
THE SIXTH SEAL



Let's bow our heads just a moment now.

² Lord, we are again gathering in 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.

You may be seated.

³ Good evening, friends. It's a privilege to be here again tonight, to be in the service of the Lord. I was 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 is dying right then. So I—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 a 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, ask for mercy, call upon Him, God is willing and waiting to grant it to us.

⁴ And, now, I know it's warm in here tonight. And—and it's . . . No, I guess the heat is altogether shut off. And—and we're . . .

⁵ I noticed last night, or today, this is my seventh day in a room without light, just electric lights, see; studying, and praying for God to open these Seals.

⁶ And there was so many that's wrote, in that group of questioners la- . . . 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 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 can think it over and let me know, but if you just want to stay and pray for the sick.

⁷ Because, I have designated all this time, completely, to these Seals, and just kept myself away for the Seals.

⁸ 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—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, then we'll know more about it a little later.

⁹ And I just detect. Now I see . . . You go to talking about sickness, there it comes, see. I see this lady sitting 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 . . .

¹⁰ 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 . . .

¹¹ How many sick is here, anyhow, that come to be prayed for? Let's see your hands, all around, everywhere. Oh, my! Hum! Well, how many would think that that would be right, the will of the Lord, to stay and have this, 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.

¹² 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 Gene Norman says, "No."—Ed.] Brother Fred and the rest of you, is that all right? [Others say, "All right."] See? That's okay. All right.

¹³ 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, it won't be any more of the Seals. If the Lord will just open these Seals, then we pray for the sick, Monday night.

14 Now, oh, I've been really enjoying this, tremendously, of serving the Lord under These! Have you enjoyed This, the opening of the Seals? [Congregation says, "Amen!"—Ed.]

15 Now, we 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's quite a bit of things happen here. And now the . . .

16 Tell a little review of last night, kind of back up a little, each time.

17 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 is 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, at 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. I—I said seven hundred instead of seven thousand. Is that right? [Congregation says, "Yes."—Ed.] 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 . . . And I—I thank you. And that means that . . . I'm glad that you're watching what I say. And you see, then, that's . . . Cause, it, it's—it's seven thousand.

18 I got two or three notes on it, that said, "Brother Branham, I believe you were mistaken." It said, "Wasn't they seven thousand instead of seven hundred?"

19 I thought, "Surely I didn't say seven hundred." See? That, and then I . . . Billy . . .

20 And then I, first thing you know, I picked up another note. It said, "Brother Branham, you was . . . I believe you said seven hundred."

21 And one person said, "Brother Branham, was that a—a spiritual vision that—that there is just going to be a type, and you're typing it with the seven . . . ?" Puts people on edge when you go to thinking these things, see. And it's enough, that, it puts me on the edge.

22 Something happened today when this Seal was revealed, that 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 you talk, a tension? Oh, my! See?

²³ Another thing, see, you're laying right onto what I say. And God is 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 these things, because this is a—a tremendous time that we're living in. Yeah.

²⁴ I was thinking about the healing service for Monday night. That would interfere with you, Brother Neville anywhere? [Brother Neville says, "Not a thing. I'd be right here."—Ed.] That's fine.

²⁵ Precious Brother Neville! I tell you, 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.

²⁶ The tabernacle now built, and got the Sunday school rooms and everything ready, in order here. And some of you people that's around here, around Jeffersonville, want to come to the church, you got a nice place, and a place to come, Sunday school rooms.

²⁷ Fine teacher, and Brother Neville here, for the adult class, and a real pastor. I don't say that for 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. Now, he hasn't changed one bit. He is still Orman Neville, just like he always was.

²⁸ 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, the . . . I guess that's called Howard Park, Harrison Avenue Methodist church. I think that's where he must have found you, down there, Sister Neville. Down there, because she was a mem- . . .

²⁹ I come back up, and I said to the church here, I said, "That was . . . That's one of the nicest man! And one of these days I'm going to baptize him in the Name of the Lord Jesus." It happened.

³⁰ 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 honor, that's respects, to a brother like that. I can't say enough for him. And now the Lord bless him. All right.

³¹ 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.

³² 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 . . .

³³ The Scripture 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.

³⁴ 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.

³⁵ Therefore, you see, when the Word of God blends together, that mean It's correct, you see. Yeah. I believe, anything that hooks with the Word of God is always "amen." See?

³⁶ Now, like a person said they had a vision, and said 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. See?

³⁷ Now, now there may be present, some Mormon brethren or sister. And there may be some get these tapes, now. And I don't want to say that . . . Some of the finest people I and you 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 was a sincere man. But the vision he had was contrary to the Scripture. See? Therefore, they had to have a Mormon Bible, to—to make it. See?

³⁸ *This* is It here, to me. This is. That's the reason, just the Word. That's It. See?

³⁹ One time, a—a—a minister came here from a foreign country, and he . . . And I seen him out with a—a . . . riding around in a car, with which is not . . . with a—a lady. And they come to a meeting. And I found out, they had 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.

⁴⁰ 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 are free, could I speak to you in my room just a moment?"

He said, "Certainly, Brother Branham."

⁴¹ 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 quite a name." I said, "Are . . . And you come all the way from *such-and-such* a place, down to this *such-and-such* a place?"

Said, "Yes, sir."

⁴² And I said, "Aren't you afraid that that will kind of . . . I'm not doubting you, but don't you think that will reflect on your reputation as a minister? Don't you think we should put a little better example than that?"

And he said, "Oh, this lady is a saint."

⁴³ I said, "I—I don't doubt that." But I said, "But, brother, the thing of it is, everybody that looks at her is not a saint, 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 has been married four or five times now."

And he said, "Yes, I know that." Said, "You know, I—I . . ."

⁴⁴ I said, "You don't teach that in your church at home, do you, for that?"

⁴⁵ So said, "No. But," said, "you know, I had a vision of it, Brother Branham."

I said, "Well, that's fine." I said . . .

⁴⁶ He said, "Do you mind?" Said, "I believe I could straighten you out a little bit on your teaching about that."

⁴⁷ And I said, "All right." And he . . . I said, "I—I—I would be glad to know it, sir."

⁴⁸ And 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?

⁴⁹ 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, "Course, I loved her so much, I just forgive her, said, 'All right.'" And said, "Then . . ."

⁵⁰ And said, "Do you know what? Then I got the interpretation of this vision." Said, "That was the woman." Said, "Sure, she has 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 . . ."

⁵¹ I said, "Your vision was mighty sweet, but it was a way off of the beaten Path here." I said, "That's—that's wrong, see. You shouldn't do that." So that . . . See?

⁵² But when you see Scripture, a 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.

⁵³ Like putting a crossword puzzle together, like. You find the piece that fits in. There is nothing else can fit it. Then you're getting the picture fixed.

⁵⁴ And there's only One can do that, that's the Lamb, and so we're looking to Him.

⁵⁵ 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.

⁵⁶ Then when he went out on a certain beast and done a certain thing, we find out that there was one sent to combat what he did.

⁵⁷ There was one sent for the first age, of lamb . . . of lion. That was the Word, of course, Christ.

⁵⁸ Next was the ox, during the time of the dark age, when—when the—the church had organized and had accepted dogmas instead of the Word.

⁵⁹ And remember, the whole thing is based on two things: one, an antichrist; the other one, of Christ.

⁶⁰ It's still the same thing today. There is no halfway Christians. There is no drunk-sober man; no black-white birds; no, no; no sinner-saints. No. You're either a sinner or a saint. See? There is just no in-between. You're either born again or you're not born 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 have 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.

⁶¹ 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 looked back; and there it was, just exactly that way.

⁶² 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," he said. See?

Antichrist is not Russia. Antichrist is not that.

⁶³ 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 Elect." It says, "The Elect!" Now, anybody, take that word and run it back in your margin, you see what it means. It says, "The elected, predestinated." See? "It'll fool every one of them whose names were not on the Lamb's Book of Life from the foundation of the world."

⁶⁴ When the Lamb was slain, the names were put on the Book. He is standing in the Holy Place tonight, in Glory, as an Intercessor, making intercessions for every one of those souls whose name is on that Book. And nobody knows that name but Him. He is 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 has interceded for. He is doing the Kinsman Redeemer work now; and comes forth to receive His Own. Oh, my!

⁶⁵ That ought to set every Christian to—to searching himself, and holding his hands before God, and saying, "Cleanse me,

O 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.” “For if the righteous be scarcely saved, where will the sinner and the ungodly appear?” It’s checking-up time.

⁶⁶ And if you would place it, and want to . . . and give this Word. (Now, I don’t want to, to ask me a question on this, ’cause it get me plumb over on another; I mean, in writing your questions. I think the questions 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 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, a time that . . .

⁶⁷ 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 in the Tribulation period. And I think it ought to be truly settled in every believer’s heart, that this Church never takes a Tribulation period. You cannot put, nowhere, the Church in Tribulation. I . . . You put the church there, but not the Bride. See, the Bride has gone on.

⁶⁸ 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 is not even ever a remembrance of it; not a thing but purity, perfect, in the Presence of God. Oh, it ought to make the Bride get down on Her knees and cry out to God!

⁶⁹ I think of a little story; if I’m not taking too much of your time now, in this preliminary. I’m . . . I—I do this for a purpose, to feel, till I feel the Spirit just right, to start.

⁷⁰ This is a—this is a sacred thing. See? It’s, see, who knows them things there? Nobody but God. And they’re not supposed to be revealed, and proved in 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.

⁷¹ Now, there was a—a little girl in the west, that how she had—she had 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 . . .

⁷² 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.

⁷³ 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. And 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?

⁷⁴ And then, in Kentucky, you're trying to live in a bygone days of the east here, still back in Renfro Valley and things. You like to go back to the old days. There is something causing that.

⁷⁵ 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, you see. Goes to show that, see, you—you . . . there's a . . .

⁷⁶ And what makes a—a man do wrong? What makes him drink and carry on, or a woman do wrong? Is because she is trying to . . . There is something in her, thirsting. There is 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 would 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, then, and you turn it in to the world, try to satisfy it with the world. You can't do it. There's only one thing will fill that up, and that's God. And He made you that way.

⁷⁷ So, this—this young girls put on a—a regular western carry-on for this boy when he—he come out. And each one of them was sure they was going to get this boy.

⁷⁸ 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 the hands and things. And she done all the real hard work.

⁷⁹ And then, finally, when the boy came, they went out and got him in an old western style, and a buckboard. And they come in, shooting their guns and carrying on, you know, and acting up. And that night they had a great big dance out there, on a—on a old-fashion dance, and all the ranchers around, about, and coming in with their dancing, and so forth. And, first thing you know, why, this went on, was jubilee for two or three days.

⁸⁰ Then, one night, this boy stepped out, till . . . of the place, just to rest a while 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 dishpan full of water, she 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 beside of the—the bunkhouse, and go down there and come back, side of the corral, and met her.

⁸¹ She was barefooted. 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 father was foreman on this big Armour outfit, so they kept . . . She kept looking down. She was ashamed of being barefooted.

⁸² He said, "What's your name?" She told him. Said, "Why ain't you out there to the . . . where the rest of them is?" And she kind of made excuses.

⁸³ And so, the next night, he watched for her again. Finally . . . He was sitting out there. And they all got to carrying on, everything. He—he sit 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."

⁸⁴ 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, me."

⁸⁵ 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 thing that I'm looking for, I see it in you." Said, "Will you marry me?"

She said, "Well . . ." It startled her. And she said, "Yes."

86 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. Well . . . 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."

87 She said, "I don't, never—never had a home. I'm an orphan," she said.

88 He said, "I'll build you a home, a real one." Said, "I'll be back."

89 He kept in track with her, during the time, 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? See? She got her garments ready.

90 And, 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?"

91 She said, "But he promised me." Amen. Said, "He has promised." Said, "I believe his word."

92 "Oh, he was just making a fool out of you." Said, "If he'd have got somebody, he'd have got one of the them."

93 "Yes," said, "but he promised me. I'm looking for it." Amen. I am, too.

94 So, kept getting later and later. The day finally arrived, 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 would be there, so she dressed up in her wedding clothes, got things ready.

95 Well, then they really did laugh at here. Cause, the main boss had sent up to the—to the foreman, or—or to . . . None of the girls had heard nothing about it, so it was just all a mysterious thing to them. That is, too. It sure is.

96 But this girl, just in face of all of it, upon the basis of his word that he would be back for her.

97 So, they got to laughing. And put their hands around, one another and dancing around her. Said, "Ha!" Laughing, you know, like that, said, "Poor, little, silly kid!"

⁹⁸ She just stood there, not a bit of blush in her. She was holding her flowers. And her wedding garment all fixed; she had struggled, you know. "His Bride has made Herself ready." See? She kept holding her flowers, waiting.

⁹⁹ They said, "Now, I told you it was wrong. See, he ain't coming."

Said, "I got five more minutes." Said, "He'll be here."

Oh, they just laughed!

¹⁰⁰ And just about time the old clock ticked up to five minutes, they heard the horses a galloping, sand rolling under the wheels. The old buckboard stopped.

¹⁰¹ 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 cousin denominations sitting there, looking. She—she went to Chicago, to her home.

¹⁰² I know of another great promise like that, too, yet. "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, be taken to the Father's House. Let's think of these things as we go along now.

¹⁰³ Notice the ministry of the lion, the Word; the ox, the labor and 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.

¹⁰⁴ 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 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 find out that they were Jews that would come up during the time, where the . . .

¹⁰⁵ 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.

¹⁰⁶ And then we find out, that they were martyrs that had been killed, 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 it's nothing in the world, I don't believe, but that bunch of the—the Jews that's went through a pre-tribulation period. When, during the time of this last wars, they were. . . they've. . . They 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.

¹⁰⁷ The Bible said here, that, "They were slain for their testimony of God, 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.

¹⁰⁸ 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.

¹⁰⁹ 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 is where it's at.

¹¹⁰ Now, it was—it was the martyrs in the tribulation, or 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?

¹¹¹ 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?

¹¹² 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 this 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 casts her untimely figs, when she is 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;

113 Notice there? Look at them, “mighty men,” see. What had they done? “They had 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 sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

114 What an introduction to . . . See, the rider’s now, the rider’s beasts, and the answering Beasts, have 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.

115 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.

116 Remember, He deals with Israel as a nation, always. It’s the nation of Israel.

117 The Gentiles, as individuals, “people taken from the Gentiles.” And it had to, the Gentile, had to make . . . made up of all the people of the world, so now and then there is a Jew comes into that. See? Just like—like Arabian, and an Irish, and Indian, and whatmore, it’s all the people of the world, make up this bouquet Bride. See?

118 But, now, when it comes to dealing then with Israel, in this last part of the seventieth week, He deals with them as a nation, the Gentiles are finished. The hour is soon arriving, and may be 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!

¹¹⁹ And then, “Let him that’s filthy stay filthy; let him that’s righteous be righteous.” See?

¹²⁰ There is no more Blood on the seat of the—of the—of the sanct- . . . in the sanctuary, at all. There is 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 has 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. A Lamb that had been slain, a bloody One, been killed, bruised, come forth and took the Book out of His hand. That’s, the days are finished. Now He is coming to claim what He has redeemed. Amen! That just sends something through me!

¹²¹ 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?

¹²² God has been doing great things, like healing the sick, and open the eyes of the blind, and doing great work.

¹²³ But we find out, here, that nature took a tumble, yes, all nature. Look what taken place, “The—the earthquake; 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.

¹²⁴ Now you see we’re right close into that hour now. We 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 is 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, 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. . .

¹²⁵ Let us compare Scriptures now. I—I want . . . Have you got a pencil and paper with you? I want you to do something

for me. As you want to write, write this, 'cause, unless you're going to take the tape. Now we . . . I want you to read with me, as you do.

¹²⁶ 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 six Seals, all together, 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.

¹²⁷ That's the reason John wept, because, if no one could get that Book, all creation, everything was gone. She would 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 reasonings, instead of the Word of God. See? It was forfeited.

¹²⁸ 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.

¹²⁹ And there's a price, and that's redemption. There is 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 born of sex, born after sexual desire; he was in the original sin, Satan and Eve, so he could not do it. There is nothing in him. No holy pope, priest, Doctor Divinity, whoever he might be, he would nobody worthy. And he couldn't be an Angel, because it had to be a Kinsman. He had to be a man.

¹³⁰ 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 said, "We're saved through the Blood of God."

¹³¹ 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, or the mate, hasn't been with her, it won't hatch. It's not fertile. The woman is only the incubator that carries the egg. But the egg come . . . The germ comes from the male.

¹³² 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 till He become, 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.

¹³³ And then He gave that Blood, because He become a kinfolks 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.

¹³⁴ Then He goes upon the altar of God, and waits there, while God holds the Book of Redemption in His hands. And the bloody Lamb stands on the altar of sacrifice. There is the Lamb, to make redemption, making intercession.

¹³⁵ Then, how dare anybody to say that Mary, or Joseph, or any other mortal, could be—be an intercessor! You cannot intercess unless there is Blood there. Yes, sir. "There is one Mediator between God and man, and that's Christ Jesus." That's what the Scripture 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!

¹³⁶ 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 is something else goes with it. See?

¹³⁷ See, I can take one Scripture and say, "Judas went and hung himself," take another and say, "You go do the same." See? But, see, it won't blend in with the rest of It.

¹³⁸ And I thought, under this Sixth Seal, when the Holy Spirit broke It forth there, and I seen what it was, then I thought it would be a good thing to give the class a little something different tonight. See? Cause, it might be tiring, in just listening to me talking all the time, so I thought that we'd do something different.

¹³⁹ Now notice. This great event was sealed under the Book of mystery, of the redemption. Now the Lamb has It in His hand, is going to break It.

¹⁴⁰ 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 concern. But this is His—His speech here, or His—His sermon to the—the people, all right, to the Jews.

¹⁴¹ Now I want you to hold your Book like *this*, Matthew 24 and Revelation 6, like *this*. [Brother Branham holds his Bible open at these two chapters—Ed.] And let's compare something here just a little bit.

¹⁴² Now, 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 is. . . *Here* is one, He is talking of it, and *here* is where it happened. See? It's just perfect vindication.

¹⁴³ Now, now let's look at the 24th chapter of Saint Matthew, and Revelation 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.

¹⁴⁴ 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 who are. . .

¹⁴⁵ 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 Gentile. They have nothing to do with the Bride, not a thing. The Bride, we done see the Bride is gone. You can't place that anywhere else; don't come back again until the 19th chapter of the Book of the acts.

¹⁴⁶ Now notice, for, the Sixth Seal is the judgment Seal of the Word.

¹⁴⁷ 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 show 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 sat 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?

¹⁴⁸ Now let's stop there. These three verses, it took place, actually, on Tuesday afternoon, April the fourth, A.D. 30. And the first two verses took place on the afternoon of the . . . of April the fourth, in A.D. 30. And the 3rd verse taken place on Tuesday evening of the same day. See?

¹⁴⁹ 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."

¹⁵⁰ Then He went up on the mountain and sat down, see. That there, there He starts; it's the afternoon. And then when they did, they asked Him up there, said, "We want to know about some things."

¹⁵¹ Now notice, here is—here is three questions are asked by the Jews, His disciple. Three questions are asked. Now watch. "What," first, first, "what . . . When shall these things be, when, 'There won't be one stone left upon another'?" "What shall be the sign of Thy Coming?" second question. "And of the end of the world?" See it? There is three questions.

¹⁵² Now, there is where many men make their mistake. They apply these things here to some age then, when, you see, He is answering three questions. They . . .

¹⁵³ Watch now how—how beautiful it is, 3rd verse, see, the 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 is three different questions asked. Now, now I want you to turn over and watch how Jesus here tells them about these things.

¹⁵⁴ Oh, it's so beautiful! I . . . Just makes me . . . I—I—I get the . . . What was that word we used the other night? [Congregation says, "Stimulation."—Ed.] The stimulation from revelation! Notice.

¹⁵⁵ 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.

156 And each question, compare it right down, and see if it don't run hand in hand, just like we done in all these others opening up, to the church ages and everything, exactly the same. There is the Seal, perfectly opened, then. Notice, now. Now we're going to read, first, for the . . . "Then He answered them . . ." And—and then He—He is going to start answering now, and we want to compare it with the Seals.

157 Now watch. The First Seal is Revelation 6:1 and 2. Now we read 6:1 and 2.

And—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 sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

158 Who did we find this fellow was? [Congregation says, "Antichrist."—Ed.] 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.

159 See it? Antichrist. There is your Seal. See? See? He spoke it *here*; and *here* they open a Seal, and here he was, just perfect.

160 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 rumours of wars: see that you be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

161 All right, let's take the Second Seal, Revelation 6:3 and . . . Two. 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 unto him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given to him a great sword.

162 Perfectly, just exactly! Oh, I like to make the Scripture answer Itself. Don't you? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] The Holy Spirit wrote It all, but He is able to reveal It.

163 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 sorrow.

164 See, you're coming right on up now. Now, Revelation, in the 6th, now we're going to open the Third Seal. It's found in Revelation 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 sat 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 . . . a 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.

165 Famine! See, exactly the same Seal, same thing Jesus said. All right.

166 Fourth Seal, "pestilences" 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.

167 Now, what did I read back here? Did I read something wrong? Yeah, I've had that marked. Yeah, there we are. Now we're going. Now we go. All right, sir.

168 Now let's start here at the 7th, on this, the Fourth Seal; and on the 6:7 and 8, on the other one, on the Revelation.

169 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.

170 Now the Fourth Seal, as we read it over here, was the . . . 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: . . .

171 Now wait. I got this wrote down wrong. Yeah. Yeah. Now just a minute, now, 7 and 8.

¹⁷² 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? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Matthew 24:7 and 8. I'm sorry. Now, that opens up the rain. . . or the famine, opens up the famine. All right.

¹⁷³ 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—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 sat 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.

¹⁷⁴ Now, see, that was "Death."

¹⁷⁵ 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 . . . endure to the end, the same shall be saved.

¹⁷⁶ Now, we're on the Fifth Seal now. And that was last night, see. "They will deliver you up, betray one another," and so forth.

¹⁷⁷ Now watch here on the 6th, Seal, 6:9 to 11. Now let's get that one, Revelation 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, dost thou . . . judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

Now, and white robes were given to 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.

178 Now, you see, under the Fifth Seal, we find—we find here martyrdom.

179 And under the 24:9 over here, we . . . to 13, we find also that it was martyr. “They shall deliver you up, and kill you,” and so forth. See, the same Seal being opened.

180 Now, in the Sixth Seal, is the one we’re coming to now, Matthew 24:29 and 30. 24, and let’s get 29 and—and 30. Here we are.

Now, now we’re going to get, also, Revelation 6:12 to 17.

181 That’s exactly what we just read. Now listen at this, now, what Jesus said in Matthew . . . :29, 24:29 and 30.

Immediately after the tribulation of those days . . .

182 What? When the . . . 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 . . . heavens 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.

183 Now, read over here in Revelation now, the—the Sixth Seal, the one we’re 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 . . . 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, . . . 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 sits 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?

184 Just perfectly, turn right back over, see what Jesus said here now in Matthew 24:29. Listen. “After,” 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 . . . 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, . . . strove together.

185 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. [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit three times—Ed.] See?

186 First, he asked when these things would be, when the temple would be taken away. He answered that. Next thing he asked, when there would come time . . . There come the martyr age. And when *this* would do, when the antichrist would rise; and when the antichrist would take away the temple.

187 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 . . .

188 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.” [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit three times—Ed.] 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 housetop, don’t come down to take things

out of the house, or him that's in the field return back. For there will be a time of trouble!" You see? And all these things would take place, moved them on down now and vindicate it, back to this opening of the Sixth Seal.

¹⁸⁹ 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 Seventh, 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 was just silence in Heaven." Jesus never said a word about It.

¹⁹⁰ Notice now, back to the 12th verse, notice, no Beast. That's the 12th verse, starting off on our Seal, to see it opened. No Beast, like, living Creatures, is 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 is no living Creature or nothing there to say it. It's just . . . Now, God is not dealing with the Church no more; It's been gone.

¹⁹¹ He is dealing with Israel, see. See, this is the other side, this is when Israel received the Message of the kingdom, by the two prophets of Revelation 11. Remember, Israel is a nation, God's servant, nation. And when—when—when Israel is brought in, it'll be a—a national affair.

¹⁹² Israel, the kingdom age, is where David . . . the Son of David, sits on the throne. That's the reason that woman cried, "Thou Son of David!" And David is to . . . Son of David! God swore by Him, to David, that He would raise up His Son that would take his throne. It would be an 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 is trying to tell them here, what's . . . He is coming back.

"When are You coming back?"

¹⁹³ "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 . . .

¹⁹⁴ Now, this may be a little shocking. And if there's a question, and you—you can still ask me; if you want to put the question up, after it was called, and just hit it; if you didn't, you don't already know it.

¹⁹⁵ In the time of the Millennium, it's Israel that's a nation, the twelve tribes as the nation.

¹⁹⁶ But the Bride is in the palace. She is the Queen now. She is 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," Revelation . . . :22, "bring their honor and glory into this city." But the Bride is in there with the Lamb. Oh, my! You can see that, in there! Not . . . The Bride isn't going to be out here laboring in the vineyards. No, sir. She is the Bride. She is the Queen to the King. It's the others that labor out there, the nation, not the Bride. Amen. All right.

¹⁹⁷ Notice these messengers now, these messengers of the Revelation . . . :12, these two prophets, they're going to preach, "The Kingdom is at hand!" See? The Kingdom of Heaven is 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?

¹⁹⁸ 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 would be cut off, for a sacrifice for the people. And there is still a determination, that three and a 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.

¹⁹⁹ 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*, and put them away under the messengers.

²⁰⁰ And He sent forth the first messenger, and he preached, and a trumpet sounded; as we pick it up, after a 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, revealed; a

trumpet sound, 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?

²⁰¹ 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.

²⁰² 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 his politics and things. And just about the time the antichrist moves himself fully on the stre- . . . on the scene; God moves Himself fully on, to redeem it all. See, just run, just right together. And they're, both, side by side. Cain and Abel! [Brother Branham claps his hands together once—Ed.] The crow and the dove, on the ark! Judas and Jesus! And just on down, you can take it. Just . . .

²⁰³ 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.

²⁰⁴ 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.

²⁰⁵ 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."

206 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.”

207 And then watch what he done. He come right back in the Jezebel form, and come down through that false prophet, and caused the children of God to error. And married Moabite women into—into Israel, and caused adultery.

208 And he did the same thing, in that same age, on the journey, on the road to the promised Land, we’re 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. [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit four times—Ed.]

209 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. Yeah. Yes. Watch them all in arm, just before they crossed the Jordan. Ha-ha! I like that. Now we’re getting down to that age right now, here now. Notice.

210 Now we find out, that, the time, last (I said) three and one-half years of Daniel’s seventy weeks.

211 Let me explain that a little closer now, ’cause I see somebody here that’s always watched that, and I—I want to try to make myself clear; a teacher.

212 Notice when the seventy of 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.

213 Then, God dealt with the Gentiles till they took out a people for His Name. As soon as the Gentile Church is taken out, He taken up the Church.

214 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.” In the same time, the Tribulation falls upon that people.

215 And while the Tribulation is falling, in there comes these two prophets of Revelation 11, to preach the Gospel to them. And they preach a thousand, one hundred. . . and threescore 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.

216 A brother asked me, not long ago, said, "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."

217 Someone said to me, "Brother Branham, you ought to go to Israel right now. They would see it." See, you can't do it.

I stood right there, and I thought . . .

218 Them Jews said, "If I . . . Well, if this be, Jesus be the—be the Messiah," said, "let me see Him do the sign of a prophet. We'll believe our prophets, 'cause that's what they're—they're supposed to be."

219 "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."

220 Lewi Pethrus, of the Stockholm church, sent them a million Bible.

221 And those Jews coming in there! You've seen the picture. I 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 to gather in over there.

222 After England had went in there, during the time of General Allenby. In *The Decline Of The World's War*, in second volume, I think it is. And they surrendered, the Turks surrendered. Then he 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?

223 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 . . . They want them take them back to Israel, give them their place; take them back in their land, Palestine, where they're supposed to be.

224 And, remember, as long as Israel is out of that land, she is out of the will of God; like Abraham, who it was give to. And when . . .

225 They wouldn't get on that plane. They didn't never see anything like that. There was an old rabbi stepped down there, said, "Our prophet told us, that, when Israel went home, it would be 'on the wings of an eagle,'" on the plane, a way home.

226 There she is now, building. The fig tree restoring! Amen! The old six-point star of David flying!

227 "The Gentile days numbered, with harrows encumbered!" The Tribulation period right at hand!

228 And standing right here, and the Seals being opened, the Church ready to take Her flight in the air!

229 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 one-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 one-half years.

230 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. That, God told them that in the beginning, and they stay right with it.

231 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.

232 And, you see, their eyes had to be blinded, or they would have recognized Him. Instead of that, being blinded, they were. . . That let Satan get on them, and they say, "He's a fortuneteller, Beelzebub. Let His Blood be upon us. We know there's nothing to him." See?

233 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.

234 That's the most pathetic thing in the Scriptures, nearly. Just think of there, the Jews, calling the Blood of their own Father, their own God hanging there, bleeding. Look, "There they crucified Him," the Bible said. That's the 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. See? 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.

²³⁵ 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 a done exactly what's predicted for Me to do, then you tell Me." *Sin* is "unbelief." He done exactly what God told Him, but they couldn't see it.

²³⁶ Now when you talk to people, it's just like throwing water on a duck's back. Do you see what I mean? It's a pitiful thing, when you see this nations and people, the way they do, so starch and 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 would have a form of godliness, but would deny the Power of the Gospel." Said, "From such, turn away from them."

²³⁷ 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 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 is doing right now. That's exactly. Man is still the same thing.

²³⁸ There were them Jews standing there, saying, "Glory to God! Why," at the 6th chapter of Saint John, said, "our fathers eat manna in the wilderness!"

And Jesus said, "They're, every one, dead."

²³⁹ "They drank water from the Rock in the wilderness, and everything."

²⁴⁰ He said, "I am that Rock." That's right. Amen. He said, "But I am 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." And still they couldn't see it! That's right.

²⁴¹ 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!

²⁴² And them standing there with their hands behind them, and, “Huh! 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.

²⁴³ But they are looking for their prophet. And they’re going to receive it, going to receive two of them. That’s right.

²⁴⁴ 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 is called “Jacob’s trouble.” Now look. These Jews here has . . . Notice. Oh, it’s a . . .

²⁴⁵ I—I—I’m going to take just a little bit of time here, see. It makes me nervous when I start skipping around like that. And . . . See? Notice. I want you to see it. And I—I—I just . . . Well, God will show it to you, I’m sure. Look.

²⁴⁶ Jacob had the birthright. Is that right? [Congregation says, “Amen.”—Ed.] 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 pregnant-ed 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.

²⁴⁷ Now, it’s a type of the Jew now. He’s a money-snatcher. I don’t care how he gets it, he’ll get it. He’ll skin you alive, to get it. Now, you know that. He’s a little shyster, that’s all. Boy, don’t deal with him; he—he’ll get you, boy. Yes, sir. Why? He’s got to be that. That’s the kind of a spirit that’s dominating.

²⁴⁸ Just exactly like them reformers, could not understand this Word, because that was the spirit of the man sent to them.

²⁴⁹ It’s the eagle age that gets the Word and the revelation. All that understands that, raise up your hands, so I . . . That’s good. That’s fine. See? That’s good. Now, see, if you can get back here under these Seals, if They 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.

250 And that's the reason men acted that way, because that's the spirit that's predicted for that age, to be on them. They couldn't do nothing else.

251 I think of John, Paul, and them, that lion Spirit there, the I-i-o-n standing there, the Word Itself.

252 Paul stood right with that Word, and said, "I know this, that there will 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. And it'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 yourself will rise up, and speaking things, and draw away brethren who are disciples." That's exactly the antichrist. It did just exactly that.

253 Notice after they went into 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 themselves for sacrifice. It was a ox. That's all they could do. That's the kind of Spirit they had, the Spirit of God, the ox.

254 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 people out.

255 And turned right back around, exactly like they did back there, and married right straight back into her again, on their denominational system, just exactly. The Bible said so. She was a "whore," and then she had "harlots," the daughters, just exactly.

256 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 there where they belong." That's exactly. Now, that, God said that, under this, see, under the Seal. Now, there she was. We find out that He does that, and He will do it. And they're, every one, headed that way.

257 But, to 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 the Voice? I want to tell you what a Voice is. A Voice is a—is a spiritual sign.

258 He said to Moses, "If they won't hear the Voice of the first sign, they will hear the Voice of the second sign."

259 "My sheep hear My Voice." When these things are supposed to be taking place in the last days, sheep of God recognize That. Yes, sir. See? They—they recognize It. "My sheep know Me." See? "Stranger they won't follow." Don't follow them strangers. It's got to be a vindicated sign of the day, and they see It. Now, now notice.

260 Now, Jacob, as he come up now, the first thing you know, he got a longing to go (where?) back to the homeland.

261 Oh, that's exactly what Israel has done! That's—that's. . . That's Israel. Jacob is Israel. He just had his name changed, you know. See? And he's. . .

262 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 kinsfolks or anybody else. So, cheating, stealing, lying, any way he could get it, he got it. See? He did.

263 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?

264 And—and watch, watch the money, the money proposition. Just like the Jew will try making this covenant with—with Rome, see, in their money proposition. Notice it. That Esau didn't need his money; neither does Rome. She's got the wealth of the world in her hand. See? But it didn't work.

265 But we find out now, that Israel, in that time of trouble, when he was Jacob, he wrestled with the. . . that 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—and the—the Fellow said, "I must be going now. It's coming daylight." Oh, that breaking-of-the-day! See? It was fixing to come day.

266 But Jacob said, "I—I'm not going to leave You. You, You can't go. I'm going to stay right with You." See? "I want things changed here."

267 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.

²⁶⁸ That's just before the Tribulation period, see, (oh how wonderful) also, "Jacob's trouble."

²⁶⁹ 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, your unbelief, and turn back to God!"

²⁷⁰ 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.

²⁷¹ 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, is when the Tribulation, which is to do it. And this is telling what happens in this Tribulation.

²⁷² 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.

²⁷³ Notice, just exactly, now come over here, "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 is 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 hand, where they had made their covenant. Same thing happens. That's the plagues, the—the time when this plagues will call.

274 It'll plague this group of Gentiles. If we had time, I could show what's going to happen to that Gentile church.

275 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." Revelation 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.

276 Now watch. The first time, their enemy's hands, when He was delivering them out, the sun turned to sack- . . . black as sackcloth. Now, this is the second time, the end of the Tribulation period.

277 Now, in Daniel 12. If we had time, we could read it. In Daniel, the 12th—the 12th verse . . . 12th chapter, rather. Daniel said, "Everyone 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 their seventieth week. And that's when they're supposed to be delivered. Now look. Let us 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: . . .

278 Now compare that, exactly what Jesus said, Matthew 24, "There shall be a time of trouble that 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 seventieth, last part of the seventh year.) . . . thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

279 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 firmaments; and—and they that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever.

280 That, then went ahead, told Daniel to “shut up the Book,” for he would be resting in his lot till that time.

281 Now, see, it don’t make any different 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?

282 Now, Daniel 12, said that everyone that was found written in the Book would be delivered.

283 Here, God is about to deliver His second son, Israel, after the Tribulation. See, the second time, Israel, His. . . Israel is His son. You know that. Israel is God’s son, so He is going to deliver him here in the Tribulation period, just exactly the way He did down in Egypt.

284 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, . . .

285 You remember that, and Zerubbabel, and so forth, was to 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, . . .

286 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.

287 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?

288 Now look here. When these prophets are prophesying there, 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."

289 Look at Moses. Let's see what come from his mouth. They, Israel, got to, way they were doing there, the—the . . . I mean, Egypt, they were mistreating these Jews. Moses . . . Well, 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 devoureth their enemy: . . .

290 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.

291 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: . . .

292 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!

293 I could say something awful good right here, but I better—better hold it until 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.

294 What is it? What can bring these things but the Word? They can do nature any way 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? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] There is 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!

295 There you are. There you are. See? See how the Seals opened, down there in the church age, how it showed the martyrs?

296 And now here is 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 is their ministry re-impersonated again, it's both men. Oh, my! Do you see it now? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] 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? Whew! Amen! There you are.

297 Oh, we're living in the eagle day, brother, head up among the clouds!

298 They opened that Sixth Seal. They have power to do it. Amen! There is your Sixth Seal coming open. See?

299 Now we drop right back here, and 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.

300 And here the Sixth Seal opened, and they say, "Well, that's a mysterious thing. What did it?"

301 Here is the secret of it, the prophets, 'cause the Bible said so here. They can open it, any time 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!

302 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!"

303 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."

304 Now notice over in Revelation 19, we see the same thing, "And a great sword proceed from His mouth," Word. See? Christ's Coming. "And He slayed His enemies with It." Is that right? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Now He's on His road. Watch Him now. All right.

*These have power to shut the heavens, that it rain not
in the days of their prophecy: . . .*

305 Boy, that's interrupting nature! Now, how long did—did this man, Elijah, close the heavens for? [Congregation says, "Three and one-half years."—Ed.] There you are, exactly. How long is Daniel's seventieth, last part of the seventy weeks? ["Three and one-half years."] There you are, exactly.

306 What did Moses do? He—he—he turned the—the waters into blood. He done all these kind of miracles, just exactly what's predicted here under this Sixth Seal. And here they are, in Revelation 11, doing the very same thing. Amen!

307 There is 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.

308 Oh, my! There you are. Now turn right over here to the plagues, see. All nature is interrupted, in this Sixth Plague . . . or the Sixth Seal, open. That's exactly what happened. Now look. The . . .

309 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? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] And he done these very same things. He sent Elijah to Ahab, and seven thousand come out. Is that right? ["Amen."] He sends them right back over here again, in the time of the Tribulation, and calls out the hundred and forty-four thousand.

310 Now, see, you notice, between Revela- . . . or between the 6th chapter, or the Sixth Plague . . . Seal, pardon me, the Sixth Seal and the Seventh Seal. The 7th chapter of Revelation, mathematically, set together right.

311 Just like America is number thirteen: thirteen states it started with, thirteen stars in the flag, thirteen colonies, thirteen stripes. Everything is thirteen, thirteen. And appears right here in the 13th chapter of Revelation. That's right. She is thirteen, and a woman.

312 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.

313 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;

314 Blackness, darkness! Egypt; blackness, darkness!

315 God, delivering Jesus at the cross, just before 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.

316 After the sun, and moon, and stars, and everything, in Egypt, all these taken place, He delivered Israel to the promised land.

317 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.

318 Now, they're not gods. They're temporarily . . . Amateurly, they are, 'cause Jesus said they were. Said, "You call them gods, who the Word of God came." But, look, that's the ones that God brings the Word to. And when he speaks It, it happens. That's all.

319 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 is 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 friend. That's that Sixth Seal; been so mysteriously.

320 Let's just take . . . We got ten more minutes. Let's just take a little bit, see. I got about two to three pages. Well, I got . . . You can just see, *here*. I think there's about . . . On that one, I think I got about fifteen pages yet left, I could get to. Oh, there is so much on that! My, you can just keep going from place to place! But I'm afraid I'll confuse you when I scatter too much. And I'm not . . . I can't hold it together like I should.

321 In Isaiah, let's take this. Isaiah, the prophet, seen this Sixth Seal open, and spoke of It; as whether It's important, or not. See?

322 Well, the whole thing, the whole plan of redemption, lays under these Seals; the whole Book.

323 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.

324 Now let's go back to Isaiah. I 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 . . .

325 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 is sixty-six Books in the Bible, and sixty-six chapters in Isaiah. It's the complete encyclopedia, Itself.

326 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.

327 Watch this Sixth Seal opening up here now. Plumb back here, seven hundred and thirteen years before Christ come, and He's been two thousand years, that would 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:

328 What did Jesus say? "And because iniquity shall abound, the—the love of many shall wax then." "And men's heart will be failing, for fear; sea a roaring." See, men's heart will faint.

And they shall be afraid: pangs of sorrows 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 as shame.

329 Notice of it here, oh, "their faces, a shame." We got to get to that, just a minute. I'm going to 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.

330 “The land,” that’s all of it, of it you 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 arro- . . .

331 I—I don’t know how to spell it, arro- . . . [Congregation says, “Arrogancy.”—Ed.] I can’t say it, see.

. . . of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of—the terrible—terrible.

332 See, there, just exactly, Isaiah saw the same thing that Jesus spoke of. That the Seventh Seal reveals. When He is cleansing the land with tribulation, 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.

333 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—a woman that’s to be mother; the earth itself, nature.

334 Why, this city here, let’s take our own city; when, beer joints, and prostitution, and filth, and scum, like any other city!

335 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 backwaters 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.

336 But, man come in, there is where sin comes in. When men 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!

337 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.

338 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 men come in there. The white man is a rascal.

³³⁹ The Indian was a conservative. He was a—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 to shoot it, for a target; why, it's such a disgrace!

³⁴⁰ I read an 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.

³⁴¹ When I stand out on the field out yonder, and 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 lay there. And the fawns running around, trying to find their mammy. And you mean that's sportsmanship? That's pure murder, in my book.

³⁴² 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.

³⁴³ Now, not all of them. There is some real, genuine men, but it's one out of a thousand, you find.

³⁴⁴ Shoot anything they can see, any way they want to. That's right. That's a murderer. That's right. He is heartless. And he shoot, out of season.

³⁴⁵ Well, up there in Alaska there, I was up there with one of them guides. He said, "I picked up . . . I would 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 Alaska, machine gunning, out of that plane, a herd of moose." That's pure murder.

³⁴⁶ They knowed, whenever they kill the buffalo, they could get the Indian. He would 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, and shot off all them buffaloes, forty, fifty, in the 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.

³⁴⁷ But remember, the Bible said, "The hour is come that God will destroy them that destroys the earth." And the whole world!

³⁴⁸ Look at them valleys. I was standing up there, the other day, looking down on the valley at Phoenix. Went up on South Mountain, the wife and I was setting up there, and looked down at Phoenix. And I said, "Isn't that awful?"

She said, "Awful? What do you mean?"

³⁴⁹ I said, "The sin. And how much adultery, and drinking, and cursing, and the Lord's Name used in vain, in that valley there; with about a hundred and—and forty, fifty thousand people, or maybe two hundred thousand people, in that valley!"

³⁵⁰ 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."

³⁵¹ 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 draw of some of that water; you would get anything. See? Look at it. Not only here, but, the world over, the thing is polluted!

³⁵² And the world, the nature, (God have mercy!) the whole world's . . . and in birth pains. The world is trying, she is "travailing," Isaiah said. What's the matter? She is 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 is in travail. That's the reason the—the . . . We're in travail, Christ, to bring forth the Bride. Everything is travailing and groaning. See, there is something fixing to happen.

³⁵³ And this Sixth Plague lets her go. Brother, the earthquake bursts 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.

³⁵⁴ And I tell you, one morning when Jesus and His Bride comes back to the earth, there will 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 have had back there before Eve started the ball a rolling in sin." Amen! Whew! Yes.

³⁵⁵ Sixth Seal is going to do something. Yes, sir. Truly the whole world is groaning and paining, for the Millennium age!

³⁵⁶ Now, the one now is so soaked up with filth! That I preached here, not long ago, I believe, preached at the tabernacle, *World Falling Apart*. That's exactly. Look what's falling apart in the world. Look, everything is falling, of it. Certainly, it is. It's—it's got to fall apart. Yes, sir.

³⁵⁷ Look, its frame! Let me show you the reason the world has 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; just the other day here, you see, Saint Louis and down through there. She is getting so thin. They've pulled everything out of it. See?

³⁵⁸ Its politics are so polluted, there is hardly an honest among them, see, its system. Its morals is so low, it just don't have any. That's all. See? Sure. Its religion is cankered. Yes, sir.

³⁵⁹ It's time for the Sixth Seal, pretty soon, to be opening up. And when she does, oh, my, it ends! The Bride has done gone forth, she has done. . . the Queen has done went to take Her place; She has been married now, to the King, while this is going on. And Israel's remnant is sealed and ready to go, and then nature lets go. Oh, what a time!

³⁶⁰ 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 had 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 had laughed at, 'cause they seen Him come. "Hide us from the wrath of the Lamb." He is the Word. See? They had laughed at the Word. And here the Word was, incarnate. And they had made fun of It; laughed at them, made fun of them. And the incarnate Word had dropped forth!

³⁶¹ Why didn't they repent? They couldn't. It was too far, then. So, they knowed that, the punishment. They hear It. They had sat in meetings like this and knowed about It. And they knowed that the things of those prophets, had predicted, was looking them right in the face, the thing that they had rejected. They had spurned mercy for the last time.

³⁶² And when you spurn mercy, there is nothing left but judgment. When you spurn mercy; just think of it.

³⁶³ 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 . . . and the wrath of the Lamb.'" They tried to repent, but the Lamb had come to claim His Own, see. And they cried to the rocks and the mountain. Prayed, but the prayers were too late.

³⁶⁴ 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?

³⁶⁵ 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 is no book you could read, that could tell you who you are, where you come from, and what you're going, but this Book.

³⁶⁶ 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.

³⁶⁷ And on the basis of this, if I go any farther, I'll have to come right into that Plague, all that, tomorrow night's service. And now 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 till tomorrow.

Now let us bow our heads just a moment.

368 If you haven't, my precious friend, haven't—haven't accepted the love of this God that I'm talking about! If you haven't. . . Listen to this close now. If you haven't accepted His love and mercy, you'll have to stand His judgments and wrath.

369 Now, you, tonight, are in 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.

370 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. . .

371 These are not my ideas of This. I—I. . . This is not what I have 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, this, for it to rise, for somebody to say, "I see it." See?

372 Don't turn It away, please, I ask you; if you're not a Christian, if you—you're not under the Blood, if you're not born again, filled with the Holy Spirit.

373 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 is ready. They're waiting. Robes are furnished in here, and everything is ready.

374 Christ stands ready, with outstretched arm, 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. . .

375 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.

376 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 is 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're sitting there, you accept it with all your heart, something is going to happen right there. It's going to happen.

377 Then you can stand as a witness to it, that something happened. Then walk to the water, 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."

378 I know that there is many women in the world tonight, fine women, but I'm awful lonesome to see one. There is 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.

379 He is coming. There is a lot of women, churches, in the world, but He is coming for His Wife. She is 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."

380 Now while we pray, you pray, too. Inside or out, there is 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 the altar. But, your heart, make it the altar. And right in your heart, say, "Lord Jesus, I believe This. I stood out here in this night air. I been smothered up, in this little room. I'm sitting in here, amongst these people. I—I—I—I—I don't want to be . . . I can't miss; I can't afford it."

381 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, just as real as I'm standing right here. Don't miss it, my poor brother or sister; don't do it. I know you've heard preaching, you've heard *this*, *that*, and stories, all that. But let . . . Just listen. For 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.

382 Lord Jesus, here before me is a box of handkerchiefs that represents the sick people. 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."

³⁸³ Because, they seen Paul, that they knowed the Spirit of God was in him. They know that he was—he was a strange man, that, the things that he talked about, about the Word. He would 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 know that he was God's servant.

³⁸⁴ 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 is sitting a 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.

³⁸⁵ And, Father, today we stand here by Your grace. And it's not because that—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've 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.

³⁸⁶ 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.

³⁸⁷ 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.

³⁸⁸ 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.

³⁸⁹ 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.

³⁹⁰ 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.

³⁹¹ 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.

³⁹² The Lamb might, at any time, leave the sanctuary up There, or the Throne of sacrifice, come forth from the Throne of God where the sacrifice lays, and then it's over; there is no more hopes for the world; she is finished. Then she goes into flusterations, of great spasms of earthquakes, and—and great shakings like it was at the resurrection. And—and, the—the . . .

³⁹³ 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.

³⁹⁴ 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. Answer this prayer.

³⁹⁵ You said, Father, over in Mark, the 11th chapter, "When you pray, stand praying, believe that you receive what you ask for, and you shall have it."

³⁹⁶ 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.

³⁹⁷ Please let my prayer be answered. And may every called child of God, that's in hearing distance of here, or either the tape 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.

398 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.

399 Do you enjoy the Sixth Seal? [Congregation says, “Amen.”—Ed.] You see where It’s opened at now? [“Amen.”] Have you believed It? [“Amen.”]

400 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.

401 The Lord willing now, tomorrow morning, I’ll try my best to answer those questions. I’ll spend probably the rest of the night, and, 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?

402 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’ve perfectly. I’ve took it from all the way through, you know that, and it’s—it’s blended right together.

403 It’s got to be THUS SAITH THE LORD. Cause, it’s not only as it 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?

404 Here is 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, It’s—it’s the Lord. Oh, I love Him! I love Him with all my heart.

405 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?

406 The hour is 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?

407 God will close the door one day. He did in the day of Noah, and they beat on the door. [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit several times—Ed.] Is that right? [Congregation says, “Amen.”]

408 Now remember, the Bible said, that, “In the seventh watch.” That right? [Congregation says, “Amen.”—Ed.] Some fell asleep in the first watch, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh. But, in the seventh watch, there come forth a proclamation, a cry, “The Bridegroom cometh! Go out to meet Him.”

409 The sleeping virgins said, “Say, I’d like to have some of that Oil now.”

410 The Bride said, “I just got enough for myself; just got enough. If you want It, you go pray It up.”

411 Don’t you see the sleeping virgin now? Look at the Episcopalian, 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.

412 And a 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, but not the Holy Ghost. See?

413 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 the tree proves what kind of a tree it is. Not the bark; the fruit!

414 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.”

415 I—I—I’d better not say this, see, ’cause it might cause a confusion. When I said the other day, the Rapture, how It would come, I—I. . . Now, if you say you—you’ll take it, all right. [Congregation says, “Amen.”—Ed.] Watch. Watch. All right, that’s up to you.

416 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 doors. 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?

⁴¹⁷ When it's going to be, brother, 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, I—I'm . . . Each day I—I want . . . I'm just trying to walk as softly as I can. See? And now when, you know, when the . . .

⁴¹⁸ Something happened today, and I seen something come up. I—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.

⁴¹⁹ I thought, "O God, I couldn't say that. I—I can't say that. I can't." I just walked out of the room, went out, walked up-and-down. Brother, I thought, "My! What can I do? Oh!" See? And I—I have to go fishing, or something, or I . . . Boy, you'd . . . you . . . I can't tell you. See?

⁴²⁰ So, we have a good time. Don't we? Praise the Lord! Amen! See? We're in a—we're in a tremendous time, see, for my heart is overflowed with happiness and joy.

⁴²¹ But when I think of this world and the thousands that I know that's lost, black-shadowed, hum, then your heart just bleeds. "What can you do? What can you do?" You just feel the Holy Spirit crying out, in your heart. Like it must have 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 have gathered you, see, but you would not." See?

⁴²² 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.

⁴²³ 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 is at the door." Watch the very next verse, the 30—the 30 and 31st verses as went on down, 32nd, 33rd verses.

⁴²⁴ He said, "And He shall send forth His angels to the four corners of the heavens, to the four winds, to gather His Elected." Is that right?

Said, "Now learn a . . ."

425 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 It.

426 Watch the next thing He said, "Now learn a parable." See? Then He starts on parable. He said, "These things will be."

427 He is 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?"

428 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.

429 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 seeing that place and those precious people! I stood there, looking at myself. And I thought, "O God, why, they—they can't miss this. I—I—I ought to push them. I ought to just reach down in the audience and got them, and push." You can't do that. You . . .

430 "And no man can come except My Father draws him." But here is one consolation we have, "All the Father has given Me will come."

431 But the rest of them, with 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." Oh, my! So, you see, it's a sad thing.

432 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.

433 And you look out there, and say, "Oh, my! They do *this*, then . . . Oh!" It's just . . .

434 You don't realize what a strain! Now I want to say this. I suppose the tapes are off. A 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, brother, sister. 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.

⁴³⁵ So, be lovely. Love Jesus with all your heart. Just fol- . . . Be simple. Don't never try—try to figure out anything. Just be simple, before God. Cause, the more you try to figure out, the farther you get away from Him. See? Just simply believe Him.

Say, "Now, well, when will He come?"

⁴³⁶ 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 it coming, let . . . "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.

⁴³⁷ 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! The men and women has changed, in a beauty, the very art of a—of a—a handsome man and a—a lovely woman! Standing there in all the beauty and stature 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!

⁴³⁸ I think the tapes is off now. And I—I just got about three or four minutes. I want to talk to you. Is that all right? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Now, this is just personal, see. Cause, tomorrow, I—I . . . That's going to be so tremendous! I think I just better say it now, see, what I'm going to say. I . . . This is just for us now. I was just . . .

⁴³⁹ You know, I—I got a wife that I love, and that's Meda. And I—I would not even have married her, because of my love for my first wife. And yet, as much as I cared for her, I—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 exact time to do it. She is a lovely woman. And she is praying for me tonight. And so now it's eight o'clock, at home, she is probably praying now.

440 Now notice. One day she said to me, she said, “Bill,” she said, “I’m just want to ask you a question about Heaven.”

I said, “All right, Meda, what is it?”

She said, “You know I love you.”

441 And I said, “Yeah.” It was right after this happened up here.

She said, “You know that Hope loved you, too.”

I said, “Yeah.”

442 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.”

443 I said, “She was there. I seen her. I seen her twice, there.” She is there. She is waiting for me to come. So is the . . . So is Sharon. I seen her, just the same I’m looking at you. I seen her there. And I said . . .

444 She said, “Well, now, when we get over there,” said, “which one is going to be your wife?”

445 I said, “Both of you. There won’t be any, see, yet both of you would be.”

She said, “I can’t understand it.”

446 I said, “Now, honey, sit down, let me explain something to you.” I said, “Now, I know you love me, and you know how I love you, and 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,’ start putting her arms around me and hugging me. What would you think?”

She said, “I don’t think I would like that very well.”

447 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, that’s just family, talking.

448 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.”

449 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.”

⁴⁵⁰ See, it changes from *phileo* to *agapao*. See, it's a higher Love. See? And there's no such thing as husband and wife, as . . . and to raise children. It's all gone, the—the female and male sex. The glands are all . . . They're all the same, there. See? There is none of it, no more. See, there is no sex glands at all, not at all. See? You're just the . . . Yes, sir. 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 gland. No.

⁴⁵¹ But the stature of the art of God will be there. That's exactly right. But we'll be truly genuine. No—no *phileo*, at all; all *agapao*. See? Therefore, a wife would be no more than just some lovely something that's—that's yours, and she . . . You belong to each other. There is no such thing as a . . . No, no, there's not even . . . See, the *phileo* part is not even there at all. See, there can't be anything like a jealousy; 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 man and young women, to live.

And then, after, she said, "I see it now, Bill."

I said, "Yeah."

⁴⁵² I want to tell you a little thing happened. This was a dream. I was asleep. And I have never told this publicly before. I told it to a couple of people, but never publicly before, as I know of.

⁴⁵³ 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, (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, come down *this* way, of white ivory; run down, a circle, made a panoramic like *this*, and went out, so that all this great host standing out there could see what was happening.

⁴⁵⁴ And I would stand back over, way back to one side. And I was just standing there, never an idea I had to walk them steps. I was standing there. I'd see . . .

⁴⁵⁵ The recording Angel would call a certain name; and I would know, recognize that name. I looked, and way back out there, here come the brother, walking with a sister, walked up to you, like that. The recording Angel standing there by the side of Christ, (just a dream now), and was watching. And their name

was on there, it was found in the Book of Life; He would look out over them, and say, "It was—it was well done, My good and faithful servant. Now enter in."

456 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'd go through there, and meeting one another, and just rejoicing, and going over mountains and great big place.

457 But I thought, "Oh, isn't that wonderful! Glory! Hallelujah!" Just jumping up-and-down!

458 Then I would hear another name called. I think, "Oh, I know him. I know him. I . . . There, there he goes, there." Watch him like that.

"Enter into the joys of the Lord, My good and . . ."

"Oh," I'd say, "praise God! Praise God!"

Just say, for instance, like they say, "Orman Neville," see.

459 And then I'd say, "That's old Brother Neville. There he is." See? And here he comes, out of the crowd, goes up.

460 Now He 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 change, and just start back in there, just screaming and hollering.

461 Boy, I just shout and say, "Glory to God!" Standing over here by myself, having a wonderful time, watching my brethren go in.

462 And a recording Angel stood there, and said, "William Branham."

463 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—the . . . [Brother Branham illustrates by patting on himself many times—Ed.] "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. [Brother Branham illustrates by patting on himself many times.] "God bless you, brother! God bless you, brother!"

464 I was going. I said, "Thank you. Thank you. Thank you." Like coming out of a meeting, or something, you know.

465 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. I thought, "I want to get a good look at Him this way." And I stopped.

466 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!"

467 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!"

468 And they looked at one another, you know, like that. They was . . . I got them in my arms, and here we went, walking Home.

469 I awoke. Oh, I woke up. And I—I got up and sit down in a chair, and cried, you know. I thought, "O 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. . .

470 Oh, 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 that'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 . . .

471 Let's sing it again, with all of our heart. Now lift up our eyes to God.

I love Him

472 [Brother Branham leaves the pulpit and prays for a woman, as the congregation sings *I Love Him* once more—Ed.]

. . . love Him
Because He first loved me
And purchased my salvation
On Calvary's tree.

473 All right, now. She wasn't expected to live through the meeting. That's right. There she is, both hands up in the air, praising God. That's the reason I was lingering here a long time; not tell you what I do. I was 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 it wonderful? [Congregation rejoices—Ed.]

I love Him, I love Him
Because He first loved me
And purchased my salvation
On Calvary's tree.

⁴⁷⁴ Now, with our hearts, [Brother Branham begins humming *I Love Him*—Ed.] just think of His goodness and mercy.

. . . I love Him (Amen!)
. . . He first loved . . .

⁴⁷⁵ Now see how much better it is? Amen! That's it. Now . . . ? . . . Go and be well. Amen! 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 . . .

⁴⁷⁶ [Someone says, "Brother Branham, tomorrow starts at nine-thirty?"—Ed.] Nine to nine-thirty. Nine o'clock, somewhere in there. ["After breakfast? Nine o'clock?"] You start at nine. I'll start at nine-thirty. 

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