I could, I surely would,
Stand on that Rock, where Moses stood.

Yes, sir. Oh, that's the Rock I want to stand on too; by faith I stand there.

But remember, Elijah, he just got tired, 'cause he had a lot of work ahead of him; so he was pretty well wore out. And God just sent him a ride home (That's right.), sent a chariot. Is that right? Took him up, he never died, 'cause He kept him alive. He had future work for him. Let him anoint a man too (See?), come forth in his spirit, but they must taste death. Now, Revelations the 11th chapter... Let's go... I'm right here anyhow; let's just hit it, Revelations 11. Watch and see if they're not both killed. Yes, sir, they both have to taste death. Yes, sir, now. After their ministry's finished, they taste death. Revelations 11, and let's start at 7.

And when they... have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit... makes war against them,... (Oh, my. He can't stand; them holy rollers are back again. See, all right.)... out of the bottomless pit, makes war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. (But watch what happens. They're perfectly typed now.)

And their dead bodies shall lie in the street--in the street of that great city,... spiritually... called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. (Jerusalem. See?)

Now, they have to face death, don't they (That's right.) after their ministry's finished? Why? The seventh angel's ministry, the seventh angel's ministry--Elijah's ministry to the seven angel--not... Why don't... Why could not, rather (I'm trying to say), the seventh angel's ministry, then be by Moses if he's immortal, as same as it could be by Elijah? Why don't they... Why didn't God just send, and said, "Elijah, you--you done worked so hard now, and everything, all these different places, I--I believe I'll just send Moses down." Why?

Look at Moses' ministry. Elijah was a prophet to all nations, but Moses was a law giver to the Jews only. Moses is there to say... Well, the reason he come with Elijah...

Them Jews saying, "Wait, we still keep the law here." But here stands Moses himself, and here's Elijah standing with him. See, he comes to the Jews only. See, Moses only went to the Jew. The prophet Elijah was to all nations, but Moses become a prophet to the Jews and a law giver. See? That was his message: the law.

But what was Elijah's message? To bobbed-hair women, denominations. Yes, sir, and he really tore them to pieces: painted-up faces. Told them, "You're going to be fed to the dogs." he just really tore into them.

And then when his spirit come upon John, he stomped right out of the wilderness and done the same thing. Right. Said, "Don't you think that we belong to this or that. God's able of these stones to rise children to Abraham." Walked up the road, he said, "And you mean to tell me that you married your own brother-in-law?" He said, "It's not lawful for you to do it." Brother (Whew, hm), he told her. Sure.

Notice, these souls are to wait a little season for the hundred and forty-four--to be martyred. Oh, isn't that--doesn't that just put the Bible together?

Now, my time's exactly up, if I let out a little early, but I got a few more little things to say if you can stand it. I know it's hot, and I'm sweating, but listen. I just got something to tell you; it's just so good, it's just burning right in my heart. I hope you haven't forgotten it. See? Let me say this in the presence of Him. By His grace He also let me see my people not long ago in white robes. You remember it? You remember the story? Not long ago, the Gentile Bride... They're there now. They all was in white robes.

I'd woke up. I'd been on a meeting. It's been about a year ago or little more. I woke up one morning, and I raised up, and I said, "Sweetheart," to my wife. She didn't move. The kids about... I had to get up and take them to school, right up here at the old place. Well, I--I raised up in the bed. You know and leaned... You know how you sit up and just lean your head back against the headboard. (We got one of the old fashioned beds.) And so I just leaned back like that.
And I thought, "Boy, you're already fifty-three. If you're going to do anything for God, you'd better get doing it 'cause you're going to be just too old after while."

And I thought, "You know, that's right." I thought, "Boy, you know, I ain't very far away. I got to go pretty soon." I said, "That's--that's a year older than my daddy lived." See? I thought, "I got to move away pretty soon." I thought, "You know, I ain't done nothing for God yet." I thought, "I always wanted to do something for Him." I thought, "I got to hurry and do it, if I'm going to do it, and I don't know how I'm going to do it; that's all."

I thought, "Man, I hope I live to see Him coming. I don't want to be a spook or a spirit." See? (I was always afraid of a spirit.) And I... You know, that kind of a... I always thought, like if I'd meet Brother Neville and he'd be a little white cloud moving around, you know, and I'd say, "Hello, Brother Neville."

And he'd say, "Hello, Brother Branham," by some other sense; he couldn't talk. But I'd just know that it was Brother Neville. He... I'd want to shake his hand like I always do, 'cause that's all I know is human beings. See, I'd want to shake his hand, but he ain't got no hand. It's down there in the grave rotted away. See?

I thought, "My, I hope I don't have to go through that." Now, I wasn't... Now, I'm going to tell you the truth. I--I was afraid to die, not afraid I'd be lost, but I didn't want to be a spirit. I wanted to just remain a man. I wanted to wait for the rapture. See? I just wanted to stay like that. I didn't want to be no spirit, go around.

I was laying there thinking that, and all at once there was something happened. Now, you know, and all of you are acquainted of the vision; and if this was a vision, I never had one like it (See?),

and I've had them since I was a little bitty boy. And all at once something happened, and I felt myself leaving. I thought, "Oh, oh." And I--I thought, "I--I've already died (See?), and I'm--I'm gone on." See? And I got to a place; I thought, "I believe I'll look back." It was just as real, friends, as I'm standing right here. And I turned around to look back, and there I was laying on the bed. I was stretched out, laying by the side of my wife.

I thought, "Well, it's probably a heart attack." See? I thought, "Well, see, I just died instantly," which would be a fine way of going. So I thought, "That's a heart attack. I didn't have to suffer." I looked, and I thought, "Well, now that's strange, there I lay right there, and here I stand here."

So I turned, and it looked like a great big, like a great big field like or something, just great spreading field of bluegrass. And I said, "Well, I wonder what this is." And all of a sudden, as I looked, here come thousands times thousands of young women, all in white robes, hair hanging down to their waist, bare-footed, and they were running right towards me.

I thought, "Now, what's this?" I turned around and looked back there, and there I was. I looked up this way; there they come. I bit my finger. I said, "I--I--I'm not asleep exactly," but I could feel. And I said, "Why, something here's funny." And these women all come running. And I never seen such pretty women, and they all come right up to me. And when they run to me... You know how I've been, kind of... They call me a woman hater, but I'm not. See? But I--I just think a good woman is a--one of the--is a jewel. But I think one that is no good is, as Solomon says, "water in your blood." So I certainly ain't got no use for--for a ill-famed women or smart alecks.

And so these women all come; they started throwing their arm around me. Now, that's unusual. You know, I wouldn't stand for that. So... And they were... Now, I'm going to have to say this in a way that... I'm--I'm in a mixed crowd; but they ev--they were women. They were women, and they--they hugged me, each one, and said, "Our precious brother." And one would hug me, and then the other one would hug me. I was standing there looking, and I thought, "Well now, what's this?" See? And they was standing there. And I thought, "What's happened?" I looked back down, there I was laying right there on the bed; and here I was standing here. I thought, "Now, that's odd. I--I don't understand it." And them women holler, "Oh, our precious brother," then hugging me. Now, they was every bit in feeling, women.

Now, forgive me, sisters, as I say this, 'cause... But you listen to your doctor; and if we ain't got clean minds, then we're not Christians. I don't care... I've always lived clean; God knows that. When I was a little boy, the Angel of the Lord told me to not defile my body, smoke, or drink, and that's been truth. By the grace of God, I've kept that. When I was a sinner, I didn't run around with women. And so... But any man that lets a woman hug up into his arms (him being made up of cells of male and her a female), there's a sensation. I don't care who you are; now, don't tell me you're not if you're healthy as a person. But not there, because you don't have any more different cells. You'll never sin there. There was a change. There's no more than just a brotherly love to them women.

Although in the grace to be looked at, I think a--a woman, a nice woman that holds herself right and walks like a lady, she's a--she's an example of a jewel on earth. I--I like anything that's graceful, and I think a--a woman that holds her place and tries to be a lady is a--is a statue of honor. I do believe that; and I think one that isn't, it's just like the--the Christ and the antichrist: same thing. I--I like anything that's natural...

Like a pretty horse, and he just stands in a statue of a real pretty horse, or anything like that. A pretty mountain, pretty women, pretty men, anything that stands in the making of God, and I always admired it, and these were perfect. But no matter how much they would hug me up into their arms (And they were women; you understand.), but there could never be no sin. The male glands and the female glands both was gone. Thank the Lord. They were my sisters completely.
I looked and I begin to... I--I looked at my hands. I seen they was all so young, and I looked; I was young, too. And I... And losing my hair as a young man, putting carbolic acid on it, a barber did, and took it all out when I was just a boy; and it's been always a kind of a thing to me, that I--I--I get a cold so quick, because that my scalp's still soft, you know, and the roots of the hair is still there, but it was burnt by carbolic acid, and the hair can never grow. See? And I went, my wife, when I--long years ago, and got me a hair piece to wear--a little piece of hair, put on, cover my head up, but I was always ashamed to wear it because it looked like it was something false, and I didn't want nothing false. And so I thought, "I'll just put me on a stocking cap." And then I did for a while, you know what they did? They went to calling me "Bishop" then, said I wanted to be a...?... I just said, "Let her go." So I just suffer out with a bad cold and let it...

But I... You just raising them windows, anything, and that little air come across like that, boy, I got it.

And I'd went to a doctor and asked him what did he thinks. He said, "Well see, your pores--pores are open. You're sweating from preaching. That air comes; it--it puts a cold germ up here in the mucus; and it runs down over your throat. The next morning you're hoarse. That's it." And--and so...

Oh, my, you fellows that's got hair, you don't know how thankful you should be. And... That--that is right. See? And I found out then... I'm going to have... one of these days if I don't get my teeth, I'm going to have to have some of them, and so,... or either do without them.

So if a fellow--if a fellow... I wouldn't think it would be anymore for a man, if he wanted to, to wear a hair piece than it would for a woman to wear one of these mouses or rats or ever what they put in their hair like that to make it up. See? But--but 'course if you do, it depends on what you're doing it for. See? It depends on what you're doing it for. And so...

But however, just standing there, I felt up, and I had my hair again. My, I was young, and these--all these young... And I thought, "Well, isn't this strange? Here they are," and they was all run... And I looked coming, and I--I seen Hope coming; she looked... You know she died at twenty-two. She was still just as pretty as ever. Many of you remember her, them big dark eyes. She was German, her black hair hanging down her back.

I thought, "Now, when she gets here, she'll say--she'll say, "Bill." I know she will. I know she'll say "Bill" when she gets here. I was watching, and everyone of these women coming, hugging me and saying, "Our precious brother, we're so glad to see you."

I thought everyone dressed just alike, but they had their hair different, you know, red hair and black hair and blond hair, and--and they was coming by, but they was all young. And when she got to me, I thought, "I'm just going to see what she says." And she looked up at me, and she said, "Oh, our precious brother." She hugged me, and she just went on. Some other woman come, hugged me next.

And I heard a noise, and looked over this way, and here come a bunch of men, young fellows, all the age of about twenty. They had dark hair and blond hair, and--and they all had white robes on and bare-footed, and they run to me and begin to hug me and hollering, "Precious brother."
I thought... and I turned back around, and there I was still laying there. And I thought, "Why, now, this is strange." And just then a voice went to talking to me; I never did see the voice. It said, "You have been gathered... See, you have been gathered to your people." Then some man picked me up, set me way upon a big high thing like this.

I said, "Why did you do that?"

Said, "In earth you was a leader."

And I said, "Well, I don't understand this," and that voice talking to me. (I never could see the voice. Now, It was just above me, talking to me.) I said, "Well, if I have--if I have passed on, I want to see Jesus." I said, "I... He was so... He was all my life; I want to see Him."

And so, he said, "You can't see Him now. He's still higher." See, it was below the altar yet (See?), the sixth place where man goes (See?), not the seventh where God is, seventh dimension, the sixth. And they were--and they were all there and they was passing by, and I said,... Looked like there were actually millions of them. I never seen them... And I set there. These women and men still running by and hugging me, call me brother.

And I set there, and then a voice said, "You've been gathered to your people like Jacob was gathered to his people."

I said, "All these my people? Are all these Branham's?" He said, "No, they're your converts to Christ."

And I looked around, and there was a real pretty woman run up. She looked real... They was all about the same. She threw her arm around me, and she said, "Oh, my precious brother." She looked at me.

I thought, "My, she looked like an angel." And she passed by, and that voice said, "Didn't you recognize her?"

I said, "No, I didn't recognize..."

Said, "You led her to Christ when she was past ninety." Said, "You know why she thinks so much of you?"

I said, "That pretty girl was past ninety?"

"Yeah," said, "She can never change no more now." Said, "That's the reason she's saying, "precious brother."

I thought, "Oh, my, and I was afraid of this. Why, these people are real." They--they wasn't going anywhere. They wasn't tired being there. And I said, "Well, why can't I see Jesus?"

He said, "Well now, He will--He will come someday, and He will come to you first, and then you'll be judged." Said, "These people are your converts that you've led."

And I said, "You mean by being a leader, that I--that--that He will judge me?"

He said, "Yes."

And I said, "Does every leader have to be judged like that?"

Said, "Yes."

I said, "What about Paul?"

He said, "He will have to be judged with his."

"Well," I said, "if his group goes in, so will mine, 'cause I've preached exactly the same Word." I said, "Where he baptized in Jesus' Name, I did too. I preached..."

And the millions screamed out, all at once, said, "We're resting on that."

And I thought, "My, if I only knew this before I come here, I'd make people come here. They can't afford to miss this. Why, looky here..."

And then, and he said, "Someday He will come, and then... Now, in here we neither eat, drink, or sleep; we're just all one."

Why, it isn't perfect; it's beyond perfect. It's not sublime; it's beyond sublime. There's no name can, you can't think... There ain't no word or the vocabulary to say it. You've just arrived; that's all. And I thought, "Well, this--this would be perfect. And then, what are we going to do next?"

He said, "Then when Jesus comes, then we're... And He judges you for your ministry, then we go back to earth and take up bodies." (Well, I--I thought about it then; that's exactly the Scripture.) Said, "Then we go back to earth and take up bodies; then we eat. We don't eat here, neither do we sleep." Said, "We eat down there. But we go back to the earth."

I thought, "My, isn't this wonderful." Oh, my, and I was afraid of it. Why was I afraid of dying, to come to this? Why, this is perfection, plus perfection, plus perfection. Oh, this is wonderful. See, we're right under the altar. See, that was it. We're right under the altar, waiting for the coming (See?) when, He go get the ones that was sleeping--in the--the bodies sleeping in the dust, to raise us again. Come by, raise us up--like Jesus come through Paradise and brought up Abraham, Isaac, and all them, you know, was waiting in the first resurrection. They entered into the city and appeared to many, perfectly Scriptural. A vision was there or whatever it was, it was perfectly Scriptural.

And then I said, "Well, isn't this wonderful." And then I thought, "Isn't that wonder...?" And I heard something nicker like a horse. And I looked, and my little saddle horse that I used to ride, little Prince (I thought so much of him.), here he was standing there by me and put his head over on my shoulder to hug me like I used to give him sugar, you know. He put his... I put my arm around him. I said, "Prince, I knowed you'd be here."

I felt something lick my hand. There was my old coon dog. When--when Mr. Short, down here, poisoned him, I swore I'd kill Mr. Short for it. I was about sixteen years old. He poisoned him, give him a dog button. My daddy caught me with a rifle going down to shoot him, right in the police station. And I said, "I'll kill him." And I said, "Well..." I went over to the dog's grave. I thought...?...

him, I said, "Fritz, you been a--like a companion to me. You clothed me and sent me to school; when you got old, I was going to take care of you; now they've killed you." I said, "I'll promise you, Fritz, that he won't live." I said, "I promise you he won't live. I'll catch him on the street sometime, walking; then I'll run right over him." See? I said, "I'll get him for you."

But you know what? I led the man to Christ, baptized him in Jesus' Name, and buried him at his death. I got converted about a few years after that. I seen things different then. See? I loved him instead of hating him.

So then, but however, there was Fritz standing there licking me on the hand. And I--I looked... I couldn't cry. Nobody could cry. It was all joy. You couldn't be sad, 'cause it was all happiness. You couldn't die, 'cause it was all life. See? Couldn't get old, 'cause it was all youth. See, that's what... It was just perfect. I thought, "Oh, isn't this wonderful?" And the millions... Oh, my. I was right at home. See?

And--and just then I heard a voice and it cried out, said, "All that you ever loved..." (Reward for my service). I don't need no reward. He said, "All that you ever loved, and all that ever loved you, God has given to you."

I said, "Praise the Lord." I felt funny. I thought, "What's the matter? I feel funny." I turned around and looked, and on the bed my body was moving. I said, "Oh, I don't have to go back, surely. Don't--don't let me go." But the Gospel had to be preached. In just a second I was on the bed again (See?), like that.

No more than about two months ago, that... You heard it read in the--in the Business Men's "Voice." It's went all over the world. See? And Brother Norman, in here--I suppose he's in here somewhere tonight, he translated it off there and sent it in pamphlets. It's went everywhere. And ministers wrote in, many of them, and said... One here that... I'll just tell this very one. There's been hundreds of them, of course. This one man said, "Brother Branham, your vision in the Business Men's "Voice"..." And I appreciate Tommy Nickels. Although he isn't with the Business Men no more (I don't know why, but he isn't), but he put it in there just right. When I said... right there in that Trinitarian magazine, he said, "Where I... Where Paul baptized in Jesus' Name and commanded the people do the same, I've done the same," see. He put it just the way it was. See?

And so then I--I thought, "My..." And this minister wrote in and said, "Brother Branham, your vision..." Which it could have been a vision. Said... Now, I don't want to say translation. If Paul... If I was caught up into this first heaven and seen that, what about Paul that was caught plumb up into the third heaven. What that... He said he couldn't even talk about it (See?), if he was caught up. If it was a catch-up, I don't know; I can't say. I couldn't tell you.

But this minister said, "Brother Branham, your vision sounded very Scriptural and all right until you s--talked about a horse being there." He said, "A horse in heaven?" Said, that... See that ecclesiastical man-wisdom, mind. See? He said, "Heaven was made for human beings, not horses."

Well, I set down. Billy, my son, here, put the letter right here in the old church office, about three or four months ago. I said, "My precious brother, I'm surprised at your wisdom, but--and your knowing of the Scripture. I did not say that I was in heaven. I said it was in a place like paradise, because Christ was still above." See? But I said, "If it might satisfy you, now, you turn over to Revelations 19, and when Jesus comes out of the heavens of heaven, He's riding on a white

horse, and all the saints with Him are riding on white horses." Right, absolutely. Absolutely. And up in that same place, there was one looked like an eagle, and one looked like an ox, and oh, my...

Why, my, where's them horses that come got Elijah? Just goes to show you (See?), the human mind just wants something to pick on. That's right.

Now, notice. But I was just thinking, as this precious, godly, brother, John... (I just thought it'd be a good place to inject that, just before closing. See?) If John looked over there, and them was of his brethren (See?), his brethren that had to suffer a little; then, see, the Lord God permitted me to see my brethren and the saints that were waiting for the coming of the Lord.

Notice, they were not under the altar of sacrifice. Mine wasn't; but these was. They were martyrs. See? Mine wasn't under the martyrs' altar. (Now, I want you to listen real close. And I'll close, honest, just about--in ten minutes, at 10:00 o'clock, if I just have to cut it off and finish it tomorrow.) Look. They--they were not my... The ones that the Lord showed me, the Bride, she was not under the martyrs' block, no, the sacrifice altar of the martyrs, but had received white robes by accepting the pardoning grace of the living Word. Christ had give them a white robe.

I do not think, by the opening... I do think, rather, by the opening of this Fifth Seal, as I believe that it's opened to us... I did it with good conscience, with clear revelation before God, not trying to just make it think, because I always was against organizations, never would belong to them, but it's opened to me now.

And I do think another thing: by the opening of this Fifth Seal in this day, straightens up a doctrine right here that I might speak of, of soul sleeping. Now, I realize that there's people in here that does believe that (See?), in the soul sleeping. I think that this disproves that. They're not sleeping; they are alive. Their bodies are sleeping, but the soul not in the grave. They're in the Presence of God under the altar.

Here is where I differ with a precious brother, a teacher. And I notice--I know I see some of his people setting here, that I realize that this was a great teacher. He's a doctor in a--doctor of divinity, and a Ph., L.L.D., and he's a--he's a real good man too. I think he's gone on at this time, but he was a good man and a good writer. And it's Brother Uriah Smith, the author of "Daniel of Revelation."

Now, to you people who are follower of his teaching (See?), now, I don't... I'm not just--don't want to say this arrogantly, but I just... See, but, Brother Smith in trying to support... See? And trying to support soul sleeping, there he mentions that the soul sleep, and there is no altar of sacrifice in heaven, that the only altar spoke of is--that he--he believes is in heaven is the altar of incense. But to you dear people (and not to differing with my brother; I prob--hope to meet him on the other side. See?) not differing with that great teacher; but just to show you how this disproves that... See? It disproves it, the opening of this Seal in this last day; it just takes soul sleeping plumb out of the way. See? They're alive. They're not dead. (See?)

Notice, notice this now. Now, if there's no altar of sacrifice in heaven, where is the sacrifice for sin laying then, the Lamb? There has to be a place where that slain Lamb, bloody, is laying there, where the Blood is.

Now, the incense was the odors--odorous stuff that they burnt, which the Bible said was the prayers of the saints. If there isn't no sacrifice on the altar, then the prayers cannot be received. It's only by the Blood on the sacrificial altar that lets the prayers go through to God.

Brother Smith was wrong (See?), not disagreeing with him. I think I've made myself clear, with brotherly love and respect for his great work (See?), but he was wrong.

The Fifth Seal has opened there (See, see?), many other things, if you caught it. See, I'm waiting for my questions to see by... All right.

Now, where was the ark, the slain, wounded, bleeding, bloody Lamb for atonement, for these odorous prayers? Notice, the Bible says: "If this earthly tabernacle of our dwelling be dissolved, we have one already waiting." That's where I seen those saints. See?

Watch when a baby... Excuse me again, sisters, for this plain talk before young and a--a women. But look, when a mother is--has conceived, and that little bunch of muscles is twisting and jumping (You understand.), it is a natural body. And just as nature is performing the natural body... Did you ever notice your wife before the little ones was born? She always, right along at the last, becomes real kind, sweet. If she hasn't been all of her life, she will be then. Did you ever notice how saintly or... kind of a feeling... You notice a mother--and you see some sinner out there make fun of a mother that's a pregnated woman. I think that's ridiculous. That's life coming to the world. But did you notice around that mother seems to be a sweet feeling. What is it? It's a little spiritual body, spiritual life waiting to come into that little body as soon as it's born. Now, it's only begotten; but when it's born, it's born. The spiritual body unites with the natural body.

And then, the Bible teaches that we are now begotten of God. We're begotten of the Holy Spirit that in us is Christ, a son of God being formed in us. And when this earthly body be dissolved, this spiritual body comes from the bowels of the earth, there is another body waiting to receive it. If this earthly tabernacle is dropped, there is another body to receive it. This mortal body puts on immortality. This terrestrial puts on celestial. This... See what I mean? There is a natural body that's sinful; but in it's making just like it is another body that we go to. And I am so grateful to God that I can say as your pastor and brother, I seen those people, so help me, in that body and handled them with my hands. That's right.

Notice, watch. Look at Moses. Elijah, after Moses had died and Elijah had been taken into heaven, he stood there on Mount Transfiguration with his senses of speech, hearing, understanding and talked to Jesus before the crucifixion. Now, what kind of a body did he have?
Look at Samuel. After being dead for about two years, was called back in the--the cave that night by the witch of Endor and talked to Saul with language, heared Saul, spoke back, and foreknew things that was going to happen; still his spirit hadn't changed. He was a prophet.

When Elijah's spirit comes upon a man, it'll drive him just like Elijah. He will go to the wilderness. He will love the wilderness. He will be a hater of immoral women. He will be against organization. He will--he will pull no punches for nobody. And that just--that's--that'll be his spirit. It was each time it come. See? Moses will be the same person.

Now, and we find out in Revelations 22:8 the same thing. Now, or to settle it for those who--those souls (Now, watch it.) under the altar of the breaking of this Seal that had been slain in the time between the death of Christ and the going up of the Church (the Eichmann group and all that, them true Jews with their names on the Book), if you'll watch, my brother, according to the Scripture they could talk, cry out, speak, hear, and had all five senses, not sleeping in the grave unconscious. They were very much awake, and could talk, speak, hear, anything else. Is that right? Oh, help us.

Two minutes. Amen. I'm sorry I kept you a half hour. No, I can't. I oughtn't to say that...?... See? But look, here is to the best of my understanding, the best in according to the revelation that was given me this morning just before daylight by the Lord Jesus Christ, there is the opened Fifth Seal to go with the other four. See? By His grace, He gave it to me, His grace to you and I. We thank Him for it, and with His help I intend to live closer as I can live, teaching others to do the same thing, until I meet Him with you in glory, when all things are over. I love Him for this, and it's the best of my knowledge to it. And I truly believe with all my heart that the true revelations of the revealing of the First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Seal is now open to us.

I love Him, I love Him
Because He first loved me
And purchased my salvation
On Calvary's tree.

[Brother Branham begins humming--Ed.] Now, quietly, reverently before God, as we seen this Seal open to us, God having to take His own beloved children, and blind their eyes, and send them, because His own justice requires judgment of sin... Think of it. His justice and His holiness requires justice.

A law without a penalty is not law. And His own laws, Himself, He cannot defy and still remain God. That's the reason God had to become man. He couldn't take a substitute, a son that wasn't, just an ordinary son to Him or something. God became both... Jesus became both Son and God, the only way He could justly do it. God had to take the penalty Himself. It wouldn't be just to put it upon somebody else, another person. So the person of Jesus was God manifested in the flesh called Emmanuel. And to do that, and to take a Bride, and to save a lost bunch of heathen Gentiles, He had to blind His own children, and then punish them for it in the flesh for rejection; but His grace provided robes. But the life... See what happens? And if He had to do that in order for us to have a chance, how can we spurn that chance in love?

If there is in this building tonight, that person, young or old, that has to this time spurned that opportunity that cost God such a price, and you would like to accept that offer to God tonight, that you don't have to, as far as we ever know, to be a martyr, though you may be, but a white robe has been provided for you. And if God knocks at your heart now, why not accept it.

Now, let us bow our heads again. If that person or persons are in here that desires that, or want to accept it upon the basis of your faith in the shed Blood that God had to shed for you, be--suffered beyond anything that any other mortal... There couldn't have been a mortal being suffer like that till His own grief separated His water from His Blood in His veins. Before He went to Calvary, drops of blood was coming from His body with such grief and broken heart, that what He had to do, but could've refused it, too, but willingly did it for you and I.

Can you reject such matchless love? And you see that now, by the opening of these Seals, that what you have did, and what God has did for you, and you're ready to surrender your life to God, and if He will snatch you out of the hands of the antichrist that you're now in, would you accept His offer by just raising your hand to Him, saying, "God, by this, I signify; I accept that offer of grace. And, Brother Branham, I desire your prayers that I'll ever remain faithful."

Raise your hand, and I'll pray. God bless you. God bless you. Mean it now. Don't--don't do it 'less you mean it. And right where you're setting, accept it right there; 'cause remember, you could not have raised your hand unless something told you to do it, and nothing else could've done it but God.

So now, when you see the Scriptures so perfectly unfolded, you see what's been going on down through the ages, the last few years, twenty or thirty years, you see it perfectly a-vindicated. You see the Scripture telling exactly what's happened and what's fixing to happen, then upon the basis of the faith in the work of Christ, where you're setting right now, and have raised your hands, say, "From this minute on, it's settled. I take Christ now for my Savior, and I'll live for Him the rest of my life, and I desire God to fill me with the Holy Spirit."

And if you haven't been baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, the pool will be waiting for you. Let us pray.

Lord God, there was some great number of hands among the people that went up. And I'm sure that You're the very same Lord Jesus that made the atonement for us many years ago, and by seeing those Seals revealed and the great things that's taken place right here in the last few years, I believe with all my heart that the door of mercy is beginning to close, and You're ready to take Your journey now to redeem Your people.

While there is room and a door open (as it was in the days of Noah), may these precious souls that lives in the body of this tabernacle that's going to be dissolved someday, that raised up that mortal hand on the inside of them because of their--their conviction and their profession that they believe and want to accept Your proposition to them for salvation on this opened sealed Book that's been opened to us; give to them, tonight, Lord, a robe of the righteousness of Jesus Christ and clothe their soul in that, that they might stand before You in that day, which is close at hand, perfect by the Blood of Christ.
Lord God, if they have not been baptized into the Name of Jesus Christ, and upon the revelation that You give me concerning it, and seeing that Paul commanded people that had even been baptized by John the Baptist to be rebaptized again in the Name of Jesus Christ in order to receive the Holy Spirit in Acts 19. I ask that You'll convince them, Lord, of the Truth, and may they obey You.

And then in obedience of their acceptance and obedience to their confession and to the water, may You in return fill them with the Holy Ghost for power of service the rest of their lives. I commit them now to You in the Name of the sacrificed Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. Amen. Amen.

I love Him, I love Him
Because He first loved me
And purchased my salvation
On Calvary's tree.

Now, to you that had your hands up, obey the commanding of the Spirit that would follow the--the constitution of the Word for repented sinners. Follow it in every act. And the God of heaven reward you for your stand for Him. Lord bless you.

Tomorrow night bring your pencils and papers now, as you have been. We expect to be here at the same time, at 7:30 sharp, the Lord willing. And by--pray for me that God will open the Sixth Seal to me tomorrow, that I'll be able to bring it to you as He gives it to me. Until then, we sing again, not only through hymns, but through praises for Him that died in our stead and redeemed us.

I love Him:
I (Give your pastor now.) love Him, I love Him

Because He first loved me
And purchased my salvation
On Calvary's tree.

THE SIXTH SEAL

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Let's bow our heads just a moment now. Lord, we are again gathering for the service. And we think of the time in the early days when they all come up to Shiloh for the blessings of the Lord. And now, tonight we have assembled here to hear Your Word. And as we have been studying in this certain portion of the Scripture, that the Lamb was the only One that could open the Seals or to loose them... And we pray that tonight as we have under consideration this great Sixth Seal, we pray, heavenly Father, that the Lamb will open it to us tonight, that we are here to understand it. And when no man on earth or in heaven was sufficient, only the Lamb was found sufficient. So may the all sufficient One come and open the Seal for us tonight that we might just look a-past the curtain of time. It would help us, we believe, Father, this great dark sinful day that we're living--would help us and give us courage. We trust now that we find grace in Your sight. We commit ourselves with the Word to You, in Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

Good evening, friends. It's a privilege to be here again tonight, to be in the service of the Lord. I just a bit late. I just went to--on an emergency of a dying man of--a member of this church. His mother is--or comes here. And they said the boy's dying right then, so I went down to see just a--a shadow of a man laying on a bed, dying, a man about my age. And in just a moment's time, I seen the man rise to his feet, giving praise to the Lord.

And so God, if we will be willing to confess our sins, and do that which is right, and ask for mercy, call upon Him, God is willing and waiting to grant it to us.

And now, I know it's warm in here tonight, and--and it's... (No, I guess the heat's altogether shut off.) and--and we're... I noticed last night, or today this is my seventh day in a room without light (just electric light. See?) studying and praying for God to open these Seals.

And there was so many that's wrote in that group of questionnaires last, or questions last night, was more or less not as much as questions, it was wanting to have a healing service anyhow, wanted to stay an extra day to have a--to have healing service on a Monday. So I--I--I would--could... I actually could do it if that was the--the will of the people that they would do that. You could think it over, let me know, but if you just want to stay and have--pray for the sick, because I've designated all this time completely to these Seals and just kept myself away for the Seals. So you can think it over and pray over it, and then let me know.

And I'll, if the Lord willing, I can... My next appointment is at Albuquerque, New Mexico, and that'll be a few days yet, and I have to go home for some business on making another convention ready in Arizona. And so then if it be the will of the Lord, you pray over it and I'll do the same, and then we'll know more about it a little later.

And I just detect now... You see you go to talking about sickness there it comes. See? See this lady setting right here, if something don't help her, she ain't going to stay here but a little bit. So then, see, we--we just pray that God will... That's what you're here for. Come way away... So see, the--the Holy Spirit knows just everything (You see?), so He... But see, I've tried to designate this time for these Seals 'cause we set it for that. You see? But if there's a...

How many is sick is here anyhow that come to be prayed for? Let's see your hands, all around everywhere. Oh, my. Well, how many would think that that would be right, the will of the Lord to stay and have a--take Monday night just pray for the sick, have a healing service Monday night? Would you like to do that? Could you do it? Well, Lord willing, we'll do it then. See? We'll--we'll have prayer service for the sick Wednesday, or Sunday night, or Monday night and pray for the sick.

Now, I hope that don't interrupt that group that I'm going back with, going back to Arizona. Brother Norman, is he here anywhere? Does that interrupt your program, Brother Norman, anything? Brother Fred and the rest of you, is that all right? See? That's okay. All right, then the Lord willing, Monday night we pray for the sick. Just one night set aside for that altogether, just praying for the sick. Now, won't be anymore of the Seals. The Lord has opened these Seals, and then we pray for the sick Monday night.

Now... Oh, I been really enjoying this tremendously, of serving the Lord under these... Have you enjoyed this...? Now, we are now, speaking from the Fifth Seal--or the Sixth Seal, rather, and that takes down now from the--the 12th verse of the 6th chapter down to the 17th. It's one of the long Seals, that a quite a bit of things happen here.

And now the a... Tell a little review of last night, kindly back up a little each time. And say, I--I want to say something too. I found in that box four or five very important things to me. I was told that... And I certainly want to apologize... Is the tapes on? Tape's on? I want to apologize to my minister brethren and to you people here.

They say the other night when I was speaking of--of Elijah, that hour of--when they was... He thought he was the only one was going to be in the rapture, or he--only one going to be saved; and I said seven hundred instead of seven thousand. Is that right? Well, I'm sure sorry of that, folks. I--I--I knowed better than that. It was just simply a mumble of speech, because I knowed it was seven thousand. I just didn't say it right. I--I... And I--I thank you and I... That means that...

I'm glad that you are watching what I say, and you see then, that's... 'Cause it's--it's--it's seven thousand. I got two or three notes on it. It said, "Brother Branham, I believe you were mistaken," It said, "Wasn't there seven thousand instead of seven hundred?"

I thought, "Surely I didn't say seven hundred." See? That a... And then I... Billy... And then first thing you know, I picked up another note and it said, "Brother Branham, you--I believe you said seven hundred." And one person said, "Brother Branham, was that a spiritual vision that--that there's--there's just going to be a type and you're typing it with the seven..." It puts people on edge when you go to thinking these things (See?), and it's enough to. It puts me on the edge.

Something happened today when this Seal was revealed, till I had to walk completely out in the yard, just walk around out in the yard a little while. That's right. It just simply almost took my breath right away from me. See? So it's all... A tension, oh, my... See? And another thing (See?), you're laying right on to what I say, and God's going to hold me responsible for what I tell you. See? And so I--I must absolutely be as sure as all sure can be sure (See?), of--of these things, because this is a--a tremendous time that we're living in now.

I was thinking about the healing service for Monday night. That wouldn't interfere with you, Brother Neville, or anything?

Precious Brother Neville, I tell you what. They just--they just made one, I think, then lost the pattern. It's a... He certainly has been a--a real chum and friend to me; I'll tell you.

The Tabernacle now built and got the Sunday school rooms and everything ready and in order here. And some of you people that's around here, right in Jeffersonville, want to come to the church, you got a nice place and a place to come--Sunday school rooms, fine teacher and Brother Neville here for the adult class, and a real pastor. I don't say that to put a bouquet to him, but I'd rather give him a little rose now than a whole wreath after he's gone. And Brother--Brother Neville, I've knowed him since I was just a boy, and now, he hasn't changed one bit. He's still Orman Neville, just like he always was.

I remember visiting... Even he had grace enough to ask me to his pulpit when he was a Methodist preacher down here in the city. And we had a nice congregation down there in Clarksville. Or, I guess that's called Howard Park... Harrison Avenue Methodist Church. I think that's where he must've found you down there, Sister Neville. Down there, because she was from there.

I come back up, and I said to the church here; I said "That was--that's one of the nicest men, and one of these days I'm going to baptize him in the Name of the Lord Jesus." And it happened. Here he is, and now he's my chum, right along my side, and such an honorable, respectable man. He's always stood by me just like--just as close as he could stand. Whatever I say, he just lays right with me and hangs right along. Even when he first come in, he didn't understand the message then, but he believed it, and he stayed right with it. That's a honor; that's respect to a brother like that. I can't say enough for him, and now the Lord bless him.

All right. Now, a little preview of last evening in the breaking of the Fifth Seal. We won't go all the way back tonight, just back far enough to get the--the Fifth Seal.
Now, we find out that there was the antichrist that rode on, and wound himself up from three powers, all went into one power and rode the pale horse, death, into a bottomless pit into perdition where it come from. And then we find out when the--the Scriptures says when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of God raises up a standard against it. And we seen it perfectly vindicated in the Word last night.

For there was four beasts that--that answered to the--the four times that this rider rode, and he rode a different horse each time--a white horse, and then a red horse, and a black horse, and then a pale horse. And we found out those colors and what they were and what they did; then take it right back into the ages of the churches and exactly that's what it done, just perfectly.

Therefore you see, when the Word of God blends together, that mean It's correct. You see? You... I believe anything that hooks with the Word of God is always, "Amen." See?

Now, like a person said they had a vision, and said, that--that it was... Oh, they know the Lord give it because it come with great power. Well, the vision might be all right, but if it isn't with the Word and contrary to the Word, it isn't right.

Now, they may be present, some Mormon brethren or sisters, and they may be some get these tapes now. And I don't want to say that... Some of the finest people I--you would want to meet would be--be in the Mormon people, very fine type of people; and then their--their prophet, Joseph Smith, that the Methodist people killed here in Illinois, on their journey over... And so then that--that fine man... And the vision, I don't doubt at all but what he had the vision. I believe he's a sincere man, but the vision he had was contrary to the Scripture; therefore, they had to have a

Mormon Bible to--to make it. (See?) This is It here, to me. This is... That's the reason. Just the Word; that's it. See?

One time a--a--a m--a minister came here from a foreign country, and he--and I seen him out with a--or riding around in a car with (which is not), with a--a lady. And they come to a meeting. And I found out they drove two or three days (just he and she in the meeting), to come to the meeting together; and the woman had been married three or four different times. And this minister walked up in the hotel lobby where I was and run over and shook hands with me, and I shook his hand, raised up and was talking to him.

I asked him; I said, "When you're free, could I speak to you in my room just a moment?"
He said, "Certainly, Brother Branham." I took him to the room, and I said to the minister; I said, "Reverend, sir, you're a stranger in this land," I said, "but this lady has a quite a name." I said, "You come all the way from Such-and-such a place down to this Such-and-such a place?"
Said, "Yes, sir."

And I said, "Aren't you afraid that that'll kinda... I--I don't... I'm not doubting you, but don't you think that'll reflect on your reputation as a minister? Don't you think we should put a--a little better example than that?"

And he said, "Oh, this lady's a saint." I said, "I--I don't doubt that," but I said, "but, brother, the thing of it is that everybody that looks at her is not a saint. (You see?), that looks at what you're doing." And I said, "I believe you better be careful. That's just one brother to another." And he said... I said, "The lady's been married four or five times now."

And he said, "Yes, I know that." Said, "You know..."

I--I--I said, "You don't teach that in your church at home, do you, brother?"

So said, "No, but" said, "you know, I had a vision of it, Brother Branham."

I said, "Well, that's fine." I said... He said, "Do you mind?" Said, "I believe I could straighten you out a little bit on your teaching about that."

And I said, "All right." And--and he--I said, "I'd be glad to know it, sir."

He said, "Well," said, "you know, in this vision," he said, "I was asleep."

And I said, "Yeah." (I seen then it was a dream, see.)

And he said, "My--my wife," said, "she had been living with another man," and said, "and running around on me." And said, "Then she come to me, and she said to me, 'Oh, darling, forgive me; forgive me.' Said, 'I--I--I--I'm sorry I did it. I'll be true from now on.'" Said, "Of course I loved her so much I just forgive her, said, 'All right.'" And said, "Then," and said, "Do you know what? Then I got the interpretation of this vision." Said, "That was the woman." Said, "Sure, she's been married and--and so forth and all these times," and said that, "it's all right for her to marry because the Lord loved her so much she can marry as many times as she wants to far as it was."

I said, "Your vision was mighty sweet, but it's way off the beaten path here." I said, "That's--that's wrong. You see? You shouldn't do that."

So that's... See?.. But when you see Scripture dovetailing with Scripture, making it a constant continuity where they come together, the Scriptures, where this one leaves off here, this other one over here comes and dovetails in and draws the whole picture out... Like putting a crossword puzzle together like. You find the piece that fits in. There's nothing else can fit it; then you're getting the picture fixed. And there's only One can do that; that's the Lamb, and so we're looking to Him.

But we find that when these--this rider... He was one rider that rode these horses, and then we chased him right down, seen what he done and everything, and found out back in the church ages that's exactly what he did. Then when he went out on a certain beast and does certain things, we find out that there was one sent to combat what he did.

There was one sent for the first age, of lamb--of lion. That was the Word, of course, Christ. And next was the ox, during the time of the dark age, when--when the--the church had organized and--and had accepted dogmas instead of the Word. And you remember the whole thing is based on two things, one an antichrist, the other one a Christ.

It's still the same thing today. There is no halfway Christians. There's no drunk-sober man, no black-white birds, no, no, no sinner-saints. No, you're either a sinner or a saint. See? There's just no in-between. You're either born again or you're not borned again. You're either filled with the Holy Spirit or you're not filled with the Holy Spirit. No matter how many sensations you had, if you ain't filled with the Holy Spirit, you're not filled with It. See? And if you had been filled with It, your life shows It. Goes right up to it. See? Nobody has to tell anybody about it; they see it (See?), 'cause it's a seal.

Now, and we find those beasts, how they rode each time. One sent out on his ministry in political powers, uniting religious powers and--and political powers together. We find out God sent out His power to combat it. We go right back and see what the church age was and look back, and there it was just exactly that way.

Then we find out another age come along, and the enemy sent out the antichrist under the name of religion, under the Name of Christ, under the name of the church (Yes, sir.), went out under the name of the church even. "That was the real Church," she said. See? Antichrist is not Russia. Antichrist is not that. Antichrist is so close like real Christianity till the Bible said it would fool everything that wasn't predestinated. That's right.

The Bible said that in the last days, everything that wasn't predestinated--the elected... the elected, said the elect... Anybody take that word and run it back in your margin reading, see what it means. It says the elected, predestinated. See? It'll fool everyone of them whose names were not on the Lambs Book of Life from the foundation of the world.

When the Lamb was slain, the names were put on the Book. He's standing in the holy place tonight in glory as an Intercessor, making intercessions for everyone of those souls whose name is on that Book. And nobody knows that name but Him. He's the One that's got the Book in His hand. And He knows when that last one comes in, then His intercessing days is over. He comes forth then to claim what He's interceded for. He's--He's doing the Kinsman Redeemer work now and comes forth to receive His own.

Oh, my. That ought to set every Christian to--to searching himself and holding his hands before God and saying, "Cleanse me, oh, Lord; look into my life and--and let me--let me see where my

bad part is, let me get it out of the way right quick." See? For if the righteous be scarcely saved, where will the sinner and the ungodly appear? It's checking-up time.

And if you would place it, and want to give this Word... (Now, I don't want to--you to ask me question on this, 'cause you get me plumb over on another in... I mean in--in writing your questions. I think the questions is done in anyhow.)

This is the time of the investigation judgment. That's right. (Now, we'll get that on the--on the trumpets when we come to that, whenever the Lord provides, or the vials.) And we'll find out on that investigating judgment, when that--just before the woes went forth, and--and we see that that is true. And the three angels that struck the earth crying, you know, "Woe, woe, woe, unto the inhabitants of the earth."...

And we're living in a terrific time, the time that--that... You see, these things that we're in now, that we're studying right now, is after the Church is done gone. See? These things are the tribulation period. And I think it ought to be truly settled in every believer's heart that this Church never takes the tribulation period. You cannot put nowhere the Church in tribulation. I... You put the church there, but not the Bride. See, see? The Bride's gone on, 'cause (See?) She--she has not one sin, not a thing against Her. The grace of God has covered her over, and the Bleach has took every sin so far away, there's not even a--ever a remembrance of it, not a thing but purity, perfect in the Presence of God. Oh, it--it ought to make the Bride get down on her knees and cry out to God.

I think of a--a little story, if I'm not taking too much of your time now in--in this preliminary. I--I do this for a purpose, to feel--till I feel the Spirit just right to start. This is a--this is a sacred thing. See, see? See, who knows them things there? Nobody but God, and they're not supposed to be revealed, and proved by the Bible that they would not be revealed till this day. That's exactly right. See? They was--they was guessed at, but now we're supposed to get it exactly the truth, vindicated truth. See?

Notice now, it was a--a little girl in the west that how she'd--she'd fell in love with a--a man had fell in love with her. As a buyer of the cattle, come out there for the Armour Company, and--and they had a--a great... The boss come one day (the boss's son from Chicago), and 'course they put them on a regular western frontier. The--the girls there, they dressed up. Each one was going to get this boy, sure, you know, 'cause that was the main man's boy. So they dressed in their western frontier. And--and they do that out west.

They just got through one of those episodes, and Brother Maguire (I think he's here now), they caught him downtown without his western clothes on and they throwed him in the--in the jail, and put him in a Kangaroo Court, and made him pay for it, and then made him go buy a western outfit. I seen the rest of them walking around with guns about that long hanging on them. They just go native out there. They're trying to live in something in the back gone days, bygone. See?

And then in Kentucky, you're trying to live in a bygone days of the east here. Get back in Renfro Valley and things. You like to go back to the old days. There's something causing that, but when it comes back to go back to a Gospel in the original, you don't want to do that. You want something modern. See? Goes to show that... See, you--you... There's a...

And what makes a--a man do wrong? What makes him drink and carry on, or a woman do wrong? Is because she's trying to... There's something in her thirsting, and something in him thirsting. And they're trying to quench that holy thirst with the things of the world when God ought to be that quench. He made you that way to thirst. That's the reason you thirst for something. God made you

that way so you'd turn that holy thirst to Him. See? But when you try to quench that thirst... How dare anybody to do that. You have no right to do that: to try to quench that holy thirst that you thirst for something... And--and then--and you turn it into the world, try to satisfy it with the world; you can't do it. There's only one thing that'll fill that up, and that's God. And He made you that way.

So this--this... The young girls put on a--a regular western, a "carry-on" for this boy when he--he come out. And each one of them was sure they was going to get this boy.

There was a little cousin there on the ranch, and she was an orphan. And so she just done all the--the work for these, 'cause they had to have their fingernails fixed, you know, and they couldn't wash the dishes for their hands and things; and she done all the real hard work.

And then finally when the boy came, they went out and got him in an old western style, the buckboard, and they come in shooting their guns and carrying on, you know, and--and acting up.
And that night they had a great big dance out there, on an old fashion dance, and all the ranchers around about and coming in with their dancing and so forth. And the first thing you know, why, this went on, this jubilee, for two or three days.

Then one night this boy stepped out to--of the place just to rest awhile from the dance, and got away from these girls, and he happened to look going down towards the corral. There went a little girl kind of ragged looking, and she had a dish pan full of water. She had washed the dishes. And he thought, "I never seen her before. I wonder where she come from?" So he just puts it in his way to go around by the side of the--the bunkhouse and go down there and come back side of the corral and met her.

She was bare-footed. She stopped. She held her head down. She seen who it was, and she was very shy. She knew this great person. And she was just a cousin to these other girls. Their--their father was foreman on this big Armour outfit, so they... kept... She kept looking down. She was ashamed of being bare-footed.

He said, "What's your name?" She told him. Said, "Well, why ain't you out there to the--where the rest of them is?" She kinda made excuses.

And so the next night he watched for her again. Finally, he was setting out there, and they all got to carrying on and everything, he--he set on the corral fence and watched for her to come, throw the dishwater out. And he watched her, and he said to her; he said, "You know my real purpose of being here?"

She said, "No, sir, I don't."
He said, "My purpose of being here is hunting a wife." He said, "I find a character in you that they don't have." (I was thinking of the Church. You see?) Said, "Will you marry me?"

She said, "Me? Me? I--I can't think of such a thing." Said, "Me?" See, that's the main boss's son. He owned all the companies and ranches throughout the country, and everything. You see?
Said--said, "Yes," said, "I--I couldn't find one in Chicago. I--I want a real wife. I want a wife with character. And the things that I'm looking for, I see it in you." Said, "Will you marry me?"
She said, "Well..." (It startled her.) She said, "Yes."

And he said, "Well," told her he would be back, said, "Now, you just make yourself ready, and a year from today I'll be back, and oh--and I'll get you, and I'll take you away from here. You won't

have to work like this no more. I'll take you, and I'll go to Chicago, and I'll build you a home like you've never seen."

She said, "I don't never--never had a home, I'm an orphan." She said...

He said, "I'll build you a home, a real one"; said, "I'll be back."

He kept in track with her through the time of the year. She worked everything that she could do to save enough money at her dollar a day or whatever she had with her board to buy her wedding dress: perfect type of the Church. See? She got her garments ready. You know, when she displayed this wedding garment, her--her cousins said, "Why, you poor silly kid. You mean to think that a man like that would have anything to do with you?"

She said, "But he promised me." She said, "He promised"; said, "I believe his word."
"Oh, he was just making a fool out of you." Said, "If he'd of got somebody he'd got one of the them."

Said, "But he promised me. I'm looking for him." Amen. I am too.

So it kept getting later and later. The day finally arrived. A certain hour he was to be there; so she dressed in her garment. And she hadn't even heard from him, but she knowed he'd be there. So she dressed up in her wedding clothes, got things ready. So then they really did laugh, there, 'cause the main boss had sent up to the--to the foreman, or--or to--and none of the girls had heard nothing about it. So it was just all a mysterious thing to them.

That is too; sure it is. But this girl just in face it all of it upon the basis of his word that he'd be back for her. So they got to laughing, and put their hands around one another, dancing around there, said, "Ahhh," (laughing, you know, like that), said, "Poor little silly kid."

She just stood there--not a bit of blushing. She was holding her flowers, her wedding garment all fixed. She was struggling, you know. (His Bride has made herself ready.) She kept holding her flowers, waiting. They said, "Now, I told you it was wrong. See, he ain't coming."

Said, "I got five more minutes." Said, "He will be here." Oh, they just laughed. And just about the time the old clock ticked up to five minutes, they heard the horses a-galloping, sand rolling under the wheels. The old buckboard stopped. She jumped from between them and out the door, and he jumped out of the carriage, and she fell into his arms; he said, "It's all over now, honey"; left her little old cousins (denominations) setting there looking. She--she went to Chicago to her home.

I know of another great promise like that too. It... "I've gone to prepare a place for you; coming back to receive you." They might be saying we're crazy, but, brother, to me right now and these Seals breaking like this under this supernatural thing, I can almost hear the sound as that clock of time ticks away into eternity there.
I can almost see that Angel standing there and saying at the last of that seventh angel's message, "Time shall be no more." That little loyal Bride will fly away into the arms of Jesus one of these days when He takes her to Father's house. Let's think of these things as we go along now.

Notice the ministry of the Lion, the Word; the Ox, the laboring sacrifice; the cunningness of the reformers; and the--the eagle age coming in that's to reveal and pick up these things and show them.

Now, we find out in last night's service also, the great mystery opened with this Seal, which was absolutely contrary to my former understanding--just a--presuming that it was right.

I always allowed them souls under the altar to be the early Christian martyrs, but we found out last night, when the Lord God broke that Seal for us, it absolutely is impossible. It wasn't them. They were gone on to glory, plumb on the other side. And there they was...

We found out that they were Jews that would come up during the time where the--from the calling now of the hundred and forty-four thousand, which we get into tonight and tomorrow and--and between the Sixth and Seventh Seal, the hundred and forty-four thousand is called. And then we find out that they were martyrs that had been killed, and--and yet had not been--had white robes on, but their names had been on the Lamb's Book of Life, and they were given white robes, each one of them.

And we took that, and there's nothing in the world, I don't believe, but that bunch of--of--a--the--the Jews has went through a pre-tribulation period. When during the time of this last wars, they were--they--they're got to be hated by everybody. And Eichmann killed millions of them in Germany (You just heard the trial.), millions of innocent people slain, Jews, just because they were Jews, no other reason.

The Bible said here that they was slain for their testimony of God--or for the--the Word of God and the testimony they held. Now, we find out that the Bride was the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. These had no testimony of Jesus Christ.

And we find out that the Bible says that all of Israel, the predestinated Israel, will be saved. (Romans 11) Now, we know that. And there we seen them souls...

Now, look how close. Why couldn't this be before? Because it hadn't happened before. Now you can see it. You see? See the great Holy Spirit seeing those things coming down through the--the ages and times, and now, it's being revealed, and then you look there and see that's the truth. There's where it's at.

Now, it was a--it was a--the martyrs in the tribulation of the pre-tribulation of Eichmann. Now, they only type the martyrs of the hundred and forty-four thousand, which we're entering into between the Sixth and Seventh Seal (See?); and the Seventh Seal is just one thing; that's all; and this--it was silence in heaven for a space of a half hour. And now, only God can reveal that. It's not even symbolized nowhere. That's tomorrow night. Pray for me. See?

Now, we notice now as we go into the Sixth Seal... Now, may the heavenly Father help us as we settle down now to this Sixth Seal. Now, the 12th verse of the 6th chapter...

And I beheld when he... opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

And the stars of heaven fell unto... earth, even as a fig tree cast her untimely figs, when she's shaken of a mighty wind.

And the heavens departed as a scroll when it's rolled together; and every mountain and every island were moved out of their places.

And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bond, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

You notice there? Look at them mighty men. See? What have they done? They'd received the wine of the wrath of the fornication of the harlot. See? That's exactly the same class that drank of her wine. See?

And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that setteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

What an introduction to a--to see the riders now, the riders, beasts, and the answering beasts has ceased. Then we taken up. We see the martyrs under the throne. Now, this... from the time... These martyrs are the true orthodox Jews that died in Christian faith, or in--in religious faith, because they could not be Christians.

Remember, God blinded their eyes. And they're going to be blind for a long time until the Gentile Church is taken out of the way. 'Cause God doesn't deal with them two people at the same time, because it's very contrary to His Word.

Remember, He deals with Israel as a nation always. It's the nation of Israel. The Gentiles as individuals--people taken from the Gentile. And it had to... The Gentile had to be made up of all the people of the world, so now and then there's a Jew comes into that. See? Just like--like Arabian and Irish and Indian and whatmore. It's all the people of the world make up this bouquet Bride. See?

But now, when it comes to dealing then with Israel, in this last part of the seventy weeks, He deals with them as a nation. The Gentiles are finished. The hour's soon arriving (and maybe yet this--this very night) that God will completely turn from the Gentiles altogether. Exactly. He said so. "They shall tread down the walls of Jerusalem until the Gentile dispensation be finished." The times are over. Yes, sir. And then, "Let him that's filthy, stay filthy. Let him that's righteous be righteous." See?

There's no more Blood on the seat of the--of the--of the--in the sanctuary at all. There's no more Blood on the altar. The sacrifice has been removed; and there's nothing but smoke and lightning and judgment in there. And that's just exactly what's poured out here tonight. (See?)

The Lamb's done left the--His mediatorial work. The mediatorial work has been finished from over on the throne, and the Sacrifice, as we've typed Him perfectly, the Kinsman Redeemer, the bloody Lamb that come forth, the Lamb that had been slain (a bloody One, been killed, bruised), come forth and took the Book out of His hand. That's... The day's are finished. Now, He's coming to claim what He has redeemed. Amen. That just sends something through me.

We find out now, John said, "I beheld when He had opened the Sixth Seal, there was a great earthquake." Then all nature was interrupted. See? God's been doing great things, like healing the sick, and open the eyes of the blind, and doing great works, but we find out here that nature took a tumble. Yes, all nature...

Look what taken place, the--the earth quaked; the sun went black; and the moon wouldn't give its light; and the stars shook and fell; and, why, everything happened (See?) right at the time of the opening of this Sixth Seal. That's when it takes place, right immediately after the announcing of those martyrs. See? The martyrs had been finished.

Now, you see, we're right close into that hour now. It could be at any time (See?), because the Church is just about ready to take its flight. But remember, when these things happen, the Bride won't be here. Just remember, the Bride's gone. She don't have to go through any of it. This is a time of tribulation of purification of the--of the church. It's put upon her for her to go through it, not the Bride; He takes His sweetheart out of the way. Yes, sir. She's... done redeemed Her. See it's kind of a... That's His own selection, His own choice, like any man takes his bride. See?

Now, the earthquake... Let us compare Scriptures now. I--I want... Have you got pencil and paper with you? I want you to do something for me. If you want to write, write this 'cause it's... 'less you're going to take the tape.

Now, we... I want you to read with me as you do. Compare Scriptures of this great event that we will see that this great secret or mystery that was under the Sixth Seal of the Book of Redemption. Now, remember, these are hidden mysteries. And the Sixth Seals altogether is one great big book, just six scrolls rolled together; and it unwinds the whole Book of Redemption. That's how the whole earth was redeemed.

That's the reason John wept, because if no one could get that Book, all creation, everything was gone. She'd just simply turn back to--to--to atoms and molecules and so forth and cosmic light, and not even be creation, person, nothing else, 'cause Adam lost the rights of that Book. He forfeited it when he listened to his wife, and she listened to Satan's reasoning in the stead of the Word of God. See?

It was forfeited. Then it couldn't go back into the dirty hands of Satan who tempted her out of the way; so therefore, it went back to its original Owner like any abstract deed would do (See?), goes right back to its original Owner, and that was God the Creator Who made it, and He holds it.

And there's a price, and that's redemption. There's some price for redemption, and there was nobody could do it. So He said... Made His laws--His own laws of a Kinsman Redeemer; then they could find nobody.

Every man was borned of sex, borned after sexual desire. He was in the original sin: Satan and Eve, so he could not do it. There's nothing in him, no holy pope, priest, doctor divinity, of--or whoever he might be; he was nobody worthy. And he couldn't be an Angel, because it had to be a kinsman. He had to be a man. Then God Himself become a Kinsman by taking on a human flesh through the virgin birth, and He shed His Blood.

That wasn't the blood of a Jew; it wasn't the blood of a Gentile. It was the Blood of God. See? The Bible says we're saved through the Blood of God. The child takes the father's blood. We know it. Anything in the male sex produces the hemoglobin. So we find out like the hen laying the egg, she can lay an egg, but if the rooster, the mate, hasn't been with her, it won't hatch. It's not fertile. The woman's only an incubator that carries the egg, but the egg come... The germ comes from the male, and in this case, the Male was God Himself.

That's how I say how up is down and--and big is little. God was so great until He become... He even formed Himself in such a teeny thing to a little teeny germ into the womb of a virgin. And

around there He developed the cells, and the Blood, and was born and raised on earth, and from that kind of a start, unadulterated, no sex desire to it at all...

And then He gave that Blood because He become a kinsfolk's to us, and He was the Kinsman Redeemer. And He shed that Blood freely. He didn't have to. He give it freely to redeem. Then He goes upon the altar of God and waits there, while God holds the Book of Redemption in His hand, and the bloody Lamb stands on the altar of sacrifice. There's the Lamb to make redemption, making intercession.

Then how dare anybody to say that Mary, or Joseph, or any other mortal could be--be an intercessor. You cannot intercess unless there's Blood there. Yes sir, there's one Mediator between God and man, and that's Christ Jesus. That's what the Scriptures says. There He stands, and until the last soul has been redeemed, and then He comes forth to claim what He has redeemed... Oh, what a--what a great Father He is.

Now, remember... Now, I've always taught that in the mouth of two or three witnesses, let every word be established, and the Scripture...

Just like, you can't take one Scripture and prove nothing 'less there's something else goes with it. See? See, I can take one Scripture and say, "Judas went and hung himself," take another one and say, "You go do the same." See? But you see, it won't blend in with the rest of it.

And I thought under this Sixth Seal, when the Holy Spirit broke it forth there, I seen what it was, then I thought it'd be a good thing to give the class a little something different tonight (See?), 'cause it might be tiring you just listen to me talking all the time. So I thought that we'd do something different.

Now, notice. This great event was sealed under the Book of mystery of the redemption. Now, the Lamb has it in His hand and is going to break it.

Now, let's look to Matthew the 24th chapter, the Lamb Himself speaking. Now, anyone knows that Christ is the Author of the whole Book as far as that concerned, but this is His--His speech here or His--His sermon to the--the people (All right.) and to the Jews.

Now, I want you to hold your Book like this: Matthew 24 and Revelations 6, like this, and let's compare something here just a little bit. So watch this now, and you can find out just how--how it is. See, what the Lamb here is showing exactly in symbol what He said over here in Word, doing exactly. So that makes it right. Now, that's--that's all there is to it. Here's--here's one; He's talking of it, and here's where it happens. See? It's just a perfect vindication.

Now, now, let's look at the 24th chapter of Saint Matthew and Revelations 6 and compare the 24th chapter of Matthew. We all know that that was the chapter that every scholar, every person goes to, to--to talk about the tribulation period. It comes out of the 24th chapter of Matthew. And now, let's...

If that is so... Now... We... For we know that this Sixth Seal is the judgment Seal. It's the judgment Seal: exactly what it is. Now, see, we've had the--the antichrist ride, seen the Church go, now it's finished, goes up. Then we see the martyrs of them Jews back there under the altar. Now, here is the breaking forth of the judgment upon the people where out of this tribulation judgment will come forth the hundred and forty-four thousand redeemed Jews. I'll prove to you they are Jews and not Gentiles. They have nothing to do with the Bride, not a thing. The Bride... We done see the Bride's

gone. You can't place that anywhere else: don't come back again until the 19th chapter of the Book of the Acts.

Now, notice, for the Sixth Seal is the judgment Seal of the Word. Now, here, let's start out now and let's read Saint Matthew the 24th chapter. Now, I'd just like to give you something here I've just looked up to find. Now, Saint Matthew from 1 to 3, well, is where we're going to read first.
And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the building of the temple.

And He said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be one--be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

(Now)... and... (3rd verse)... as he set upon... mount... Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, Tell us, when these things shall be?... what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

Now, let's stop there. These three verses, it took place actually on Tuesday afternoon, April the 4th, AD 30. And the first two verses took place on the afternoon of the--of April the 4th, at AD 30, and the 3rd verse taken place on Tuesday evening of the same day. See?

They come to the temple, and they asked Him these things: "What about this and what about this? Look at this great temple; isn't it wonderful?"

He said, "There won't be one stone left on another one."

Then He went up on the mountain and set down. See? That there--there He starts it's in the afternoon. And then when they did, they asked Him up there, said, "We want to know about some things."

Now, notice, here is--here is three questions are asked by the Jews, His disciples. Three questions are asked. And watch: "What..." First--first, "What--when shall these things be (when there won't be one stone left upon another one)? What shall be the sign of Thy coming?" (second question) "and of the end of the world?" See it?

There's three questions, and there's where many men make their mistake. They apply these things here to some age then, when you see He's answering three questions. They... Watch now how--how beautiful it is.

Third verse (See?), now, last phrase there in the 3rd verse, "And what shall be..." First they called Him to Mount of Olives here privately: "Tell us when shall these things be?" (Question number one), "What shall be the sign of thy coming?" (Question number two), "... and of the end of the world?" (Question number three). See, there's three different questions asked.

Now, now, I want you to turn over and watch how Jesus here tells them about these things. Oh, it's so beautiful, I--I... It just makes me... I--I get to... What was that word we used the other night? The stimulation from revelation.

Notice, now, let's turn now to the First Seal of the--the Seals of this Book and compare this First Seal with this first question, and each question compare it right down and see if it don't run hand in hand just like we've done in all these others opening up to the church ages and everything exactly the same. There's the Seal perfectly open then.

Notice now, now, we're going to read, first for the... "Then He answered them..." And--and then He's--He's going to start to answering now, and we want to compare it with the Seals. Now, watch, the First Seal is Revelations 6:1-2; now we read 6:1-2.

And I saw... the Lamb when He had opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it was the noise of a thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that set on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

Who did we find this fellow was? Antichrist. Matthew 24 now, 4 and 5.

And Jesus answered and said unto them--unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

See it? Antichrist. There's your Seal. See, see? He spoke it here, and here they opened the Seal, and here He was, just perfect. Now, the Second Seal: Matthew 24:6, Revelation 6:3 and 4. Now, watch. Matthew 24:6, now, let me see what it says.

And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

All right. Let's take the Second Seal, Revelation 6:3-2; watch what He says now.

And when he had opened the second seal, and I heard the second beast say, Come... see.
And there went forth another horse that was red: and power was given to him that set thereon to take peace from the earth, and... they should kill one another: and there was given to him a great sword.

Perfectly--just exactly. Oh, I like to make the Scripture answer Itself, don't you? The Holy Spirit wrote It all, but He's able to reveal it. Now, let's notice the Third Seal. Now, this is famine. Now, Matthew 24:7 and 8. Let's get 7 and 8 in Matthew...

And nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines,... pestilences,... earthquakes, in divers places. All these things are the beginning of sorrows.
See, you're coming right on up now. Now, Revelation and the 6th... Now, we're going to open the Third Seal. It's found in Revelations 6:5 and 6.

And when he had opened the third seal, I--I beheld the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that set on him had a pair of balances in his hand.

And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts saying, A measure of... penny--a measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and... wine.

Famine, see? Exactly the same Seal, same thing Jesus said. All right.

Fourth Seal, pestilence and death. Notice, Matthew 24, we'll read the--the 8th verse, 7th and 8th, I believe it is on this Fourth Seal, I got here. All right. Now... What did I read back here? Did I read

something wrong? Yeah, I've had that marked. Yes, there we are now. Now, we're going, now we go. All right, sir.

Now, let's start here at the 7th on this the--the Fourth seal, and on the 6 and 7 and 8 on the other one, on the Revelations. Now, let's see, the 7th and 8th of Matthew 24. All right, now.

And nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines,... pestilences,... earthquakes, in divers places.

All these things are the beginning of sorrow.

Now, the Fourth Seal, as we read it over here was... The Fourth Seal was... Begin 7th and 8th on this other now.

And when he had opened the fourth seal, and lo, the fourth beast said, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse:...

Now, wait, I got this wrote down wrong. Now, now, just a minute now, 7 and 8, now let's see, Matthew 24:7 and 8, now let's see. We'll get that. That's the third opening, isn't it? Matthew 24:7 and 8. I'm sorry. Now, that opens up the rain... or the famine, opens up the famine.

All right, now the pestilences and death... Yes, sir, now we're going to it; 7 and 8, now, that would be the Fourth Seal. Let's see where we get the Fourth Seal.

And when he had opened the fourth seal... (Yeah, it's the pale horse rider, death. See?)

And--and I looked, and behold a pale horse: and he--pale horse: and his name that set on him was called Death, and Hell followed... him. And power was given unto him over the four parts of the earth, to kill with the sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth. (Now, see, that was death.)

Now, the Fifth Seal, Matthew 24:9-13. Let's see if I got this right now again. See?

And then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you:... (There you are.)... and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

And when--and then... many shall betray--many shall be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

And many false prophets shall rise, and... deceive many.

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

But he that... endureth to the end, the same shall be saved.

Now, we are on the Fifth Seal now, and that was last night. See? They would deliver you up, betray one another and so forth.

Now, watch here on the Sixth Seal, 6:9 to 11. Now, let's get that one: Revelations 6:9 to 11.
And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long,... Lord, holy... true, does thou... judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? (Now...)

And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren,... should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

Now, you see, under the Fifth Seal we find--we find here martyrdom. And under the 24:9 over here we--to 13, we find also that it was martyred: "They shall deliver you up and kill you" and--and so forth (See?), the same Seal being opened.

Now, in the Sixth Seal is the one we're coming to now. Matthew 24:29 and 30--24, let's get 29 and--and 30. Here we are. Now, now, we're going to get also Revelations 6:12-17. That's exactly what we just read.

Now, listen at this. Now, it's what Jesus said in Matthew 29--24:29 and 30.

Immediately after the tribulation of those days... (What... When this--this tribulation, this amateur tribulation they've went through here. See?)... the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of... heaven shall be shaken:
And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall be all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Now, read over here in Revelations now, the--the Sixth Seal the one we are on right now.

And... behold when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth (See?) of hair, and the moon became as blood;
And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casts her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

And the heavens departed as a scroll as it is rolled together; and every mountain and every island... moved out of their place.

And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondsman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens... in the rocks of the mountain;
And said unto the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sets upon the throne, and from the wrath--wrath of the Lamb:
For the great day of his wrath is come;... who shall be able to stand?

It's perfectly. Turned right back over--see what Jesus said here now in Matthew 24:29. Listen. After this--this Eichmann case and so forth.

Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened,... the moon shall not--shall not give her light,... stars shall fall from heaven,... the powers of... heaven shall be shaken: (Now, watch.)

And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and they shall see--and they sh--and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with great power and... glory.

And... send forth his angels... (and so forth)... and with a... sound of a trumpet, and... shall gather them together... the four winds,... drove together.

See, just exactly comparing what Jesus said in Matthew 24, and what the revelator here opened up in the Sixth Seal, is just exactly, and Jesus was speaking of the tribulation period. See?

First he asked when these things would be, when the temple would be taken away. He answered that. Next thing he asked: when they were to come time, there come the martyr age; and when this would be, when the antichrist would rise, and when the antichrist would take away the temple.

Daniel, how we could go back and pick up Daniel there, when he said that this prince that would come... You readers know that. And what should he do? He would take away the daily sacrifice and what all would take place during the time. Said...

Jesus, even speaking of it here, underlined it, said, "When you see the abomination that maketh desolation spoken by the prophet, Daniel, standing in the holy place..." What is that? The mosque of Omar stood in the place of the temple when they burned it down. Said, "Let them that's in the mountains, let them that's on the house top don't come down to take things out of the house. Or him that's in the field, return back, for there'll be a time of trouble." You see? And all these things would take place... Moved them on down now and vindicated it, back to this opening of the Sixth Seal.

Now, I want you to notice, Jesus... (Now, about tomorrow night on this.) Jesus omitted the teaching of the Seventh Seal. It's not here. Watch, He goes right on with parables now, after that. And John omitted the Seventh Seal--the Seven last--the Seventh Seal. That's going to be a great thing. It's not even written (See?), omitted the Seventh Seal, both of them did. And the revelator, when... God just said there was... John said there's just silence in heaven. Jesus never said a word about it.

Notice, now, back to the 12th verse. Notice, no beast... That's the 12th verse starting off on our Seal to see it open. No beast-like living creatures was represented here either, like it was on the Fifth Seal. Why? This happened the other side of the Gospel age, in the tribulation period.

This Sixth Seal is the tribulation period. That's what takes place. The Bride has gone. See?

There's no living creature, nothing there to say it. It's just... Now, God is not dealing with the Church no more. It's been gone. He's dealing with Israel. See, see? This is the other side. This is when Israel receives the message of the Kingdom by the two prophets of Revelations 11.
Remember, Israel is a nation, God's servant nation. And when--when--when Israel is brought in, it'll be a national affair. Israel, the Kingdom age, is where David, the Son of David sets on the throne.

That's the reason that woman cried, "Thou Son of David." And David is the... Son of David, God swore by him, to David that He'd raise up his son that would take his throne; it would be a everlasting throne. See? It'd have no end. Solomon give it in a type in the temple. And Jesus just told them here, that's--there won't be a rock left on one of them, but He's trying to tell them here what? He's coming back.

"When are you coming back?"

"These things will take place before I come back." And here they are.

Now, we're at the time of the tribulation. Remember, when the Kingdom is set up on the earth... Now, this may be a little shocking, and if there's a question, and you--you still ask me, if--if you want to put the question up afterwards, 'cause I just hit it, if you didn't--if you don't already know it. In the time of the millennium, it's Israel that's a nation. The twelve tribes is a nation, but the Bride is in the palace. She's a Queen now. She's married. And all of the earth shall come into this city, Jerusalem, and shall bring the glory of it in there. And the gates will not be shut by--by--by night 'cause there won't be any night. See? The gates will always be open; and the kings of the earth (Revelations 22) bring their honor and glory into this city, but the Bride is in there with the Lamb.

Oh, my. Do you see that? In there--Not the Bride, isn't going to be out here laboring in the vineyards. No, sir. She's the Bride. She's the Queen to the King. It's the others that labor out there, the nation, not the Bride. Amen.

All right, notice these messengers now... These messengers of the Revelations 12, these two prophets, they're going to preach, "The Kingdom is at hand." See? The Kingdom of heaven's to be set up. The time, last three and one-half years of Daniel's seventieth week promised to the Jews, His people...

Remember now, that to prove that, that this is Daniel's last part of the seventieth week... I got a question on that for tomorrow. See? Now, seventy weeks was promised, which was seven years. And in the midst of the seven weeks, the Messiah was to be cut off to be made a Sacrifice. He would prophesy three and one-half years, and then He'd be cut off for a sacrifice for the people, and there is still a determination, that three and one-half years is still determined for Israel.

Then when Messiah was cut off, the Jew was blinded so he couldn't see that was Messiah. And then when Messiah was cut off, then the Gospel and grace age come to the Gentile. And they come down, and God pulled one from here and there and here and there, and put them away under the messengers, and here and there and here and there, put them away under the messengers; and He sent forth the first messenger, and he preached, and the trumpet sounded (as we pick it up after while); and then the trumpet was declaring war.

Trumpet always denotes war. The messenger, the angel come on earth, the messenger of the hour, like Luther's, like any of the messengers that we've talked of. What does he do? He arrives, and a Seal opened, reveals; a trumpet sounds, war declared, and away they go. And then the messenger dies. He seals away this group; they're put in; and a plague falls upon those who rejected it. See? And then it goes on, then they organize, get another organization. (We've just come through it.)

Then here they come out with another power (See?), another power, another age of the church, another ministry. Then when he does that, along comes God with His ministry, when the antichrist comes with his. See, anti is against. They run side by side.

I want you to notice a little something. Just about the time that--that Cain come on earth, Abel came on earth. I want you to notice just about the time that--that Christ came on earth, Judas came on earth. About the time that Christ went off of earth, Judas went off the earth. Just about the time that the--the Holy Spirit fell, the antichrist spirit fell. Just about the time the Holy Ghost is

revealing Himself here in the last days, the antichrist is showing his colors, coming up through these politics and things; and just about time the antichrist moves hisself fully on the stree--on the scene, God moves Hisself fully on to redeem His own (See?), just runs just right together, and they're both side by side.

Cain and Abel, the crow and the dove on the ark, Judas and Jesus, and just on down... You can take it just...

Here was Moab and Israel, both of them. Moab was not a heathen nation. No, sir. They offered the same sacrifice that Israel was offering. They prayed to the same God. Exactly. Moab was call--was one of Lot's daughters that slept with her father and had a child, and that child was called Moab and from him sprang the Moab race, the country of Moab. And when they seen Israel, their redeemed brother, come...

They were fundamentalists. They were a big denomination. Israel had no denomination; she just dwelt in tents and wherever you go. But Moab had the dignitaries, kings, and so forth. And they had Balaam up there, a--a false prophet. And they had all this, then they come down there to curse their little brother that was on the road to the promised land, going to his promise.
And he went and asked them, "Can I pass through your land? If my cows drink water, I'll pay for it. If they lick up grass, we'll pay for it."

He said, "No, you're not holding no revival like that around here." That's right. "You're not holding anything like that around here."

And then watch what he done. He come right back in the Jezebel form, and come down through a--that false prophet and caused the children of God to err, and married Moabite women into--into Israel and caused adultery. And he did the same thing in that same age on the journey on the road to the promised land we are on.

What did he do? The false prophet come right around and married and called into the Protestant church and caused denominations, just exactly what they did back there. But little old Israel moved right on the same. She railed in the wilderness for a long time, and all them old fighters had to die off, but she went right on into the promised land. Yes. Watch them all in arm just before they crossed the Jordan. I like that. Now, we're getting down to that age right now, here now.

Notice now, we find out that the time lasts, I said three and one-half years of Daniel's seventy weeks. Let me explain that a little closer now, 'cause I see somebody here that's always watched that now; I want to try to make myself clear: a teacher. Notice, when the seventy weeks come in... When Daniel seen the vision of the time coming and the ending up of the Jews... But he said there was determined seventy weeks (That's seven years), in the midst of it, why the Messiah would be here--or--and would be cut off for a sacrifice.

Now, that's exactly what taken place. Then God dealt with the Gentiles till He took out a people for His Name. As soon as the Gentile church is taken out, He taken up the Church. And when He did, the sleeping virgin, the church itself (The Bride went up.), and the church itself was put into outer darkness, where there's weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth, and the same time the tribulation falls upon that people.

And while the tribulation's falling, in there comes these two prophets of Revelations 11 to preach the Gospel to them. And they preach a thousand, one hundred and three score days. See? Well,

that's exactly, with thirty days in the month, like the real calendar has, is exactly three and one-half years. That's Daniel's seventieth part--last part of the seventieth week.

See, God hasn't deal with Israel in here. No, sir. A brother asked me not long ago, "Should I go to..." A--A brother here in the church, a precious, dear brother said, "I--I want to go to Israel. I believe there's an awakening."

Someone said to me, "Brother Branham, you ought to go to Israel right now. They'd see it." See, you can't do it. I stood right there, and I thought... Them Jews said, "If I... Well, if this be Jesus, be--be the Messiah," said, "let me see Him do the sign of the prophet. We'll believe our prophets," 'cause that's what they're--they're supposed to be.
"What a setup," I thought. "Here I go." When I got right there, right close to it, right... I was... Well, I was at Cairo, and I had my ticket in my hand for Israel. And I said, "I--I'll go see if they ask that, if they can see a sign of a prophet; we'll see if they'll accept Christ."

Lewi Pethrus of the Stockholm Church sent them a million Bibles, and those Jews coming in there... You've seen the picture; I've got it on the reel right back here now: "Three Minutes To Midnight." And them Jews coming in from all over the world, everywhere, begin gathering in over there.

After England had went in there during the time of General Allenby in the "Decline of the Worlds War," in second volume I think it is, and they surrendered--the Turks surrendered. Then they give it back to Israel, and she's been growing as a nation. And now, she is a perfect nation, her own money, currency, flag, army, and everything else. See?

And these Jews coming back to the homeland, they were... First thing, when they went down in Iran and down in there to get them, they asked--they said... He... The--they wanted to take them back to Israel, give them their--take them back to their land, Palestine, where they was supposed to be. And remember, as long as Israel is out of that land, she's out of the will of God. Like Abraham, who it was give to. And when... They wouldn't get on that plane. They didn't never seen anything like that. There was an old rabbi stepped down there and said, "Our Prophet told us that when Israel went home, it'd be on the wings of an eagle." On the plane away home...
There she is now, building, the fig tree restoring. Amen. The old six point Star of David flying.
The Gentile days numbered,
With horrors encumbered...

The tribulation period's right at hand, standing right here, and the Seals being opened, the Church ready to take her flight in the air, and the tribulation set in. Then God comes down and pulls the hundred and forty-four thousand out of there. Amen. There...

Oh, it's perfect. You see where the Seals bring it out now (See?), open it up. Now, this is the last three and a half years to the people. Also, if you notice, it's the time that God will call that one hundred and forty-four thousand Jews in this last three and a half years.

See, He hasn't dealt with them at all. They haven't had a prophet. They won't believe nothing else but a prophet. You ain't fooling them. So they're going to hear a prophet (Yes, sir.); and that's all. The God told them that in the beginning, and they stay right with it.

He said, "The Lord your God shall raise up a prophet among you like me." Moses said that. And said, "Him shall you hear. And ever who will not hear that prophet will be cut off from the people."

That's right. And see, their eyes had to be blinded or they'd have recognized Him. Instead of that being blinded, they were--that let Satan get on them, and they say, "He's a fortune teller, Beelzebub. Let his blood be upon us; we know there's nothing to him." See? And the poor people was blinded.

That's the reason the Eichmann group, and all that group was slain back there, had a right to come in; their own Father had to blind their eyes so He could take us. That's the most pathetic thing in the Scriptures nearly. Just think of their, the Jews were calling the blood of their own Father, their own God hanging there, bleeding.

Look, "There they crucified Him," the Bible said. That's a four of the greatest words... Look. There, Jerusalem, the most holy city in the world; they, the most holy people in the world; crucified, the most brutal death in the world; Him, the most important Person in the world.

Why? The religious people, the greatest religion in the world, the only true religion in the world was standing there crucifying the very God that their Bible said would come. Why didn't they see it? The Bible tells us that God blinded them so they couldn't see it. They...

He said, "Which one of you can accuse Me of sin?" In other words, "If I hadn't done exactly what's predicted for Me to do, then you tell Me." Sin's unbelief. He done exactly what God told Him, but they couldn't see it.

Now, when you talk to people, it's just like pouring water on a duck's back. Do you see what I mean? It's a pitiful thing. When you see this nation, and people the way they do, so starch, they, religion... But don't the Holy Spirit tell us that they'll be heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, and despisers of those that are good. "They'd have a form of godliness but would deny the power of the Gospel." Said, "From such turn away from them."

Here we are; these denominationals twist it up. They take all the glory and power, place it back with the apostles and the rest of it over in the millennium.

It's just like a man, as I have said before: A man is always giving God praise for what He has done, looking forward to what He will do, and ignoring what He's doing right now. Exactly. Man's still the same thing.

There were them Jews standing there saying, "Glory to God." Why, as the 6th chapter of Saint John said, "Our Fathers eat manna in the wilderness."

And Jesus said, "They are everyone dead."

They drank water from the rock in the wilderness and...?... He said, "I am that Rock." That's right. Amen. He said, "But I'm the Bread of Life that come from God's out of heaven--that Tree of Life from Eden back yonder. If a man eats this bread he shall not die. I'll raise him up again at the last days." Oh, oh, they couldn't see it. That's right.

The very Messiah standing there speaking the very words of their heart, and things like that, showing that He was Messiah, just what Messiah was supposed to do. And them standing there with their hands behind them, and, "Hah, it can't be. No, no. He--he--he didn't come in the right trend. See, he come out of Bethlehem, and he--he's nothing but an illegitimate child, and that's the devil working on him. We--we know he's mad. He's crazy; he's got a devil."

See, their eyes were actually blinded to that. Now, but they're looking for their prophet; and they're going to receive it, going to receive two of them. That's right.

Now, notice again. Now, also when these Jews... I'll give you another little symbol so you can realize that it's Jews over here now on this side of the rapture. Watch what takes place. It's also symbolized (We won't take time to do it, 'cause we run--run out here.)--also symbolized in the--in what was called Jacob's trouble.

Now, look, these Jews here has... Notice. Oh, it's a... I--I'm going to take just a little bit time here. It makes me nervous when it starts getting around like that then. See?

Notice. I want you to see it. And I--I... And this... Well, God will show it to you, I'm sure. Look. Jacob had the birthright. Is that right? But he sure was a little shyster with it. See? He went down and he deceived his daddy; he deceived his brother; he done everything; but yet legally right down, he had it; because Esau had sold out.

But then, when he goes down there to work for his father-in-law, he put those poplar sticks in the water to make those pregnated cattle and things bring forth speckled calves, and, oh, you know everything he done like that, just to--to gain money.

Now, watch. Now, he was ousted from his people. Now, it's a type of the Jew now. He's a money snatcher. I don't care how he gets it; he will get it. He will skin you alive to get it. You know that. He's a little shyster; that's all. Boy, don't deal with him. He--he will get you, boy. Yes, sir. Why? He's got to be that. That's the kind of a spirit that's dominating.

Just exactly like them reformers could not understand this Word, because that was the spirit of the man sent to them. It's the eagle age that gets the Word and the revelation. All that understands that, raise up your hands, so I... See? That's good. That's fine. See, that's good.

Now, see, if you can get back here under these Seals, if they can ever get... When they're opened, you can see exactly what God is a-doing, what He has done, what He is going to do. Here it is exactly, and that's the reason men acts that way, because that's the spirit that's predicted for that age to be on them. They couldn't do nothing else. Nothing could...

John, Paul, and them, that Lion spirit there, the--the L-i-o-n standing there, the Word Itself... Paul stood right with that Word and said, "I know this, that there'll be false brethren rise up among you. Go around and what they'll make--denominations and everything else among you. And what they'll do, they'll go on to the last days and horrible time." Why? He was a prophet. There stood that Word in Him, how it would end up way over there.

Said, "false men among yourselves will rise up and speaking things, and draw away brethren who are disciples. That's exactly the antichrist." It did just exactly that.

Notice, after it went in the dark age of the tribulation, what was it? There was nothing they could do. Rome owned the--he had the religious power and he had the political power. Wasn't nothing they could do, but just labor to stay alive and give theirselves for sacrifice. It was an ox. That's all they could do. That's the kind of spirit they had, the Spirit of God, the ox.

Then here come the reformers, the head of a man, shrewd, wise: Martin Luther, John Wesley, and so forth; Calvin, Finney, Knox, the rest of them. Here they come forth, and when they did, they

were reformers. They come forth reforming--bringing the people out. And turned right back around exactly like they did back there and married right straight back into her again on the denominational system. That's exactly. The Bible said so. She was a whore, and then she had harlot daughters. Just exactly.

And God said, "I--I give her space to repent, and she didn't do it, so I'm going to take her and her offsprings, cast them over yonder where they belong." That's exactly. Now, that's... God said that down under this Seal--under the Seal. Now, there she was. We find out that He does that, and He will do it. And they're everyone headed that way. But the all that's got their names on the Book of Life, God will call; they'll hear it. "My sheep hear My voice," Jesus said. Only thing we got to do is make a sheep call. Goats don't know it.

Notice. But you see the sheep call... "My sheep hear My voice." Why? What is a voice? I want to tell you what a voice is. A voice is a--is a spiritual sign.

He said to Moses, "If they won't hear the voice of the first sign, they will hear the voice of the second sign. My sheep hear My voice."

When these things are supposed to be taking place in the last days, sheep of God recognize that. See, see? They--they recognize it. "My sheep know Me"; (See?) "stranger they won't follow." They won't follow them strangers. It's got to be a vindicated sign for the day, and they see it.

Now, now, notice. Now, Jacob, as he come up now, the first thing you know, he got a longing to go where? Back to the homeland. Oh, that's exactly what Israel done. That's--that's--that's Israel. Jacob is Israel. He just had his name changed, you know. See? And he's--he got out there, and he got all the money he had and he could get, and took it any way he could from his kinsfolk's or anybody else. So cheating, and stealing, lying--any way he could get it, he got it. See? He did.
And then when he starts back to home, he got to get a homesick feeling in his heart. But as he started back, on his road going back he met God. Then his name was changed. See? But in this time he was so wearied, because he was afraid Esau was coming after him. See? And He and w--watch--watch the money--the money proposition. Just like the Jew will try making this covenant with--with Rome (See?), and their money proposition.

Notice it. Then Esau didn't need his money; neither does Rome; she's got the wealth of the world in her hands. See? But it didn't work. But we find out now that Israel in that time of trouble, when he was Jacob, he wrestled with the--that... He got a hold of something that was real.

There was a man come down. Jacob got his arms around him, and he stayed there. And the--the fellow said, "I must be going now. It's coming daylight." Oh, that breaking of the day... See? "It's fixing to come day."

But Jacob said, "I'm not going to leave You. You--You can't go. I'm going to stay right with You. I want things changed here." That's that hundred and forty-four thousand, that money scheming bunch and things like that. When they see the true genuine thing to get a hold of, there stands Moses, and there stands Elijah. Amen. They'll wrestle with God until one hundred and forty-four thousand of the tribes of Israel are called out right there.

That's just before the tribulation period. See? Oh, how wonderful. Also Jacob's trouble. Here is when the hundred and forty-four thousand is called out. They, the--the preachers, them two

prophets, they preach like John the Baptist, "The Kingdom of heaven is at hand. Repent, Israel." Repent what? Repent from your sins and your unbelief, and turn back to God.

Now, let us remember something here. These great happenings to nature, has happened before, in this 12th verse here. See? The sun became as black as sackcloth of hair. Now, compare this... Now, remember, that does not happen in the Gentile. It's Israel.

Let me show you. Now, remember, I said it's calling out the hundred and forty-four thousand. See? This time now it's when the--the tribulation which is to do it. And this is telling what happens in this tribulation.

Now, let's turn to Exodus 10:21-23, and watch here, when Exodus is when, 'course Israel was coming out--going to be taken out: Exodus the 10th chapter and the 21st-23rd verse. I'm so excited and shouting when I write these notes down that sometimes I might get them mixed up. All right, Exodus 10:21-23. All right, here we go--21 and 23.

And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch forth thine hand towards heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt.

And Moses stretched forth his hand towards heaven; and there came a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days: (See?)

Now, they saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but... the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

Notice, just exactly like come over there: "And the sun became as black as sackcloth..." See? Same thing, these happenings of nature. What was it? What, when nature happens like this, has been? God calling Israel. (See?) God's calling out Israel. Now, "sun as black as hair..." Now, God was about to deliver Israel there (All right.), bring them out of their enemy's hand, which was Egypt at that time. Now, here He is bringing them out of the Roman hands, where they'd made their covenant. Same thing happens. That's the plagues.

The--the time that this plague will call, they'll plague this group of Gentiles. If we had time, I could show what's going to happen to that Gentile church. The Bible said that the--the dragon, Satan, was wroth (That's angry.) with the woman (the Jew, Israel); and he spurted water from his mouth (thickness and multitudes of people) that went to make war with the remnant of the woman's seed (Revelations 13). Now, see there? We have that. And that's when Israel sends her, I mean, Rome sends her army after the remnant, the remnant of the woman's seed.

Now, watch. The first time their enemy's hands, when He's delivered them out, the sun turned to sack--black as sackcloth. Now, this is the second time, the end of the tribulation period.

Now, in Daniel 12, if we had time, we could read it. In Daniel the 12th--the 12th verse--12th chapter, rather, Daniel said, "Every one that was found written in the Book would be delivered." Now, remember, Daniel is now speaking of this period, when these--this thing is supposed to happen, when Israel is to be delivered, when the--the end of the seventieth week... And that's when they're supposed to be delivered. Now, look. Let's... We get to Daniel 12 here just a minute.
And at that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince which stood for the children--for--for the children of thy people:... (See? That's Jews.)... and there shall be a... trouble, such... never was since there was a nation even to that same time:...

Now, compare that exactly with what Jesus said, Matthew 24. There shall be a time of trouble that's never been since there was a nation. Look at the Sixth Seal. See? The same thing, a time of trouble. Notice.

... since there was a nation even to the same time: and at that time thy people... (Now, in this seven--last part of the seventh year.)... thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. (The predestinated, you see, that's written in the Lamb's Book of Life shall be delivered at that time.)

And many of those that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, and some to everlasting life, and some to everlasting shame and... contemptment. (Now)

And then shall the wise... shine as the brightness of the firmament; and--and they that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever.

That, and when He had told Daniel to shut up the Book, for He'd be resting in His lot until that time. Now, see, it don't make any difference whether you live or die; you come forth anyhow. See? Don't... that... Dying isn't nothing to a Christian. He don't die anyhow. See?

Now, Daniel 12 said that everyone that was found written in the Book would be delivered. Here God is about to deliver His second son, Israel, after the tribulation. See, the second time Israel is... Israel is His son; you know that. Israel is God's son. So He's going to deliver him here in the tribulation period just exactly the way He did down in Egypt.

Now, let's stop here again and--and get something else, so 'fore we bring it into home. Now, watch here these two prophets, look what they're going to do now: just like Moses and them did down there. "And there was given me a reed, and..." (The 3rd verse of the 11th chapter.)
And I will give power unto my two witnesses, that they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

These are the two olive trees,... (You remember that Zerubbabel and so forth and was rebuild the temple)... and the two candlesticks that stand before the God of the earth.

... if any man... hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth,... (You remember, out of the mouth of Christ come the sword, Word)... devour their enemies: and if any man shall hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

Now, we know the fire in the 19th chapter, of the coming of Christ, proceeded His Sword from His mouth, which was the Word (Is that right?), the Word. Oh, if you'll get this material now for that Seal tomorrow night... See? The Word is the thing that God slays His enemy by. See?

Now, look here. When these prophets are prophesying, they're, they... If any man mistreats them, harms them, fire proceeds from their mouth, Holy Ghost Fire, the Word. The Word is God. Word is Fire. Word is the Spirit (See?), proceeds from their mouth.

Look at Moses. Let's see what come from his mouth. They... Israel got to--way they were doing there, and the--the... I mean Egypt. They were mistreating these Jews. Moses... They wouldn't let them go; Pharaoh wouldn't. God put the words in Moses' mouth. See, it's God's thoughts going into Moses' heart; he goes over now to express it, then it becomes the Word. Stretched his hand forth, said, "Let there be flies." and here come flies. Look here.

And if any man hurts them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth and devour their enemy:...
See? There it is. They can speak what they want to, and there it happens. Amen.
And if any man... hurt them, they must in this manner be killed.
Brother, God rides on the scene here.

They have power to--power to shut the heavens that it rain not in the days of their prophecy:...
Elijah, he knows how to do it; he's done it before. Amen. Moses knows how to do it. He's done it before. That's the reason they was kept back. Now... Amen.

I could say something awful good right here, but I guess I'll hold it till tomorrow night. See? All right.

... and have power over the waters to turn them to blood and to smite the earth with plagues as oft as they will.

What is it? What can bring these things but the Word? They can do nature anyway they want to. Here it is. They're the one who brings on this Sixth Seal. They uncover and open it up. It's the power of God to interrupt nature. See, the Sixth Seal, is completely an interruption of nature.
Do you get it now? There's your Seal. Who does it? It's the prophets the other side of the rapture. With the power of God, the Word of God, they just condemn nature. They can send earthquakes, turn the moon into blood, the sun can go down or anything at their command. Amen.

There you are. There you are. See? See how the Seals opened down there in the church age, how it showed the martyrs? And now here's these two prophets standing here with the Word of God to do anything to nature they want to, and they shake the earth. And it shows exactly who does it. It's Moses and Elijah, 'cause there's their ministry reimpersonated again: both men. Oh, my. Do you see it now? See what the Sixth Seal is? It's those prophets.

Now, notice. Don't let it choke you, but watch what opened that Seal: prophets. See? Amen. There you are. Oh, we're living in the eagle day, brother. And it's among us now. They opened that Sixth Seal. They have power to do it. Amen. There's your Sixth Seal coming open. See?

Now, we drop right back back here to Jesus spoke it would take place: way back yonder in the Old Testament, back in Ezekiel, back in the old prophets, they spoke it would take place. And here the Sixth Seal opened, and they say, "Well, that's a mysterious thing. What did it?" Here's the secret of it, the prophets, 'cause the Bible said so here. They can open it anytime they... They can do anything to nature they want to. And they do the same thing they did do (Amen.), 'cause they know how it's done. Amen. Glory.

When I seen that, I just raised out of the chair and started walking up and down the floor. I thought, "Lord, how I thank You, heavenly Father." There it is. That's it. They opened that Sixth Seal. Amen.

Watch them. If any man hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, the Word. Holy Ghost come upon the apostles. You see? Fire proceeded out of their mouth.

Now, notice over in Revelations 19, we see the same thing, and a great Sword proceed from His mouth: Word. See it? Christ coming, and He slayed enemies with It. Is that right? Now, He's on His road. Watch Him now. All right.

These have power to shut the heaven that it rained not in the days of their prophecy...

Boy, that's interrupting nature. Now, how long did--did this man Elijah close the heavens for? [Congregation replies: three and one-half years--Ed.] There you are, exactly. How longs Daniel's seventieth, last part of the seventy weeks? [Congregation replies: three and one-half years--Ed.] There you are, exactly.

What did Moses do? He--he--he turned the--the waters into blood; he done all these kinds of miracles, just exactly what's predicted here under this Sixth Seal. And here they are in Revelations 11, doing the very same things. Amen. There's three different places in the Scriptures right there blending the thing right together. That's the opening of the Sixth Seal. Right there it is. Amen. Glory.

Now, notice.

These have power to shut the heavens in the days of their prophecy, that it won't rain; and... power over the waters to turn them to blood,... to smite the earth with plagues as oft as they will.
Oh, my. There you are. Now, turn right over here to the plagues. See? All nature is interrupted in this Sixth Plague--or Sixth Seal open. That's exactly what happened.

Now, look. See, here God is about to deliver His son Israel, after the same manner of the tribulation that He did down there. He sent Moses down there and delivered Israel. Is that right? And he done these very same things.

He sent Elijah to Ahab, and seven thousand come out. Is that right? He sends them right back over here again in the time of the tribulation and calls out the hundred and forty-four thousand. Now, see, you notice, between Revela--or between the 6th chapter, or the 6th plague, Seal (Pardon me)--the Sixth Seal and the Seventh Seal, the 7th chapter of Revelation mathematically set together right...

Just like America is number thirteen: thirteen states it started with, thirteen stars in the flag, thirteen colonies, thirteen stripes; everything's thirteen, thirteen, and appears right here in the 13th chapter of Revelations. That's right. She's thirteen and a woman.

Now, when He was about to deliver His only begotten Son, which was His only begotten. Jacob is His son, but this is His only begotten Son.

Matthew 27, let's see what He did there. Matthew the 27th chapter. Now, remember, His Son had been beaten, and had been troubled, and they had made fun of Him, and He was now hanging on the cross at three o'clock on Good Friday afternoon--just about to take place. Matthew, 27th chapter of Matthew and the--the 45th verse, I believe it is.

Now, from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.
Now, notice just exactly what He did back here now in this. See?

And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal,... lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon--and the moon became as blood;
Blackness, darkness: Egypt--blackness, darkness, God delivering Jesus at the cross, just 'fore He brought Him up from the resurrection... First, darkness: sun went down in the middle of the day, and stars wouldn't shine. Two days from then, He was going to raise Him up with a mighty triumph. After the sun, and moon, and stars, and everything in Egypt, all these taken place, He delivered Israel to the promised land.

Here it is in the tribulation period, and here stands them prophets to who has the control of the Word that God gives them. They can only speak as God gives them the Word.

Now, they're not gods. They're, temporarily the--amateurly they are, 'cause Jesus said they were. Said, "You call them gods who the Word of God came."

Well, look. That's the one that God brings the Word to. And when he speaks it, it happens. That's all. And here he is with a commission from God to smite the earth whatever he wants to. Oh, my. Stop the heavens, and he does. What's the matter? He's fixing to take the hundred and forty-four thousand out for redemption, out of the Book of Redemption. And that's under the Seal of redemption, in the Sixth Seal. That's it, my dear friends. That's that Sixth Seal, been so mysteriously...

Let's just take... We got ten more minutes. Let's just take a little bit. I got about two or three pages. Well, I got... You can just see here; I think it's about... On that one, I think I had about fifteen pages yet left I could get to.

Oh, there's so much on that. My, you can just keep going from place to place, but I'm afraid I confuse you when I--I scatter too much of it. And I'm not... I can't hold it together like I should.

In Isaiah, let's take this. Isaiah the prophet seen this Sixth Seal open and spoke of it. That's whether it's important or not. See? Well, the whole thing--whole plan of redemption lays under these Seals, the whole Book.

Now, remember, we seen Jesus saw it. Is that right? See? Jesus saw it. And now, we find others that saw it. We find it typed out in--in Jacob. We find it typed out in Egypt. We see it typed out at the cross.

Now, let's go back to Isaiah. I've got a whole lot more prophets wrote down here too. Let's just... I like this--this of Isaiah. Let's go back here to Isaiah, the 13th chapter of Isaiah. I like...

Isaiah is the--the complete Bible in itself, you know. Did you know that? See? Isaiah starts out with creation, in the middle of the book he brings John, and at the end he brings the millennium. And there's sixty-six books in the Bible, and sixty-six chapters in Isaiah. It's a complete encyclopedia itself.

Notice, 13th chapter now, of--of Isaiah. Let's begin here at the 6th verse.

Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

Watch this Sixth Seal opening up here now, plumb back here seven hundred and thirteen years before Christ come. He's been two thousand years; that'd be about seven--about twenty-seven hundred years ago Isaiah seen this Seal hanging there. All right.

Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:
What did Jesus say, "And because iniquity shall abound the--the love of many shall wax then, and man's heart will be failing for fear,; sea a-roaring." See? Man's heart will faint.

And they shall be afraid: pangs of sorrow shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be ashamed.

Notice of it here. Oh, their faces ashamed... We got to get to that just a minute. We'll hold that. See?

Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. (The land, that's all of it, brethren. See? Notice.)

For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her lights to shine.

And I will punish the world for their evil, and the iniquity--and the wickedness of their iniquity; and I will cause the--the (I don't... I--I don't how it's spelled.) [Congregation says, "arrogancy."--Ed.] (I can't say it. See?)... of--of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of--of the terrible--terrible

See there, just exactly, Isaiah saw the same thing that Jesus spoke of, that the Seventh Seal reveals, when He's cleansing the land with tribulations. That's the tribulation period, this Sixth Seal. Yes, he was a prophet, and the Word of God was made known to him. That's twenty-seven hundred years ago.

Truly, I just want to say this: The whole world as Isaiah here... as a woman travaileth, all creation is travailing. What's all this groaning and travailing about, like a--a woman that's to be mother, the earth itself, nature... Why, this city here... Let's take our own city, when beer joints, and prostitution, and filth, and scum, like any other city... Why, I believe God would be better off looking at it the way He had it thousand years ago. When the Ohio traveled down, they had no back waters and floods. They had no sin in the valley. The buffalo roamed through here, and--and the old Cherokee hunted him and made a decent living. There was no trouble at all. But man come in, and there's where sin comes in. When man begin to multiply upon the face of the earth, then sin and violence set in (That's right.) always man. Why, I think it's a disgrace.

I was standing the other day in my home country there now in Arizona. And I--I read when I was a kid about Geronimo and--and Cochise and those old Apaches, 'cause I preached to them up there: fine people, and some of the finest people you want to meet are those Apache Indians. And then I went over there to--to Tombstone, where they have all the old relics and things from the war. And I looked at... They always... You know they always classed Geronimo as--as a renegade. To me he was a red-blooded American. Absolutely. He was only fighting for his rights like anyone would do. He wanted not that pollution in his land, and look what it is now, turning his children, his daughters into prostitutes and everything else, and white man coming there. The white man's a rascal.
The Indian was a conservative; he was--he was a--a conservationist. He would go out and kill a buffalo; the whole tribe eat everything was left of it. They used the hide for clothes and tents and everything else. And the white man comes and shoot it for a target. Why, it's such a disgrace.

I read a article in the paper where in Africa, that great place full of wild game, they got these guys, Arthur Godfrey and them, going over there shooting these elephants and things out of helicopters and things like that. A picture of an old female elephant trying to die, and the tears, like pulling down her face and two big males trying to hold her up to keep... Why, it's a sin. That's not sport.
When I was standing out on the field out yonder, in where I hunt and things like that, and see where them white hunters come out there and shoot them deer and cut a hindquarters off of it and sometimes kill eight or ten little does and leave them laying there, and their fawns running around trying to find their mammy, and you mean that's sportsmanship? That's cruel pure murder in my book.

I hope Canada never gets any roads in it as long as I live, to keep them renegade Americans out of there. That's right. They're the poorest sports I ever seen in my life. Now, not all of them, there's some real genuine men, but that's--that's one out of a thousand you find. Shoot anything they can see, anyway they want to (That's right.); that's a murderer. That's right. He's heartless. He will shoot out of season.

While up there in Alaska there, I was up there with one of them guides. He said, "I picked up... I'd go out there now and find whole herds of them great big elk--or not elk, but the moose laying there with fifty caliber machine gun bullets through their horns where these American pilots out there in--in Alaska machine gunned them out of that plane--a herd of moose. That's pure murder..

They knowed in there if they'd kill the buffalo, they could get the Indian, he'd starve to death. That's the reason that Cochise had to surrender, his--all of his princes and all the rest of them, his children, and all of his people were starving to death. They went out there with big--great big loads of them, Buffalo Bill and them plainsmen had shot off all them buffaloes, forty, fifty in an afternoon. They know when they ridded that, they got rid of the Indian. Oh, my, a stain on the flag the way they treated them Indians. There you are. But remember, the Bible said, "The hour's come that God will destroy them that destroys the earth." And the whole world...

Look at them valleys. I was standing up there the other day looking down on the valley at Phoenix. Went up on South Mountain, wife and I was setting up there and looked down at Phoenix, and I--I said, "Isn't that awful?"

She said, "Awful? What do you mean?"

I said, "The sin. And how much adultery and drinking and cursing and the Lord's Name used in vain in that valley there, was about a hundred and--and forty thousand or fifty thousand people, or maybe two hundred thousand people in that valley?" And I said, "Five hundred years ago or a thousand, there wasn't nothing but cactus, mesquite, and the old coyotes running up and down the sand river there, the--the washes." And I said, "That's the way God made it, but man come in; what did he do? He saturated the ground with filth. The streets are full of gall; the sewers, the--and the rivers are polluted with--with filth." They couldn't... Why, you'd better not drink a drop--of some of that water; you'd get anything. See?

Look at it. Not only here, but the world over, the thing is polluted, and the world, the nature... God, have mercy. The whole world in its birth pains, the world is trying; she's travailing, Isaiah said. What's the matter? She's in--trying to bring forth a new world for the millennium where all the...?... trying to birth a new world for a new people that won't sin and pollute her. That's right. She's in travail.

That's the reason the--the--we are in travail. Christ, to bring forth the Bride... Everything is travailing and groaning. See, there's something fixing to happen. And this sixth plague lets her go.

Brother, the earthquake burst open, and the stars shake; volcanics will come forth, and the earth will renew itself. New lava will break forth from the center of the earth, and she'll crumble all around and around and around when she spins out in yonder.

And I tell you, one morning when Jesus and His Bride comes back to the earth, there'll be a paradise of God there that... Oh, my. Them old warriors of the battle walk down through there with

their friends and loved ones; the anthems will fill the air, of an Angelic host. "Oh, it was well done, my good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of the Lord that's been prepared for you like you should've had back yonder before Eve started the ball to rolling in sin." Amen. Whew.
Yes, Sixth Seal's going to do something. Yes, sir. Truly the whole world is groaning and paining for the millennium age.

Now, the one now is so soaked up with filth. As I preached here not long ago, I believe, preached in the Tabernacle, "The World Falling Apart..." That's exact. Look what's falling apart in the world. The... Everything's falling of it. Certainly it is. It's--it's got to fall apart. Yes, sir. Look, its frame. Let me show you the reason the world's got to do it. The frame of this world: the iron and the brass and the materials of this earth has been pulled out of it, its framework, for war and industry until it's just about ready...

Well, we never had an earthquake till the other day over here in this part of the country, till just the other day here (You see?), Saint Louis and down through there. She's getting so thin. They've pulled everything out of it. See?

Its politics are so polluted there's hardly a honest, among them. See? Its systems... Its morals is so low, they just don't have any. That's all. See? Sure. Its religion is cankered. Yes, sir.

It's time for the Sixth Seal, pretty soon, to be opening up, and when she does, oh, my. The end... The Bride has done gone forth. She's done... The Queen's done went to take her place. She's being married now to the King, while this was going on. And Israel's remnant is sealed and ready to go, and then nature lets go. Oh, what a time.

Notice, the last verse of the Sixth Seal opened. Those who had laughed at the preaching of the Word, of the vindicated Word of the living God... When them prophets that stood there and performed miracles, closed the sun, and everything else, and all down through the age... See? They cried for the rocks and the mountains to hide them (See?), to hide them from the Word that they'd laughed at, 'cause they seen Him coming. "Hide us from the wrath of the Lamb." He is the Word. See?

They'd laughed at the Word, and here the Word was incarnate; and they'd made fun of It, laughed at them, made fun of them, and the incarnate Word had dropped forth. Why didn't they repent? They couldn't: too far then. So they knowed that the punishment... They hear it. They've set in meetings like this and knowed about it, and they know that the things that those prophets had predicted was looking them right in the face.

The thing that they had rejected, they'd spurned mercy for the last time. And when you spurn mercy, there's nothing left but judgment. When you spurn mercy... Just think of it.
And there they was. They had no place to go, no retreat. And the Bible said here, "They called for the--cried to the rocks and the mountains to fall on us, and hide us from the--from the face of the--of--and the wrath of the Lamb." They'd tried to repent, but the Lamb had come to claim His own. See? And they cried to the rocks and the mountains, prayed, but their prayers were too late.

My brother, sister, the goodness and mercies of God extended to the people... While Israel was blinded for this--for here just about two thousand years to give us a chance to repent... Have you turned that mercy down? Have you--have you rejected that...

Who are you anyhow? Where did you come from, and where are you going? You could not ask the doctor. You could not ask anybody in the world, and there's no book you could read that could tell you who you are, where you come from, and what you're going but this Book.

Now, you know without... You have the Blood of the Lamb to act in your place; you see where you're headed for. So if--if God did that for you, the least thing we could do would be accept what He's done. That's all He asked us to do. And on the basis of this...
If I go any farther, I'll have to come right into that plague, oh, that's tomorrow night's service, and I--I can't do it, can't go any farther. I got it marked down here, a cross: stop here. See? So then, I--I got to wait until tomorrow.

Now, let us bow our heads just a moment. If you haven't, my precious friend, hadn't--haven't accepted the love of this God, that I'm talking about... If you have... (Listen to this close now.) If you haven't accepted His love and mercy, you'll have to stand His judgment and wrath.

Now, you tonight are at the same place that Adam and Eve was in the garden of Eden. You have a right; you're a free moral agent. You can go to the Tree of Life, or you can take the plan of the judgment. But today while you're sensible, in your right mind, and you're healthy enough to--to rise and accept it, why don't you do that if you haven't done it?

Is there them people in here that hasn't, as yet, did that? If that be so, would you just raise up your hand, say, "Pray for me, Brother Branham. I now want to do it. I don't want this to come."

Now, remember, friends... (God bless you. That's good.) I have... These are not my ideas of this; I--I... This is not what I been thinking. This is altogether from me. So help me, the Holy Spirit knows it.
And you wait, if the Lord willing, tomorrow night, I want to show you a mystery that's been going all the time right here in this meeting. I doubt very much whether you've ever seen it or not (See?), what's--what's took place. It's been something that's laid right here before you, and I've watched each night for us--for it to rise, or somebody to say, "I see it." See? Don't turn it away, please. I ask you if you're not a Christian, if you're--you're not under the Blood, if you're not borned again, filled with the Holy Spirit, if you've never made a public confession of--of Jesus Christ by being baptized in His Name to witness His death, burial, and resurrection, that you have accepted, the water's ready. They're waiting. Robes are furnished in here, and everything is ready. Christ stands ready with outstretched arms to receive you.

In one hour from now, that mercy might not be extended to you. You might turn it away for the last time, it'll never touch your heart again. While you can, while you can, why don't you do it? Now, while...

I know the regular customary way is bring people up to the altar. We do that, and that's perfectly all right. At this time we're such crowded in here, right around the altar, till I couldn't do that, but I'd like to say this: In the apostolic day, they say, "As many as believed were baptized." See? Just if you can really down in your heart...

Here's all it is. It isn't--it isn't emotion, though emotion accompanies it. Just like what I said: Smoking and drinking isn't sin; it's the attribute of sin. It shows you don't believe. See? But when you truly believe in your heart, and you know that, on the basis of where you are setting there you accept it with all your heart, something's going to happen, right there. It's going to happen. Then you can stand as a witness to it, that something happened.

Then walk to the water and say, "I want to show to the congregation; I want to prove. I want to make my testimony stand that I'll take my place with the Bride. I stand here now to be baptized."
I know that there's many women in the world tonight, fine women, but I'm awful lonesome to see one. There's one of them that's my wife. She goes home with me. She wasn't my wife to begin with, but how she become my wife, she took my name.

He's coming. There's a lot of women, churches, in the world, but He's coming for His wife. She's called by His Name. Them that are in Christ will God bring with Him. How do we get into it? "By one Spirit we're all baptized into one body."

Now, while we pray, you pray too--inside or out. There's great groups of people in the rooms, outside standing around, out in the streets, but now while--while you are... We can't call you up here to this altar, but your heart, make it the altar. And right in your heart say, "Lord Jesus, I believe this. I've stood out here in this night air. I been smothered up in this little room, I'm setting in here amongst these people. I--I--I don't want to be... I can't miss; I can't afford it."

Everything, as I told you last night... And so help me, the Lord knows I tell Truth. "I lie not," as Paul said. That vision or whatever it was, I stood there, looked and handled those people that's gone on. It's just as real as I'm standing right here.

Don't miss it, my poor brother, sister; don't do it. I know you've heard preaching; you've heard this, that, and stories, all that, but let... just listen from me. This is... I know it's the Truth. See? You just... I--I can't make it any clearer. See? Don't miss it. It's all yours. Now, let's pray.

Lord Jesus, here before me is a box of handkerchiefs that represents the sick people. And as I pray over them, laying hands upon them, as the Bible said, "They took from the body of Paul handkerchiefs and aprons; unclean spirits went out of the people," and great signs were done, because they seen Paul, that they knowed the Spirit of God was in him. They knowed that he was--he was a strange man, that the things that he talked about, about the Word...

He'd go, take the old Hebrew Word, of the Hebrew church, and bring it to life, and place it in Christ. They knowed God was in the man. Then they seen God working strange and mighty works by him, foretelling things, and it would happen that way, and they knowed that he was God's servant.

Lord, I pray that You'll honor these people for their respects of the Word, and heal them for Jesus' sake. Out here in the audience, Lord, there's setting, people just like it was who listened to the apostle Peter at the day of Pentecost, how he went back in the Word and got the Word, and he said, "Joel said in the last days these things will take place, and this is that." And the three thousand believed it and were baptized.

And, Father, today we stand here by Your grace, and it's not because that it's--that it's a special people, but it's because... Just like the day of the Lion, or the Ox, or the Man, it's the Eagle time. It's the anointing of the hour; it's the time that we're living in. It's the working of the Holy Spirit for this particular time to prove that Jesus is not dead--the things that He said that He would do just before the evening lights went out...

And here we have been seeing Him do that right down along the road. We seen it come down in the scientific research and had His picture taken, the great Pillar of Fire, Who led the children of Israel, Who met Paul on the road. And we know this same Pillar of Fire that led Moses down there

in the wilderness, by that same Pillar of Fire he wrote several books of the Bible, for he was anointed with the Word.

This same Pillar of Fire coming upon Paul on the road to Damascus, he wrote many books of the Bible, called the Word of God. And now, Lord, that same Pillar of Fire by the evidence of the proof of the Word and by scientific research, we see It here, revealing the Word of the Lord.

God, let the people be quickly awakened, Lord, quickly. Those who have their names put on the Book of Life, when this flashes across their path, may they see, like the little ill-famed woman at the well that day. She recognized quickly, and she knew it was the Scripture.

And now, Father, I pray that all that will receive You at this time in their hearts will settle it forever at this hour that they're finished with sin, that will arise and make preparations now for public confession of baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of their sins, to show that they believe that God has forgiven them, and they take on the Name of Jesus Christ.

Then, Father, pour down the Holy Spirit of Oil upon them, that they might be placed into the service of the Lord God, that they might be workers in this last evil day. For we realize we have just a short time, and the Church might go at any time.

The Lamb might at any time leave the sanctuary up there or--or the throne of sacrifice, come forth from the throne of God where the sacrifice laid, and then it's over. There's no more hopes for the world; she's finished. Then she goes into frustrations of great spasms of earthquakes and--and great shakings like it was at--at the resurrection.

And--and the--the--as Christ rose from the grave, when the saints rise, the same thing will take place. Lord, it could be at any minute. We're watching for that glad day to arrive. Take Your children under Your arm, Father, now. Draw Your little lambs to Your bosom. Grant it, and feed them on the Word till they're in strength for service.

We commit them to You now, Lord. All... Answer this prayer. You said, Father, over in Mark the 11th chapter, "When you pray, stand praying, believe that you receive what you ask for (Lord), and you shall have it." And with all my heart to Him that's been revealing these things down through the years and these Seals here in these last week, I believe You, Lord God, that it is the hour, close now, closer than we're really thinking of Your approaching.

Please let my prayer be answered. And may every called child of God that's in hearing distance of here, or either the tapes shall strike, may at that time I claim them for the Kingdom of God, upon the basis of knowing this is the Word that's being revealed. Let the evening Light shine, Father. I commit them to You in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Now, all inside or outside that believes and has never made your--your public confession that you're finished with sin, and you--you want the mercies of God and you've accepted them in Jesus Christ, the pool... They'll be ready to baptize anybody who wants to be baptized today, or tomorrow, right now, or whenever it may be.

Do you enjoy the Sixth Seal? You see where it's opened at now? Have you believed it? It said, "Who has believed our report, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" See? Believe the report, then the arm of the Lord is revealed, the Arm, the Word of God is revealed.

The Lord willing now, tomorrow morning, I'll try my best to answer those questions. I'll spend probably the rest of the night in, or most of it, in prayer over them. I'm getting about from one to three hours a night; I never got to bed last night till going on one, and at three o'clock I was in study. See? See, I--I'm going to have to answer for this. That's right. We're too close for anything, any foolishness, or any presuming, or halfway believe. I've got to see it first. And then when I see it, it's got to be in the Word too. And so far, by the grace of God, they perfectly... I've took it from all the way through; you know that; it's--it's just blended right together.

It's got to be, THUS SAITH THE LORD, 'cause it's not only as to say it from me knowing it myself, but the Word of the Lord is THUS SAITH THE LORD. And here is the Word taking what He has give to me and blending it together and showing you, so you know yourself it's THUS SAITH THE LORD. See?

Here's the Word says so, and then the revelation that He gives me, which is contrary to what any of us has ever thought... Why, contrary to what I thought, 'cause I never went into it like that. But now, we find it slides right together, and what is it? It's THUS SAITH THE LORD. See, it's exactly. It's been a place opened up, holding there to this hour, and then the Lord comes and pushes it right in like that. So you see, there it is. It's--it's--it's the Lord. Oh, I love Him. I love Him with all my heart.

Now, remember, you--we couldn't get to the altar. Several held their hands up. Now, see, it's an individual affair with you. It's whatever you want to do. See? The hour's so close at hand, you ought to be pressing as hard as you could, not have to be pulled (See?), just pressing, trying to get in. "Lord, don't let me out. Don't leave me out, Lord. The doors are closing. If I can just get in..." See?

God will close the door one day. He did in the day of Noah, and they beat on the door. Is that right? Now, remember, the Bible said that in the seventh watch... That right? Some fell asleep in the first watch, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh; but in the seventh watch there come forth a proclamation or cry: "The Bridegroom cometh; go out to meet Him."

The sleeping virgins said, "Say, I'd like to have some of that oil now."

The Bride said, "I just got enough for myself, just got enough. You want, you go pray it up."

Don't you see the sleeping virgins now? Look at the Episcopalian, and Presbyterian, Lutheran, and everything trying to... And the trouble of it is, instead of trying to get the Holy Ghost, they're trying to speak in tongues. And lot of them speak in tongues and is ashamed to come to this church to be prayed for--wants me to come to their house and pray for them. You call that the Holy Ghost? That's speaking in tongues without the Holy Ghost. (See?)

Now, I believe the Holy Ghost speaks in tongues. You know I believe that (See?), but there's a counterfeit to it too. Yes, sir. The--the fruits of the Spirit what proves what it is. The fruits of a tree proves what kind of a tree it is, not the bark, the fruit.
Now, notice. Then when she come, that--that last hour, and there when they come in then, they went and said, "Well, I believe I've got it now. I believe I got it. Yeah, we're getting it."

I--I--I better not say this (See?), 'cause it--it might cause a confusion. When I said the other day, the rapture, how it would come... Now, now, if you say you--you'll take it, all right. Watch--watch. All right, that's up to you.

When the sleeping virgin (See?), that thought she was prayed up to come back, the Bride was done gone.

It went and she didn't know it, like a thief in the night. Then they begin to bang on the door, and what happened? What taken place? They were cast into the tribulation period. The Bible said, "There will be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth." Is that right?

When it's going to be, brother and sister? I don't know. But I--I--me... It may be just me here, now. See? This--this is what... This is my thought. See? I--I--I believe it's so close, till I'm... Each day I--I want... I'm just trying to walk as softly as I can. See? And I... Do... When... You know, when... There's something happened today, and I seen something's come up. I just... I couldn't get my breath anymore. See? There He was standing there, that little Light standing right there, and here it was. I know it's the Truth.

I thought, "God, I couldn't say that. I--I can't say it. I can't." I just walked out of the room, went out, walked up and down there. I thought, "My, what can I do?" Oh... See? And I--I have to go fishing or something and I... Boy, you--you... I can't tell you. See? So...

Well, we have a good time, don't we? Praise the Lord. Amen. See? We're in a--we're in a--a tremendous time (See?), for my heart is overflowed with happiness and joy. But when I think of this world and the thousands that I know that's lost, black shadowed (Yeah.), then your heart just bleeds. What can you do? What can you...

You just feel the Holy Spirit crying out in your heart. Like it must've been in our Lord when He looked over Jerusalem, His own people (See?), said, "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how oft would I have hovered you as a hen would her brood, but you would not." You just feel the Holy Spirit say, "How often I would've gathered you (See?), but you would not." See?

We're--we're right here at something, friends. Whatever it is, God knows. Nobody, nobody knows when it's going to happen. That's a secret. Nobody knows when it's going to happen, but Jesus told us, "When you see these things..." (all these things). Just like what I went, comparing with the Sixth Seal to what He said in Matthew 24. Now, remember what He said. "When you see these things come to--begin to come to pass, then the time's at the door."

Watch the very next verse--the 30--the 30 and 31st verses as it went on down, 32nd, 33rd verses. He said, "And He shall send forth His Angels to the four corners of the heavens, the four winds, to gather His elected." Is that right? Said, "Now, learn..."

Now, remember, He stopped right there. He never went ahead after that Sixth Seal. He never said anything about the Seventh. He said the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth, but He stopped there--never mentioned about anything about...

Watch the next thing He said, "Now, learn a parable." See? Then He starts on parables. He said, "These things will be." He's answering them three questions: "What will be the--these signs, and what will be the sign of Your coming, what will be the sign of the end of the world?" And the sixth one there was the end of the world. And the sounding of the seventh angel raised up the hands and swore by Him that lives forever and ever that time shall be no more.

The earth is giving birth to a new one. It's over, and here we are right here at the door. Oh, I tremble. And what must I do, Lord? What--what else can I do? See? And then, just think of it, seeing that place and those precious people.

I stood there looking at myself, and I thought, "Oh, God, what... They--they can't miss this. I--I ought to pushed them; I ought to just reached down in the audience and got them and pushed them." You can't do that. You... "And no man can come except My Father draws him." But here's one consolation we have: "All the Father has given Me will come." There's the...?..., friend. But the rest of them that those organizations depending on them like that... See? And "He deceived all that lived upon--dwelt upon the earth whose names were not written in that Lamb's Book of Life, slain from the foundation of the world." (See?)

So you see, it's a sad thing, the only thing you can do is just--just--just--just stay right with the Word, watch just whatever He says do and then do that. See? Whatever He says do, do that, and you look out there and say, "Oh, my." They do this and then... Oh, it's just... You don't realize what a strain.

Now, I want to say this; I suppose the tapes are off. Lot of people say, "Brother Branham, with a ministry of that type..." I have to watch, 'cause people just take them tapes and just try to pick them to pieces, you know. So when they say, "Brother Branham, wish we had a ministry..." You don't know what you're saying. You... Honest, you don't know what goes with it, brothers, sisters. Oh, my, and the responsibility, when you got people that hangs to what you say...

Remember, if you tell them wrong, God will require their blood at your hands. Then you think of that. It's a terrific thing; so be lovely. Love Jesus with all your heart. Just...?... Be simple. Don't never try--try to figure out anything; just be simple before God, 'cause the more you try to figure it out, the farther you get away from Him. See? Just simply believe Him.

Say, "Now, well, when will He come? If He comes today, all right. If He comes twenty years from now, it's still all right. I'm going to go just the way I'm going now--following Him. Lord, if You can use me anywhere, here I am, Lord. If it's a hundred years from today, if my great, great, great, great grandchildren still live to see Him coming, Lord, I don't know when it's going to be, but let me just walk right today, just with You. (See?) I--I want... 'Cause I--I'll rise at that day just the same as I took a little nap somewhere."

Coming down there, that glorious palace yonder, that Kingdom of God there, where all the old will be young, where the white robes are already on them, the men and women has changed in the beauty, the very art of a--of a--a handsome man and a--a lovely woman, standing there in all the beauty and statue of a young woman and a young man standing there and never can get old, never can be sinful, never can be anything of jealousy, or hatred, or anything... Oh, my.

I think the tapes is off now, and I just got about three or four minutes I want to talk to you. Is that all right?

Now, this is just personal. See? 'Cause tomorrow, that's--that's going to be so tremendous, I think I had just better say it now (See?), what I'm going to say. I... This is just for us now. I was just... You know I--I've got a wife that I love, and that's Meda. And I--I would not of even have married her because of my love for my first wife. And yet as much as I cared for her, I wouldn't have married her if it hadn't been God told me to do it.

And you know the story of it, how she went to pray, and how I did, and then He told me exactly what to do, and go marry her, and set the time to do it. She's a lovely woman, and she's praying for me tonight. And so now it's eight o'clock at home; she's probably praying now.

Now, notice. One day she said to me; she said, "Bill," she said, "I just want to ask you a question about heaven."

I said, "All right, Meda, what is it?"

She said, "You know I love you." I said, "Yeah." It was right after this happened up here.

She said, "You know that Hope loved you too."

And I said, "Yeah."

And she said, "Now," she said, "I don't think I would be jealous," she said, "but Hope was." And she said, "Now, when we get to heaven... And you said you seen her there."

I said, "She was there; I seen her. I seen her twice there. She's there; she's waiting for me to come; so's the--so's Sharon. I seen her just the same I'm looking at you. I seen her there." And I said...

She said, "Well, now, when we get over there," said, "which one is going to be your wife?"

I said, "Both of you. There won't be any (See?), yet both of you'd be."

She said, "I can't understand it."

And I said, "Now, honey, set down, let me explain something to you." I said, "Now, I know you love me, and you know how I love you, in respects and honor. Now, for instance, what if I dressed up, went downtown and some little prostitute, real pretty, and, come and throw her arms around me and say, "Oh, Brother Branham, I sure love you." Started putting her arms around me, hugging me. What'd you think?"

She said, "I don't think I'd like that very well."

And I said, "I want to ask you something. Do you... Who do you love the best, if it had to be a showdown: me or the Lord Jesus?" (Now, this is family talking)

And she said, "The Lord Jesus." Said, "Yes, Bill, as much as I love you, but before I would give Him up, I'd give you up."

I said, "Thank you, honey. I'm glad to hear you say that now." I said, "Now, what if that same little woman would come up to Jesus and throw her arms around Him, say, 'Jesus, I love You'; what would you think about that?"

She said, "I'd enjoy that."

See, it changes from phileo to agape. See? It's a higher love. See? And there's no such thing as husband and wife as--as to raise children; it's all gone.

The--the female and male sex, the--the glands are all... They're all the same there. See? There's none of it no more. See? There's no sex glands at all, not at all. See? You're just... Just--just think of yourself without a sex gland. The reason they were put in us is to repopulate the earth. You see? But there, there won't be any there. There won't be neither male nor female glands; it's gone.

But the statue of the art of God will be there. That's exactly right. But we'll be truly genuine, no--no phileo at all, all agape. See?

Therefore, a wife would be no more than just some lovely something that's--that's yours and she--and you belong to each other. There's no such thing as husband... No, no, there's not even...
See, the phileo part's not even there at all. See, there can't be anything like a jealousy. There's nothing to be jealous about. There ain't no such a thing there. You never know such a thing as that (See?), and just a lovely young men and young women to live.

And then after, I--she said, "I see it now, Bill."

I said, "Yes."

I want to tell you a little thing happened. This was a dream. I was asleep. And now, I've never told this publicly before. I told it to a couple of people but never publicly before as I know of.
I--I dreamed about a month after that that I was standing one day, and I was watching the great time that... Not the judgment now. I don't believe the church ever comes to the--I mean the Bride goes to a judgment. But I was there when the crowns was being given out. See?

And the great--great big throne set up here, and Jesus and the recording Angel and all was standing there. And there was a stair-steps-like coming down this way of white ivory (run down in a circle and made a panoramic like this and went out), so that all this great host standing out there could see what was happening.

And I was standing back over to--way back to one side. And I was just standing there, never an idea I had to walk them steps. I was standing there, and I'd see a recording Angel would call a certain name, and I know--recognized that name. I looked and way back out there, here come the brother walking, or the sister, walk up here like that, the recording Angel standing there by the side of Christ (just a dream now), and was watching, and their names was on there. It was found in the Book of Life; He'd look out over them and say, "It was well done, my good and faithful servant. Now, enter in."

I looked back where they was going, there was a new world and the joys. And said, "Enter into the joys of the Lord that's been--that's been for--yours since the foundation of the world." See?

And oh, I thought, "They go through there and meet one another and just rejoicing and going over mountains and great big places." I thought, "Oh, isn't that wonderful. Glory. Hallelujah," just jumping up and down.

Then I'd hear another name called, I would say, "Oh, I know him. I know him. I--I... There--there he goes. There... Watch him right up..."

"Enter into the joys of the Lord, my good and..."

"Oh," I said, "praise God. Praise God."

Just think, just like they would say, "Orman Neville." See? And then," I'd say, "that's old Brother Neville; there he is," and here he come out of the crowd, goes up. I hear Him say, "Enter into the joys of the Lord that's been prepared for you since before the foundation of the world. Enter in." And old Brother Neville just changed and just start back in there just screaming and hollering. Boy,

I'd just shout and say, "Glory to God." Standing over here by myself, having a wonderful time, watching my brethren go in.

And a recording Angel stood and said, "William Branham."

I never thought I'd have to walk that. So then I was scared. I thought, "Oh, my, will I have to do that?" So I went walking down there and just everybody patting me on the, like that, "Hi, Brother Branham." "God bless you, Brother Branham," patting me as I go along through a great big crowd of people. And all of them reaching over and patting me like that. "God bless you, brother." "God bless you, brother."

I was going; I said, "Thank you, thank you, thank you," like coming out of a meeting or something; you know, and I was going to have to walk these great big ivory steps.

I started walking up through there and just as I made the first step, I stopped, and I thought... I looked at His face, and I thought, "I want to get a good look at Him this way," and I stopped. I had my hands like this; I felt something slip in my arm here. It was somebody else's arm. I looked around, and there stood Hope, those big black eyes and that dark hair hanging down her back, white robe on, looking up at me like that.

I said, "Hope." I felt something hit this arm, looked around and there was Meda, that dark eyes looking up, and that black hair hanging down, a white robe on. And I said, "Meda." And they looked at one another, you know, like that. They... I got them in my arms and here we went...?... home.

I woke... Oh. I woke up, and I--I got up and set down in a chair and cried, you know. I thought, "Oh, God, I hope that comes like that." Both associated with me in life and bringing children and things like that, and here we are walking into the new world, oh, my, where perfection and everything. No nothing...

Why, it's going to be a wonderful thing. Don't miss it; don't miss it. By the grace of God, do all you can do, and then it'll be up to God to take care of the rest of it. Then...

I love Him, I love Him,
Because He first loved me,
And purchased my salvation
On Calvary's...

Let's sing it again with all of our heart now. Lift up our eyes to God:

I love Him...
[Brother Branham leaves the platform to pray for a woman in a wheelchair--Ed.]
... I love Him,
Because He first loved me,
And purchased my salvation
On Calvary's tree.

All right. She wasn't expected to live through the meeting. And that's right. There she has with both hands up in the air, praising God. That's the reason I was lingering here a long time. I tell you what I was doing talking about Meda and them. And that... I was watching to see what... I kept noticing

that Light circling back and forth and went and hung over her. I thought, "That's it." Oh, isn't He wonderful.

I love Him, I love Him,
Because He first loved me,
And purchased my salvation
On Calvary's tree.

Now, with our hearts: [Brother Branham hums "I love Him"--Ed.] Just think of His goodness and mercy.

... I love Him, (Amen.)
Because He first loved...
Now, you see how much better it is? Amen. That's it. Now...?... it's go and be well. The grace of God has appeared to you to make you well. Amen.
On Calvary's tree.
Oh, glory to God.
I love Him... (All right, your pastor.) I...
Now, it's nine-thirty, nine o'clock... nine-thirty?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE SEALS

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Our heavenly Father, we are indeed grateful for this time that we can fellowship again around the Word of God in the Presence of God. We're so thankful that You're with us this morning to help us and to bless us. We ask forgiveness of our sins, that our lamps might be filled with Oil and trimmed and burning; that You would use us now to honor Your great Name, for we ask it in the Name of the beloved Son of God Jesus Christ. Amen. Be seated.

I was just coming in when I heard that message go forth. So I'm... It's true that we need to keep our lamps filled, keep our... You know, when they--as you burn... You can't go on what you have done now (See?), because fire burning out of oil makes a carbon; so that's the reason the trimming of the... Have your lamps trimmed, because the carbon on top of the--of the wick...
Many of you people about my age, when we used to use the--the coal oil lamp. See? They... It--it--it'd get a carbon on top where it'd burn, and therefore, it would interfere with the light. So you must keep all the carbon trimmed off and that we might press on forward towards the mark of the high calling in Christ.

Now, it's a--it's a great beautiful morning outside and in, as this Easter season is approaching now. And--and we're now coming up to the last Seal tonight, the Lord willing. And it's a very mysterious Seal, very, very, because it's not even... It's not even mentioned in the Scriptures nowhere, no symbols, anything to hold onto. It's got to come right direct from heaven. See?

And it--it's a kind of a straining hour for me. It has been all week. Now, this is my, be my eighth day in a room. And I noticed in here many... In these requests, I had to kind of pick out. There was many of them that was wanting interviews. And I--I love that. I'd like to--to give that now (See?), but I--I can't right now, 'cause you understand that--that the whole... What we're trying to do now is find the revelation of--of the will of the Lord. You see, and then when we have the interview, then it pulls you off over onto another side and--of something else. See?

And then, and like in prayer for the sick, that's altogether different. You... Visions and things, you study different, and you--you're anointed different. Just like in--in the Bible said there: "A--a tree that's planted by the--the rivers of water." Rivers of water.. See? Same water but there's an outlet comes this a way, this a way, and this a way. It depends on what outlet. It's the same Spirit.

Paul, I Corinthians 12, did the same thing, talking about there were many gifts, but it's the same Spirit. So you see, if you're working, like with one thing, then be changed to come over to this other thing over here (you know what I mean); you--you study down that line, you get the people and a...

Now, their hearts are all set. What is these Seals? Their attention's, "What is it?" Night by night when I come in here there's such a tension, till I have to talk about something else to kinda get--get it quietened (You see?), and then the Holy Spirit breaks forth the Seal. And then--then I have to... Each night like that... Then when we change that to healing or something (See?), you--the people's all set on one thing; you can't hardly change it back to the other right away.

And--and then also knowing that right among you, things are happening (See?) that I--I'm just... I--I know... I know you, that you don't see it. See? I'm just positive that you don't see it. See? And you say, "Brother Branham, that's a hard thing for you to say that." I know it is. But look; let me just say this now. I suppose this is just tapes for ourselves and so forth. But let me say this (See?), that you--you don't--you don't get it (See?), and you're not supposed to get it. So don't try to interpret anything. See? Don't try to put your interpretation to it. You only--you only get further away.
Just take my advice, if you believe me now. If God has--has give me favor in your sight and you know that them revelations and things... I--I've been here with you a long time, and it's always been right. And now, to double prove it right, it hooks right in with the Word. See? So you know it's THUS SAITH THE LORD. That's exactly. See? It's proved to you.

Now, take my advice as your brother: Don't put your own interpretation to anything. You just go on and live a good Christian life, 'cause you'll only wind yourself away from the real thing when you do it. See? You--you'll only wind your way again away from the thing. And all of you are conscious and know that there's something mysterious happening, and it is happening, and I know what it is.
Now, I'm not saying that. It's the grace of God that lets me know that what it is. It's something that's tremendous, and it's gone right now, and there's not a way in the world for you to see it, and it's a--I... But so help me, with this Bible in my hand, I know what it is.

It's been told to you before, so just--just don't try to put any interpretation but just believe me as your brother (See?); we're living in a great hour.

We're living in a time where the... Well, we're... Well, you just be real humble, be a Christian, and try to live for God, and live honest with your fellowman, and love those who don't love you. Don't try to--to make any... You see, you do, you only make it a mysterious something and mess the real program of God up. See?

Yesterday afternoon something happened in my room that I--I'll never be able to--to leave it. You see? And so, you... And about two weeks ago something happened that'll never be able to, as long as I live on this earth, I--I'll never be able to get away from it. See?

And so, but if the--the church here not supposed to know these things, so don't put no interpretation to anything. See? You just go ahead and just remember what you're told; live a Christian life. Go to your church, be a real light wherever you are, and just burn for Christ, and tell the people that how you love Him. And just let your testimony be with love all the time with the people (See?), 'cause if you don't you twist yourself out into something there, and then you're--you're off the beaten track.

See, every-time you try to do it, you've done that. See? So just don't--don't--don't try to make no interpretation. And especially tonight, when that Seal becomes up in front of you. See? Just don't try to interpret it. You just go ahead and just be humble and go right on with the same plain message. Now you say, "Brother Branham, is that... we, being the Church of the Living God, shouldn't we..."

Well, as I was trying... Look here, I want to say... Say, "Why can't I? I ought to have..."
No, no. I... Don't... You remember, I'm saying this for your good. See, I'm saying it so that you'll understand. If you believe me now, listen to what I tell you. See, see?

Now here, now here's a post, and that's--we'll call that a listening post (See?), and in it--got radio. See? And there's warnings and things can be done, like a sword in your hand. See? It can pick from the evil or pick from only as it's--it gets its message. See?

Now. But now, for instance, to the ordinary man, there's been so much cults and clans rise up over little outpourings of the Spirit until people gets all worked up in a bunch of stuff, go out and start another little move, and, you know, and things. See, you don't want to do that now. See?
Now, just remember, just stay the way you are. And you say, "Well, the Lord showed..." No, now just be careful. See?

Now, look here. Let me show you something. See? Did you know there's ten thousands of voices in this room right now, literally voices of people that's coming through the electronic waves of radio? Why don't you hear them? They're voices. Is that right? They're waving right through here now. There's people, forms, and bodies moving right through this room now. Is that right? Well, why don't you see them? They're here, actual voices, like my voice. Well, why don't you hear it?
See, it's got to strike something first to reveal it. See? Now, do you understand? So just don't interpret nothing. If God wants you to know anything, He will send it to you (See?); so just be real, real solid now. Hold still. Something has happened. And now just be real... You understand what I mean, don't you? And just be...

Don't try to make yourself odd to be a Christian, because (You see?), you take yourself away from God and you--you--you... If you can understand it, this is that third pull. You should've caught that the other day. See. So then just...

You remember, there'll be no impersonation like there was of the other two. See? So that's as far as you--you should know. Now just--just remember that you see now there's something taking place in this room, and there's something here, there's... There's actual in this room, Angels, voice of God (See?), but how do you... You can't... If you can't hear the natural voice without something to send it out, how are you going to hear the spiritual voice?

Now you might make believe that somebody is singing this certain song that might not even be there. See? But when it actually strikes the crystal that it's supposed to strike, then it gives a true interpretation and vindicates it by showing the picture. See what I mean?

Now, the Spirit of God, when it speaks through the true Word, It vindicates Itself to show Itself that It's right. You understand now? All right. Now, let's pray just again.

Heavenly Father, we are about to un--open the lids of this Book as the physical part of--of trying to give back to what You have opened to us in the spiritual realm. And now, I pray, God, that You will help me to give the--the right interpretation to these questions, that it might be said that--that they are--they're to help the people. They are to give them understanding.

And I pray that You'll give to me understanding that I might send it out to Your people that they might have understanding, that together we might live to the glory and honor of God through Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

Now, I--I just wanted to say that, and I thought this thing here controlled those tapes, but it doesn't (See?), and this is a--a desk light. And I thought the tape controller used to be here. But I was told to just make motion to the brethren in the--in the room there, the recording room, and they'd know when to stop tapes and when not.

See, the tapes has a worldwide ministry everywhere (See?), everywhere. It goes into all kinds of languages and everything, so there's things that we'd say right here we wouldn't say somewhere else (You see?), and that's the reason that we stop it.

Now, answering questions is quite a thing. So I--I... Now, in--in--in answering this, the most of them, the most of the questions, outside of... Now, every one... Some of them don't even pertain to the message at all, but I'm going to--or the Seals at all, but I'm going to try to answer them. And they was given to me, and as they was told... I was told the most of them, or a great deal of them was about requests for prayer and the sick and afflicted and--and different things like that--that goes on, and so, it didn't pertain anything to any question to be answered. And then they--I was give a bunch that was--that was about different things (the Scripture and things). But maybe, if we have time, we'll try to answer them the best we can.

Now... And if I make a mistake, why, remember, it's not intended to be made a mistake. So does everybody feel good? Amen. It's just so, talk about heavenly places in Christ Jesus... What a wonderful place. What a wonderful time.

Of all the times that I've been behind the pulpit at the Tabernacle, I have never, never in any time of my ministry ever worked into the realms of God and the spiritual realms as it's been this time. Yeah, it's beyond anything I ever did in any time of my ministry, in any meeting at anywhere like this. Mostly, it's on healing; this is revealing of Truth by the same Spirit (See?) same Spirit.

And I--I been to myself altogether, and been boarding at a place, or going down eating at a place. And I've just been alone; so it's been really a great time.

And now, right away, either in the morning or the following morning, I, probably, if we can get through in time, I'll just pray for the sick this morning, if these questions don't last too long; so I--I must get to myself a little while. See?

The human mind can only stand so much. See? And when you get to a spot where you set a hour numbed with the Presence of God, and a Pillar of Light hanging there before you, you--you--you can't stay there too long. You see? The human being can't--can't stand it. And so...

Now, these questions are really nice. I appreciate... And the wisdom and things that people use... Now, for the first one... And I'll try to answer them, and then if I--if I don't get it right, well, you--you forgive me then.

And if you have a different interpretation and believe that your idea of it's right, just go right ahead; that won't hurt, because there's not only but about one or two of them that pertains to anything to salvation. It's only... Most of the questions is asked on this other side of the trib--on the rapture of the church. So see...

It's questions over here, which is to come and will come to pass over in the other parts, 'cause we're now beyond the church age in our teachings in--in the Book. We're beyond, over in the time of the calling of the hundred and forty-four thousand.

Now, the first one here.

1. Are the five wise virgins of Matthew 25 attendants to the--to the Bride, or are they the Bride?
(See?) If these wise virgins are attendants to the Bride, where is the Bride? (See?)

Now, to the best of my understanding, these five virgins... There were ten of them, you know, that went out (See?), and this here is only a symbol or a parable (See?), that--that I'm going to tell you. See, there were ten of them. 'Course, there were more than ten; that was just made a number.
But then, the--the wise virgins had oil in their lamps; the unwise did not have oil in their lamps. So if that ten there of Matthew (if this is the--the person's question), if those ten there... Did that mean that that would be the... Or these five rather, that would be just five (See?), just five people?
No, it doesn't mean that. It's just a symbol of the virgins (You see?) of the virgin that went out with oil in her lamp; they are a portion of that Bride. And to my understanding, and then you notice now that they was the virgins of the last watch.

Coming down through the watches, there'd been seven watches. And in the seventh watch, the midnight hour, as we're on--striking now... See? Now, in this midnight watch, these virgins woke, and trimmed their lamps, and went in, while the sleeping virgin...

Now, this part here, this five (if that's the meaning of the question was--meaning, "Was there just five?")... And we've got many questions in here about the--the seven thousand, so forth; now, that--that was just a symbol, a part of them. And all that wakened in this last age here, the seventh watch, that--if there wasn't but--but five that wakened at that time that was translated, went in with the Bride and so forth, the Bridegroom...

Now, if they, themselves... That don't mean there's only going to be five, because they're sleeping all down through the ages as we've come this week. See?

In the days of--of Paul, the angel of the church at Ephesus, Paul, founding this church, being the messenger to it... Remember, Paul, founding the church at Ephesus, become the messenger to that church, and the Spirit was in the land at that time was a lion spirit. And the lion is the Lion of the tribe of Judah which is Christ, and Christ is the Word. Paul, with the Word of that age...

Thousands fell asleep in that age. That right? Then come the next age, and the--the time the church got settled down in--in dark age, the ox spirit went forth: work, labor, and sacrifice and give their lives. Thousands times thousands fell asleep under martyrdom and everything. They're waiting. See?

Then, and the next age come, the Lutheran, the reform age. There went the wise with the cunningness of man. If you notice, man went forth with that, and when he did, he added his own shrewdness. That's what married him into the other part. See, see? If he'd just stayed with God's wisdom, just reforming and pulling out... But what did he do? After that man that had the message, Luther, after the death of Luther, they had a Lutheran organization. After the death of Wesley, they had a Methodist organization. See? There... You keep going that way. It--it just... It does that.
Now, I want you to--to--to notice this. See? Now, someone might ask about the Pentecostal, which was the--the third age.

You see, each one of those ages only taken a dip into the Holy Spirit. Justification is a work of the Holy Spirit; sanctification is a work of the Holy Spirit, but the baptism is the Holy Spirit.

That's the reason it took a prophetic prophet to come down, no messenger to the age, 'cause the Holy Ghost came Himself in His fullness of the baptism. But at the end of the age, as it always ends upon the others, we find there then, the messenger sent; and all these scruples and things are to be placed in their places (See?), like that. Then the rapture comes for the Church.

But as many is writing all these different things: the sun turning to darkness, the moon... They put that way back there in the Christian age. They just failed to see them three questions was asked our Lord there (See?), when He answered them.

Now, last night I think there's no question at all. We took each one of those questions and put them right under the Seals. And the Seals is the whole Book together Itself. You believe that, doctor? See, the whole thing just wrapped together...

And we took what Jesus said here. They asked three questions (See?): "When will these things be? What'll be the sign of Your coming? And what's the end of the world?" And He come right down, and we pulled them every one, under that but one. What was that? the Seventh Seal. Why? See, it's not known. That's it.

Every one of them come right out. I paralleled them right exactly back and forth, and me, when I wrote last night and got in--in there and got to... I went back to look at my old note I'd took it off--off back there, well, I seen where I put one in the other one's place; I got it, crossed them back and forth. That's what I done. I guess you caught it. You--you catch it? See?

I'd wrote down here what I was going to write over on this other side, and wrote it over here, But said... Put both of them 9, 11, or 9, 6, or what--or 6 and 11 and--and--and 9 and 11, which it wasn't so. It was vice versa, the next verse under it. See? And that was it, the answers between the pestilence and the war. You see? That's what it was.

So I was just so happy, I was just a carrying on like a... I was enjoying the stimulation from the revelation. So I--I put it just over here setting there with a pencil or a pen, and I put down 11 on both places when it shouldn't have been. I think it was 9 instead of 11 for the other side.

But now, did you see how perfectly they paralleled? Now, don't forget that. They parallel down to the Sixth and stopped. See? And watch the--watch the opening of the Seals that comes down to the Sixth and stops, just silence in heaven (that's all it says) for the space of a half hour.
Now, now, in these... See, I--I have to hurry up and answer these, because (See?), each one of them is a sermon four weeks long (You see?) on--on each one; you can just get off on something else. But I--I don't mean to do that, 'cause I want to get everybody's question as far as I can.

These virgins (See?), they're made up of... That's just part of them in that age. See? Each age has the virgins. See? The Seal... The angel comes to the church: "To the angel of the church of Ephesus, write." See?

Then get over here and then after the writing to the church of Ephesus (compare that back), a Seal's opened. That's just the way we're bringing it, try to get it all to you. See what I mean? if the Lord willing.

What'd I have first? Church ages. Is that right? Next thing, the message to the church ages. Everybody get that clear now? See?

First we got the church ages and got the history (laid down the Nicaea councils and pre-Nicaea councils and everything that we could find in history), and found out that the correct interpretation of the Word was exactly with the history. And bring it on down to this day in this Laodicea, and you--you don't have to have history of that; this is making history now. See? There it is, and then showed what would be in this age.

Now, we come back with the Seals and open that Seal... God opens that Seal for us. What's that? First there's a messenger: church age; next is the Seven Seals.

Now, we find out the corruption that hits in the seventh church age... But the Seventh Seal doesn't reveal anything, what's going to happen to it (See?), because at the end of that church age is to come a prophetic gift to reveal these things. See? Are you following it? All right.

Now, notice how each one of those Seals... Then I come over here, and those three questions asked Jesus Christ: "What... When will these thing be, there won't be one stone on another? When will this be taken down, this religious center of the world, and another be set up? See? When will it be, antichrist ride?" See? And what went out to meet it? The Word, the Word against the word.

Then it settled down to politics and everything else; and there went the ox labor. See? That's exactly second it, then Jesus said so in Matthew 24. See? Then we come down from that to the cunningness of the reformers, the man beast went out to meet it. That's what taken place. Then we come down, the next or the Fourth Seal when antichrist become a conglomerations and had a name, Death.

Now, watch what Jesus said: "And he would throw her to the fires and even kill her children." That's death riding. That's both Protestants and Catholics: mark of death on each one of them (See?), her and her children be destroyed. So if you're depending on your denomination, you better get away from it right now.

And then when it come to the Seventh Seal, Jesus stopped right there.

He opened the Sixth Seal by saying the moon would be turned into blood and darkness and everything, these things would take place. We come right over here, open up the Sixth Seal. After the Sixth Seal's opened, and swing right back and show the same thing.
There you are with three different places in the Scripture, tied them together with the revelation. See? Watch. The place that Jesus said so, the place that when He opened the Book it was hid from the foundation of the world, and then the revelation of this day, here, placing it right in there, ties the three together. And three is a witness, so it's true. It's absolutely true.

Now, these virgins that come along here, they are the ones that fall asleep, and then the whole body's made up together of that group, that goes to make the (See?) to make the--the wise virgins. And the unwise virgins are the ones that started back there at the same time the wise virgins started, antichrist, and they are the ones that tries to buy oil.

Now, just look here. You see how perfect everywhere you go. If I could stand here and talk the things that's revealed in that room, I tell you, it'd swing your heads around; but how you going to do it when you got a whole thing here.

And then you, somehow or other, when you get away from people, there it begins to open up, mysteries; then you see things that you're daresn't to say to the people too, 'cause (You see?), if they would they'd start little isms.

And then just look what this little gift of healing has done, how it confused the church. Everybody had a sensation; everybody had this. And right down in my heart, God knows it's the truth, I knowed it wasn't right 'cause He told me so. See? But it's a false impersonation; it's only, throw the people off. Now, that's right.

Now, but see, you can't say those things; best to just leave it alone. And you remember the third pull; it said, "Don't tell nobody." What did I say was that... How many remembers that? Oh, sure. Remember standing there trying to lace that eyelet in that little shoe in the vision? He said, "You can't teach Pentecostal babies supernatural things."

And I said this will be the third pull and it will not be known, so help me, by the grace of God. Now, now, we're--we're right down at the end time now. Won't be too long until mercy seat will be judgment seat.

Why, if you see these things coming in and these people coming in, you better come in too if you're not already in. See? Now, gathered in heavenly places (See?) it also means more than just to be rejoicing. In heavenly places, if you're really assembled in Christ, it's a fearful thing.

Standing by the--that Angel of the Lord, you think you'd just be shouting and screaming. That--that's not it. It scares you to death nearly. See? So you see, there--there's a difference in just rejoicing and bubble dancing (which is all right), and then coming down to the real thing. See, see? There's where the fear... It's a fearful thing. Not that you fear that you're lost, but you're really before Angelic Being and the Holy Ghost Himself standing there.

Now, that will be part of the Bride; that's what it will go to make it up (See?), all those who sleep. And can't we absolutely see?

[Brother Branham is interrupted by a failure in the recording system--Ed.] ...pray now that You'll grant the healing of the people, through these handkerchiefs, lay upon. In Jesus' Name. Amen. (Now is it all right now? Thank you. Somebody step on something? Too many recorders put too much pressure on it. See? All right, just swap--just get a tape and swap the tape and make it off of that.) Now, notice now, the next question.

2. Should evangelists continue on the field?
In this hour, of course, what they mean. Certainly, by all means; don't change a thing. If Jesus is coming in the morning, preach today like it was going to be ten years from today, but live like it's going to be at this hour.

Don't--don't get scrupled up now. That's why I'm trying to warn you about. See? Just don't be odd, peculiar. Don't change nothing, but if you're doing something wrong, or doing evil, repent (See?), come back to God. Continue on your evangelistic service just as you always did.

If you're building a house, put it on up. If Jesus comes tomorrow, you'd be found faithful at the duty. If you're building your church, go on, put it up. I'd rather be putting my money in something like that than be found with it in my pocket. See? So just--just keep on; continue as you are.
Everybody understand now? Continue right on. Just go right on as you are. Now, just--just don't stop; don't do nothing. Just go right on just as you are; keep on serving the Lord.
Now, for instance, if you was--if you was working for a man and you knowed it was fifteen minutes before quitting time, "Well," you'd say, "it's just fifteen minutes more so I might as well just go over and set down." You'd get docked for that fifteen minutes.

If you're planting wheat, plant your wheat. If you're digging potatoes, go on and dig them out. Say, "Well, nobody will eat them." That don't make any difference; dig them out anyhow. Just continue on as you are.

I got a letter from somebody the other day. Somebody told them, said, "Well, the time's at hand. Sell the farm. Now, you won't need the food that you live off of on the farm," said, "'cause just the millennium's going to start, and you won't need it, so you just go ahead, and while the tribulation period's going on, your children's not saved so just let them... Let--let the children have the farm where they can eat off of it, but you all sell your farm and--and..." or something like that. Oh, they had...

I said, "Oh, my." If I knowed He's coming tomorrow and I was a farmer, I'd put my crop in today, sure. If He made me a farmer, I'm going to stay right at my duty. See? That's right. If He made me a mechanic... Say, "Who's..."

Somebody said the other day, he said... A fellow come in and said, "Say, brother, you know what?" He said, "I'm going to give you the second set of keys. I've bought a new car." He said, "I'm going to give you the second set of keys," told his pastor. Said, "I'm going to give you the second set of keys 'cause the rapture might come, you know, and said I won't be needing it anymore." Pastor was going to miss it. You see? So that's making ready, isn't it?

All right, but that's--that's the way it is. See, we mustn't be that way. We must be a--a sane, solid Christian (See?), that I'm put here to work right up to the last minute. I've got a job to do, and I want to be right found faithful at the post of duty. If He comes this morning, I want to be standing right here in the pulpit.

You say, "Brother Branham, if He was to come this morning, shouldn't you be out there?"

No, sir. This is my post of duty. I'll to be standing right here preaching when He comes, saying the same things I am. Then, when He comes, I'll just move right on out with Him.
If I'm hoeing potatoes, I'll just be hoeing away just as hard as I can. When He comes, I'll just drop the hoe and take off.

You remember in the jubilee year, if they was hoe--hoeing with the hoe, they just kept on hoeing. They knowed the jubilee year was maybe ten minutes more and the trumpet would sound of the jubilee year. They just kept on pitching hay or whatever they was doing; but when the trumpet sounded, then they dropped their pitchfork and gone. That's it. Just keep on pitching hay until the trumpet sounds.

All right. Question: According to the opening... (Did that--anything happen? It--it made a noise up here.) A question...

3 According to the opening of the Fifth--Fifth Seal, Moses and Elijah have--have to die; what about Enoch?
I don't know. See? I--I... If don't know, I'm just going to tell you I don't know. See? I--I don't--I don't know all the answers, folks; I--I don't know. And if I don't know, I'm going to tell you I don't know. If I do know... I won't tell you till I do know (See?), but I--I don't know. I've often wondered about that myself.

There was Enoch... I seen Moses come and Elijah comes back and they're killed. See? But now, Enoch was translated before time. I--I've often thought and wondered myself: Well, what--what about that? But then, here's the only consolation that I can say is this: Now, notice, Moses only served God forty years. See? He was a--he was a hundred and twenty, but twenty years...

The first forty years, I mean, he was getting his education. That right? The second forty years God was taking it out of him, and the third forty years he served God. See? All right. But Enoch walked five hundred years before God and was blameless (See, see?); so Moses comes back to serve some more time: him and Elijah.

Now, that--I don't say that's right. See? I just give you that for a thought. See? But I--just to say what part, I don't know. I really can't tell you what--what--what happened there or what God will do.

4. What is the--the name of the--that'll be on the people of Revelations 3:12?
I--I don't know. Yeah. He said give them a new name. I--I--I don't know what that is. See? It'll be probably made known when we get there, but I--I don't know what it is now. See? See, He is going to do that. See? He give them a new name that--that they just knowed themselves. See?

5. Now, Brother Branham, is there any Scripture permitting marriage after divorce. This is very important.
It says important. Well, that's the reason it wasn't pertaining to this. As far as I can see, my brother or sister, whoever it may be, there isn't unless your companion's dead, because the Bible said we're bound to them as long as they live. See?

So as--as far as being any Scripture, that's what was asked here: "Is there Scripture. See? Is there any Scripture?" Not as I can find. See? Not as I can find, 'cause Paul said that the--the married couple, if the companion's dead, then they're free then to marry whomsoever they will in the Lord. But until then... But watch. You take it, "Until death we part..."

That's it. You've done took an oath over that (You see?), so I don't think there is. Now, if there's--if you found some, and it's correctly why, all--all right. But as far as myself, I--I don't find any.

6. What does "... see thou hurt not the oil and the wine" mean in Revelation 6:6?
It's the Holy Spirit. See, we just got through that. Probably somebody, you know, come in a little late for the message, they--for the other tapes. You see? "Hurt not the oil and the wine..." What does the oil and wine mean? The oil, as we took it in symbols, means the Holy Spirit. See?
Wine is the--and oil is connected together in the Bible in worship. See? And the wine as we put... That's where I got the idea of the stimulation. Wine stimulates. And wine in its--is the antetype of its natural from stimulation is revelation.

Now, just think; what stimulates the church? Revelations. See? So wine, the new wine would be... Now watch. The oil and wine went together in sacrifice, went together in--in the church worship (Now, notice.), assembled together, connected together.

You that's got a concordance, you look and see a whole string where wine and oil is met together in worship. If you've got a Cruden's, why, it says that there.

Now, notice on this. But now (You see?), the oil is always the Holy Spirit. We find that over in Ezekiel, and we find it in the Old Testament; we find it all through the New Testament.

Why do we anoint the sick with oil? We anoint the sick with oil because it symbolizes the pouring out of the Holy Spirit upon them. See? Also the wise virgins had oil; the unwise had no oil: Spirit. See? Now, that is the oil.

And then the wine... If--if--if the oil represents--represents God, God is Spirit. See? God is Word. "In the beginning was Word; Word was with God; Word was made flesh, and that was God." Now, then if the Word now in--sets here in a--a natural form... Now, the wine is the water, like the--the revelation that reveals that interpretation of the Word which stimulates the believer. You see?
My, they just got... "I've never seen it before. My. Glory." That's what? See? Stimulation (See?) of revelation. (I didn't know that till the other day setting there either. See?) Now, that's... What does the oil and wine... That was, "See that you hurt not..." That was the black horse rider, and that was during the time of the dark age, the third age of the--of the church.

Notice, and in there, there's just a little bit of it left, just a little bit, but don't hurt it. And I believe if you get that the--the Third Seal on tape, you'll--you'd find it there where we explained it in details--detail, rather.

7. Brother Branham, is the Lamb's Book of Life and the Book of Life the same Book?
Sure. See? 'Cause that's where... All redemption's wrote in this Book. See? Their names are in... You say, "Well, the... Our name's put on the Lamb's Book of Life, Brother Branham. I--I got it put on the other night." No, you didn't. No, you didn't. You just found out it was on there the other night (See?), because their names were written before the foundation of the world. See? That's... It's all the same Book. See?

8. Now. Brother Branham, is it true that--that every Jew born since Christ came will be saved, and who are the hundred and forty-four thousand? Are they the predestinated ones to be sealed with the Holy Ghost, and what is their mission?
There's about three questions in one there. But here is... First one is:

8a Is it true that every Jew born since Christ that came into the world is to be saved?
No. Nothing will be saved, only those whose names were put on the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world, Jew or Gentile. See? That's all; the Book holds that mystery, and the Book is only unfolding it now, not each one's name, but what the mystery of the Book is while it's calling those names. You find... You understand that now? See?

The Book doesn't say, "Now, Lee Vayle is to be saved in time of this church age," or--or, "Orman Neville..." or--or whoever. No, it don't say that. It just shows the mystery, unfolds the mystery of what the thing is. But we, ourselves, by faith believe it. That's what I said the other night.
Someone said, "Well, there's no need in me trying it. Brother Branham said there's only going to be one saved out of Jeffersonville." See? Now, see, it's showing a parable. That--that--that isn't... That--that isn't it. There might be thousands saved. I don't know. I hope everyone of them is saved (See?), but I don't know. But here's the way I want to believe it: I'm that one. You believe the same for you. If you don't, then there's something wrong with your faith. You're not sure what you're doing.

How can you... How can you walk up there in the face of death when you're not too sure whether you're saved or not? See? How can you go down here and say to this crippled man laying here, blinded and twisted up, "THUS SAITH THE LORD, rise up. Jesus Christ makes you whole"?

How can you stand that little cold stiff body laying there; that's dead and been dead for hours and hours, and laying there cold and stiff, and say, "THUS SAITH THE LORD, rise up to your feet"? You'd better... You have to know what you're talking about. See?

Well, they say, "Death claims everything. It's all gone." Yeah, but when the Word of God is revealed and you know it's God, that changes things. That's right.

Now, yes. These Jews are not... Not all the Jews will be saved. No, sir. They will not be saved, only those who... When He's speaking of--of Jew... Jew just is a name that was give to them after they left, I believe, Nebuchadnezzar over, begin to call them Jews first because the tribe of Judah was taken then and given a name of Jew. Now... Because they came down from Judaea and they got the name of Jew. But now, Israel is different. Israel and Jew is altogether different.

Every Jew... Every Jew isn't an Israelite. See? No, he's just a Jew, but then, Israel... Paul never said all Jews will be saved; he said all Israel will be saved. Why? Israel's name, that's--that's the name of redemption all the way back. See? And all Israel will be saved, but not all Judaea--Judaism will be saved. See?

Just like Gentiles--there'll be a... There's thousands times thousands of--of people, yes literally millions of these organizations that are called Christian, Church of Christ, and all such names as that. That don't mean one thing. Not... That don't mean they'll be saved.
People say, "Now, you've got to belong to this or that," an organization, a certain organization. "If your name isn't on our book, you're lost."

Now, that's cult. See? That's cult. See? There's only one way you can be saved, and that is not him that willeth or him that runneth, him that... That is God Who shows mercy. And God by His foreknowledge predestinated a Church to His glory, and that's the ones that's saved. That's right.

Now, your faith is so anchored there... You say, "Well, my faith is anchored there"; and look back what kind of a life you're living, you see you're not even fit for there, your anchor is wrong; you got it on sand instead of a rock. The first little wave will throw it off.

Let the Word be revealed in something: "My church don't teach that." That shows right then you wasn't anchored on no rock; you was in sand. That's right. So now. You see?

Now, and...

8b The hundred and forty-four thousand, are they the predestinated ones?
Yes, sir. That's Israel, spiritual Israel. Just think, there will be millions of them in there. I don't know how many's in there now. I guess the whole group, but they will not all be saved, because they are in Judaea. See?

You have any idea how many is there now? I don't know, but they're probably after this next persecution begins to rise, they're accumulating by...

You know, I've got a tape on them, taking west with me now to--to one of the--the covenant church, which is... It's just the old... Oh, I forget now. It started the... They have them down there in Africa: Dutch Reform. It's the Dutch Reform Church, the covenant is.

Now, if there is any of you setting here, I'll tell you why. You're still holding on to that old Heidelberg Catechism, and that's exactly the reason you're still--you're still Dutch Reform. See?

You might polish up by an American name, but that's the thing behind it 'cause your teacher's in that same catechism, the old Heidelberg. You ask your pastor if that isn't right. See?

So now, notice this. "The hundred and forty-four thousand, they are predestinated ones to be sealed by the Holy Ghost." Yes, sir, that's exactly right. All right. So now if there's any... Now, if I'm--if I didn't answer it to suit you, why, maybe I--I could be wrong. See, but it's just to the best of my knowledge. You see? This is the best of my knowledge.

9. Brother Branham, as you have travailed or trav--on the serpent's seed... (Oh, oh, I never noticed this one. This one slipped up on me.)... **serpent's seed this week, will it be in order to ask this question? My friends have asked me to explain Genesis 4:1 and I can't. Will you help me?**

It's--it's off of the subject, but anyhow I--I'll--I'll try my best by the help of God. Let's see now. Let me polish up just a little bit. I think that's where she said, "I got a son from the Lord," I--I believe it is. I think Eve said that there. I going to check to be sure, 'cause I said the other night, seven--instead of seven hundred instead of seven thousand, so...

It makes me so nervous. See? And you just have to be watching, and the enemy on every side, and you--you're conscious of that. You see? (Yes, that's it.)

And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have begotten a man from the Lord.

Now, I'm just going to answer you a question, my brother or sister, and now remember, not throwing to you, no. I'm trying to help you. See? I love you, and I love the person who might've been a critical on it, but I don't think this person's critical. They said, "Help me." (See?), because the people believes it, but they're just not sufficiently posted by the Spirit to know what to say to the person that's asked them that.

Now, she's saying here... What the question is, no doubt, that they're saying, "Eve said she gotten this man from the Lord." How do you think life could ever come if it didn't come from the Lord, be it right or wrong?

Who sent... Who sent Judas Iscariot into the world? Tell me that. The Bible said he was born the son of perdition. Just ask them that one; be like the worm in a lemon. See, see? Now, you see, they can't--can't... It is...

Notice. Then if you want to take them a little more technic. Look, Eve talked here, if you want to take it in the language that's here which is written so it's hid from the eyes, wise and prudent... Eve, here, the way it's taught, that God was the One that she begotten this son by, and He's a Spirit, and He can't do it. See?

Now, watch here. If you want to notice that. "I have gotten a--a man from the Lord." See? You can't make it sound any... But it's got to have its right interpretation. See? Yes, sir.

No, sir. If that... Then the spirit... And we always follow the nature of our parent. You know that. Look at a baby, its nature. Well then, Adam was a son of God. Eve was a daughter of God. Right, the first thing of the creation of God which could not have one speck of--of evil anywhere about... Evil wasn't even known. Then why was Cain a liar, a murderer, and everything else? Where'd that

come from? Just ask yourself that question. That was the serpent's seed. You see? Don't the Bible say so?

Watch his seed all the way down. In that he become... Who does the world belong to? The devil. Who controls it now? The devil. Exactly right. The devil controls the world. He told Jesus, said, "See how pretty it is, and all the glory. I'll give it to you if you worship me." See? He is the controller of it. Now, he owns it.

Now watch. His children are wise: devil's children. Or take Cain's children, if you want to, and bring it right down through the genealogies, and you'll find out that they were smart men, everyone of them. But now, when he killed Abel, and God give him back Seth was the type of the righteous to redeem being dead and raise again. And from there...

Now watch, Not from the first seed of the natural, they died. (Now, you got your minds open? See?) The first seed of the natural seed, just ordinary good, it typed the modern church: Abel. In order to preserve that line coming down, that one died so another one could raise up (You see?), so it has to be rebirth again. You catch it? All right, just so you get it. See, see?

There you are, the perfect type. So even the natural man born of--of Adam, his father, shows that natural trend won't work. The natural man don't perceive the things of God. So there was a man come natural and died in order to restore that again, and is represented in the death of--of--of Abel and to replace him by--by Seth.

And watch what kind of a people that was now, that spirit brought forth from him: humble, farmers, sheepherders. Watch what come from this wisdom of the world here: smart men, builders and with metals and all kinds of smart intelligence and things. Look where they wound up. They were down there, and God destroyed every one of them--every one of them, and saved the humble.

Didn't Jesus say in Matthew 5, "the meek shall inherit the earth"? So then don't worry; they haven't got one foot to stand on. See, they don't believe that be Cain's son; but we have got a tape on that if you'd like to hear it explained in detail. See? No, sir.

And I seen they've got a piece of paper up there where that science has now going to prove that Eve never eat a apple; she had an apricot. (See?) I got the paper up there at home now (See?); it was an apricot. How--how far can people... That's a carnal mind? (See?); that actually Moses never crossed the water; he crossed through a sea of reeds, brought Israel across at the upper end of the Dead Sea. There's a bunch of reeds there, a whole sea of reeds that just where the water's been at one time--went down. And Moses took a short cut and went around that way. And the orthodox churches accepted it. You seen that. The orthodox churches accepted it that that was so.

Oh, man, can't you see that seed of the serpent, that antichrist, the whole thing laying right there? Sure.

10. Brother Branham, please pray for my little... (Well, that's a prayer request, I see.)... **pray for my little grandson, very ill with the flu. He is in the Riverview Hotel.**
Lord Jesus, this poor person here never wrote that just in vain. She seen You just deliberately remove even rheumatic fever from a little boy the other night. She knows that You're the great God, and we offer our prayers for that little boy, in the Name of Jesus Christ may he be healed. Amen.

When somebody writes anything, it's not in vain. They--they--they got a... No matter how simple it sounds to us, and how much, how it is, but--but there's something behind it. You see? That lady... that little boy... something.

11. Is the Elijah who comes to preach to the Jews the real man who lived on the earth, or will he be the spirit of Elijah in some other man? (Let's see. Now, that's... Now, I'm afraid to say. I don't know. See? Let me read that again.) **Is the Elijah who comes to preach to the Jews** (oh, yes) **the real man who lived on earth, or will he be a spirit of Elijah in some other man?** Now, if I could answer that correctly, I could tell you about Enoch (See?), but I--I can't do it. You see? Only thing I know is just the Scripture said it, what it will be. And now, it might be that the... Now, I'm kindly inclined... (Now let me say it this way, and I hope the tapes, the brethren on the tapes, will understand this). I'm inclined to believe that it will be anointed men of their spirit; because (See?), he says, "Does not (on Elisha)... does not the spirit of Elijah rest on Elisha? See? The spirit of Elijah... And he done just like Elijah did (See?), so I... But I can't say that's true. I--I don't know. See? I'm honest with you; I don't know.

12. Brother Branham, would you please answer this one for me about baptism: Matthew 28:19 teaches the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; and Peter in Acts 2:38, in the Name of the Lord Jesus. When was this change come about in Acts of the Apostles? Now, I believe in the Lord Jesus.
Well, brother or sister, ever who wrote it, there--there was no change come about. See? But Peter done exactly what Jesus said do. Now, if somebody come and say, "Use the titles of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost"; they did what Peter said not do, but what God said not do. See? Now, Jesus said that it... We'll just--just take a little bit here. I want to just to show you something here. Notice.

Now notice, if you're here (the person)... I'm going to put three pieces of material here. Now look, this is the Father, this is the Son, this is the Holy Ghost as Trinitarian people believe them--believe that they are three separate individuals. They believe that. See?

Well then, now let me... And then in Matthew 28:19, Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He..." (No, I beg your pardon; I'm quoting Acts now, or and Acts 2, I believe--no, Luke 24:49 I'm quoting.) He said... Let me read it, then I've got it (See?) and then... 'Cause the other day I said that when it didn't, I want to be sure I get this right. I--I know the title of what you're saying there, but I want to get just what He said. Let's begin at the 16th verse of the 29th.

Then as the eleven set at meat... or the... Then the eleven... went away into the Galilee, into the mount where Jesus had appointed them.

And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power in heavens and in earth is given unto... All powers is given unto me in heavens and in earth.

Now, where's the power of God? Where's God at? If all the power out of heaven and all the powers in earth has been given, now where's God at? There He is. See, that's what's talking to you. See? All right.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Now, the Trinitarian sphere of that. "I baptize you in the Name of the Father, in the Name of the Son, and in the Name of the Holy Ghost." That's not even in holy Writ. See? He said, "Baptize them in the Name of the Father and of the Son, and of... Not in the... They put a Name before each one--one Name. (Watch here.) Didn't say, "Baptize them in the names; N-a-m-e, one name: in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. See?

Now, I want to ask you. Is Father a name? [Congregation answers "No."--Ed.] Is Son a name? [Congregation answers "No."--Ed.] How many fathers is here? Which one of you's named "Father"? How many sons are here? How many humans are here? See? Well, which one of you is named "Father, Son, or human?" See?

Like a woman said one time, she said, "Brother Branham, the Holy Ghost is a name; It's a person." I said, "Yes, sir. I am a person, but my name's not Person." I am a person. See? My name's William Branham, but I am a person. The Holy Ghost is a Person; that's what it is. It's not a name; it's a title of the Person of God. See? It's a title to the personality of God, what He is.

Now, now, if He said: "Go ye therefore, teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, of the Holy Ghost," not in the name of the Father, name of the Son, name of the Holy Ghost, or, not in the names of the Father, and of the Son, the Holy Ghost; but in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

And if Father, Son, and Holy Ghost is no name, then what about it? Say, if "Its name." Which one of... You want to call one of them a name, which name is it? If you want to call the title a name, then which name, which title is it you want to baptize--the Father or the Son? It's singular. See it?

Now, we turn over here in... And that's the last book of Matthew. Like if I always explained it... If you read a love story, and said, "John and Mary lived happy ever after." See, it's because you never--you don't know who John and Mary is? Go back to the first of your story. Find out who John and Mary is. See?

Now, that's what you're doing here in Matthew. You're only reading the last part of it. Go back to the first of Matthew and read what the story is--that's the last chapter of Matthew and the last verses.

Like you picked up a book and say, "John and Mary lived happy ever after. That was John Jones and--and Mary So-and-so. That was... No, that was--that was John Henry and that was So-and-so. This is John Somebody and--and So-and-so." Now, you don't know yet. You see? The only thing to do to be sure is go back in the book and read it. See? You can't pick up a piece here. You got to put the whole thing together to make the picture.

Now, go back to Matthew the 1st chapter, and it goes and gives the genealogies, coming down, 1st chapter; then it gets down to the 18th verse that says:

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise:... (Is that right?)
Now, I want to ask you something. Now, listen again; you--you call it. Who's this? God the [Congregation replies, "Father"--Ed.], God the [Congregation replies, "Son"--Ed.], God the [Congregation replies, "Holy Ghost"--Ed.] Now which one is this? [Congregation replies, "Father"--Ed.] Which one is this? [Congregation replies, "Holy Ghost"--Ed.] Which one is this? [Congregation

replies "Son"--Ed.] All right. Now, we got it. Now what did you say this was? God the Who? [Congregation replies, "Holy Ghost"--Ed.] Holy Ghost, all right. Now, all right.
Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When... his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with a child of the... [Congregation replies, "Holy Ghost."--Ed.]

Now, I thought you said God was His Father. Now, there's something wrong here. He can't have two fathers. You know that, you know. See? Now, there's something wrong. Now, which one of these men, if they're three persons, which one of them is His Father? The Bible says here plainly, "She was found with a child of the Holy Ghost." God, the Father, had nothing to do with it. And Jesus said God was His Father, and we know God was His Father, then He had two fathers. And then He's illegitimate sure enough. Now, see where you got yourself? Now...
Then Joseph her husband, being a just man,... not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privately.
But while he thought on these things,...

Remember he was a good man now, and the hand of the Lord is at hand right now. Them who are predestinated will catch it. See?

But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream,... (Are you following me in your Bible? All right.)... saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of... (God the Father. Did I misread that? Sure did.)

That which is conceived in her has nothing to do with God the Father; it's the Holy Ghost. And now, we know that God was His Father. Is that right? So what is it? The Holy Ghost is God's Spirit, of course. Now, you've got it. See?

God the Father and the Holy Ghost is the same Person or He had two daddy's; and then what--what kind of person you worship? What kind of God you got now? See, see? God the Holy Ghost and God the Father is the self-same Spirit.

And she shall bring forth a son,... (this Fellow here)... and thou shalt call his name... (What? His Name. Now remember, His Name.) JESUS: for he shall save his people for--from their sins.
Now this was all done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet,... (to who the Word comes to)... saying,

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they... called his name Emmanuel, which is being interpreted, God with us.

What is the Name of God? What is the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost? The Bible said Jesus was His Name. Then the fellow here trying to debate it once here in the Tabernacle, said, "Brother Branham has wiggled out of all of them; he won't this one." Said, "here it shows three different persons exactly, perfectly." Said, "Matthew, 3rd chapter, here was John standing, preaching. Here come the Son walking up to be baptized. He went into the water, and was baptized by John, went back up out of the water, and 'Lo,' he said, 'the heavens was opened unto Him,' and he said, 'down from heaven came the Holy Ghost like a dove descending, and a voice from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in Whom..."' Three distinct persons right at one time." Oh, my.

You know, It just goes to show that people without the baptism, and not called to the office of--of a--a minister has no business to be in the pulpit. That's right. I--I--I could take that person, now, by the help of God and tie them in such a knot it'd make their head swim. Look, I don't care what... (Now, I don't mean... Now, that don't sound right. Forgive me. I didn't mean that, Lord; I didn't now... I--I felt Him check me on that. See? So I didn't mean to say it that way. I'm--I'm sorry.) I believe that the Holy Spirit could reveal to that person some secret; that sounds better. See?
Just like tuning an instrument, when you do something wrong, you can tell it as a Christian. You said something wrong; He didn't like that. See, that was putting me in there. See? I ain't in the picture at all. I'm just--don't even want to be myself or nothing; it's Him. Let Him do the work. He does the sounding; the trumpet's a mute. The voice behind it, one that gives it the sound.

Now, looky here. The man misinterpreted the Word. See? Remember, it's hid from the eyes of wise and prudent, revealed to babes. Now, here is that one Person, Jesus Christ, standing on earth. Now heaven, 'course, is atmospheres above.

Now watch. And John bear record... Now that man's got, say here's God the Father, and here's God the Holy Ghost, like a dove, and here's God the Son, making three persons. It's wrong. John, standing back here, knowed this was the Lamb.

John said, "I bear record seeing the Spirit of God like a Lamb." There's God the Spirit... Like a dove, I mean. (Now, there's the same thing I said the other night. You see?, instead of seven hundred, seven... See?) The Spirit of God--this was the Lamb here. And the Spirit of God--the Dove was God. The Spirit of God descending from heaven, and a voice from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son in Whom I am pleased to dwell in." "All powers in heaven and earth is given unto My hand." See? That's Him. Now what was His Name? [Congregation answers, "Jesus"--Ed.] Certainly. See?

So, as far as the Trinitarian’s theory of being three different gods, that's heathenism. That never was taught in the Bible. It never was taught in the Lion message, but it was adopted in the next, which was antichrist. Ask anybody you want to, any theologian. That never did come only through the doctrine of the Nicolaitane.

There is why it come out with Martin Luther. That's why it continued on with John Wesley and poured on down into the Pentecostals. In the day that the Pentecostal come out, they got the Jesus Only group. Now, that's wrong again. How can Jesus be His own Father? See? So it knocks that out.

But there's supposed to be an Eagle time come. See? That's the time it's to straighten all those mysteries out. See? Father, Son, and Holy Ghost is titles of the Lord Jesus Christ (Watch), all three of them.

Matthew said, "Father, Son, Holy Ghost..."

Peter said, "Lord Jesus Christ..." Who is the Father? "The Lord said unto my Lord, 'Set thou on My right hand.'" Is that right? Father, Son--Jesus, Holy Ghost--the Logos that went out of God. Father, Son, Holy Ghost is absolutely three titles of the Person of God manifested in--in--in three different ways or three attributes of Himself.

And to make it plain to someone who wouldn't understand, it's like three offices of the same God. Actually, it's three attributes of the same God, God acting in three different... Under the Fatherhood, under the Sonship, under the Holy Ghost dispensation... God is perfect in three.

You remember the antichrist number, four? See? God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost is absolutely Lord Jesus Christ. When you baptize in the Name of Jesus only, that's wrong, just baptize you in the Name of Jesus, that's absolutely wrong.

I'm acquainted with many Jesuses. Why, the Latin countries are full of them: Jesuses. But this is the Lord Jesus Christ. It tells exactly Who He is.

There's many Branham's, if you want to talk about me personally. But I'm--I'm the one William Marrion Branham. That's--that's me. But there's many other William Branham's and so forth around. But this is distinctly calling one person, the Lord Jesus Christ (See?), the anointed One. There's only one of them.

Now that's right. So if there's any farther on that, write a letter or something, or--or sometime when I'm on other questions... I want to try to get this so I can see if we can get to some of these sick people that's suffering, prayed for.

13. Brother Branham, if this question is not--is not fit--does not fit in the... do not answer. (That's nice. I appreciate it.) **What children--what children go in the rapture, if any small ones? Thank you.**
They never signed no name. Now, if you don't, it's not necessary. But look, when God puts a name on the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world, there's not nothing in the world can rub it out, because it's wrote with the ink of the Blood of Christ. Be it this big, that big, or that big, or whatever it might be, it goes just the same. See?

All children, all the church, everything there is and... God, by His foreknowledge... Now, we don't know. You say, "Brother Branham, can you prove that you're there?" No, sir. I cannot prove it. God could use me for a tool of something else, and use you the same way. But I believe, and by faith I am saved, not by knowledge I'm saved: by faith. That's the way you're saved. That's the way we're all saved.

But remember, God is infinite. Do you believe that? Infinite... By being infinite, that makes Him... And then He's omniscient. Do you believe that? "Omniscient" means "He knows all things." He can't be--He can't be omniscient without being infinite. See, there never was nothing but what He knowed. He knowed every gnat would ever be on earth, and how many times it would bat its eyes, and how much tallow it would make--how much all of them make together.

He knowed every breath that you'd breathe and how deep it would go in your lungs; that's infinite. Now, if He's infinite, that makes Him omniscient. Is that right? And if He's omniscient, that makes Him omnipresent, because He knows just exactly the minute, hour, time to the split instance of fifty-five thousandth of a second to when it's going to happen. See? Get the idea now? Then He knows all things; and that's the reason He has all power, knows all things, and can do all things.
Now, let's see. Now, and all the children that God... every one that God, when they... Now remember, when was Jesus, the Bible said...

Now we know that Jesus was slain about AD 30. Is that right? About... It was about the middle of--of the--the year, I guess, AD 30. Now, but the Bible said that He was slain before the world was ever created. And your name... When the Lamb's Book... When the Lamb was slain to redeem this Book... (Here's a great thing now. It might cause stimulation.) Look. When the--when the--when the Lamb...

Now, remember, the Bible said, the Lamb's Book of Life was written before the foundation of the world, and your name was put in--was in that Book when the Lamb was slain before the foundation of the world to redeem every name that was written in that Book. See? You got it now? See, there ain't nothing out of order. It's working just exactly like God's big timepiece (See?), like a clock moving right around. Your name was put in there before the foundation of the world, when the Lamb was slain to redeem what was in that Book. And now, He comes forward and takes that Book to claim His redemption. (Now, I don't want to get started there; we never would answer another question today.) All right.

14a. Question: Is hell and the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone the same?
No. Hell, translation in the Bible, I believe... Now, there's scholars setting here. And I want to honor that, our Brother Iverson setting here, and Brother Vayle, and many of these brethren who are really theologians. The word translated, "hades" means "the grave." Is that right? The Greek word for the grave... But the lake of fire is something else, because over in Revelations, both hades and all was cast into the lake of fire. See? All right. Now, let's see.

14b... if not, is the lake of fire and hell eternal?
No, sir. No, sir. Anything that was created is not eternal. No, anything that's created... That's the reason there cannot be an eternal hell. If anybody ever tells you that you're going to burn in an eternal hell, I want the Scripture for it. See? There's no such a thing as that.

Hell was created for the devil and his angels, for the antichrist and his people; that was the devil, the incarnate devil. It was created for that to destroy. And anything that had... Anything... There's only one thing at all out of everything there is, the whole world and everything else; there's only one thing eternal, and that's God.

Before there was an atom, or electrons, or before there was even cosmic light, electrons, or anything, He was God. He's the Creator. And that's the only way you can be eternal, is to receive Eternal Life; that Greek word there, I think, is Zoe. Isn't that right? Zoe, Zoe. And then that--that Life God imparts to you, as the father, your father imparts his life to you through the--the marriage vow with mother--and he, by that, imparts the--the joy of imparting (Catch me?), of the imparting life for a son.

And that's the way God does: a joy in imparting His Life to a son. See? And then you become part of Him which is Zoe, God's Own Life. "I give unto them Eternal Life--raise them up at the last day." That's the only thing that--that... He got Eternal Life; and that Eternal Life knows its body, and it must have to come forth. That... It can't... It's impossible for it to lay there.

As the Spirit of Christ hovered over the body (God's Spirit over Christ at that great day), It knowed it would raise up again, so is the saints in their body.

Now remember, Jesus, when He died, He went to hell, 'cause He had to go there; there was a sin barrier, and He preached to the souls that were in hell that repented not in the long-suffering in the days of Noah. Is that right? He went to hell and preached to the souls, the separated souls from God. "Death" means "separation." And they had separated from God, never could be back no more. And Jesus went to bear record that He was the One that was spoke of, the--the woman's seed.

The serpent's seed... See what the serpent's seed done? Antichrist winds up in death, separation, the red horse. The woman's seed, Life, ends up on the white horse: Jesus Christ. See? What is it? One against the other: serpent's seed against the woman's seed. You get it now?
Oh, we could stay a little while on that. Wouldn't that be good? But let's stay with this.

15. Brother Branham, does the first horse rider, First Seal, fulfill II Thessalonians, the revelation of the man of sin?
Yes. That's right. That's does. That easy. That does. That's the man of sin, this same man, just keeps in--in stages riding on until he gets on a pale horse that's called death. Christ comes on down through justification, sanctification to the white horse, and that's to get Life. You see?

16. What happened to the born again believers who are in the various denominations but not in the Bride of Christ? What happens to them?
Well, I think we explained that awhile ago. See? They go into the tribulation. They are martyred in the tribulation, come up in the last after the millennium for their judgment (See?), because the Bible said that the rest of the living... the rest of the dead lived not until the thousand years was expired. Then there was a resurrection, and then come forth the both just and unjust and was judged by Christ and the Bride. He came to the earth with ten thousands times ten thousands of His saints (Is that right?), His Bride.

Judgment was set, the books was open... Books was open, and another Book was opened, which is the Book of Life. He separated from there the goats from the sheep. Is that right? That had nothing to do with the Bride. She was standing right there in judgment with her Queen--the Queen and King together.

He came with His saints; ten thousands times thousands ministered to Him: His wife; then judgment was set. And then the sheep was separated from the goats. (You remember the other night me bringing that little meditation, so you'd understand it, "The Cowboy Meditation"? See? There you are.) No, they are... That's the...

They the--the--the church, the people that's in denominations that are--are genuine Christians who's receives the message... And they will never see it. It'll never be preached to them. And those in a mixed crowd (who it is preached to), it'll go right over the top of their head unless their name was on the Lamb's Book of Life. That's right.

But they will be good people, and they'd be raised up again and given trial, and be judged by the very group that preached to them. Don't you know the saints will judge the earth? They'll be preached to. See? They'll be preached to by the very same people witnessed to them of the message to come out of it. See? (I hope that explains it. I've got so many here that...)

17. Brother Branham, is the Seventh Angel with the spirit of Elijah, the same man as the Elijah sent to the hundred and forty-four thousand Jews during the three and one-half years after the rapture? Some of us are mixed up in this.
No, he isn't the same (See?); it's two different men. The Elisha that come in the form of Elijah was not Elijah. And the spirit of Elijah who came upon a man called John the Baptist, was not Elijah. And the man of the seventh angel messenger at the end of the Laodicean Age, will not be the literal Elijah. He will be a Gentile to his people.

Elijah will... The spirit of Elijah then, coming in the--into the people there, he will be a Jew (See?), for they are sent to their own people. That's my revelation.

The reason I... Of Tommy Osborn, when we talked that over that time (Tommy and I); I never knowed. I was just praying for the sick, and I come up there, and there was a lady coming down from the Fort Wayne Gospel Tabernacle, a missionary in the foreign fields. Her breast was that big--was just eat up with cancer; and she was right there in the little house where we used to live, up there in the lane. And I prayed for the dear sister, and she was healed and returned to the field. And when she come from Africa, and she had left a little book there on missions. I'd--I thought, "Well, missionaries are fine"; and I've--I've never thought much about missionaries and so. I thought, "Well, it's just an office of God out there, so that's--this is my place right here on Eighth and Penn Street," so I was just carrying on the best I could.

But one day, setting in the study, I picked up that book and it had a picture of a--of the Negro race, an elderly old father, and he had this little white rim of hair, and underneath was written like this: "White man, white man, where was your father? (See?) I'm now old and dull at mind, and I don't understand too well. If I would've known Jesus when I was a young man, I would've took Him to my people."

Well, I read it, and something just kept saying, "Read it again. Read it again." I kept reading... You've had them times; read it over and over. There's something in there.

Like up there that day at Green's Mill, when I come out of the cave, I couldn't understand that, how people could speak with tongues and shout and with the genuine Holy Ghost, and still be antichrist, speak with tongues, with genuine Holy Ghost, and tongues speaking and still be a devil. That's right. I can prove that to you. Yes, indeedy.

And then notice, when they did that. So tongues is no evidence of the Holy Ghost; it's one of the gifts of the Holy Ghost. See? And the devil can impersonate everything He's got, Divine healing and everything else. He said, "Many will come to Me that day, say, 'Lord, haven't I cast out devils; haven't I (That's preaching the Gospel.)--haven't I done mighty works in Your Name, and all these things there.' I will say, 'Depart from Me you workers of iniquity. I didn't even know you.'" See?
The Bible said that the rain falls on the just and the unjust the same. And the same cocklebur standing in the wheat field there, can be as happy and shout with the same water that fell upon him as the--both sent to the rain; but by their fruits you know them.

That little old cocklebur can stand up there just as happy and shouting as he can be, just as full of the same rain that the wheat is. There you are. So they can shout, speak with tongues, and impersonate everything they want to, in that day be called workers of iniquity.

As I told you awhile ago, listen to what I say; listen close. Look back down; examine yourself with the Word and see where you're at. You women that's got short hair, let her grow. If you're wearing shorts, take them off. Act like a lady.

If you men are still smoking cigarettes and run to pool halls, stop it. I don't care how much you profess. If you're still holding that organization and saying, "This is it," and "this is it," you'd better stop. Look back down and examine it with the Word. We're getting plumb out of... We ought to lived above the short hair and all this age now; we're back into something now that God's revealing the hidden mysteries that's been put on the Book before the foundation of the world.

And those who have obeyed in these small things will catch it in these other things. If they haven't, it'll go over the top of your head as far as the east is from the west. It'll just...

Like Gideon separating his men, there's thousands and thousands. God said, "That's too many. Separate them again." He gave them another test, and separated them again, separated them again, and on down till he had a little handful. He said, "That's the group I want to do the job." That's exactly what happened.

Pentecostal women, going back and forth, setting there, hearing and knowing by the Word that's wrong. You think they'll cope with it? No, sir. Every year when I pass by, there's more with bobbed hair than there was when I started. Said, "What's that got to do... You ought to..."

Someone said, "Why, Brother Branham, people regard you as a prophet." Now, I don't say I was a prophet. Nobody hears me say that; but I say this, that if--if you did do that, if you regard it... Said, "Why don't you teach people how to receive the Holy Ghost and how to get this and how to get great spiritual gifts and help the church?" How can I teach them algebra when they won't even listen to their abc's? That's right. You do these little things. Get down here at the bottom and brush it off and start right. Amen. Glory.

What was I talking about anyhow? Let's see. I didn't mean to get off that subject. Excuse me. See? All right. "Some of the--some of us are mixed up. Is the Elijah the same as the..."
Yeah, uh-huh; that's right. No, this Elijah that will come to the Gentiles will be a Gentile anointed with that spirit, because God used that same spirit to bring His people out of chaos every time, and has served His purpose well, so He comes it right back down again, because (See?)--'cause now if He uses high-polished, educated, that's the kind it would catch.

He brings a man that hardly knows his abc's and can't pronounce his words right and everything like that, some old wilderness something out yonder somewhere, and brings it in and shoves it right down to that simple-minded people and they get it [Brother Branham snaps his fingers--Ed.], like that. If it comes polished...

Like Paul said, "I didn't come to you with the polish of an education, but I come to you in the power of the resurrection." It taken God three and one-half years down in Arabia there to knock it out of him--his education. Took--took Him forty years to get it out of Moses. See? So there you are. That's... I don't say God don't... I'm not supporting illiteracy now, but I'm--I'm trying to tell you it don't take the education; it don't... The wisdom of this world is contrary...

Education has been the biggest hindrance that the Gospel's ever had. If we didn't have education, we wouldn't have all these big seminaries and things that we got now, it'd be people simple-minded who'd listen to the Word; but they're so polished and messed up, and tightened up out there with all them organizations, till that they're going to stay with it, that's all. They take on that spirit.

Did you ever take a good woman, marry into a lowdown man, that lowdown man either becomes a--a good man like the woman is, or the woman becomes lowdown as he is. See? That's right. That's the reason He said, "Come out from among them." when getting ready to take that rapture. You've got to have some kind of faith that'll take you out of here.

18. When was the covenant of Daniel 9:27 confirmed for a week?

One half of it was confirmed, the covenant, when Jesus Christ was on earth preaching to the Jews. He never went to the Gentiles at all. And He told His disciples, "Don't go to the Gentiles"; that was to the Jews alone. See? And He preached for three and a half years--that's half of the seventy week, now, as Daniel said He would do.

Now remember, He was firmly a-vindicated to the Jews, but their eyes were blinded to bring in this space of the Gentiles. Can't you see the whole program? See? And He proved Himself a prophet, done just exactly what the prophet would do, showed them a sign of prophet; which your own Word said, "If a man says he's spiritual or a prophet, watch what he says; and if it comes to pass (just keep on coming to pass, what He said, continually)...

Like you look in the Bible, it says, "Knock, and it'll be opened, seek, find, ask, be given." Now, if you'll notice, it's knocketh, just constantly knock [To illustrate, Brother Branham repeatedly knocks upon the pulpit--Ed.], stay right there like the unjust judge wouldn't answer the woman, he just kept knocking on her door. Saying, "I'm on your hand." Not seek, say, "Lord, I'd like to have this. Amen." That's not it; stay right there till you get it. You know it's going to come. So He promised it, so just stay right there till you hold onto it. See?

Now, now, in the last part, the seventieth week, the last part of it will be during the time of the tribulation period, after the rapture of the Church. Then there is the three and a half years here that it will be confirmed to them again by prophets (See?), Moses and Elijah: Revelations 11.

Now, let's see what this is.

19. If you are one of His chosen ones, will you go up in the Bride?
Yes. Yes, sir, that's easy.

20. Brother Branham, did you mean to say seven thousand who had not bowed their knee to Baalim, or seven hundred?
Seven thousand, I meant to say. Forgive me for that. See? It's just a... It's just a manner of speech. I was just... Like I said awhile ago... Did you notice me stand here, and I said, "And they bear record seeing the Lamb..." See, see? The Lamb was on earth: (see?) bear record seeing the Spirit of God coming upon the Lamb.

Now, in there it says, "This is my beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased." You see? Now, that's wrote in the actual form of the Greek, putting verb before adverb; but you notice here, it'd actually be this... Now, just take the Word. See? The Bible says, in the translation of St. James here: "This is My beloved Son in Whom I'm pleased to dwell." But actually, if we'd say it like we'd say it today: "This is My beloved Son in Whom I'm pleased to dwell in." You'd turn it around. See, see? "This is My beloved Son in Whom I'm pleased to dwell." See? Now, we'd say it today: "This is My beloved Son in Whom I'm pleased to dwell in," (See?) same word just turns it around. See?

Now, yes I meant... Forgive me, please. I... And--and brethren, you on the tape out there, and friends, listen: I didn't mean to say that like that. I--I--I'm a minister of the Gospel; I... Many times as I've preached that, I knowed that was seven thousand. I just happened to say seven hundred. I didn't mean just seven hundred, I meant, you... I just didn't read it out of the Scripture. It just come to my mind while I was talking, and I just said seven hundred instead of seven thousand. I make them mistakes all the time. I'm--I'm a--sure a dummy, so you forgive me. See? I didn't mean to do that.

21. Is the Bride of Christ and the Body of Christ the same?
Yes, sir. See? Now, here... Now, see, I don't want to get started on it, 'cause I get a--preach a sermon on it. See? But I won't do that, but I want to show you. When God gave Adam his bride from his side, he said, "She is flesh of my flesh and bone of my bone." Is that right?
When God give Christ His Bride (the Spirit gave the flesh, the Bride) He was plush--pierced in the side under His heart, and water, Blood, and Spirit came forth; that become flesh of His flesh and bone of His bone. We are the flesh and bones; the Bride will be the flesh and bones of Christ, exactly. They are the... That is His Bride.

22. Would the Bride of Christ have... Would the Bride of Christ have a ministry before the rapture?
Sure. That's what's going on right now. See? The Bride of Christ... Certainly. It is the Message of the hour (See?), the Bride of Christ. Sure, She's consist of apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, and pastors. Is that right? That's the Bride of Christ. Sure, She's got a ministry, great ministry; it's the ministry of the hour; it'll be so humble...

Now, remember. How many was here at the first when I--was at last Sunday? See? Remember what I preached on? Humility. Oh, don't forget that. (I'm going to stop a minute to warn that again.) Remember, when God predicts anything great to happen, the people are looking so far away by their wisdom till they miss what happens. When God says anything is great, the world laughs at it: "That bunch of ignoramuses." That's right. But when the great world and the great high church said, "Boy, that's glorious." God says, "A bunch of ignoramuses." So, see, you have to watch... I don't mean it maybe of that way, exactly that way, but that's the way it is.
Look. Here was a great, holy orthodox church. "We know the Word; we've got schools; we got seminaries. We got our men so polished, why, for hundreds of years we've been loyal to Jehovah. We are the church; we're the Sanhedrin. We got the Council of Churches here, both Pharisees and Sadducees, and all the denominations gathers up together," (like we're getting... See?). "We're all in one--the Council of Church. We are the big shots here. We know that's Scriptural. Watch some little ignorant guy down there on the river with a beard hanging over his face and a piece of sheepskin telling us?"

Certainly they wouldn't listen to it. But the Bible said in Malachi the 4th chap--or the 3rd chapter: "I'll send My messenger before My face to prepare the way for Me." Seven hundred and twelve years before there, John... Oh, the great prophet of Isaiah stood there and said, "There'll be a voice of one crying in the wilderness. Prepare the way for the Lord and make His paths straight." That's right.

And said, and... Oh, many of them, said, "Every high place will be brought down."
"Oh," they said, "there'll be a... When this man comes, He will point His finger and He will move mountains. Oh, and all the low places, the ditches, will be brought up. Then all--that's all the rough places will be smoothed out. Brother, we'll plant corn in every field around here, and, oh, we're going to do great things when this man comes." See?

They was expecting God to take the crank and turn it on, bring the corridor down, say, "Come on down, you great forerunner of--of My Messiah." And then as soon as he's gone, they pull it back up. And his ministry's over, they crank it down again and put it right down here beside the seminary, and say, "All right, My beloved Son, walk down and tell them." See? Oh, my.

Look, when He come by. Whatever happened? Here come a man that knowed none of their schools, didn't even have a fellowship card, oh, didn't have no credentials. No. Nobody ever knowed He ever went to school a day in His life. You couldn't even tell it by His talking. He didn't even talk in terms of--of ecclesiastics. He talked about serpents, axes, and wilderness, and--and things like that (See?), trees. He talked not in the terms of the ecclesiastical set of the day or this day or any other day.

He come sassafras, as we call it here in Indiana. He come out of the bushes somewhere, didn't even have a shave, had hair standing out on his head. I don't imagine he taken a bath once every two or three months. Right. He never wore pajamas at night. He never rode in an automobile. He never brushed his teeth. Oh, my. What a guy this was. Certainly not.

Here he come stomping down through the wilderness like that, said, "I'm the voice of one crying in the wilderness. Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight His path...?..."
Some of the teachers stood and said, "Huh. Say, fellow, have you got your... We can't cooperate with you in this campaign. Here, we can't do this. Well, where's your--where's your card; where's your identification?"

He just ignored them. He had a message, so he just went on with it (See?), preaching just the same. They said, "Aw, wait. Well, if we go down there, we'll take the bishop down today and see what he says about it. We'll go down there. If we know... That's the heads the church, and we know that he will have to recognize that. If he's of God, he will recognize our bishop." Put them all down in a row and set them out there, the dignitaries...

He said, "You generation of vipers. You snakes in the grass (collars turned around, and holy fathers, and so forth, huh), who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? You know your hour's at hand. Don't you think that... You say, 'Well, we belongs to this, that, other.' I tell you, the God that I serve is able to rise children to Abraham out of these stones."

Oh, my. Now, he's going to take up his vice versa from ecclesiastical speech. "I say the axe is laid to the root of the tree. Therefore every tree that don't bring forth good fruits is hewed down and cast into the fire. Lo, I indeed will baptize you with water unto repentance, but He's coming after me. The moon will be turned into blood and..." Oh, my.

"He will thoroughly purge His floors. He will take the--the chaff and will burn it with unquenchable fire, and He will take the wheat to the garner. He will separate the weeds and the wheat." Oh, my, what a message.

They said, "This guy? Huh. What'd he say? What--what--what time it was? Oh, ignorance. We've got the man right up there, Brother Jones; he's the guy will do that if there's anybody in this day, he will do it. See? Bishop So-and-so will do it, Holy Father So-and-so." Oh, my. See? God in simplicity (See?), working in simplicity...

Then, first thing you know, he's standing there one day, and he said, "Yes, He's standing in your midst." He was so sure he was that runner. He knowed who he was. That's the reason he could shake the hide off them. He said, "Now, don't tremble, but just go ahead and continue on. You soldiers, you obey your masters, and if you've done any evil, you take that..."
"What shall we do? Shall we quit doing this? Shall we stop doing this?"

He said, "Just go on like you are. Continue on. Continue on; go ahead. If you're raising potatoes, raise them. See? You soldiers don't do no violence, and--and you do this, and whatever it be, so just continue on as you are. Obey your masters and so forth."

"Rabbi, what should we do?"

"Just continue on as you are (See?), but there's One in your midst that you don't know." He knowed that the hour of his message, he knowed he was to introduce that Person. He knowed He was there. "One in your midst; you don't see Him. Things are going on you know nothing about." And so then... "There's--there's something going to happen," he says, you see, "and He will be here and I'll know Him."

And finally one day he said, "Behold, there He is. There's the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world." Said, "My time's up now. I've introduced you to Him. I must decrease now; I must go off the scene. He will take over from here. The millennium will be on right away. (See?) The--the time is at hand."

Then when He come, when He was... John said, "He's going to... Oh, He's going to shuck the hide off. He's going--He's going to separate the wheat from the--from the chaff, and He's going to burn it up. He's going to thoroughly purge His floors, and His fan is in His hand." But what was He? Little bitty...

Now, they had all drawed up (oh man.) He will have a spear that'll reach a mile long. He will stand back over here in Palestine, just stand up there in His--on one of these white clouds, and pick up all these Romans, like this, and cast them into hell, just keep on doing like that (See?), till He gets them all over. Why, they had that all fixed up. And what it was--a little Lamb come moving out among them, meek and gentle, pushed around this way and that way.

Even John said... Now, look at John the prophet; he said, "Go ask Him, is actually He the One?" So humble till that prophet missed it... Said, "Is He the One, or do we seek for another?"
Now, he never give Him a book for them disciples in--in Matthew 11, come and asked him when John's disciples... John was in prison, so he'd been all so scrupled up till he--till I believe as Pember said, "His--his eagle eye got filmed over down there." You see? He couldn't... He--he done come down to the earth; he'd been up in the air. But when his prophecy was over, he dropped back down to the ground again. See? 'Cause put him in prison. You see? He didn't have no use for them big wings anymore, so he just laid down there; but he flew higher than any of the rest of them. Let me show you something. God used him.

And Jesus knew (You see?), 'cause that was the--that was the incarnate God there. See? He was... So He--He said there... He said... Now, He never give him a book on how to behave himself in jail. He said, "Now, wait a minute. I'll write a little essay here, and you take back and tell John how to behave himself when he's in jail for My sake." See? No, He never said that.
He didn't say, "Go, tell John that he ought to have got his Ph.D. degree before he come out in his..." See? If he would, he'd been with the rest of them; he would've been a rejecter. John was honest and asked a question.

And He said, "Just wait till the meeting is over, and then go show John what happened, then he will know. If you tell him what's going on, then he will know. (See, see?) Just go let him... Tell him--tell him it's... He's in prison and couldn't be here, but--but you set in the meeting and you seen what happened. You go tell him."

So then, the disciple said, "Very well, Master," and over the hill they went. Jesus, setting on this rock, just watching them till they crossed over, and went up over the hill. He turned around to the congregation and said, "Who--who'd you go out to see in the time of John?" Said, "What went ye out to see? Did you go out to see a man that's got his collar turned around in soft clothes and highly polished and educated? Is that the kind of man you went out to see?"
Said, "No."

"You know what them kind are? They kiss the babies, and you know, and work in kings palaces. They... That's--that's not the type John was." Well, said, "then what did you go, to see a man that's been given a ministry and will hook it right into an organization or something like that, shaken with every... Then if the--if the Oneness don't want him, he will go over to the Trinity, and if the Trinity don't want him, he will go to the Church of God, anywhere. Is that the kind of man you went to see, shaken with any reed?" Oh, no, not John. He said, "Then what did you go to see? a prophet?" He said, "And I say that's right, but I'm going to tell you something that you don't know; he was more than a prophet. He was more... If you can receive it, this is who that was written of in the Bible (See?), back there in the Scripture: 'I'll send My messenger before My face (Malachi 3 See?), and he will prepare the way before Me.'" See, and they didn't understand it. Even the disciples didn't get it. See? That's right. Oh, my. Simplicity, be humble. See? Go right down, when God promises something big (See?), it is big in His sight.

Now, if you want to always keep this in mind... I want you to... You keep this in mind and when this happens, then you can change it. You reach down and pick up one of these little spring flowers that's coming this year, or get a common blade of grass and hold it in your hand, and say, "I'm going to hold this now and see that something so simple has made this, and I want to see the brain that can send a rocket to the moon, make this blade of grass."

You'll always have it. You can rest assure on that; you'll always have it. (See?) The blade of grass has life in it. See? It's so simple and humble... You see, if a man is a big man, all right; but if he's big enough that he can become simple (See?), he will find God. But if he don't become simple, he will never see Him. So you got to become simple. Now, verse...

23a. In Revelations verse 5 to 9, who are these found sing--singing when the Lamb takes the Book out of the--out of the... takes the book... Are--Oh, are these the raptured saints?
No, Revelations 6... 5 and 9, rather, no. If you notice, these are not the saints. He has never claimed His property yet. See? This is not the saints. If you notice, they're the elders and the beast, and they sing.

Let's read it so that person... And then I'm going to try... I've got about half a dozen more here, and I think I can get them in few minutes. Let's see. Revelations 5:9. Now, let's read just a little bit before, so... The person now is honest about this and they want to know. Watch.

And when he had taken the--taken the book, the four beasts and the four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps,... golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of saints.

And they sang a new song... (See, see?)..., saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open it.

See? Thou has redeemed us and made us priests and kings; that's the heavenly group, not yet the redeemed. All right. Now.

24. Brother Branham, if all the... (Now, just a moment. I guess what... Pardon me.) **Brother Branham, if--if all the godly** (Yeah.**)--godly be taken up in the rapture, where will Elijah and the--and Moses come from?**
There's something wrong. There's something wrong. Now, that's just all there is to it. There's--there's something's happened. See? There's something that went wrong somewhere. Everybody feeling all right? There's no--there's no sickness or nothing? [A man in the congregation requests that Brother Branham read Revelation 5:9 again--Ed.] Let's see, Revelations, where was it, brother? 5... The... Oh, the question. Oh, the question I was answering. Now, let's see. "Thou..." [Continuation of Question 23--Ed.]

And when he had... the book, the four beasts and the four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of the saints.

And they sang a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seal thereof: for thou has--wast slain,... (And here it is. Here it is. I was wrong on that. See?)... thou has redeemed us to God by the blood of every kindred,...

That's right. Now, what do you think about that? Oh, if the Presence of the Holy Ghost isn't here, what is? He wouldn't let... See, I only read the first part of that verse. See, it's just--it's just a--or something wrote here, and I was trying to get through, looking at that clock. But you see Him stop me on that? Glory. I never read the other part of that. See, I got here: "and..." Look here. "And they--and they sang a new song," and I stopped. See? But look here, "the song they sang, saying, You have redeemed us out of every kindred, tongue, and nation." Sure, that's them. My, oh, my, oh, my. See it? And by the way, there's another question down here too.

23b. Could you (c-o-n-t-r-o--) control those given--Oh, control was given white robes of Revelations 6:11 with those who washed their robes in the Blood of the Lamb?
Now, let's see. Revelations 6... I just can't hurry on this, folks, like...?... this (See?), because it's going... I'm going to answer something wrong. Now, He didn't like--He didn't want me to do that. That's the truth. So help me, the Holy Spirit of God knows that's the truth. See? I just... There's something just... I--I just--I was looking at--I was looking at that clock, 11:30, and I thought, "If I don't hurry up now, I won't get to pray for the sick," and I'm--I'm trying to get that because I, in my mind is so... you... I can't...
You remember, you'll just have to understand now; I--I'm a human (See?), and I--I've been in there for seven days, and my--and I got something yet this afternoon I've got to find from God. But He was so determined that I wouldn't make that error that He called me back to read the rest of that verse.

I just... It just felt like something just rolled over me there and said, "Go back; go back." And I thought, "Go back, what? Stop right now and start praying for the sick? What--what is it? What have I done?" And just as I started to reach for that, somebody said, "Read the verse over again." I read it over, and there at the bottom of this question, there it was (See?) Revelations 6.
See, I read the first; it does sound like it at the first (See?), "And they sang a new song..." But down here, see what it was? the next, coming on down, "has redeemed us." Sure it was the Bride, the raptured saints. Could you... And here... Certainly, the--the Lamb had the Book in His hand. He'd done left the Throne of mediatorial grace. See?

You see how the Holy Spirit watches that? 'Cause exactly, that's the same thing I said the other night, when He had talked to me in the room, and I come down here and preached to you all: that when the Lamb left the place (Oh, my. Now, I believe we'll just take a text. See?)--the Lamb had left His seat and come forth (See?), as I got up there when He was present, that Light, which is Christ... When He was present, told... When the Lamb leaves that seat of the throne, to--being a Mediator, He becomes down here, and the day of redemption for the church is finished.

The next redemption is opened is for the Jews, the hundred and forty-four thousand. Is that right? 'Cause He promised He'd cut the tree off, you know. Now, here... Now, here He comes out, the Lamb, and then the day of redemption is finished, and all that's going to be redeemed is already been redeemed and put on the Book, and He's out here opening the Book. That's right.

Oh, thank You, Lord. Forgive Thy nervous servant for trying to run over something.
Now.

23b Could you tolerate those given white robes of Revelations 6:11?
Now, let's see (6 and 11). All right. Where we at on this now? White robes... Yeah, that's the--the crucified under the altar--the--the Jews between that time. They were given white robes.

23c. ... with those who washed their robes in the Blood of the Lamb of Revelations 7:14?
No. Now, that is different, sure enough. Because see here, we find out here that these were given white robes over here in this time. They were given white robes themselves by grace, and these here had washed their robes in the Blood of the Lamb. And over in Revelations over here, this is that great multitude that come up before God of all kindred, tongues, and nations, and these are directed exactly to the martyrs of the Jews, you see. Now, now, that is correct. Now.

24. Brother Branham, if all of the godly was taken up in the rapture, where will the Elijah and Moses come from? Will they be Jews, or will our Elijah, given to us, be--be with them?
No. The a--the a Gentile that'll be anointed with this spirit to call out the Gentiles will be taken away, 'cause, you see, the whole church, all has been taken up; and these two prophets of--of the 11th chapter is brought down; and the day of grace is ended with the Gentile and been sent to the Jews. No, it won't be the same men. I don't... I'm--I'm pretty sure of that. Now remember, these are just the best of my knowledge.
Let's see what this--this says here.

25. Question. Does the wheat and wine... (W-h-e-a-t... No, I guess it--it meant, "What does." It doesn't have a what there.) It just says: **Does the what and wine... or wheat and wine... what does the of Revelations 6:6..**.

Let's see what it is when I get down here now, this here.
And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts saying, A measure of wheat for a penny, and a... measures of barley for a penny;... see that thou hurt not the wine and... oil.
I guess that's meaning the wheat and the wine, that was one to the other.

... was a symbol, the wine taken at the communion table of Rev--of I Corinthians 11:24, does the wine--the wine... No, one of them is a spiritual symbol (See?), and the other one is actually the--the revelation of the Word.

26. Could it be that the reason many are sick, because we did not discern the Lord's Body?
(Correct.) but now revealed by the opening of the Sixth Seal... (Let's see now. Let me see if I can get that now. It's--it's not you, it's me. You didn't... You wrote it all right; it's just me.) Could it be that the reason many are sick, because we do not discern the Lord's Body? (That's--It's got a question mark at the end of that.)

Well, the Scripture says that many are sick and weakly among you because of the discerning of the Lord's Body. That's exactly right, because (See?), the Lord's Body is the Bride, and many of them go off and they don't go with it. That's true. See, and they don't know how to behave themselves, lives any kind of a life and take communion and things, that's not right. See?
When people take communion that lie and steal and drink, and... That's--that's--that's terrible. You shouldn't do that. See?

but now reveal by the opening of the Sixth Seal--the opening of the Sixth Seal.

Let's see now. No. Now, you find out the Sixth Seal opening here was to the Jews. See? The--the Church is done gone. This is the tribulation period. So it wouldn't be the same, no. No, it isn't.
One of them is a spiritual wine; that's the revelation of the Word, then the--the believer becomes stimulated by the revelation of the Word, and the other one is a symbol of the Blood of Jesus that's taken at the Lord's table. Now, that's the best of my understanding of it.

27. Will any that are not predestinated accept the Lord. If they do, will they fall away?
Not if they're predestinated, no. See, they couldn't.

28. Where is the Scripture that shows that the--that Catholicism will deceive the Jews and get their wealth?
Now, just where does it say that--that--that the beast will deceive for the wealth; it doesn't say that. But we're presuming that that was... (Now, the other night, you remember... you look to the tape real close.) I never said that's what they would do, I said... See, the Catholics is the richest group in the world, nobody like them. And what they don't have, the Jews has the rest.

That's where the economics of this country now... We're right now living on tax money, according to "Lifeline," that will--off of taxes, that comes right from Washington, D.C., that'll be paid in forty years from today. That's what we're spending now. That's how far back we are--giving notes. See? On taxes that will be paid in forty years from now... The nation is broke. She's done.

Now, Castro, the only sensible thing that he ever done, was when he counterfeited the currency and paid off the notes, the bonds and burnt them and--and changed the currency. That's the only thing he could do. And there's only one thing left for this United States to do. Now, remember, this is William Branham (See?), speaking. This is my idea. It's only presuming. Just looking at it in the natural standpoint, which may be a million miles off, I do believe that right there in that money... The love of money is the root of all evil. And I believe that right along in there will start the ball a-rolling.

Now, the Catholic church back there from charging for mass and so forth, holds the wealth of the world. You remember, the Bible said she was rich, and how she was. And remember, not only just on one nation, she's rich on every nation there is under heaven. She reaches out. She has the money. Now, what they don't have, Wall Street has which is controlled by the Jews.

Now, and you remember he got the money. When Jacob returned, last night we find out, and become Israel, he really had the money, but his money wouldn't buy him nothing (See?) to Esau. Esau had it too, see both anti and--and the one... See, just as perfectly.

Now, watch here. I said they might want to consolidate together on the money, and the--and the Roman power take the Jewish power in--of money, breaking the covenant. That might not be so. See, I know they'll break it, but I--I don't know what reason, 'cause it's not revealed to me about what they'll do.

But look. Now, if today... Now, what if today, the only thing that we can do would be to do... If we're drawing taxes, if that statement is right, off of the currency off of the tax money of forty years from now... You see, our gold is... We've done spent it. We're broke. We don't have any money; and we're only living off of a past reputation.

That's what the church is doing today: the church, not the Bride. The church is living off of a past reputation it got back yonder under the ministry of the Lion time. "We are the church, we are the mother church; we started..." That's right. See? It's living off a reputation.

Methodist is living off of their reputation. Baptist is living off of their reputation, and Pentecost is living off of theirs, "Glory to God. A long time ago when the saints used to dance in the Spirit, and how they'd, the Lord done this and that." That--that's something past. We've all got big now, brother. Oh, my (See?), all past reputations...

This nation is living--living off of a past reputation of what the forefathers was (See?), and that's the reason we think we'll be saved. God never respected Israel on what they was, what they had been; what they was then.

Notice, but now, here's what I think, what I, I think will take place: (Now, it may not be so.) I believe the time will come when we're forced to make the issue. And when it will be, that instead of us changing the currency... What would that do to the Philip Morris? What would that do to the--the whiskey companies? What would that do to the steel industry? What would that do to all the commerce? What would that... It would break them. They'd be broke. But if we can borrow that money... See how smart he is? Then the nation sells out to the church and then church and state is united again, and there she comes. See? That's it. Notice. All right. Now, in--in this...

29. If one is in an association organization by our government and can speak the dictates of his own heart, or in the last days truth, will he be termed as one of the harlots? Hm. If one in the association organization is...
Well, see the association organization... The--the organization is given rights by the government to speak. See? That don't have anything to do with his heart. See? Now, if he is a real believer and born of the Spirit of God, sometime or other he's going to be checked. See? It can't be so plain and then him not see it.

Now, I want you to... See, you want to remember this, friends, that God... God never does, or has at anytime, as I can remember (See?), but what... Look, Jesus was the--was the keynote of all of it, because He was God, Emmanuel made flesh.

Now, look at this--this Fellow, Jesus. When... Did you know when He came on earth, there wasn't, I guess, one tenth of the world knowed He was here? Do you know when that forerunner come, when all the mountains and things would take place, there wasn't one hundredth of the population

of Israel, I guess, ever knowed it? Isn't that strange? Why, there were Jews and things and people all over the world.

Now, remember Jesus came to be a witness as a Savior of the world. Is that right? Why, there was just people after people after people after races after people that never even knowed nothing about it, went right on just like the world knowed nothing about it, but all the time, that was going on in the world. See?

Why didn't He let them know? He came and the ones that was predestinated to Eternal Life was the ones that received Him. It'd been no good to say anything to the rest of them, because He could not have redeemed them, because they wasn't even redeemable. Why was it when those priests stood there... when He had to come to that spot because the predestinated was plotted out in there, all around; so He had to preach to them as a group.

And the great scholars that should've known Him, said, "This man is Beelzebub. We'll not have this man rule over us," and so forth. See? "We'll not do it." But a little old prostitute, with a Life in her, predestinated to Eternal Life and her name is immortally in the Word of God here, walked up there, and the first time the Light struck that little seed, quickly she knowed it.

Look at that old fisherman, come by there; here He stood there doing signs and wonders and--and telling different people the secrets of their heart and revealing Himself. And my, there was Pharisees standing there, and said, "This man is Beelzebub."

They had to answer to their congregation. All of them standing around, "Dr. Jones, will you go down and listen to this man? He--He seems like He knows what He's talking about. He don't talk like ordinary man."

"I will hear Him." Walked down there to see who... God--God could never get to him. And there he stood down there, he said... they said, "Now, looky there. Looky there. There comes a man... Now, there's one of His disciples. There comes a man up... Now, now, that guy's name... That's Andrew. You remember? Oh, you remember the old--the old fishermen's down here, that's them. Yeah, there's--there's Simon, his brother (See?), and that's--that's old Jonas's kids. Now, there they... Look, he's--he's bringing somebody up to Him. Who is it? Yeah. See what He will do now. He's--he's the next up there."

And he walks up and He says to him, "Your name is Simon, and you are the son of Jonas."

"This man is Beelzebub. See, he's got some kind of a spirit on him. He's a odd fellow (See?), spirit on... Don't you all listen to nothing like that. See? Keep away from there. I wouldn't attend any more of these meetings at all. See? Just as soon as this thing is over we'll get out of here. We'll never get--wait around here again." See?

Why? Now, that's what he thought, and yet was supposed to be the one. Look, the very ones that He come to was the ones who crucified Him. See? But there was a little prostitute that everybody'd kicked out. I'm not endorsing prostitution (no, indeedy.), but I'm just showing you the predestinated seed.

Look at this guy, here, this old fisherman--could not even... The Bible said he was unlearned. Is that right? Not only that, but he was ignorant. Now, is that right or wrong? Oh, if we could just get ignorant to a lot of these things that we think we know. See? All right. See, he was both ignorant

and unlearned. And then he walked up there in the Presence of the Lord Jesus, and He told him who he was, right then that settled it.

Now, what's this other fellow's argument against that: "Well look, he believed it. Look who it is. Know who that is. That man never... Why, he--why, he's a fisherman. Why he don't know his abc's. I bought fish from him, he couldn't even sign me a receipt. That... See, that's the kind of stuff...

That's the kind of people that listens to something like that." (Thank the Lord. Amen. See?) "Why, why, he don't... Look at his daddy. He was ignorant, and he didn't even send him to school"; but that's the one He sent to school, taught the way He wanted it done.

Now, I'm not supporting not going to school now (I hope you understand) but there's just a type (See?), what you get in that. That's the kind... The reason it goes over the top of them...

And you know what? Not one... I'd say not one-third of all the Jews in the land ever knowed anything about Him coming, and--and then one--one-fifth of the one-third listened to Him, and then one-hundredth of the one-fifth received it. You know how many He had. He had twelve standing at the cross, out of the whole bunch. Where's the rest of them? See? The seventy went away.

Now, while He was healing the sick, and just going down not saying nothing about His doctrine... He just went ahead healing the sick and everything... Oh, my. That's God's Spirit on Him, do you believe that? When He was healing the sick, wonderful, "That's a great Rabbi. Say, hey, brethren, you ought to have Him in your church. Boy, you talk about power, that guy can really heal the sick. You ought to... He's got a gift of healing."

Well, of course, they're going to have some impersonations then (here they come along) 'cause each group's got to have his own man. Here He come.

And then the first thing you know, one day He set down.

"Oh, sure, Rabbi, we'll go with you."

"All right, set down. Let's go." All right, He sent out the seventy and so forth. Then one day after a great miracle was done He set down and begin to tell them the Word. See? At the beginning of the sounding of the... All right. He begin to tell them the Word, the Truth... They said, "Ahhh, now wait a minute; I don't know about this. It's contrary to their doctrines." Said, "Well, I know we left the synagogue and everything like that, but maybe we--we was wrong, brethren. We'd better go back, 'cause that man talks in riddles. He's kind of an odd fellow. I can't understand that."

See? What was it? The seed wasn't predestinated from the start. Then the first thing you know, He had a little ministerial group and talked to the ministers. They said, "Aw, hm, we'd better go back too--and go back and get in the organization and take up our papers again (You see?), 'cause this guy... Why, who can understand a man like that. He says this here and says this over here." Ah, them others didn't understand it like that.

He was showing riddles to some of them but not to the others; so they walked away. Then He turned around and looked at the twelve standing there, and said, "You want to go too?"

Now, watch. Peter said, "You know what? I attended that old place yonder all that time. Where in the world would I go to? Where would I go? Where--where could I go? After I done here a work... I

can't go back to that garbage can again where all kind of slop of the world's laying in it. See? I--I... Where would I go to? I--I just can't do it."

He said, "Then all right, come on, go along." Now, there you are. See, what was that then? Twelve out of about two and one half million. And the Savior of the world out of billions... Get humble (See?), just stay humble.

Watch. Now, with all them Pharisees, and that little prostitute come up there; she said, "Say, you must be a prophet. Now, we know that Messiah's coming; and when He comes He will do that." He said, "I'm He."

She said, "That's it," and away she went. You try to stop her once; you couldn't do it.

30. Brother Branham, greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus. Please explain who the man in Matthew 22:11, the man that didn't have on a wedding garment--wedding garment on... I know this man could--couldn't get into heaven without the wedding garment on. This was a guest, I know, not the Bride.
Yes, that's right. He would be a guest. Yeah, he just slipped in. See? Now, look. Now, I... It'd just take a whole sermon on that, and I got ten minutes to pray for the sick and finish this up, and I've got one half of them done. Notice. But I'm--I'm going to hurry, right sure enough after this one. See?

Here's what happened. If you know the oriental custom (See?), when a bridegroom gives out invitations for his wedding, he just gives out so many invitations. And for every invitation he sent, he had a porter standing at the door to put a robe on him, whether he was poor or whatever he was, he had... If he was rich or poor, whatever it was, he, all had to wear this wedding garment. When they stood at the door, they put this on him; it covered up what his outside had been. He's invited--whether he was a millionaire, or whether he was a pauper, whether he was a farmer, ditch digger, or whatever he is, or--or plutocrat, he's--he's here with the robe on, now, because the robe's put on him at the door when he enters in at the door.

Now, take St. John 10, I believe it is, He said, "I am the door. (See?) I am the door that enter--that you enter in by." Now there he stands at the door, and here's the man that put the robe on him, the Holy Spirit, to give him the robe of righteousness when he comes in.

Now, this man had come by some organization, back at the window over here (some slip-in hole), and he got in at the table and set down. And then when the Bridegroom comes up and looks around, he...?... These had been odd ducks before, now he's the odd duck. See? "What are you doing here like that without the baptism of the Holy Ghost and all these things? How did you ever get in here?"

Well, he come in somewhere besides the door, and he come without the proper invitation. See? He come by some educational system (See?), or something like that. He got in, and He said to them, "Bind him, hand and feet, cast him out of here into outer darkness where there'll be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth." See? He went into the tribulation period. See? He did not come in by the door. So, all right.

31. Question: Will the Elijah of Malachi 4 be the same as Elijah mentioned in Revelations 11:3, and is the other witnesses--is the other two witnesses separate, or individuals separate?
Yes. The Elijah of Malachi 4 will not be the Elijah of Malachi 3. We went through that last night. "And is the other witness separate?" Two of them, yes, sir, Moses and Elijah to our revelations. (Now, I don't want to hold you here too long.)

32. I Kings 19, Brother Branham, I believe that the number who did not bow the knee was seven...
Yeah, that's right. Seven hundred instead of... Thank you. That's correctly. It was seven hundred instead of seven thousand... Brother... Seven thousand instead of seven hundred. Now, see that?

You know, really, when a person comes like this to--to preach... I want to ask you something now so that you'll understand. When the Elijah came from the wilderness he had one message. He stomped right out of that wilderness, and come right down, and told that king, "The dew will not even fall from heaven till I call for it." That's the words he had and stomped right back out and said nothing to nobody. See?

When he had another message, he come right down and said this message, and turned right back around, went back out into the wilderness. See?

Now, if you'll watch, when I laid the cornerstone under that Tabernacle, He said, "Do the work of an evangelist"; and now the hour's coming when that work is separated. There's something else taking place. Then I'm...?... you see? See, I get here and try to do evangelist and something else; and see where you're at? See, you're... Oh, I'm expecting the church to be spiritual enough to understand.

33. Brother Branham, I understand that Elias must be three times. You tell us that he has been twice already, and will come again. Now, will the person that the spirit of Elias will be upon, also be of the two witnesses of Moses and Elijah?
No, no. He will be a Gentile (See?), to the Gentile church. God sends always to His own people. See? He came to His Own, and His Own received Him not. He always sends His... The message of the hour...

When God was dealing with the Jews, there wasn't any Gentile prophets come. When God's dealing with the Gentiles, there's no Jewish prophets. When God turns back to the Jews, there'll be no Gentile prophets. See? See what I mean? All right.

34. After the rapture has taken place...
Now, there will be a carry over time, of course, one message carrying to the other one. It--it--it has to come right in like this (You see?), as I explained that (See?), like Paul to the Gentiles and so forth. All right.

34. After the rapture has been taken place, will any of the church be saved in the end who was not taken in the rapture?
No. Huh-uh, 'cause the Blood's done left. You see, there'll be no intercessions; the Gentile age is finished. There'll be no one saved after the rapture, none of the church. Huh-uh. The church... "Let

him that's filthy be filthy still, him that's holy be holy still." See? That won't take place, not after the Church is gone.

35. Brother Branham, I noticed you--your referring to Daniel's seventy weeks on the First Seal message. I understand on Daniel--on the tape of Daniel when the Gospel returns to the Jews, the seventy weeks will begin. Is there a one seventy--one week, seven years, left for the Jews, or yet is there only one-half week, one three and one-half years left for them?
Only one-half week: Jesus prophesied the first half week, as was predicted, only one-half week left for them.

36. Brother Branham, since you didn't pray for the sick during the week, will you...
That's just a request for that...

37. Brother Branham, will you see me after the service...
That's a request (See?), there...

38. Would you please explain about Satan being bound a thousand years, and being loosed for the battle of--battle of Revelations 20 and 8. What relationship does this have with the battle of Armageddon as mentioned in the Fourth Seal? Will Gog and Magog be gathered from the people of the new earth?
Well, this is a long one, and I--I'll just have to hit the spot of it. See? Now, the first thing. Will... Now, maybe I can't explain it. I'll do my best.

38a. Would you please explain how Satan is bound a thousand years, being loosed again for the battle of Revelations 20 and 8.
That is not the battle of Armageddon. The battle of Armageddon takes place on this side (See? All right) at the--when the tribulation period is ended.

38b. Now, what relation does this have with the battle of Gog and Magog?
None. One is this thousand years, and the other one is the end of the--the end of the thousand years.

38c... as mentioned in the Fourth Seal, will Gog and--will Gog and Magog be gathered from peoples on the new earth?
Satan was loosed out of his prison and went to gather all the people, the wicked, to bring them to this place, and God rained fire and brimstone out of heaven, and they were consumed (See?), two battles altogether.

39. Question: Concerning the sixty-eight million slain by the Roman Catholic church, what time in history did this take place, and over how long a period of time did this take place?
Take Smucker's "Glorious Reformation," I guess some of these scholars have that; and it's the history of the church. And I forget now just what page it's on, but it taken place from the time of the--the--the thing was produced or given to the church by Saint Augustine of Hippo, Africa. That was AD 354, and it lasted until 1850, the massacre of Ireland. You see? So that time is--were from AD 33--or AD 30--354, let me get that right now. See? From AD 3-5-4 to--to AD 1-8-5-0, 1850,

according to the history there were sixty-eight million Protestants put to death recorded on the Roman martyrology for disagreeing with the pope of Rome. That's history. If you want to say it's wrong, well then, maybe George Washington wasn't here or Lincoln (You know none of us lived back to see it.); but I believe they was here anyhow. I see signs that they were here.

40. Brother Branham, the 19th chapter of--and the 18th verse: "Yet have I kept me seven thousand of Israel--seven thousand in Israel all hadn't bowed their--bowed to Baalim, and every mouth--or--or beared the...?... every which has not kissed him--mouth who's not kissed him." Please explain this for me about the--about the seven hundred.
It was seven thousand. See? And that's kissing Baali. Don't you know... How many here was formerly Catholic? Sure, see? You kiss images. See? And remember, in the time of Babylon and Nebuchadnezzar when the Gentile kingdom was issued in (See?), when the Gentile kingdom issued in, it come in by the worship of a man.

Nebuchadnezzar made a statue of a man. And if you've got a spiritual mind... (Now, listen to this revelation). That spirit, that man that he made a revelation of--or he made an image of by his revelation was Daniel--a religious man being worshipped (See it?), because he named him Belzar, wasn't? Or Belteshazzar, which was the name of his god. And he made a image of that god, which was the image of Daniel, and Daniel refused to bow to his own image. See, see? And here it is again. See?

Now watch. The Gentile kingdom was issued in in the days of Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar, a Gentile king, putting church and state together by taking a holy im--a image of a holy man and forcing worship to it. The Gentile kingdom ends in the feet with a handwriting on the wall by a political power that's united church and state together to force kissing images again (You see?), same thing: image of a holy man. Sure.

41. Brother Branham, when this rapture takes place... When the rapture takes place, will the young children that do not know right from wrong go in the rapture?
If their names are on the Book. Yes. That's right. See? All right.

42. Brother Branham, you said last night that the--there were seven hundred people to be saved--would be saved under Elijah's preaching. You meant seven thou...
Yeah, that's right. Please forgive me for that. That's all right (See?); I did it.

43. Brother Branham, will you interpret of... After you open... Brother Branham, will the (d-e-s-p-e-...) dispensation (it is, pardon me)--will the dispen--(Now, it's not you; it's me. See?)--will the dispensation of grace be over after you open the Seven Seals?
I hope not. No, no, friends, don't get that in your mind now. See? You just go right on. Dig the potatoes, and go to church, and right on. If it takes place in the morning, you be found doing just exactly what you're supposed to be doing.

Don't--don't start... See, when you do, you twist the very thing away from the--the purpose that it's intended for. You get little peculiar thoughts, and you get own ideas about things. Don't take your own idea. Just when you set and listen to things like that, say, "Thank You, Lord. I'm just going to walk a little closer to You." See, see? I'm going to walk... Don't quit work and say, "I'll sell out everything."

A man running up here the other day from North Carolina, just before we left, he said, "Glory to God. Can you tell me where some great somebody was?"

And I said, "No."

"Oh, yes, sir," said, "this guy's got the..." Said, "This guy is the president of the Auto Mission."

I said, "The what?"

He said, "Auto Mission."

I said, "I don't understand."

And he said, "Oh," said, "this guy's the president."

I said, "What'd you say his name was?"

He said, "Branham, I believe, something like that, Brown or Branham."

I said, "Well, my name is Branham."

He said, "Are you the president of the Auto Mission?"

I said, "No, sir."

He said, "Well, where's the millennium at?"

I said, "I don't know."

He said, "Why, you're a... You--you mean it--it--it--it--it's going on right here and you don't know it?"

And I said, "No, sir, I don't."

And he said, "Well, glory to God," said, "I got some--some friends that come, told me," and said, "I quit work;" still had his work clothes on. Said, "Brother, I want the millennium."

And I said, "Well, I--I believe you're just a little bit confused, aren't you, brother?

About that time a car drove up, a taxi cab. She said, "Hold it, hold it, hold it." A little woman come up there, she said, "Now, you're going to pray for my husband."

I said, "Yes, ma'am, what--what about it?"

She said, "Well, I understand you have to wait a month on an interview (See?), to get prayed for."

And I said, "What?"

And she said, "Yes, sir," said, "but I'm desperate. You got to pray for my husband."

I said, "Sure, where is he at? Bring him on."

This guy standing, looking on, said, "Do you pray for the sick too?"

I said, "Yes, sir."

Said, "What did... You say your name was, Branham?"

I said,... "And you don't know nothing about the millennium?"

I said, "Well, I--I... No, I don't." I said, "I--I don't understand it just right in the Bible."

He said, "No, it's right now. People's come from everywhere."

I said, "Where's it at?"

He said, "Jeffersonville, Indiana, right under the bridge."

"Sir, you've got me bested." And I said, "I don't know nothing about it." I said, "Let's go in and set down. Maybe we can talk this thing over." We did. See?

Don't--don't... You see, friends, don't you never desire a ministry. (You know what I mean. See?)

You be happy you're just where you are. You--you just go right on.

44. After the rapture of the Bride, when does the church that had to go through the tribulation period stand judgment? (It don't stand judgment.) **Is it before or after the millennium?** (For the church... Oh, I beg your pardon; pardon me ever who wrote this.) When does the church that... After the rapture of the Bride, when does the church that had to go through the tribulation period stand at the judgment? Is it after or before?

After. The rest of the dead live not for a thousand years that didn't go with the Bride. Let's see.

45. You have said many times that communism was raised up by God to serve His purpose, as King Nebuchadnezzar. Now where did the--communism fit into the picture that will--it finally--will finally do? How does it wind up? Many scholars believe that in the kingdom of the north, Gog and Magog mentioned in the Scriptures, goes down against Israel in the--in the... (I can't make out just what that is. Yeah. Yeah.) I believe of the--some of the tapes taken, said you said it would finally drop--that--that communism would finally destroy Catholicism or the Vatican by an explosion. Is this right?

Yes. Revelations 16, you find it, and Revelations 18:8 and 12. If the person is here and wants to take this piece of paper on that, you can look it right up. Yeah. See? "Alas, alas, that great city... for in one hour she has come to her end." You see? The merchants and everything here that brought her merchandise... It will be. That's right. And don't...

Just quit... Just forget about communism. See? It's nothing in the world but a bunch of--of people that's nothing but barbarians that's--that's ungodly. It's a system... Let me show you something--just to show you how simple it is. Why, there's only one percent of all Russia that's communism.

They need a messenger. See? One percent... Then ninety-nine percent of them are still on the Christian side. One percent, now, how can one percent control ninety-nine percent? That ought to explain it to you right there. If God didn't permit it, why--why, they'd be thrown out long ago. See, sure.

46. Brother Branham, you said that Rome would take the government of the Jews at the last three and a half years. That is going... The--the first three and one-half years of the tribulation or will it be the last three and a half years? Is this correct?
It will be the last three and one-half years (That's right.), not the first, 'cause it's already passed. (Got one more after this one.)

47. My dear brother, will the Malachi 4:5 Elijah go to the wilderness as I Kings 17 tells us the other Elijah did?
Well, I wouldn't exactly say that he would--that he would go to the wilderness, but he'd be this (You see?): He was Elisha and Elijah... Did you notice, most of men like that are men who are away; they--they keep away from the people. They're very odd. They don't associate too much with people.

You notice how Elisha was, and Elijah, and John the Baptist, and that nature of that spirit. See? And they don't... He--he... I believe the man be a lover of the wilderness and maybe stay in the wilderness, but now just to say he's going to be a hermit and live in the wilderness, I don't know about that. Sometimes they did. Elisha didn't, but Elijah did. And then, John, he--he lived in the wilderness.

And hard tell, these other prophets, when they come out of Judaea there, I don't know where they'll stay. They may camp out on the hill somewhere, or... But what they'll do in the days of their prophecy, I--I don't know what they will do, but you... What I'm trying to say is this: Were--they--they will they a--will they be a--um--a...

They're trying to ask: "Will they just be wilderness dwellers?" Why, they'd have to go to northern British Columbia to get enough wilderness to dwell in now, somewhere. You see? So it'll be someone... The wilderness is all cut down (See?); there's not much wilderness left. See? So the only thing, they--they might be a lover of the wilderness (See?) and stay, maybe, a lot in the wilderness, and they'll be--have... You can notice the nature of them is that uncompromising (See?), and you--you'll know it when it comes. (See?) You'll see it, if you're--if you're wide awake.

Now, here's one, I don't know how to touch it. And I got another one just before this one, and then I'm going to ask them to snap the tape just a minute.

48. If God is one personality, why, or how could He talk to Himself on Mount Transfiguration?
Well, I've just explained that. You see, see?

I'd like to ask you this. I'm going to... When Jesus prayed to the Father. You see? I believe you have the baptism of the Holy Ghost, don't you, brother? Why don't you stand up just a minute? You claim to have the baptism of the Holy Ghost? [The brother says, "Yes, sir."--Ed.] I do too. Then what is that? Then I don't claim that I'm have the--I have the powers within myself to unfold these mysteries. I don't have the power to heal the sick. It's God.

I believe you're a minister. If I'm not mistaken, you're from Arkansas. All right. Now, and in you you have--is--is to preach the Gospel. Ordinarily you was raised on a farm and around like that. You just don't know nothing about it. But something come into you to preach the Gospel. You don't claim that to be yourself at all. That's another person, called the Holy Ghost. Is that right? Okay.

Now, I want to ask you. Do... That Holy Ghost dwells within you, is that right? Do you talk to Him? Speak to Him? Pray to Him? All right, that's all I want... Thank you very much. See? Now, do you get it?

I'll ask you one: How did it come that when Jesus in St. John 3, He said, "When the Son of man shall be, which now is in heaven (See?)--now is in heaven, shall come to earth." See? "The Son of man which now is in heaven," and here He stood right here talking to the person. Now, you answer me that one.

Jesus and the Father was the selfsame Person, just the same as the Holy Spirit in me. You're looking to me preaching, but it's not me. It's not me can speak a word that could bring, as you know, an animal; set there and looked at it, and kill the animal and eat it. That's creative power. That doesn't lay in a human being.

It's not me could take a little boy here laying--the doctors laying him on his back, with heart trouble tonight, and say, "Thus saith William Branham..." No. "THUS SAITH THE LORD, it's finished." And bring him down to the doctor the next day and it's all gone.

A kid with leukemia, till its eyes were bulged out, and yellow all over, and its stomach... until they taken it to the hospital to give it blood and things to even get it here; and in five minutes time, cry for a hamburger, and take it back to the doctor the next day and can't even find a trace of it. That's Thus Saith William Branham? That's THUS SAITH THE LORD. Yet He is an individual different from me, but the only way He's expressed is through me. See?

That's how Jesus and the Father was. Jesus said, "It's not Me that doeth the works, it's My Father that dwelleth in Me." Now, the Son of man shall ascend from heaven, which now is in heaven. See? What was it? He was omnipresent because He was God.

Now, this other one, I want to say these words.

49. Explain what you was talking about... [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.]
[A prophecy was given from the audience--Ed.] Thank You, Father God. We thank You for the Spirit of Your Being here. And we are told, Father, that one time when the--the enemy was coming in, the Spirit fell upon a man, and prophesied to him, and told him. It set the thing in order where they knowed how to go and defeat the enemy, and where to find the enemy.

And I thank You, Father, that You remain the same God that You ever was; You're still just the same. We change, and ages change, and times change, and people, but You never change. Your systems are the same; Your grace is the same; Your works are the same; because they are marvelous, and are way past any knowledge of man to ever understand.

So we are thankful, Lord, that Your secrets are hid into the hearts of Your servants; and we're so happy for this, Lord, and may we go forth as shining Lights to--from place to place, and trying with love to--to bring others in that we might seine every little corner and cast the net in to be sure that

we get every fish that belongs to You. And then, "The Lamb shall take His Bride, to be ever at His side." We're waiting for that time, through Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

How many sick is in here, let's see your hands. Well, it looks to be about... Hold your hands up again. About one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, forty, forty-one, forty-two, forty-three, forty-four, forty-five, forty-six, forty-seven, about forty-seven.

All right, it's eleven-thirty. We can pray for the sick right now, put the night into the--to the... Would you--would you like to do that? I believe right now would be a good time to do it. I'll tell you why. The Holy Spirit, standing right in here, is anointing.

Now, as far as we have moved up into that Spirit now (See?), and you see that something, you know that something... Something is present. See? And if you could ever believe, you ought to believe it right now. See? If you're ever going to believe, it's now.

Now, we want you just to come real quietly, and let those that are in that aisle there, that raised up their hands, step out into this aisle, and then go down this way, and then we'll take them aisle by aisle in the--just forty-five--forty-five, forty-seven of them. It won't take very much.

I'm going to ask Brother Neville if he will come step right down here with me, and we're going to pray for them. First, them that's coming now into the aisle, just stand up just a minute now so we can pray for you here, and lay hands on everybody. Now, that's right. Just everybody that's going to come in the prayer line (See?), them that's going to come in the prayer line. See?
Now, now, see, conserving the time so we'd be sure to get it, we're going to pray for you now.

Look, friends, now let me explain it to you. Jesus Christ said this: "These signs shall follow them that believe." Now, watch. He never said, "If they prayed for them." "If they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover." And if God can take a unfailing case of leukemia, and a little girl that can't have faith for herself, and make that thing perfectly whole... If He can take the next case of a little boy and so heal him till the doctors can't even find any rheumatic fever in his blood or anything else, what can He do for you? Now, them little bitty fellows, they don't understand what prayer would be. I just laid hands on them, and it did it. We can understand it.

Now, while you stand to pray now. Heavenly Father, with Your great Presence laying here, the great Holy Spirit, the One we have the picture of, the One that we read in the Bible, He's present right here now. He is revealing Himself through human flesh.

How we have seen Him without one time failing through the years, to be able to reveal the very thoughts of the human heart, to reveal the sin that they did, tell them exactly what happened and what will be without one time failing... Then we know that the God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel still remains God in the Person of Jesus Christ.

And now, by His Spirit descending from heaven under the Blood that was shed at Calvary, coming down among people to make Himself manifested in human flesh, just before the burning of the world, the great Holy Spirit represented in human flesh, those precious people who has accepted the Blood atonement and the Holy Spirit takes into their being, God, represented in human flesh.

Therefore, it would not be the human flesh, only just to perform the act, like in baptism or so forth, with a commission that "These signs shall follow them that believe." By laying hands on the sick, the Holy Spirit would see to it that they got well if they'd believed.

Now, Father, we know that these things are true. These people standing, they're going to pass under the hands of ministers who has received this Holy Spirit, and they're ready, Lord, to lay hands upon the sick. And we know, Father, that if these people will only believe, just as every Word that You promised, it's got to happen so does... And it cannot happen without faith, for it is impossible to please God without faith. We just can't do it.

And now, with faith believing, with this promise laying before us, with the Seals of the Bible being opened to us that God keeps His Word, may these precious people, who are sick, Lord, and my feeling for them as a human being in a mortal body like theirs, and now, their same Holy Spirit that dwells within us, Lord, dwells in them; and we feel sorry for each other, and knowing that the new covenant in the new Blood... If the old one offered healing, how much more will this new and better do? Father, may it be so that these people won't fail, but will receive their healing as they pass by the hands of Thy servants, through Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

Now, now, we'll... This side will be seated while this side comes through, and then this side will go back and the other side... Now, some of you brethren here that'll stand up... I believe you're ministers along here, all of you along here. Where's Doctor... Brother Ned? Was you going to be in the prayer line, Brother Ned? All right, Brother Ned. All right. As soon as you're prayed for, drop right into the line.

Now, let these on this side over here, just be seated just a moment, and I'll take the ones from this side, then--then we'll come down and take the middle aisle and send them back this way, then take this aisle and send them through this way, and we'll pray for everybody.

I'm going to ask Brother Teddy... Where is he? All right, I want you to play on there, "The Great Physician Now Is Near." And the pianist, ever where they're at, accompany him if you will.

Listen, you remember the time where that was playing and a little boy was brought out on the platform? The little Amish girl playing "The great Physician now is near." She had long, dark hair--or--or blond hair, rather (a Mennonite or Amish girl, one), laying back on her head, and the Holy Spirit struck the little boy just by laying hands (crippled in his feet), and he jumped off of my arms, and run down through the platform.

His mother raised up and fell back: a Mennonite, I believe, to begin with; and the Spirit of God struck this little Mennonite girl or Amish, whatever she was (her dad and them setting there with the--their clothes on as Mennonites or whatever it was), and she jumped up from the piano with her hands up in the air, and her pretty hair fell across; she looked like an angel, started singing in the Spirit. And as she did that, the piano continually played, "The great Physician now is near, the sympathizing Jesus."

Everybody standing there, thousands, looking down upon them keys moving up and down, "The great Physician now is near, the sympathizing Jesus..." People raised up from wheelchairs, off of cots, stretchers, went walking on. That same Lord Jesus is right here this morning, just the same as it was in that room.

Just believe now. Play that song, if you will: "The Great Physician." Now, let everybody pray. Let them walk right through the room, go right down this way, and right to your seat or wherever you want to go, as you make your way... Have you got it clear back there? All right, so you can go right back to your seat, then we'll stand up.

Now listen. While these are being prayed for, you pray for them. Then when you're being prayed for, they'll pray for you. Now, you ministers along here, stand up. I want you to lay hands on these as they come by.

Now, everybody, heads bowed, and keep your heads bowed, keep praying; and when you pass by, then lay... the hands laid on you, remember, it is a promise of the God that reveals the secrets of His Book, the secrets of the human heart. He's the God that will confirm that, if you'll believe it. See? Now, everybody in prayer.

Now, you minister brothers stand if you will.

All right, let's bow our heads.

Now, Lord Jesus, as these people come, may the power of Almighty God quicken their faith immediately as they pass by, all in Jesus' Name.

Now, all right, let the line start this a way. Ask every one, lay hands on them, you ministers, as they pass by.

[Brother Branham and the ministers pray for the sick--Ed.]

In the Name of the Lord Jesus...
I lay my hands, in the Name of the Lord Jesus, on my brother.
In the Name of the Lord Jesus, I lay my hands...
God, grant it to my sister, Rosella, in Jesus' Name.
In the Name of Jesus Christ...?...
In the Name of Jesus Christ, I lay hands...

[Brother Branham speaks to someone, "You stay, watch that till the line ends."--Ed.]

In the Name of the Lord Jesus...
Remember, He's humble. Humbly come.

[Brother Branham's words are not all distinguishable while praying for the sick--Ed.]

In the Name of Jesus Christ...?...
In the Name of Jesus Christ, I lay my hands...?...
In the Name of Jesus Christ, heal...?...
In the Name of Jesus Christ...?...
In the Name of Jesus Christ...?...
In Jesus' Name, receive your healing.
In Jesus' Name, receive your healing.
In the Name of Jesus Christ receive your healing...?...
In the Name of Jesus Christ, be healed.
God, in the Name of Jesus Christ, may our sister be healed.
In the Name of Jesus, may the child be healed. Glory to God.

[Prayer line continues--Ed.]

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[Brother Branham's words are not all distinguishable. Prayer line continues--Ed.]

May this request be granted, in Jesus' Name. God bless you.
Receive your healing, brother, from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing, Brother Mitchell.
Receive your healing, brother, from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing, sister, from Jesus Christ.
Receive healing, sister, from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing, sister, from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing, brother, from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing, sister, from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing, sister, from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing, sister, from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing, brother, from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing, brother, from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing, brother, from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing, sister, from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing, sister, from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing, my brother, from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing, sister, from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing, sister, from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing, brother, from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing, brother, from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing, brother, from Jesus Christ.
Receive the healing.
Receive healing, sister, from Jesus Christ.
Receive healing, sister.
Receive healing, sister, from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing, sister, from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing, brother, from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing, my sister.
Receive healing, brother.
Receive your healing, sister...?...
Receive your healing, sister...?...
Receive your healing, brother.
Receive your healing.
Receive your healing, brother...?...
Receive your healing, sister...?...
Receive your healing from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing.
Receive healing, sister...?..., from Jesus Christ.
Receive healing.
Receive healing...?...
Receive healing, my brother, from Jesus Christ.
Receive healing.
Receive healing, sister...?...
Receive the healing, in Jesus Christ's Name.
Receive the healing, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Receive healing.
Receive healing.
Receive your healing.
Receive your healing.
Receive your healing from Jesus Christ.

[Brother Billy Paul Branham steps to the microphone and says, "Anybody else want in the prayer line? Would you get in, please. If there's anybody else want in the prayer line, would you get in, please."--Ed.]

Receive your healing, my brother, from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing, sister, from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing, brother, from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing, Sister Wood, from the hand of Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing...?...
Receive healing...?... in the Name of Jesus Christ.
Receive healing, Sister Roberson, by the hand of Jesus Christ.
Receive healing, my brother, by the hand of Jesus Christ.
Receive healing, Sister Neville from the hand of Jesus Christ.
In the Name of Jesus Christ, receive your healing.
Heal him, in the Name of Jesus Christ.
Receive healing, Sister...?...
Receive your healing, son, from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing, sister, from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing, brother, from Jesus Christ.
Brother Weerts, receive your healing, brother, from Jesus Christ.
Sister, receive your healing from Jesus Christ.
Receive your healing, Brother...?...
Brother, by the Name of Jesus Christ, receive...?...
In the Name of Jesus Christ...?...
In the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, receive your healing.
In the Name of Jesus Christ, receive your healing, my brother.
In the Name of Jesus Christ...?...
In the Name of Jesus Christ, receive your healing, sister.
In the Name of Jesus Christ...?...

[Brother Billy Paul Branham steps to the microphone and says, "Is that all that wanted to be prayed for now?"--Ed.]

[Brother Lee Vayle speaks to Brother Branham--Ed.]

May the hand of the Lord Jesus grant to you, Brother Vayle, this request for your loved one, in Jesus' Name.

[Brother Billy Paul Branham speaks to Brother Branham--Ed.]

Billy Paul, as many cards as you've give out, now receive your healing, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

The great Physician now is near,
The sympathizing Jesus,

He speaks the drooping heart to cheer,
Oh, hear the voice of Jesus.
All together.
Sweetest Name in seraph song,
Sweetest Name on mortal tongue,
Sweetest carol ever sung,

God, upon this lovely little couple that's brought forth, in the world, one of the...?... May they receive their request, Lord in the Name of Jesus Christ.

...?... of Jesus Christ, may our sister's person that she has on her mind right now, may the power of God go with that request. May she be delivered. Grant it, Lord. Amen.
Lord God, in Jesus' Name, grant this man's request. I pray for him, Lord with my prayer. Amen.

Oh, isn't this wonderful. I believe that if every person that come by here this morning, under this tremendous anointing, I--I believe if you'll just... Now, don't look up for some great big something. Just remember the simple thing of believing what He promised.

Now, let's all say it together. We [Congregation says, "We"--Ed.] do not look ["do not look"--Ed.] for something big. ["for something big."--Ed.] But in Jesus' Name ["But in Jesus' Name,"--Ed.], we receive His promise. ["we receive His promise."--Ed.] That settles it. That makes it over...?... [Congregation rejoices--Ed.] Amen.

THE SEVENTH SEAL – UNABRIDGED

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Thank you, brother. While we remain standing, let's pray. Almighty God, Author of Life and Giver of all good spiritual gifts, we are indeed grateful now for this most marvelous outstanding, a time of fellowship in--in Your Presence. Marks a great highlight in our lives, Lord, a time that we'll never forget no matter how long we should stay.

And we pray, God, that on this closing night... We are noticing the Scripture on the closing day of the feast, Jesus stood among them and cried out, "If any man thirst, let him come to Me,"... And I pray, heavenly Father, that that'll repeat again tonight that we could hear the Voice of our Lord calling us, and calling us into--to service for Him, closer walks. We feel that we've heard His voice already in the opening of these Seals, speaking that it's the last day, and the time is at hand. Grant these blessings that we ask for, Father, in Jesus Christ's Name and for His glory. Amen. Be seated.

I'd like to add this, that of all the services I've ever had in my life, I believe this week has been the most glorious time of all my life in services. No matter what I have... I've seen great miracles performed, of course, before in healing services, but this is beyond that. It's been one of the great times, highlights of my life is to be here; and seeing the little Tabernacle take on this different look. Not only that, but the inside has taken on a different look...

And now, I was asking Billy... He was so long about coming, getting me. He said there'd been another group baptized (which it runs over a hundred) this week, of people being baptized in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ; so we are--are thankful, and God bless you.

And now, if you do not have a church home, we invite you here to come and fellowship with us. Just remember that the church is open. We are no denomination, and I hope and trust that it'll never be a denomination, just a fellowship where men and women and boys and girls meet around the table of God, and fellowship around the Word and we have all things in common.

Now, we have a wonderful pastor, a real man of God; and I'm so thankful for that. And if you'll remember a vision a year ago, that food was stored up in the place; and that's exactly right. And we're--we have the place now adequate for the Sunday school classes for all the ages, and--and we're just very grateful for this opportunity. Someone had said sometime, if they would just have Sunday school classes where they could send their children. You... They got them now, so now, so you just come right on and be with us if you don't have a church home. 'Course, if you have a good church where you're going to, and preaches the Gospel, so forth, why, that's--that's just an--another group of us (You see?) somewhere else; but if you have no home and you're...

I understand that several had--has moved in from other parts of the country to make this their church home, and we certainly welcome you here to the Word of the Lord.

And I remember... I guess, when I left I told you that--that the services, as far as I was concerned, would be here at the Tabernacle. I don't know yet what all the Lord has for me in future. I--I trust that to His hand (not some superstition or anything); I just wait day by day for Him to lead me into the place to where I could be of better service for Him. And when He's finished with me, then I'll trust that He will receive me home in peace.

And now, I am very grateful for the cooperation of the Tabernacle people. As Billy was telling me this week, that I think every home that's represented here around this Tabernacle has a--somebody with them. They opened up your homes and places and taken in people that wouldn't have had any place to go to. Now, that's real Christian acts. See? And some homes have just stuck everybody in every little corner that they could to get people a place to stay, because this has been a very hard time on account of this, some kind of a affair that'd been going on about the sports world (some kind of basketball or something) and--and reservations had been made plus the great group from... I think represented here in this little church about around twenty-eight or thirty states represented right here in the church, besides two foreign nations, so--in this little revival, so that takes up quite a bit of room itself.

And know... I was asking today with some people; I said, "I understood there wasn't too many Jeffersonville people around in the meeting."

Someone spoke up and said, "We can't get in"; that was the--that was the reason. Some of the police and so forth wanted to come to the meeting, but said... Had been talked around... said, but they come up and they couldn't get in. It was already filled up before even time that they could get in. So they had their time, maybe, later on and they didn't come, so now the people are coming from other places. So we're very grateful.

Now, I don't know. The next thing would follow this would be the Seven Trumpets in another message. But in the Seals, practically everything is included. The church ages come down and we placed them first, which was most--which was most important, but the... of that time... Now, the opening of the Seals shows where the church goes and how it ends up. And now, I think the heavenly Father has been certainly gracious to us for letting us see what we have.

Now, I say this... Looking over old notes that I preached on many years ago, I was just coming in and saying what I thought was right and going on. It was away off of the line. And now, all four of them Seals, I had it in about twenty minute sermon. Oh... The four horse riders of Revelations, I throwed them all together, and said, "One horse went in white"; I said, "perhaps that's the--the--the early age. And next horse went in famine," and then on like that.

But my, when the Word really was opened up, it was a hundred miles away from it. So it behooves us to watch and wait. Then maybe it had to be this time to do it. There may be many things that's been said that might be disagreeable with other people, but I believe when the great windup time comes and we meet our Lord, you'll find out that it was right. It--it--it really is.

Now, people who are from out of town, from around at different places, come in from different states and nations, how I appreciate your sincerity to travel all the distance and to take your vacations, and some of them even without places to stay. I know because I've been able to help some of them get places to stay, without even money to eat on, or anything else and so... and even have come anyhow, expecting something to happen to take care of it. And with such great faith in that that no matter if they have to go without food, or even a place to stay, they want to come hear those--them--them things happen anyhow. That's really gallant, you know. And everybody has just been so one hundred percent.

I met my brother-in-law back there which was the--the--had the bricklaying of the church and so forth; I was telling him about how I appreciated his job. I'm not a brick mason or I know nothing about it, but I do know what a square corner is and whether it's fixed up kind of right.

And he said, "I tell you," he said, "there never was such a time, hardly, that you ever seen such harmony amongst men when they all worked together." Brother Wood, Brother Roberson, and everybody just placing their places--everything. And the brother who put the acoustic, the--I mean the public addressing outfit and everything in the church... They said, "Everything just worked right." When they need something, there'd be the man standing there to do it. So, it's... God is in all the whole program. We're very thankful for this.

Many great donators in the church to help do it, such as our Brother Dauch and Sister Dauch setting here, and many others that's donated heavy to this cause. And I think right at the time they don't lack but a little bit and it all being paid for. So we're very grateful for that.

And remember, it's your church, for you are a servant of Christ, and that's what it's built here for, a open door to make servants, and for servants who are already servants of Christ, to come in and enjoy themselves around the fellowship of Jesus Christ. And we want you to know that everybody's welcome.

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

So now, I don't mean any individual, Catholic, Jewish, whatever it might be, or--or Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, any organization, and no organizations, and--and non-denominationals and all, God has His children sitting out in there. See? And many times I believe they're out there for a purpose: to give light, pulling out those predestinated ones from all around everywhere. And--and on that great day we'll see then, the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ will be called to the--to the great meeting time in the air, and we'll all go up to meet Him, and I'm--I'm looking for that hour.
Now, there's so much could be said, and tonight on the final closing night, as usually, everybody's... In a healing service, I find, under anticipations for great things to be done in the healing service, which makes them a tension, nervous. And then I find the same thing tonight, that everybody's under expectation of seeing how... And each night it's been that way, for the opening of those Seals.

Now, I want to make this real clear. Every time, every time that these Seals has come to the place, everything that I ever believed on them and has read of other people, has been contrary to what come to me in the room. And my mind, at this time... The reason I had that healing service this morning, because my human mind is becoming so away from my own way of thinking. I have tried to stay in a--in a room with the shades pulled down, a light on (This is the eighth day.) and not even got in my car to--to go anywhere.

I had to go with some brothers down to the bank to sign some notes and things on money and stuff that's been borrowed for this church, but I--a--but I come right straight back and went right to study. And the strange thing, there hasn't been one person said anything or... Usually they're knocking and pulling and around. There hasn't been one thing. It's been very phenomenal.

Where I've been eating at, at Brother Wood's, usually that place is packed around with cars, and they had eight or ten different people was going to come stay with them during this time, and not a one of them come.

Then this morning, I'll never forget this morning; the grace of our Savior to His tired weary servant. When I'd answered a poor person's question, and the best of my mind, thinking that I'd done right, and all of a sudden as if I'd--I'd taken something away from a child, I was so condemned and didn't know what it was. And I thought, "Maybe being that I was pressing to get to that healing service, maybe somebody so desperately sick that had to be prayed for right then..." and I asked the audience. A few minutes, it was revealed. Somebody said, "Won't you read your--read your text over," or something, and that time I picked up a little piece of paper and read it again to see what it said and looked down on the Book, and it was altogether different, the question I was answering. See?

May I just pass this to you. When the supernatural comes in, that's the mind of Christ. You become so far away from your own thinking till in your own mind... I... This... you... I... Don't--don't let me try to explain that, because I can't. See? I couldn't do it. There's nobody could do it. How could that man that's the Elijah stand up there on the mountain under the Presence of God, and pull down fire from heaven, then rain right behind the fire, and then close the heavens, and it didn't rain for three years and six months, and go right back and call the rain on that same day? And under that anointing, how... and took four hundred priests out and killed them, and then run to the wilderness screaming for his life on a threat of one woman. See? Jezebel, she swore that she'd take his life. When Ahab and all of them was there to see the Presence of God and the great miracle done.

See, his... The Spirit had left him. In his natural way of thinking, he didn't know how to think. See? He couldn't think for himself. And remember, the Angel put him to sleep and rested him, raised him up, give him some cakes and put him back to sleep and rested him, and raised him up, and give him some cakes again; and we don't know what happened to the man for forty days. Then he was pulled back in a cave somewhere and God called him.

Don't try to explain nat--a supernatural; you can't do it. See? Only thing to do is just go right ahead. And I'll try to make myself clear as I can; but from henceforth, I think I'll never try it again. See? You just absolutely believe or not, and now, you'll see a little later why.

Now, I've tried to be honest. God knows that. And that question this morning; I was trying to answer it just as honestly as I knew how. I just read the first part of the verse, and it was a--wouldn't have been right, but the Holy Spirit understanding that I... My mind... See, look, the last two or three days what's been happening. See, I--I called seven hundred--seven thousand, seven hundred, this morning; was trying... And it was picked up by the people (See?), and that showed that you was watching.

Now, another one where I was trying to say "the dove," and I called it "the lamb"; but I caught that right away. And then here one, I didn't catch on that, the Holy Spirit turned right back around and called me to it. That's a double confirmation that these things are right. God's watching over to see that it's right. That's right. He wants to... He wants you to know that it's the Truth. He's the One that's sending it, 'cause it sure wasn't... It was just as much to me learning as it was--has been to you.

And so we are... I'm very grateful for the--the--the knowledge--know now of the Lord, what hour we're living in (See?), living right in the end time before the going away of the Church. Now, just--we've been talking, so let's just ask His blessings on the Word again.

Our heavenly Father, here comes that great night, the great hour that when a great thing has happened. It's been all around the people. And, Father, I pray that tonight that'll be made known beyond a shadow of doubt to the people's hearts and mind that they'd know that God is still on the throne, and that He still loves His people, and it's the hour--hour that the world has longed to see, is now approaching, for it cries out for redemption.

We can see the elements ready to bring it back. We can see the elements ready to bring the Church into the Presence of Christ. We can see the--the Bride taking on the form, putting the wedding garment on, making ready. We can see the lights a-flickering. We know that we're at the end.

Now, heavenly Father, as this goes forward now to preach or to teach on this great mighty event that taken place in glory some two thousand years ago, and was given to the great beloved apostle, John, and tonight we're to speak upon it, let the Holy Spirit come forward now in His mighty power of revelation, that He might reveal to us that thing which He wants us to know, as He has in the last few nights. We commit ourselves to You with the Word, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Now, as you're--want to turn maybe in your Bibles, and this is just a short verse, one verse of Scripture, but it's the--the last verse found--last Seal rather. Now, last night we were speaking on the Sixth Seal. First Seal, being the antichrist introduced, his time went through, and we seen how he went out, how the beast that was introduced on God's power that went forth with the antichrist power to combat it. I don't believe there could be a question in anybody's mind about it.

Then we find out immediately after that, when that church age, them beasts, went--got through we find out we changed the whole picture there. No more beasts come out. See? But it was introducing, coming forward over into the tribulation period after the Church had went out. And how perfectly it fit right in with the church ages. I don't see one iota, one thing that didn't fit perfectly, even to the ages and everything, and the time. Think of it. That shows it had to be God do it. See? The human mind could not fathom that.

And now, we find out that that... Also we... The Lord let us take the Scripture, the Holy Scripture, what Jesus said would take place. And how would we have ever found that? And here it comes over and reveals and bring it just exactly (His sermon there) answering that, brings out exactly to the point, six of the Seals, but He omitted the Seventh. See?

Then when the Seals were open, God (notice here), He omitted revealing even any symbol of the Seventh one. See? It's a perfect secret with God. Notice, now we're going to read in the Bible in the--the Seventh Seal. That's found in Revelations the 8th chapter.
And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of a half hour. (And that's all we have on it.)

Now, we're going to notice, and try to not hold too long, 'cause many of you will be on the road yet tonight going home. And I thought again of having a healing service this morning, which would let you go in the morning, wouldn't have to wait over. And now, we... And I too; I've got to journey on to--to Tucson, Arizona, where I live, and, my home now. And then I--I want to be back here, the Lord willing, around... The family wants to come back for a few days in June. And now, maybe I'll get to meet you all down here at a meeting in that time.

My next appointed service is Albuquerque, New Mexico. I think it's the 9th, 10th, and 11th. I'll be there Thursday and Good Friday. So I was to have the whole thing, and I had other appointments where I couldn't make it till that time, so I'll have Thursday night and Friday night at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

And then--and then the--the next known, close, is potentially (We don't know for sure.), that's to be with my good friends, the--the group of the "Midnight Cry" at--up at Southern Pines, North Carolina. And they're on the phone in there now, which they've sent telegram message, and everything in coming this close for another group at Little Rock of the Jesus' Name people that I had the meetings with over at the Cow Palace last summer. They're having their convention at Little Rock, Arkansas. And they've been, since last year, wanting at least one night or wants the whole of it, but they would even be ready for one night.

And so I told them, not knowing just what to do, I said they could advertise it potentially, then they'll let it know a little later. Has he just called? Uh-huh. All right. What say? [Brother Branham speaks to someone about the proposed meetings--Ed.] (Hot Springs, is it? I was mistaken. Twenty-fourth of May? 24th to 28th of June.) Now, it's announced potentially. That is, if it is the will of the Lord.

See, I'll--here's the reason I like to do those things. You'll learn a little later now. See? When I go to a place, I like to set my feet down there knowing that God said go there. Then if the enemy rises up anywhere, I say, "I'm here in the Name of the Lord Jesus; just move back." See, see? Then you're--you're sure of your ground. See?

When He sent you anywhere, He will take care of you. See? But if you go presumingly, then I don't know. He might not be there. So I--I want to be sure as I can be. I've took many ones that He didn't tell me to take, but I--I like to be as sure as possible. The Lord bless you all now.

Now, now, we notice, this being just one verse here, we'd like to do something just a little--a little bit before here. If you noticed, we skipped the 7th chapter. The 6th chapter ends up the sixth--the Sixth Seal, but between the Sixth Seal and the Seventh Seal, there's something takes place. See? And how--how lovely that's placed just at its right place--between 6th and 7th chapter.
Now, if you notice in the 7th chapter, we notice between the 6th and 7th there's an interval--an interval between the 6th and 7th chapter of the Book of Revelations; and it's between the Sixth and Seventh Seal that this interval is given. Now, we want to notice this: very important that we notice this little time.

Now, remember, after the 4th chapter of Revelations, the Church is gone. After the--the four horse riders has went out, Church is gone. See? Everything that happened to the Church happened up to the 4th chapter of the Book of Revelations; everything that happened in the antichrist move, went up to the 4th chapter, and the Fourth Seal of Revelations (both for antichrist and Christ) ended up; and antichrist comes to his doom, and--with his army, and Christ comes with His army.
It's an old battle that started way back beyond time. And then they was... Satan and his angels was kicked out. And then they come to the earth, and the battle set in again. Because Eve broke down the barrier from where she was isolated behind the Word of God, and from that very hour, Satan won the battle over God's Word, because one of His subjects, the weaker, let down the bar.

And that's exactly how he's won the battle every time has been because one of His subjects let down the bar from the Word. And it was done in this last church age through an organizational

system which the real genuine holy church of the living God with a lion rider would not accept the Word and turned the church from the Word to dogma.

Now, how many knows that it's dogma that the Roman Catholic church is built on? Do they admit it? Absolutely. Sure, certainly they admit it. There's no... The Catholic church, wouldn't hurt their feelings a bit, because they know that. They just added a new one here not long ago that Mary was resurrected. You remember it here a few years ago, about ten years. How many remembers that? Papers and every... Sure, everything the new dogma. See, it's all dogma, not Word. See?

A priest, on an interview recently, he said, "Mr. Branham," he said, "God is in His church."
I said, "God is in His Word."

He said, "We're not supposed to argue."

I said, "I'm not arguing. I'm just making statement." God is in His Word. That's right. "Anybody that'll take anything away from It or add anything to It..." said the Word.

He said, "Well, God gave... Christ gave His church power, and told them whatever they bound on earth be bound in heaven."

I said, "That is exactly Truth."

He said, "We have on--upon these principles, that we have power to loose sin, and..."

I said, "If you'll do it the way that it was give to the church and the way they did it, I'll accept it. If you do, there's water here to be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, not by somebody telling you your sins are remitted." See? That's exactly.

Watch Peter with the keys on the day of Pentecost. Remember, he has the keys that they are talking about. And the--the man said, "Men and brethren, what can we do to be saved?"
Peter said, "Repent, everyone of you; be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ."

"What for?"

"For the remission of sins. And then you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, for the promise is unto you and to your children, them that's far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

That's right. So that settles it forever. It's all over. That did it.

Now, but you see, antichrist come in, as we've pictured it and showed it. What a revelation, my, my. And to think all these years we've seen it moving up, and here it--it's absolutely directly THUS SAITH THE LORD.

Now, and we notice this interval now between the 6th and the 7th chapter. Now, the 7th chapter of Revelation here is a--reveals a happening. It's not in here just for nothing. It's not put in between this for nothing. See? It is here for a purpose, and it's a revelation that reveals something.

Notice, how mysterious and how mathematically it fits right into the Scripture (See?), exactly. You believe in God's mathematics? If you don't, you're sure lost in the... You'll sure get lost in the Word. If you start putting a four or six or--or something besides just the mathematical words, running in order, you'll sure have in your scene a cow picking grass in top of a tree somewhere.

You'll--you certainly run out, because God does not... His whole Word does run completely in--in--in mathematics. Yes, sir. Perfect, the most perfect... There's no other literature written like It--like It--so perfect in math--mathematics.

Now, the--the 8th chapter only reveals the scene of--the scene of the Seventh Seal where nothing else is revealed. Now, nothing is not revealed in the Seventh Seal. Now, has nothing to do with the 7th chapter of--of Revelation. It's the revealing of the Seventh Seal is perfectly mute. And if I only had time (I'll try a few places.) to show you all the way back from Genesis this 7th chapter--this Seventh Seal is--is spoke of. From the very beginning in Genesis, this seventh--these Seals moved right up.

Couldn't you remember this morning bringing these things up? And watch tonight bringing them up, and you find out when it gets to that Seventh Seal, she cuts off. Just... Jesus Christ, is speaking Himself, told of the end time and when He got--told all six Seals; when He got to Seventh, He stopped. There it is. See? It's a great thing.

Now, now, we're going to speak here now on this 7th chapter just a minute to--to kinda bridge it in between Sixth and Seventh Seal, because that's the only material that we have to go on right now, is the Sixth--between the Sixth and Seventh Seal, is the calling out of Israel.

Now, I have many fine Jehovah Witness friends sitting here. It's all... Or have been. Maybe some of them's still Jehovah Witness. But they've always applied (Mr. Russell did.) this hundred and forty-four thousand to be in the supernatural Bride of Christ. See? They... It's not. It has nothing to do in the church age at all. They're absolutely Israel. (Now, we're going to read in a few minutes.) Now, this interval between the sixth--the Seals is a calling and sealing of the hundred and forty-four thousand Jews called in the tribulation period after the Church is gone. See? It has nothing to do with the church age at all. Oh, called in perfectly in harmony with the Scripture, Daniel's last three and one half weeks allotted to Daniel's people. See? Not the Gentiles, to Daniel's people, and Daniel was a Jew.

Now, notice, Israel--Israel believes only her prophets, and after they are vindicated. And nowhere through the church age, since in the early apostolic church, has the Protestant church ever had a prophet. Tell me who it was, and show it to me: never. They had in the early apostolic age one called Agabus which was a vindicated prophet. But in--when the Gentiles came in into inheritance of God, and Paul turned to the Gentiles after Peter (as we read last night) had received from the Lord that he was taking a--a people from the Gentiles for His Name, His Bride, then there never has been on the pages of history, a Gentile prophet.

Now, you just go back through history and find out. Why? Exactly, it'd be contrary to the Word exactly. When the first went forth, it was a lion. That was prophet's Word. The next went forth was the work, sacrifice. The next come forth was the cunningness of--of man. But we are promised in the last day that to return to the church again for the benefit of straightening up all that has been misled--misundone--left undone, for it's predicted here that the seventh angel's message would finish the mysteries of God. And then we've went through it all. We see that it's perfectly in harmony with the Scriptures. That's the reason.

Now, could you imagine when this person comes on the scene--when he does, remember, it'll be so humble and things till the churches will miss it a long ways. And could you imagine the churches, still under the tradition of the reformers, would ever receive a prophet from God who would be firmly against their teachings and organizations?

Now, there's only one person could fulfill that, only one spirit's ever been on earth that I know; it would either be... It would have to be Elijah in his time. And it was predicted that it would be, which is nothing but the Spirit of Christ. When Christ come, He was the fullness; He was a prophet; He was the--the God of the prophets. See, see?

Christ, look how they hated Him. But He come exactly the way the Word said He would come. But being that He was a prophet, they blasphemed themselves away from the Kingdom of God by calling the Spirit of God, which was discerning and so forth, an unclean spirit. Said He was a--He was a fortuneteller or a devil... That is a... Fortuneteller is a devil (See?), devil spirit. Certainly. Did you know that? Absolutely. Fortunetelling is an impersonation of a prophet, which is absolutely blasphemy before God.

Now, notice, called in perfect harmony with the Scriptures of Daniel's last three and a half years. Notice, Israel's believer--believers only are told in the Old Testament to believe their prophets after the prophet has been vindicated. "If there be one among you who's spiritual or a prophet, I, the Lord my--thy God, will make Myself known unto him and speak to him in visions, through dreams": interpret dreams.

Somebody have a dream, the prophet will be able to interpret it. And if--if he has a vision, he speaks it, "I'll make Myself known to him through visions and dreams--make Myself known. And if what he says comes to pass, then hear that prophet, 'cause I'm with him. If it doesn't, then don't fear him at all." That's right. "Get away; just let him alone." See?

Now, that... Now, Israel always is going to believe that. And don't you see, because why? Now, I want you to catch this lesson good tonight now. Why? Because that's an order from God to them. I don't care how many tracts that the Gentiles get over there and spread out. I don't care how much you go through Israel with a Bible under your arm proving this, that, or the other; they'll never receive nothing but a prophet. That's exactly right. For a prophet is the only one who could take the Divine Word and put It in Its place and be a vindicated prophet; they'll believe it. That's right.

As I was talking to a Jew up here at Benton Harbor, when that John Rhyn, being blind all of his life nearly, received his sight. They taken me over there to that House of David, and this rabbi come out with his long beard; he said, "By what authority did you give John Rhyn his sight?"
I said, "In the Name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God."

He said, "Far be it from God having a son." And he said, "You people can't cut God in three pieces and give Him to a Jew, make three gods out of Him. You are a bunch of heathens."

I said, "I don't cut Him in three pieces." I said, "Rabbi, would it be a strange thing for you to believe one of your prophets told something wrong?"

He said, "Our prophets don't tell nothing wrong."

I said, "Who was Isaiah 9:6 speaking of?"

He said, "The Messiah."

I said, "Then Messiah will be a man-prophet. Is that right?"

He said, "Yes, sir, that's right."

I said, "Show me where Jesus missed it." He said... I said, "What relation will Messiah-prophet be to God?"

He said, "He will be God."

I said, "That's right. Now, you got it on the head." So help me, that Jew standing there and the tears rolling off his cheeks, said, "I'll hear you sometime later."

I said, "Rabbi, you believe that?"

And he said, "Look," he said, "God is able of these stones to rise children unto Abraham." (I knowed he was in the New Testament.)

I said, "Right, Rabbi. Now, what about it?"

He said, "If I preached that, I'd be down there," (you know where their place sets on the hill there) "down there in the street begging my bread."

I said, "I would rather be down there begging my bread..." (The Jew's still got his hands on money, you know. See, see?) "I'd rather..." (and his name in gold on the...) I said, "I'd rather be down there eating salty crackers and drinking branch water, and know that I was in the harmony with God and true than I would be here with my name on that building in gold letters like that, and knowing I was away from God to know that." He wouldn't listen to me no more. So he went in.

That's it. You can't cut God in no two or three pieces, called Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and make three gods and hand it to a Jew. His very commandment is: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me. I'm the Lord thy God." What did Jesus say? Jesus say, "Hear ye, O Israel, I'm the Lord your God": One God, not three." You'll never give that to them. No prophet will ever talk about three gods. No. You'll never hear that. No, sir. That's pagan and heathen as where it come from. Yes, sir.

Notice, but these prophets will come. Not only that... The--the prophets now is Revelations 11. We've read some of it, and I want you to read it as you study on the tapes and so forth. They are absolutely a-vindicated prophets by the sign of prophets; then Israel is going to hear that.

Now, to you my Jehovah Witness friends, understand now, that these hundred and forty-four thousand has nothing to do with the Bride. There's not one bit of Scripture to support that. No, sir, they are not. They are Jews, the elect that's called out during the time of the last three and a half years of Daniel's seventy weeks. Now, that's... I--I keep--keep quoting this over, not so much to you all here, but (See?), people... These tapes go everywhere. You see? You understand that. You hear me quoting back; it's for that purpose.

Notice, now see how they had to blind... Do you see how they had--Jesus--or God had to blind the Jews to keep them from recognizing Jesus? If they knew, if they only knew that that was--seeing the sign that He did, if they'd been in their right stage like they was back under the law when God commanded them about a prophet, and they'd seen Jesus did that, they'd of said, "This is the Messiah." Why was it?

Those in that age who had their names written on the Lamb's Book of Life, His apostles and so forth, they seen it and recognized it. Why didn't the rest of them? See? They were blinded. They couldn't see it; they don't see it yet. And they won't see it until she's born as a nation at one time.

That's... The Word can't fail. Remember, the Word can't fail. Don't care how many sensations you have, and what all takes place, yet that Word cannot fail: going to be exactly the way God said it was. See?

Now, we realize that these things must happen. And that's the reason they didn't recognize Jesus when He perfectly identified Himself to be the prophet. Even the little--little old Samaritan woman standing out there at the well... He'd never been in Samaria. He just went up and said He had need to go that way. And He went up there, and there was that little woman. And her in her state, she was in better shape to receive the Gospel than those religious priests and things of that day. She done it. Yeah. Now, see, but in the face of all their rejection, yet one of their most noble men admitted that they knew He was a teacher sent from God.

I was talking to a--one of the finest doctors there is in the southern states, in his office not long ago, a very fine specialist in Louisville, a real gallant man. And I said to him; I said, "Doctor, I want to ask you a question."

He said, "All right."

I said, "I noticed your medical sign, the staff, you got a serpent wrapped around a pole. What does that stand for?"

He said, "I don't know."

And I said, "It stands for this: It was a symbol of Divine healing where Moses lifted up the brass serpent in the wilderness (See?), which was only a symbol, only a symbol of the true Christ." Now, today, medicine is a symbol of Divine healing. And though many of them don't believe it (real good doctors do believe it), but some of them don't believe it, but their very emblem that they hold up testifies to the power of Almighty God whether they want to believe it or not. That's right. There's a brass serpent hanging on a pole on the medical emblem.

Now, notice these Jews. Now, the scales of blindness was on these people's eyes. They--they couldn't help it. It was there, and God put it there. And they are on there until the age that they are promised this coming prophets... You can send missionaries; you can do whatever you want to; Israel will never be converted until these prophets come on the scene, and that will be after the rapture of the Gentile Church. No more than the ox age could receive a lion's call--for God has said in His Word that an ox spirit went out; and in the reformer's age, a man went out. See? You get... That's the only thing they could receive. That's... And in there now, they are blinded. That's just all there is to it.

Now, notice, but the age is coming when the Gentiles will be done with. There was a tree, and the roots was Jewish, and it was cut off, and the Gentile was grafted in the wild olive tree, and it's bringing forth its fruit. Now, when that Gentile Bride is cut off (that Bride tree I talked about) and is taken up in the Presence of God, God will wipe off them unbelieving Gentiles over here to the side, the sleeping virgin, and graft again. He promised to do it. And until that time, you just have to know where... If you know where you're going, well, all right. If you don't know, why, you're stumbling in darkness.

Now, that's when the Jews will be converted, during that age. Now... Like the church age. Under the power of the anointed promise, they will receive Christ; but now, not while the Gentiles are in.

Now, we can see what kind of a message that these two prophets of Revelations the 11th chapter will preach. Now, you clearly can see exactly what they're going to do. For the remnant, or the hundred and forty-four thousand predestinated, receives the Seal of God.

Let's just read. Now, listen real close now. Now, I want you to read with me if you can because I'm going to refer back to this just in a little bit: 7th chapter, now this is between the Sixth and Seventh Seal.

... after these things... (After these things, these Seals, this Sixth Seal was let loose, and that's the tribulation period. Everybody understand that now? Sixth Seal was let loose, and the tribulation was on. After this, watch.)... after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that... it should not blow upon the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. (four angels)

And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the sea--the earth--the sea,
Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the tree, until we have sealed the servants... (Not the Bride, servants, not the sons, servants. Israel has always been God's servant. The church is sons. See? By birth. Israel is His servant. Watch, every place it's always... Abraham was His servant. We're not servants; we're children, sons and daughters. Yeah.)... of the--of our God in their foreheads. (Now, watch, our God in their forehead.)

And I heard the number of them that were sealed:... (Now, I want you to listen close to the reading of them.)... and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

He perfectly names them. Now, if there happens to be a British Israel discerner setting here, listen how this takes the wind out of it. See?

Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand... (called the tribe)... Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad... twelve thousand. (Watch your--watch your tribe now.)

And of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand... the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed twelve thousand... the tribe of Manasses... twelve thousand.
And the tribe of Simeon... sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar... twelve thousand. (Issachar, I guess, you pronounce that)... twelve thousand.

... the tribe of Zabulon... twelve thousand. And the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of all the--of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

Now, there's twelve tribes, twelve thousand out of a tribe. Twelve times twelve is what? Hundred and forty-four thousand. Now, watch, them were all of the tribes of Israel. Now, watch. After this, now here comes another group. Now, the Bride's gone. We know that; but watch this group come up.

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations,... kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palms in their hands;

And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which setteth upon a throne, and to the Lamb.

And all the nations... stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

Saying, Amen: Blessings,... glory,... wisdom,... thanksgiving,... honor,... power,... might, be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.

And one of the elders... (Now, he's before the elders here, as we've seen him all through the seals.)... And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these...

Now, John, being a Jew, recognized his own people. He seen them in tribal form. Is that right? He recognized and called each one of the tribes. But now, when he sees these, the--he's kind of puzzled. And the elder knows it, so he says,

... Who are these... what... which are arrayed in white robes? and whence cometh they? (John answering now)

And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest... (John didn't know them. See? All kindreds, tongues, and nations.)... And he said unto me, These are--he said unto me, These are they which came out of great tribulation... (in other words, the great tribulation)... and have washed their robes,... made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and they--he that set upon the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither shall they thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them--sun light on them, nor any heat.
For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of water: and God shall wipe all tears from their eyes.

Now, we open the--get to the Seal. Did you notice, they were... First we start now, Israel, and then we see the purged church, not the Bride, the purged church by tribulation (See, see?) coming up here, great number of real sincere hearts that come up out of--of the great tribulation. Not the Church, it's gone on--the Bride. There's the church.

Now, we find out over a little later, Jesus said that the throne would set and how the--they'd stand in the judgment, each one. Now, we find now that these people were sealed with the Seal of the living God (Is that right?), these Jews. What is the Seal of the living God? Now, I'm not calling any--hurt any feelings, I'm just saying it. See? Do you know that reading after many of scholars who write on this, claim that this group here, blood washed, are actually the Bride? Did you know that many scholars also claim that the hundred and forty-four thousand is the Bride? What a... There's something got to fit out here wrong--in here right, 'cause there's something wrong now.

Notice, our Adventist brethren say that the Seal of God is keeping the Sabbath Day (you know that); but I want one speck of Scripture on it and show that Sabbath--or keeping the Sabbath day is the Seal of God. See, it's just a--somebody drawed that idea. But if you'll read Ephesians 4:30, it says, "Grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed until the day you--of your redemption." Yes, sir.

When the mediator work is done, and you are come... Christ comes to redeem His own... You're sealed, not until the next revival. When you're once sealed with the Holy Ghost, it's a finished work

that God has received you, and there's no getting away from it. You say, "Well, I had it and I went away." No, you didn't have it. God says it goes on to the day of redemption. Now (Uh-huh.), you just argue with Him then we'll see...?... "Till the day of your redemption..."

Notice, as there were--as they were a remnant according to election (these Jews are now), the remnant according to election in the days of Elijah's first ministry to the Jews, where seven thousand believers were kept away by the hand of God. Now, there is, in this remnant time coming, to their time to be one hundred and forty-four thousand according to the election, that the message at that time--to believe the message, will be one hundred and forty-four thousand.

Now, you say, "Oh, now, just a minute, brother, I don't know about this election stuff. Well, I never read it there." All right then, let's just see if it's right or not. Let's turn back to Matthew, and get down here and find out if we can't find a little something on this somewhere. I believe now that I'm right. (I haven't got it wrote down here, but it just come to my mind.) Let's take at the ending, the 30th verse, where we went last night, the ending of the Sixth Seal on the 30th verse.

Now, let's read that, and see now where we get to. The 31st verse (See?), they'll see the Son of man coming in glory. Now, the 31st verse:

And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

The elected will come out. What is it? And the tribulation period... The... God will call His elected, and that is the Jews during that time, the elected. The Bible speaks of it. Paul speaks of it. According to the election, there will be one hundred and forty-four thousand (according to the election) that will believe the message out of literally millions that'll be there.

There were millions in Palestine at the days of the prophecy of Elijah, and seven thousand was saved out of millions. Now, according to the election, where millions of Jews are gathering into their homeland (it's become a nation) there'll be millions in there, but only one hundred and forty-four thousand elected ones will be taken. They will hear the message.

Same thing it is in the Gentile church. There is a Bride, and She is elected, and he will be called according to the election. Notice, this all types the Church perfectly, the elected believers; others do not believe. You can just tell it. You tell a man a truth and let it be proven by the Word and then vindicated, "I don't believe it."

You can just... Don't fool with it no more. Jesus said not to. Said, "It's just like casting pearls before swine." See? Said, "Just leave them alone. They'll turn and tramp you under their feet." They'll make fun of you. Just walk away and leave them if the blind leads the blind...

I went to a man not long ago... He come to me rather. He'd been arguing all around everywhere against Divine healing. And he come up, and he said, "I don't believe your Divine healing."
I said, "My, I guess it wouldn't be any good 'cause I ain't got any"; and he... I said, "but God's is perfect."

He said, "There is no such a thing."

I said, "You're too late to say that, Buddy. Yeah, you done--you done waited too long for that. You might've argued a few years ago, but there's another age on now: there's millions to testify. See?"
I said, "You're--you're too late now, fellow, to say that."

He said--he said, "Well, I don't believe it. I don't care what you do."

I said, "Certainly not. You can't." See?

He said, "Smite me blind." Said, "If you're--you got the Holy Ghost like Paul," said, "smite me blind."

I said, "How can I do it when you are already blind?" I said, "Your father has blinded you to the Truth." I said, "You--you're already blind."

And he said, "I wouldn't believe; I don't care what you could do, how much evidence you can prove or anything like that; I still don't believe it."

I said, "Certainly, it wasn't for unbelievers; it was only for believers."

What was it? See, you know right then the election's off. Just don't fool with it at all. Jesus did the same thing. He said, "Let them alone. If the blind lead the blind, won't they all fall in the ditch?" But when He come to a little prostitute, it struck fire. What was it? It was an elected seed laying there (See?) that seen it right now.

When It come to Peter, there was an elected seed laying there, see, and they saw it, "And all the Father has give... hath (past tense) given Me, they'll come. They'll come to Me." Oh, my, I love that. Yes, sir. Notice, the believers does believe it. The unbelievers can't believe it. So now, if anybody wants to argue about the serpent's seed and things and you try to show them, they won't listen to it, just walk away. Leave them alone. See, God don't argue, neither does His children. See, see?

Notice, God's one hundred and forty-four thousand elected Jews don't bow to the beast, his denominationalism, statues, or anything. Though their nation is in a covenant with it at the time, Israel is in a covenant, but here's a hundred and forty-four thousand that's not going to do it. That's the elected.

Same thing it is right here in the Gentile church now. It's an elected group. You can't pull them in that kind of stuff. They won't believe it. No, sir. The Light once struck them, that settles it right then. They see the--see it happen, and then see it vindicated and proved, and like that, and they look down here in the Bible and see that Word just going... Oh, you--you just might as well just quit fooling with them, 'cause they believe it. That's all. That's all. Though they can't explain it, but they know they got it. I... As I say, "There's a lot of things I can't explain, but I--I know it's real anyhow." See?

All right. This time was between the Sixth and Seventh Seal that He calls these people, spoken of by Jesus in Matthew the 24th chapter and the 31st verse, that we've just read. See? Trumpets here, or the two witnesses of the... When the trumpet sounds, is the trumpet of the two witnesses of the age of grace for the Jews? One trumpet sounds; you notice, one trumpets sounds. He say, "And sound the trumpet." Now, notice over here: 31st.

And he shall send forth his angels... (not one, see, two of them)... with a great sound of a trumpet,...

What is it? When God gets ready to speak, there's a sound of a trumpet. That's always His voice calling to battle. See? God speaks. These angels will come forth with the sounding of the trumpet. And you notice, at the last angel's message the trumpet sound: the first angel's message, a trumpet sound; second angel's, a trumpet sounded when he sent it out.

Notice, but when the Seals were announced, they were all in one great Divine thing to call out a group of people. There was one trumpet sound and Seven Seals were broke.

Notice, gather His elected Jews from the four parts of the heavens... He mentioned the six Seals as we have seen, but not the Seventh Seal. He's never said nothing in here about the Seventh Seal nowhere. See, right away, the 32nd verse turns to a parables of the time of the calling of the elected Jew.

Now, watch here. See? "And He will send the angels with a trumpet and He gather the elect from the four corners of heaven." Now, He starts. See, He don't say nothing about the Seventh Seal here. See? He spoke of the Sixth Seal: First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth, but notice. Now, learn a parable of the fig tree; When its branches is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

So likewise ye, when you shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the door.

That last--that question they asked Him: "And what will be the sign of the end of the world?" When you see these Jews... When you see these other things taking place, you know what takes place. Now, when you see these Jews... Talking to the Jews...

Now, watch. What company is He talking to? Gentiles? Jews, Jews. See? Now, He said, "You'd be hated of all nations for My Name," and so forth like... Now, when He said... You see these Jews begin to put forth their buds over yonder, when that Israel begins to turn back, getting into her country, when she gets there, the Church is ready to rapture, and there's only three and a half years left unto the end of the old world, and she goes out into chaos, and in comes the millennium to the new--new earth. Said, "Even at the door."

Now, one thousand years on earth is only one day with God. And three and one half years, what would it go to? So many seconds in God's time. That's the reason He said, "It is at the door." "Verily I say unto you that this generation shall not be consumed (done away with, this people) until all these things are..." what? What won't be done away with? They've tried to kill the Jew off the earth all the time. They'll never be able to do it.

But notice, the very generation of Jews that seen the return back into Palestine, that generation would see these things happen. And just the last two years she was fully become a nation with her own money and whatever. There she is.

Now, where are we at, friends? The Seals and everything opening, now we're getting this in between here. There it is. See where we're setting? I hope you get it. I haven't got no education. And I know what I'm talking about, but maybe I can't explain--explain it to make sense to you. But I hope that God takes the words that's mixed up and divides them out right (You see?), and lets you know what it is, 'cause it's--we're at the door. We're here at the time.

Now, notice. See, right away now He turns to these Jews, and at the--the end time He says what's going to take place. We know even that... Now we know; we are well aware that the tribes are scattered. They have been for twenty-five hundred years. They were prophesied to be scattered to

the four winds. Did you know that? We know that. 'Course we won't have to go back and get--pick that, 'cause I've got something here real important I want you to see 'fore you get too tired and I get wore out.

Notice, we know even every tribe--that is, tribal chronology or whatever you want to call it, or geology or... The tribal positions are not no more together. They're scattered everywhere. The Jews that are gathering into Jerusalem is not... They don't even know their tribes. They haven't got any more tribal banners or anything. All they know then that they're Jews. They were prophesied to be that way the world over.

Now, their books has been destroyed. They don't know... They say, "What tribe are you from?"

"I don't know."

"What tribe..."

"I don't know." One from Benjamin, one from this, and one from that. They don't know where they're from. Their books has been destroyed through the wars, and for twenty-five hundred years... Only thing they know, they're Jews. That's all. So they know they're back in their homeland. They yet... Notice, though they don't know their tribes, but God does. I just love that. You know, He even said that every hair on your head's numbered. Hm.

Notice, He loses nothing. "I'll raise it up again at the last day." Though they have lost their--their--their tribal banners and their--who which one is, and whether they're this or that... They don't know whether they're from Benjamin, or whether they're from Reuben, or--or Issachar, or where they're from. But anyhow, God calls them here.

Now, notice in Revelations 7 we read this: twelve thousand of each tribe. Of the elected out of all of it, there's twelve thousand out of each tribe that's elected and are set right here in order. Oh, my. What are they? They're in tribal order. Yet they are not now, but they will be. They're in tribal order. What will be in tribal order? Not the regular Jew; no, but the ones that's the elected, the hundred and forty-four thousand will be set in tribal order.

Oh, my. How I would like to show you. We won't go into it, but that's exactly what the Church has to be: right in order.

Now, I want you to watch real close and read with me for a minute. Now, here's something that maybe you never noticed in the--the tribal calling. I told you awhile ago to read Revelations 7. Read with me and watch those tribes. In Revelations 7 Dan and Ephraim is missing and not numbered with them. Did you notice that? Joseph and Levi was substituted in their place. You notice that? Dan and Ephraim is not there. No, sir. But Joseph and Levi was substituted in the place of--of--of Dan and Ephraim. Why? They--the ever remembering God remembers every promise of His Word. (Oh, I'd like to preach on that. See?) God don't forget nothing, though it looks like.

Like He told Moses, Israel had been down there four hundred years, they had to go up that time. He told Abraham that his seed would be sojourning in a strange land for four hundred years, then He'd bring them out with a mighty hand. But then He said to Moses, "I have remembered My promise, and I've come down to make good what I said." God doesn't forget. He doesn't forget His curses, neither does He forget His blessings. But every promise that He made, He stays with it. Here's why they were missing.

Now, if you watch. Now, read... I want you to read with me now. Go over to Deuteronomy the 20--the 29th verse, the--the 29th chapter, rather. There is a reason for these tribes not being there. Everything has got a reason for it. Deuteronomy, we want to take the--the 29th chapter of--of Deuteronomy. Now, the Lord so help us that we can understand now. Now, we want to start in Deuteronomy the 29th chapter at the 16th verse. Now, listen, Moses speaking.

For you know how we have dwelt in the land of Egypt; and how we came through the nations which we passed by;

And ye have seen the abominations, and their idols, wood... stone, silver... gold, which were among them:... (Everyone carried a little something or other--a little statue of Saint Cecilia. You know, something like that. See?)

Lest therefore... (Listen.)... Lest there should be among you a man,... woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away this day from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you a root that beareth gall and wormwood;

And it come to pass, when he heareth the words of this curse, that he--that he bless himself in his heart, and say, I... have peace, though I walk in the imagination of my own heart,...

See, people say, "Aw, he blesses himself." You know, make a little cross or something like they do now (You see?), same thing. See? And... You see, it's a heathen trait (See?), it's a--the heathens. "He blesses himself in his own heart, in his own imagination, in his own mind.

... to add drunkenness to thirst... (Just drink, say, "That don't make any difference; as long as you go to church, you're all right. Then...)

The LORD will not spare him, but then the anger of the LORD... his jealousy shall smoke against that man, and of all the curses that are written in this book... (Don't take one word from It or add one to It. See?)... shall lie upon him, and the LORD shall blot his--blot out his name from under the heaven... (That's while he's here on earth. See?)... under the heaven.

And the LORD shall separate unto him evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curse of the covenant that's written in this book of the law:

Therefore, if any man will serve an idol or keep an idol on him, or bless himself in his own imagination of his mind and serve idols, God said, "Man, woman, family, or tribe, his name will be completely blotted out from amongst the people." Now, is that right? How true. Idolatry did the same thing in the church years ago and does today.

And now, notice. Watch how the antichrist tried to make an anti-move. How many knows that the devil type--type--types and patterns after--after God's things? What is--what is sin? Is right thing perverted. What is a lie? Is a truth misrepresented. What is adultery? It's a right act, legal act, done wrong. See?

Now, in trying to do this, blot out a name, did you notice in the church age, the same beast that serves the images of dead people and so forth, tried to blot out the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and give titles as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Same thing with that curse behind it like that. Dan and Ephraim did just that under a hypocrite of a king in Israel, an impostor, Jeroboam.

Now, notice, in I Kings the 12th chapter. I know we're... This, to me it--it--it lays a background on what we can depend on, what we see. I Kings, I want to go to the--the 12th chapter, the 25th to the 30th verse.

Then Jeroboam... Shechem and the mount of Ephraim, and dwelt there; and went out into..., and built Penuel. And now Jeroboam said unto--in--in his heart,... (See the imagine of his heart?)... Now, shall the Kingdom turn to the house of David: (He was getting scared, you see, 'cause the people might go out.)

If this people go up to... sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people be turned again to the lord, even to Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go... unto Rehoboam--Rehoboam king of Judah.

Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold your gods, O Israel, which brought thee... out of the land of Egypt.

And he set up the one in Beth-el, and the other put he in Dan.

And this thing become a sin: for the people went to worship before the one, even to Dan.

See? Ephraim at Beth-el, and Dan; and they set up idols, and these went out to worship this. And here we are plumb down into the millennium age almost, and God still remembered that sin. They're not even counted in there. Amen. Glory. Just as sure as He remembers every good promise, He remembers every one evil too. Just remember when... That's the reason I believe, friends; I've always tried to stay with that Word no matter how strange it seems.

See, now, they wouldn't think about that there then. They didn't think about it then. They thought, "Well, they got by with it." All right, but here they are over here in this millennium age setting in, when their names and tribes is blotted out from it, because they served idolatry that God cursed. Didn't He say He hated the Nicolaitanes and that Jezebel? Stay away from it. Didn't He say He'd kill Jezebel's daughters with the killing of death which is eternal separation from His Presence? Don't trust in it at all. Get away from it. So God remembers.

Notice. But did you notice there, it was to be blotted out? Why? Under heaven there was no immediate sacrifice that could give him the Holy Spirit to let him see these things, but he did it anyhow in his own selfish mind. But Ezekiel, in his vision in the millennium, he sees them again in perfect order: Ezekiel, if you want to read it. Just put it down and you can read it to save time: Ezekiel 48:1-7, also read 23 to 29. Ezekiel seen every tribe just exactly in order.

All right. And also in Revelations 14, John seen them again in tribal order. That's right. Every tribe to his place. What happened? You remember, he said, "Under the heavens," that his name would be blotted out of the tribal affair. As long as he was under the heavens, there would be no more, and this hundred and forty-four thousand is down here in the tribal part yet. That's right. But you see, they'd been blinded; they had only the sacrifice of bulls and goats. See?

Now, notice, He blotted them out under the heavens. But the Gentile in the days of the Holy Spirit, against That your name was taken completely off the Book of Life, and can never have forgiveness in this world or the world to come. Is that right? Now, there's where we stand. Israel under goats, sheep, they--they did have a place, as long as they was on earth here, their tribes was missing. They could never be included.

Now, all... When He called them over there, the hundred and forty-four thousand, they were missing. That's right. They're not even numbered in there. And Joseph and Levi is put in the place of Dan and Ephraim. Now, you can look at there; right there it is before you. See? And here's God's promise way back there hundreds and hundreds of years before that.

Now, what happened? They were purged during the time of the awful tribulation period. Now, if God's going to purge that's--that virgin that was a good woman, but she just failed to get oil in her lamp, and He's going to purge her through persecution in there, He puts them tribes right in there for the same thing, and purges them during the time of the tribulation period, because it is a purging; it's judgment. But, you see, they, after...

And look here. Here comes up the hundred and forty-four thousand after the purging of Israel, and here comes up also... The sleeping virgin comes up purged and has white robes on. See? How perfect, how beautiful that is.

Just like Jacob in the time of trouble... See? They... Jacob in the time of trouble, he had done wrong, but he went through the purging time because he had wronged his brother, Esau. See? He deceived to get his birthright. But he went through a purging before he could have his name changed from Jacob to Israel, which was a type of the order of God's type today.

Now, we'll turn now to the 8th verse of the--or the 1st verse, I mean, of the 8th chapter, of Revelations 8:1. (I know you're tired. Now, just try to listen just for a few minutes now. And God of heaven help us, is my prayer.)

We must remember that this Seventh Seal is the end of time of all things. That's right. The things written in the Seven Seal Book (sealed up of the plan of redemption from before the foundation of the world), it every bit ends. It is the end; it is the end of the struggling world. It's the end of struggling nature. It's the end of everything. In there is the end of the trumpets. It's the end of the vials. It's the end of the earth. It's the...It's even the end of time. Time runs out; the Bible said so.

Matthew the 7th chapter--I mean Revelations the 7th chap--10th chapter and the--and 1 to the 7th verse. Time runs out. The angel said, "Time will be no more," when that--in the days of this great thing to happen. Everything runs out in this time, the end of the--of the--at the end of this Seventh Seal.

Notice, it's the end of the church age. It's the--the end of the Seven Seals. It's the end of the trumpets. It's the end of the vials, and even ends the ushering in of the millennium; that's on the Seventh Seal.

It's just like firing a rocket into the air, and that rocket explodes here, and it goes up, then it explodes again. It puts out five stars. One of those stars explodes and blows out five stars from it; and then one of them stars explodes, blows out five stars from it (See?); it fades on out. That's what the Seventh Seal; it just ends the time for the world. It ends the time for this. It means the time for that. It ends the time for this. It ends the time... Everything just ended up on that Seventh Seal.

Now, how is He going to do it? That's what we don't know, isn't it? We don't know. It's even the time for all these things, and the ushering in of the millennium.

Notice, the breaking of this Seal was so great that heaven was hushed by it in silence for the space of a half hour. Now, is it great? What is it? It was hushed: heaven. There wasn't a thing moved for a half hour.

Now, a half hour might not be long if you're having a good time, but in the suspense of between death and life, it seemed like a millennium. It was so great, Jesus never mentioned it: none of the rest of them. John couldn't even write of it. No, he was forbidden to write here. See, there's just... He just... He didn't write, but it's just is silence.

And the four and twenty elders that stood before God there harping with their harps, they quit playing their harps. The Angels hushed their singing in heaven. Think, the holy Cherubims and Seraphims, that Isaiah saw it in the temple with six sets... or three sets of wings, three on--two over his face and two over his feet, and flying. And he's day and night they're before God, saying, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty." And even when they walked in, or come into the temple, the posts of the temple moved with their--their presence. And these holy Seraphims hushed up. Angels quit singing. (Whew.) Flying in the Presence of God, singing, "Holy, holy, holy..." they shut up.

No angels singing, no praises, no--no altar service, no nothing. There was silence, hush, deadly silence in heaven for a half hour. All the host of heaven was silent for this half hour, when this Seventh Seal mystery in the Book of Redemption was broke open. Think of it; but it's broke. The Lamb breaks it. You know what? They were awed by it, I believe. They didn't know. There it was; they just stopped. Why? What is it?

Now, none of us know; but I'm--I'm going to tell you in my con--my revelation of it. And now, I am not prone to be a fanatic. If I am, I'm ignorant of it. See? I am--I'm not given away to such as "leerious" or carry-ons and imaginary things. I've said some things might been kind of strange to some people, but when God comes around behind it and vindicates it and says it's the Truth, then that's God's Word. It may seem strange that way. See?

And now, as certain as I stand in the platform tonight, I had the revelation that revealed... It's in a threefold manner. That, I will speak to you by God's help of a fold of it. And then you... Let's go over there first. Here's the revelation to begin what... I want to tell you what it is. What happens is that those seven thunders that he heard thunder and was forbidden to write, that's what the mystery is laying behind those seven consecutive thunders rolling out.

Now, why? Let us prove it. Why? It is the secret that no one knows about. John was forbidding to write about it, even, even write a symbol about it. Why? This is why there was no active in--activity in heaven; it might give away the secret. Do you see it now? If it's so great it must be included, because it's got to happen, but when the seven thunders...

Now, notice, when the seven angels come forth to sound their trumpets, there was one thunder. When Israel was gathered, there was a trumpet. When time shall be no more, the last trumpet... One thunder, but here is seven straight thunders right in a row: one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, that perfect number. Seven thunders in a row, uttered not... making just--just one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, straight. Then heavens couldn't write that. Heavens can't know about it, nothing else, because there's nothing to go on. It's a relaxing time. It was so great till it's kept secret from the Angels. Now, why?

If Satan should get ahold of it, he might do great damage. There's one thing he don't know. Now, he can interpret anything he wants to, and impersonate any kind of a gift (I hope you're learning.),

but he can't know this. It's not even written in the Word. It's a total secret. The Angels, everything shut up. If they made one move it might give something away, so they just shut up, quit harping; everything stopped. A...

Seven, God's perfect number, Seven [Brother Branham knocks six times on pulpit--Ed.] just right down the row. Seven thunders uttered straight together like they're spelling out something. Notice, at that time, John started to write, and He said, "Don't write it." Jesus never spoke of it. John couldn't write it. Angels know nothing about it.

What is it? It's the thing that Jesus said even the Angels of heaven didn't know nothing about it. See, see? He didn't know it Himself, said only God would know it, but He told us when we begin to see these signs coming up... (Now, you getting somewhere? All right.) Notice, we can see these signs coming up. See? If Satan could get a hold of it...

If you want something to happen... Now, you'll have to take my word for this. If I'm planning on doing something, I know better than to tell anybody about it. Not that that person will tell it, but Satan will hear it. See? He can't get it in my heart there, as long as God's got it closed up with the Holy Spirit, so it's between me and God. See? He don't know nothing about it until you speak it, then he hears it.

And I'll try... I'll people I'll do a certain, certain thing, and watch the devil cut off every wheel he can to get there (See?), to beat me to it. But if I can get the revelation from God and just don't say nothing about it, then it's different.

Remember, Satan will try to impersonate. He will try to impersonate everything that the Church will do. He's tried to do it. We've noticed it through the antichrist; but this is one thing he cannot impersonate. There'll be no mimics to this (See?), 'cause he don't know it. There's no way for him to know it. It's the third pull. He just knows nothing about it. See? He doesn't understand it.

> ***[When first released to the public, Brother William Branham replaced the following portion of this Message with the content that appears beneath it's concluding paragraph - Ed].***

But there's a secret lays beneath that. Glory to God in the highest. I can never think the same the rest of my life, when I seen...
Now, I don't know what... I know the next step there, but I don't know what, how to interpret that. It won't be long. I've got wrote down here when it happened, if you can see here, "STOP! Go no further than this right here."

I'm not prone to be a fanatic. I'm just telling the truth. But you remember, the little shoe that I always tried to explain, how that the soul laid next to so-and-so and the inner conscience and all that kind of stuff, which it only made a big bunch of impersonations start after it. How you'd have to take up the hand, and hold the people and have vibration, everybody had a vibration in their hand. But you remember when He took me up there and said, "This is that third pull, and no one will know it." You remember that? Visions never fail. They're perfectly the truth.

Now, notice, remember the vision of the constellation? Charlie, I... Here you are. Something going on, I told you, this week that you... It's been all around you, but I wonder if you noticed it. Remember the constellation of the vision of the Angels when I left here to go to Arizona? You remember, "What Time Is It, Sirs?" Do you remember that?

Notice, there was only one great burst of thunder, and seven Angels appeared. Is that right? One burst of thunder, seven Angels appeared.

And I saw the Lamb when He had opened the First Seal, and I heard as it was a voice of a thunder, and one of the four beasts said, Come and see.

Notice, one thunder, seven messages that's been sealed up and cannot be revealed until the last day, at this age. See what I mean?

Now, have you noticed the mysterious parts of this week? That's what it is. That's what it's been. It's been, not a human being, a man; it has been the Angels of the Lord. Notice, there's witnesses of three setting in here, that a week ago (a little over a week ago) I was up way back into the mountains, nearly to Mexico, with two brethren that's setting here, picking cocklebur--or sand burrs off of my trouser leg, and a blast went off that almost, looked like, shook the mountains down. Now, that's right. I never told my brethren, but they noticed a difference. And He said to me, "Now, be ready. Go east."

Here's the interpretation of that vision. See? "Now, to let you know, Brother Sothmann has not got the game that he went after." We was trying to get it for him. And He said, "Now, tonight, for a sign to you, he isn't going to do it. You must consecrate yourself at this time for the visitation of these Angels." And I felt beside myself, you remember. And I was in the west; the Angels was coming east. And as they come by, I was picked up with them (You remember that?), coming east.

And Brother Fred in here tonight is a witness, and Brother Norman. As we went down, I almost persuaded that man to stay and get his game. Is that right, Brother Sothmann? Yeah, there he stands right there. I persuaded... but yet, He said, "He won't do it." I never said nothing, went on. Something setting by the side of the tent the day that... You remember, Brother Sothmann, that I, as soon as some things was being told that I put you and Brother Norman... Where's Brother Norman? Back there. Put them under oath that they wouldn't mention what was taking place. Is that right? Did I turn around and walk away from that tent, like that? Is that right? Because this is what it was, exactly what it was, and knowing that I couldn't say it till it happened to see if the people would understand it.

And did you notice that one Angel, I said in there, was a strange Angel? He looked more to me than any of the rest of them. You remember that? They were in a constellation--three on a side and one on top. And the one right next to me here, counting from the left to the right, would've been the seventh Angel. He was brighter, meant more to me than the rest of them. You remember, I said he had his chest out like that, and was flying eastward. You remember like that? And I said, "It picked me up, lifted me up." Do you remember that?

Here it is. The one with the Seventh Seal, the thing that I've wondered all my life. Amen. Them other Seals meant a lot to me, of course, but, oh, you don't know what this has meant. For one time in life... I prayed; I cried out to God. I--I--I--after that Phoenix meeting, any of the people there with me know; I laid in the mountains. One morning I got up and went up in Sabino Canyon; it's a great rugged high mountains. And I'd went up in there, and there was a little foot trail after you lead off--go on up into Lemmon Mountain which is a thirty mile walk, and there about thirty foot of snow up there.

So, up in the mountain real early before day, going up through this little foot trail, rolling rocks along, I felt led to turn this a-way. And I turned and went up into some great jagged rocks, oh, my, hundreds of feet high. And I knelt down between those rocks. I laid down this Bible and laid down

this book, this little tablet. I said, "Lord God, what does this vision mean?" I'm--I'm--I'm... I said, "Lord, does it mean my dying?" (You remember I told you I thought it might mean my death, 'cause something exploded till it just shook me to pieces. You remember. How many knows--have heard it was? Why, sure, all of you.) And I thought it could mean my death. And then in the room, I said, "Was--what--what--what was it, Lord. What--what does it mean? Does it mean I'm going to die? If it is, all right; I won't tell my family. Just let me go on (See?), if my work's finished." And I said... Now, what was it? But He sent a witness back (You remember me telling you?) that it wasn't that, it was a furtherment of my work.

Oh, you get it. See? And setting up in Sabino Canyon... The heavenly Father knows this, just as true as you see that come to pass, those Angels come right down and a-vindicated every message to be the same. Then you know whether it comes from God or not. It was foretold you by a vision. I couldn't tell you until the service was over, 'cause I was forbidden to.

In Sabino Canyon, sitting up there that morning, I had my hands up, and my--the wind had blowed my old black hat down. When I was standing there with my hands up, praying. I said, "Lord God, what does this mean? I can't understand it, Lord. What am I to do? If it's my going home time, let me go up here where they'll never find me. I don't want nobody to be mourning around if I'm going. I--I want just the family to think that I just took a walk, and they--they won't find me. Hide me away somewhere. If I'm going to go away, why, just let me go. Maybe Joseph will find my Bible laying here someday, and let him use It. See? If I'm going away, let me go, Lord."

And I had my hands out, and all at once something hit my hand. I don't know. I can't say. Did I go to sleep? I don't know. Did I go into a trance? I don't know. Was it a vision? I can't tell you. Only thing I can say is when I... Just the same thing like them Angels was. And it struck my hand, and I looked, and it was a sword, and it had pearl handles, real pretty; and had a guard over it with gold, and the blade looked like, something like a chrome, like silver, only it was real shiny. And it was so feather-edge sharp, Oh, my. And I thought, "Isn't that the prettiest thing?" just fit my hand. I thought, "That's awful pretty." But I said, "Hey, I'm always 'fraid of them things"--a sword. And I thought, "What will I do with that?"

And just then a voice shook down through there that rocked the rocks, said, "It's the Sword of the King." And then I come out of it. "The Sword of the King..."

Now, if it said, "a Sword of a King..." but it said, "The Sword of the King," and there's only one "the King," and that's God. and He has one Sword; that's His Word, what I live by. And so help me, God, standing over His holy desk here with this holy Word laying here, It's the Word. Amen.

Oh, what a day we're living in, what a great thing. See the mystery and secret? The third... Standing there, when this left me, something just come to me and said, "Don't fear." Now, I didn't hear no voice, like on the inside of me spoke. I just tell you the truth, just exactly what happened. Something hit and said, "Don't fear. This is that third pull."

Third pull, you remember it? He said, "You've had so many impersonators on this, what you tried to explain." But said, "Don't even try this." Do you remember it? How many remembers that vision? Why, it's all over the tape and everywhere. That's been about six years ago--seven years ago: been seven years ago. Said, "Don't try to explain that." Said, "This is the third pull, but I'll meet you in there." That right? He said, "Don't try..."

I was standing with a--a little baby's shoe when He told me, there, "Make your first pull; and when you do, the fish will run after the lure." Said, "Then watch your second pull" said, "because there'll only be small fish." He said, "Then the third pull will get it."

And all them ministers got around me, said, "Brother Branham, we know you can do it. Hallelujah, Brother Branham." (That's where I always get tied up--with a bunch of preachers. See? I love people; they want you to explain everything, this, that.)

And I said, "Well, oh, all...?..." I said, "I--I don't know." I said, "I've understand fishing." I--I said, "Now, the first thing you do... Here's the way it's done. You see all the fish around; you got to jerk the lure." (Well, that's exactly the tactics of fishing.) So I said, "Jerk the lure." Now, you see when I jerked the lure the first time, now the fish takes out after it, but they were little ones. That's just like they were catching. So then I--I said, "Then you'll--you'll set..." and I jerked it out on the bank and I had a fish, but it looked like a skin over the lure; it just--he was so little. And then I was standing there and something said, "I told you not to do that." And I started crying.

All the line was tangled around me like this, and I had--was standing there crying with my head down like that. I said, "God, oh, I... Forgive me. I'm a stupid person. Lord, don't... Forgive me." And I had this line and that, what I had in my hand, was a little baby's shoe, about that long. And I had... That string was about as big around as my finger, about a half inch, like. And the eyelet in this shoe was just about the size of a--littler than one-sixteenth, probably, of an inch of the eyelet. And I was trying to lace this little shoe up with this great big inch cord. And a voice come, said, "You can't teach Pentecostal babies supernatural things." Said, "Now, let them alone."

And just then He picked me up. And He took me up and set me way up high to where a meeting was going on, looked like a tent or a cathedral of some sort. And I looked, and there was a little box-like, little place over in the side. And I seen that Light was talking to somebody above me, that Light that you see there on the picture. It whirled away from me, like that, and went over to that tent, and said, "I'll meet you there." And said, "This will be the third pull, and you won't tell it to nobody."

And in Sabino Canyon, He said, "This is the third pull." And there's three great things that goes with it, and one unfolded today, or yesterday, the other one unfolded today, and there's one thing that I cannot interpret, because it's in an unknown language. But I was standing right there and looked right straight at it, and this is the third pull coming up. And the Holy Spirit of God... Oh, my. That's the reason all heaven was silent.

Now, I--I'd better stop right here. See? I just--I just feel checked not to say no more about it. See? So just remember, the Seventh Seal, the reason it was not opened (See?), the reason It did not reveal it, no one should know about it. And I want you to know before I even knowed any word about that, that vision come years ago. You remember that? And here it is just as this other has--slides right straight into the Word exactly where it was. And God knows my heart; I never one time thought of such a thing as that, and here it was. It's later than we think.

Oh, my. Just shows it's from God, for (See?), it fits exactly in the promises of God from the end of the--the message.

You notice. Notice now, for the end of time message this Seal, after all... He--He's revealed all the six Seals, but it don't say nothing about the Seventh. And the end time Seal, when it starts, will be absolutely a total secret according to the Bible. Before knowing that... And remember, Revelations

10:1, 7 (1-7, chapter 10:1-7) at the end of the seventh angel's message, all the mysteries of God would be known. We're at the end time, the opening of the Seventh Seal.

Now, how did I know the other day, last Sunday, a week ago today, when I was preaching on "Be humble, be humble; remember God deals in little things." I didn't realize what it really was talking about, and now I see it. It is in such a humble way. You'd think that something like that would be revealed to the Vatican, or, but it comes just like John the Baptist. It comes like the birth of our Lord in a stable. Glory to God. So help me, the hour is at hand. We're here. Oh, my.
Now, do you see it? The Truth of God's vision, the seven Angels, bringing me from the west. They were coming from the west, coming back east, bringing here for this message tonight. Oh, my.

Now, the voice of that great thunder and the mission that was brought here has been revealed that it--and proven that it was of God. Just think now. I knew not these Seals, and they been revealed this week. Did anybody think of that? Of those seven Angels, being this being the message that was coming forth, them Angels bringing me back here for that?

Remember, the seventh messenger was... The seven messengers was... The noted one to me, the seventh Angel, it seemed more to me than any. Now, see, they were standing like this (Now, we just want you to notice.), and I was standing here, and I was watching those other... See, one... First bunch of little birds, feathers all beat down. You remember them? and they all flew eastward. And the second bunch were brighter, bigger birds, looked like doves, pointed wings; they flew eastward: first pull, second pull. Then the next was Angels.

And as--I was standing right there, and this explosion left, and I was looking this way, towards the west, and they come and just picked me up in there, and I went plumb out of my knowing. And the one of them coming was the one that looked so strange to me, was the one on my, be to left where I entered the constellation at, but counting from the left to the right, it would've been the seventh Angel (See?), coming across.

Now, remember the seven messengers. Do you remember the pyramid of white rock of Junior Jackson's dream that I interpreted to you? Notice, the night that I left... And I--there were six dreams came, and every one of them directly to the same thing. Then the vision started and sent me west. Is Junior... He was watching... Why, notice. Look how perfect.

Now, I'm--I'm hoping and trusting that you people realize that I'm trying to put this grace on Jesus Christ, Who is the Author of all of it; and the only reason you never heard me talk like this before in your life... But this hour is approaching. See it?

Notice now, to make it sure to you, so it could be driven down... I'm fixing to leave you again. I don't know where I go. I must preach the Gospel other places. But now, that you might say, "I've heard all that kind of fanaticism." I don't know what. I can't judge any other man. I only have to answer to God for what I--for--for myself. But has there ever been one time I ever told you anything in the Name of the Lord it wasn't right in all these years? Nobody else can say so, because I always told it just the way He told it.

Now, let me just show you that this is exactly true and confirm it. Now, remember, "If there be a spiritual... or a prophet, I, the Lord, will speak to him in visions and make known to him by dreams," interpreting dreams. Is that... Joseph, he could interpret dreams and speak and--and see visions. Is that true?

Now, notice this--that now, when this taken place, Junior was standing in a field that had a--had a big pyramid to it like that, and there was something wrote on the rocks, and I was revealing that to the people. Is that right, Junior? About a year before it happened...

And notice the next thing now. I took some kind of a bar and cut it off, and on the inside was white rock that had nothing wrote on it. And at that time I started to the west. And I told them all; I said, "Don't go out west. Stay here and look on this till I return." Went west for the blast, returned back to the east with the Holy Spirit interpreting this unwritten Word. Now, if that isn't perfectly the God Almighty, I want you to know what is. What am I trying to say this for, friends? Is to show you we're at the end time.

Now, if them others is perfectly on the dot with the Word, so is this perfectly on the dot with the Word. We are here. We're at the end, friend. Soon it shall be time run out. Millions will lose their lives. Millions will be--that now believe that they are saved will be counted fodder for the atomic age.

We are living at the last hour. By the grace of Almighty God, by His help, to His people that they might look forward to the soon appearing of Christ... "How long, Brother Branham?" Maybe twenty years, maybe in fifty years, maybe in a hundred years; I don't know. And maybe in the morning, maybe yet tonight; I don't know. And anybody that says they do know, they're wrong. See? They won't know. God only knows.

Now, notice. So help me, by God I tell the truth, that these are spiritually discerned to me (See?), discerned by the Holy Spirit. And by every one of them, has identified his place in the Bible.
Now, what this great secret is that lays beneath this Seal, I do not know. I don't know it. I couldn't make it out. I couldn't tell it, just what it and just what it said. But I know that it was them seven thunders uttering themselves right close together, just banging seven different times, and it unfolded into something else that I seen.

Then when I seen that, I looked for the interpretation that flew across there, and I couldn't make it out. That's exactly right, friend. See? The hour isn't quite yet for it, but it's moving into that cycle. See? It's coming up close. So the thing for you to do is to remember that I speak to you in the Name of the Lord: Be prepared, for you don't know what time something can happen.

Now, when that gets on tape, which it is, that'll probably send ten thousand of my friends away from me, 'cause they're going to say that Brother Branham's trying to put himself and make himself a servant, or a prophet, or something before God. Let me tell you, my brethren, that is an error. I'm only telling you what I seen and what has been told to me, and now, you--now, you do whatever you want to. I don't know who's going to--what's going to take place. I do not know. I just know that those seven thunders holds that mystery, that heavens was quieted. (Everybody understand?)

It may be time. It may be the hour now, that this great person that we're expecting to rise on the scene may rise on the scene. Maybe this ministry that I have tried to take people back to the Word has laid a foundation; and if it has, I'll be leaving you for good. There won't be two of us here the same time. See? If it is, he will increase, I'll decrease. I don't know. But I have been privileged by God to look and see what it was (See, see?), unfold to that much. Now, that is the truth.

And I'm sure that you've noticed the things that's been happening this week. I'm sure you noticed that little Collins' boy laying there dying the other night, that little leukemia girl. The Kingdom of God is coming. And it's becoming more from the negative to the positive as it has been. Now, that

oughtn't to choke people. From justification to sanctification to the baptism of the Holy Ghost and then here--here. See? We're just drawing closer to God all the time.

Can't you see, Methodist ministers, how that your message of sanctification was above that which Luther preached? You Pentecostals, can't you see your message of the baptism is beyond that which Methodists preached? You know what I mean? Oh, we've had a lot of things go forth, and that's right. And if there's anybody that despises wrong and people saying something that's actually lies and not the truth, I hate that; but I--I do love the solid truth. No matter how much it interrupts this way or that way, if it's Truth, God will finally show that it's Truth. And if He doesn't do that, one of these days soon, then my vision wasn't right. Now, you see where I just laid myself.

"When will it be, Brother Branham?" I cannot tell you. I do not know. But one of these days, if we never meet again on this earth, we're going to meet yonder at the--at the judgment seat of Christ. And you'll find out that in that room, the revelation coming from God (just like all the rest of them has), that them... One of the mystery of that Seal, the reason it wasn't revealed, it was seven thunders that uttered their voices, and there it is perfectly, because nothing knows anything about it; wasn't even written. So we're at the end time; we are here.

I thank God for His Word; I thank Him for Jesus Christ. For without sending Him for the--the propitiation of our sins, we'd all be in a big muck of sin with no hope. But by His grace, His--His Blood cleanses all sin. Just like the drop of ink in a bucket of Clorox, you'd never find the ink again. When our sins are confessed, it's put in the Blood of Jesus Christ; they'll never be known again. God forgets them; they never was even done. And as long as that Sacrifice is laying there in an atonement for us, then that's all... That's it. See? We're not sinners no more; we're Christians by the grace of God.

And remember, in our ownselves we'd probably be just as bad as we ever was, but see, the grace of God has appeared to us, and that's what's made us what we are today: Christian brothers and sisters.

This has been a tremendous week for me. I'm tired; my mind is tired, because I--I have--was the best that I could do. And something strange going on every day... I would be amazed to walk in the room and be there for a few minutes and see something just turn me completely around. And here, I'd go in there and pick up the notes. I'd pick up books of Dr. Smith, Uriah Smith, and oh, all the writers in there, and read in--and read down in their books. I'd say, "Now, here's the Sixth Seal; here's the Fourth Seal. Now, what does this man say?"

He'd say, "Well, it was this, that, or the other." I'd look over here and get another man. He'd say that it was such-and-such. And it looked like I just... It just didn't work right.

And then I thought, "Well, what is it, Lord?" And I walked up and down the floor awhile. I'd kneel down and pray, go back and pick up the Bible, set down, and read, walk back and forth. And then all of a sudden when I got quiet, here it just unfolded like that. Then I'd grab a pen right quick, and go to writing it down like that, whatever I was seeing and doing, watching it like that till I got it wrote down. Then I'd take the rest of the day and go down and chase this out and see if it tied all the way down through the Scriptures. Then it... "Prove all things." See?

And I got this here, and I think, "Now, there's many people had visions. There's many been in revelations." If it's contrary to the Word, leave it alone. That's right; leave it alone.

Now, now, then I'd run this--ease it down like this. Run it down like... As I'd jot down little things here, I thought, "Well, now the class will be glad to hear this, 'cause it ties here and ties here. Now, let's see, what does this say here? Yes, it's... Yeah, here it is right here"; (See?) and bring it back through the Bible and tied the thing down through the week. There it is on tapes. You're welcome to them. And I have did it to the best of my knowledge under Christian fellowship, grace of God to all men by Jesus Christ. I've done the very best that I knowed how...?...

You've been one of the finest classes. There's been nobody could've set any nicer. You all have come in here at one o'clock in the day, up till five o'clock to whenever they opened the church and brought the--let the people come in. You stood in the cold; you've stood in the snow; you've done everything, stood around the walls till your legs ached. I'd see the men set down and let the women set and different ones would stand and like that, setting around.

And I thought, "Lord, the whole..." This has been a mysterious week? The whole thing's been kind of strange--how would people come. See them standing around the outside, in the windows, in the doors, back around the back, everywhere, listening. And as far as a speaker, I'm far from a speaker. I--I got that much intelligence to know that I'm not--that I'm not a speaker; but why would people set and listen like that? Why would they do it? They don't come to hear a person like me, but they're coming because there's something in it drawing a people...?... See? There's something in it that's drawing them. As my wife stood here at the platform and sing, when I started...

They come from the east and west,
They come from the land afar;
To feast with the King, to dine as His guests,
How blessed these pilgrims are!
Beholding His hallowed face,
Aglow with light Divine;
Blessed partakers of His grace
As gems in His crown to shine.

May you always bear that in mind: to be a gem in the crown of Jesus Christ. Paul said to the church, "You are--you're the jewels, gems of his crown." We want to be the gems of the crown of Jesus Christ. We don't want never put a man in it. You forget anything about me. I am your brother, a sinner saved by grace, not fit to live; that's exactly the truth; and I ain't saying that to be humble; that's facts. There's nothing in me, not one sound thing at all. But the grace of God has let my poor dimming eyes look beyond the curtain of time and see those things yonder, and I come back...

When I was a little boy... I love people; I always wanted somebody to love me and talk to me. Nobody would do it because of the name of the family. Nobody'd talk to me. But when I made my surrender to God, then our people, background being Irish, I thought maybe (they was all Catholic)... maybe that would be it. I went there, and he was some way, and I went down to the First Baptist church, and he was another way. I said, "Lord, there's got to be some way that's true." And something said, "It's the Word."

I've held that Word. Look at every vision everywhere. The day I laid that cornerstone yonder, and I put that in there; I wrote on there what He showed me that morning in a vision: "Be instant in season, out of season, rebuke with all long-suffering and doctrine, for the time will come when they'll not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lust shall heap for themselves together teachers having itching ears and be turned away from the truth into fables." And I've seen those two trees that I stood by do that very same thing. That's right. And there we are. And that is true.

And now, you won't... Remember, let me exhort you again. Don't say, "Thank you," to anybody at all. Don't say... Thinking some minister or something, some mortal man, there's anything good about him, 'cause there's not; I don't care who he is. There's nothing good to any man. That's right. If there's a whole bunch of trumpets laying here and one of them had to sound out a certain music; it's the man; them trumpets are perfectly mute. It's the fellow that can sound the trumpet, that knows what he's going to do, that picks up a trumpet. The trumpet has nothing to do with it. The sound comes from the intelligence behind it (That's right), so all trumpets are the same; all men are the same; all Christians are the same.

There's no great man among us. We're not great men, not great women--we're all brothers and sisters, all the same in the same bracket. We're no great. One don't make one greater than the other one--not a thing at all to do. No, sir. But we're just all human beings. Don't try to interpret the things. Don't try to do anything more than just live a close life, giving praise and honor to Jesus Christ. Everybody understand that now? Amen. Love Him with all your heart. Do you do it?

I love Him (And I will) I love Him
Because He first loved me,
And purchased my salvation
On Calvary's tree.

Praise God. Does everybody thoroughly understand? Does everybody believe? Remember when I first started: "Who has believed our report? to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?" Has He revealed to you His mercy, His goodness? Amen.

Just remember, love Him with all your heart. I'm going back home now; I'll be back here again, the Lord willing, around the first of June. Maybe if the Lord puts it upon my heart, maybe sometime this early summer, like in June or somewhere, maybe early fall, if the Lord tarries, I would like to come back and set another seven nights for the Seven Last Trumpets. Would you like that? Would you... Will you pray for me that God will help me? All right. Until I meet you again, remember this good old song.

I love Him, I love Him
Because He first loved me,
And purchased my salvation
On Calvary's tree.

Now, I want you to bow your heads. I want to pray for you. Before the pastor dismisses, I want to pray for you.

Our heavenly Father, may the people, Lord, understand, which I'm sure that there's some that doesn't. But, Father, may they--they know the objective, and may they understand, Father, that--that it's Your grace to them that these things are revealed. And I want to thank You, Lord, for the knowledge of knowing these things that Thou has revealed to us. And I pray for every one that's here, every one that's attended the meeting.

If there be some who does not believe, may, Lord, they become believers. I pray for all that will hear the messages by tape. And if it falls, which it will no doubt, in the homes and places of many unbelievers that will different... But Father, I pray for each one that before they say any blasphemous words, that they might first set down and search the Scriptures by what's been said, and then say to You that they truly are sincere and want to know whether this is truth, or not. And I

pray for them, Father.

And I pray for these who's stood along these walls, who's stood on the outside, who set in their cars, for little children, and for all that's been in--just all of them, Lord, I pray for them. And I pray that my prayers will be answered, that You'll bless them.

First, Lord, give every one Eternal Life. I pray that there'll not be one of them lost, not one. And now, Father, we don't know when this great event will be, but when we see these signs appearing and Scriptural happenings, it warns our heart above measure. And I pray, Father God, that You'll help us.

I pray that You'll help our dear pastor, Brother Neville. Make him, Lord, full of grace and full of power and with understanding that he might take this stored food and feed the lambs of God. Lord, I pray that You'll keep sickness away from us. May it come to pass that when people become sick that they'll remember the present and all-sufficient Blood of the Lord Jesus lays on the altar to make an atonement. And I pray that they'll be healed immediately. And I pray that You'll keep the power of Satan away from them to discourage them or to try to make them make cults or... Just keep all the powers of the enemy away, Lord. Sanctify us to Thy Word. Grant it, Lord.

Then, Lord, I pray that You'll help me. I--I--I'm beginning to fade away, Lord. I know my days can't be too many more, and I pray that You'll help me. Let me be true, Lord, and honest and sincere that I might be able to bear the message as far as it's ordained for me to bear. And when it comes to the time that I must lay down, when I get down to the river, and the waves begin to come in, O God, may I be able to hand this old Sword over to somebody else that'll be honest with It, Lord, and will pack the truth. Grant it, Lord. Until then, help me to be strong and healthy and courageous. Help my church. Bless us together, Lord. We are Yours.

We feel now that Your Spirit is among us. We believe that You will answer our prayers, for we commit ourselves to You with Thy Word for service for the rest of our days upon this earth, in the Name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, our beloved Savior, for His glory. Amen.

I... (God bless you), I love Him (with all my heart)

Because He first loved me,

God bless you,

Brother Neville.

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room of Brothers Fred Sothmann and James McGuire (who were in charge of making the tapes) and told them, "I don't want this message sent out the way it is."

He instructed the brothers to stop the original Message at paragraph number 261 (which begins on page 362 above), and to replace the remainder of the Message with approximately twenty minutes of material that he then recorded in the motel room. A transcript of this recording is reproduced below.

The recording containing the substitution was the only version of the "Seventh Seal" Message released to the public until 1966.

After Brother Branham's passing, the board of the William Branham Evangelical Association met and unanimously agreed to release the tape as originally recorded at the Tabernacle. Since that time, both versions have been available - Ed]

Will be a good thing that he doesn't know anything about it, because if he did, then he would impersonate that. That's his tricks in doing things. So therefore, God has made it so hid to the whole world, even to heaven, that there is no way of understanding it, only as God will reveal it Himself.

Now, I want you to notice tonight that in the Sixth Seal there was a--a threefold purpose of the Sixth Seal. There was a threefold purpose of the horse riders. There's been a threefold purpose in all these things. That brings us back to a three and a seven again (See?), seven Seals, seven vials, and so forth.

Now, in threes and sevens is God's number in His mathematics of revealing His Word. Now, you notice, like in the--the--the riders, now there was three horses went out. One of them was a white one, one was a red one, one was a black one. And then in the fourth horse, why, all of them was mixed together. See, a threefold purpose...

Now, God did the same thing. God did the same when He sent out His Lion, which was His Word to combat the antichrist. Then we find out that He sent out the ox during the time of the--the tribulation period (the sacrificial animal); and in this tribulation period, that's all the people could do was just work, slave, and offer themselves for a sacrifice.

Then we find out in the next age, which was the reformer's age, God sent out the wisdom of a man--a man-like head on the beast, which was a power that went forth in the reformers.
Now, did you notice, every... No wonder that the people of these days still living the hangover, like it was, from the reformer's age, because they just see it in the ecclesiastical way of looking at it, and they see it in the way that their seminaries has taught it; that was God's way at one time, but we've lived a past that.

Now, we're into the age of the Eagle, the revelation to be revealed, the whole thing. Now, compare this with Revelations the 10th chapter, verse 1 to 7, and we'll see here in this Revelations--the Revelations here, 10: 1-7, that in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel's message was to finish up all the mysteries of God.

Now, we find out also in this that the Sixth Seal now being opened, it was for a threefold purpose. Now, here was the purposes: The first thing was that the sleeping virgins had to go through the

tribulation period for purification. She had to be purged of her sins of unbelief and rejecting the message. This she was done in the tribulation period. We see they wind up over here in Revelations 7, between the 6th and 7th chapter here, that she had been purged, and she'd been given her robes.

Now, she's not the Bride, but it's the church, the pure people that--that--that didn't have the opportunity, maybe, to receive the message, or in some way that they were blinded by these false prophets, and they--they didn't get a chance, and yet they're really sincere in heart, and God knows their heart, and here they're purged during this time.

You notice that another purging time; that's for Israel when she gathers. That's the second fold. God purges Israel in the tribulation period. Out of the millions that'll gather there, there'll be a selected one hundred and forty-four thousand, and they will be purged also. God's purging Israel.

Notice, there is a whole earth is to be purged. There will be such a thing that the moon, stars, and all nature will be purged. You see what it is? The earth is renewing herself, being purged, getting ready for the millennium. The millennium's coming up. And see, everything that's got any filth in it is to be purged during the Sixth Seal.

Now, now, do you notice on the opening of this Seventh Seal, it's also in a threefold mystery. This one I have--will speak and have spoke, that it is the mystery of the seven thunders. The seven thunders in heaven will unfold this mystery. It'll be right at the coming of Christ, because Christ said no one knew when He would return.

Did you notice when the Jews asked Him that? You know when we compared the Scripture here with Matthew 24 with the six Seals, the Seventh Seal was left out; because (You see?), Christ said only God Himself knowed, not even the Angels. No wonder, it wasn't even written. You see, they hushed; nothing take place then. Angels don't know it; nobody knows when He's coming. But there'll be a... There'll be seven voices of these thunders that will reveal the great revelation at that time.

So I believe, to us who... If we don't know it, and we--we--it won't be knowed till that time, but it will be revealed in that day, in the hour that it's supposed to be revealed in. So the thing for us to do is to be reverent before God and serve Him, and do all that we know how to do, and live good Christian lives.
Here now, we find that the Sixth Seal has been opened to us; we see it, and we know that this Seventh Seal cannot be broke to the public until that hour arrives.

Now, there was some reason that God let this seven voices be thundered, because it must come (See?), for the... We find that Christ, the Lamb took the--the Book in His hand, and He opened that Seventh Seal. But you see, it's a hidden mystery. No one knows it. But it--it's right along with what He said: no one would know His coming; they also would not know about this seven thunder mystery. So you see, it's connected together.

That much we have a understanding of it today, because the rest of it is all unfolded, but this is not unfolded. But setting in my room, and I heard this--or not heard it, rather, but seen it unfold to this seven thunders. Now, that's as far as we can go right there. And now I trust that each and every one of you will serve God, and do that which is right, and love Him all your life and serve Him, and God will take care of the rest.

Now, we have in the completion here now, by the grace of God, all the mysteries of the six Seals that's been sealed up, and we understand and know here that the Seventh Seal is not to be known to the public.

Now, His coming, and the hour of His coming, when the destruction of the earth... You know, he said there, "What will be the sign of the coming of the end of the world?" In Matthew 24, there where they asked Him that question, He went down to that. He told about Israel being gathered as a nation in the 31st verse of Matthew 24:31. But then He started off on parables. See? Then, you see there, "Learn a parable of the fig tree. When you see it putting forth its buds, why, you know spring's nigh." And then, "When you see this coming to pass, then know the time is nigh."

See Israel's gathering in its own homeland. But you notice, He omitted the revelation of this Seventh Seal. And here when the Seventh Seal, when He opened it, He also omitted it again. See? So we see that it is a complete mystery, therefore, the hour is not yet for these mystery to be known, therefore, we're this far and the rest of it will be known right around about the time that Jesus appears on earth again for His Bride, or whatever takes place at that time.

Now, until that time, let's just all pray and live good straight Christian lives, looking forward for His coming.

And now, if this tape would happen to fall into the hands of some persons somewhere, don't try to make any kind of an "ism" out of it. The only thing you do, you just continue serving God, because this great secret is so great that God wouldn't even let John write it. It thundered out, but He... knowing that... promising us that it would be opened, but to this time, it isn't opened.

And now, we are grateful to God for what He has showed us. I've been setting in the room up there for eight days, and the message that I have just got through explaining to you, many of you here will understand, and I promise that there was something going on, spiritual, all the time, that I was sure you were missing it, and here's what it is: It's the absolute a-vindication of this interpretation of the Scriptures being sent of God, because before we even went into it, and I left to go west, the Lord showed me a vision one day about ten o'clock one morning, and I come and explained it here that I had seen it, didn't know what it was; it was a constellation of seven Angels. We'll remember that. You'll get it on the tape, called, "What Time Is It, Sir?" Well now, that is exactly what you're seeing now.

The seven Angels... I was in the west. You remember the little bitty messengers; they went east. The second messengers, the doves (little bit larger bird), they went east. And now, I looked... They was with me all the time. That was that first and second pull. Now, the third came from the west sweeping forward with great terrific speed, and they picked me up. That was coming back east with the mystery of these Seven Seals, just like it said in--in Junior Jackson's dream that the Lord let me interpret for him there.

On the inside of that pyramid, there was white stone that wasn't written on. That's the reason I had to go west to connect with these Angel's message to come back here to reveal it to the church. You remember, I said, "The next things that happen will be here at the church." That's just exactly.

Another thing, I want you to notice what taken place, And if you're listening to the tape of the "What Time Is It, Sir?" you will notice that one Angel was very notable to me. The rest of them just was--seemed ordinarily; but this Angel was a noted Angel. He was to my left in the constellation in a form of a pyramid. And you remember, it was in the pyramid where the mysterious white rock was not written on. And the Angels took me into that pyramid of themselves, the mysteries of God

known only to them. And now, they with the messengers that come to interpret that pyramid or that message of the secret of these Seven Seals which lays with inside the pyramid.

Now, the Angel was to my left, would really be the last, or seventh Angel, if we would count them from left to right, because he was on my left, me looking to him towards the west, him coming towards the east would be on the left side, so that would be the last angel's message: very notable. You remember how I said he had his--kind of his head back, and his great sharp wings, and how he flew right to me. Now, that is this Seventh Seal. It's still is a notable thing. And we are... We don't know what it is as yet, because it's not permitted to be broken.

But now, each one of you in the meeting has noticed that what a meeting it's been. Everybody just seemed to be right on the end of their seat, and everybody standing around here at one and two o'clock in the afternoon waiting for the doors to open to get up here in the front, standing around the walls, cramped limbs, and everything. What is it? It's been the Holy Spirit sending down these messengers, and they have been revealing it to us. And then notice how it's dovetailed with the Word, exactly.

And then to let you all know that this is truth, He foretold it about--about two months now, or more, before it ever happened, that when I went west, not knowing it, come back here with the interpretation as He has given it.

Now, remember, in the vision, He never told me one thing in the vision when He took me up. I was scared, afraid I was going to die, be killed in an explosion. You see, they could not do it. The interpretation come just as I had need of it; that was in the room. And I gave it out just as He give it.

Now, you see, friends, visions doesn't fail; they're always perfect; they're just exactly true.
Now, the vision, plus the Word, plus the history, plus the church ages; and all blend together. So I could truly say that to the best of my understanding and according to the Word of God and the vision and the revelation, the interpretation thereof is THUS SAITH THE LORD.

Now, may the Lord bless you all, each one, real richly as we stand now and sing this good old song of the church. God bless you each one. Amen.

I... (God bless you), I love Him (with all my heart)

Because He first loved me,

God bless you,

Brother Neville.