

Future Home #8

The Great City (Rural to Urban)
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Shall we pray. Heavenly Father, we welcome Your Presence here in this church in our generation in the midst of the people, O God, and we pray that, somehow, by the help of Your Own Spirit within us, we may be able to recognize Your Presence for what it really is, Lord, and what it means to us and, thereby, conduct ourselves accordingly, with sincerity and sobriety, as is mete before You in great reverence and exaltation and worship, Lord.

May we never find ourselves as familiar with You, Lord, in a wrong way, but known of You, and knowing You, Lord, in such a way that that relationship You desired for us may be complete in us, whatever completion there is in this hour, looking forward to that great completeness of the New Jerusalem.

Bless each one, Lord, in Your Presence this morning, and may not one of us fail of the grace of God, but each one receive, and each one make, that great day that's ahead of us. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

You may be seated.

1. Now this is number eight of "The Future Home of the Earthly Bride". And, in the last several pages of this message, it appears to me that Bro. Branham is singularly and specifically emphasizing what I feel might be called, 'God recognized and preserved materiality' in contradistinction to that materiality which God does not recognize and discards. So, what I think you might have caught that in the message that Bro. Branham is bringing us relative to the New Jerusalem, is: Though the New Jerusalem itself is brand new, and it's in the process of being constructed, the earth itself will simply be reconstructed, the earth's crust will be dissolved, and the atmospheres dissolved; and then, God will bring back that which is worthy according to Him.

2. So, we see here then, that Bro. Branham is speaking of a materiality, because it is a material City, and it's a material existence; it's a material life that we're into. Therefore, He is recognizing and preserving some, but others He does not recognize, and He discards. It is very evident that God lays claim to His entire material creation, as It says in the Psalms, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof." Also, He told Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply and plenish the earth, which were with His sons, and again He said, "Is it not lawful for me to do that I will?" In other words, "Can't I do with what I have of my Own, and I will do whatever I please." Then, when He saw the earth was full of violence, He overthrew it with the flood, and took away all the ungodly. You notice, He destroyed them. The Bible says He did. And He reserved the godly, and that which He wanted to reserve of this planet and its creatures, for Noah.

3. So, we see a 'God-recognized' materiality that becomes what we might call 'immortalized substance'. In Matthew 7, at the Great White Throne, we find Jesus saying, "Depart from me, you that work iniquity. I never knew you." It is evident these are not recognized by God to having any remaining influence or part in the Kingdom of God. In Matthew 25, which is also at the White Throne, he said, "Depart from me, you cursed, into everlasting fire." He does not recognize or respect these either. It's all a fulfilling of the fact that Jesus said the Kingdom of Heaven (or Kingdom of God) is likened unto a fisherman who cast the net into the sea, and he brings forth both good and bad, and he throws away what he doesn't want, and he keeps what he does want.

4. Now, since we know that God did not curse Adam, but only the serpent and the earth's crust, and also, God had no respect for Cain's offering, (And Cain was of the wicked one.) we see here that only the sons of God through Adam are recognized, and all serpent seed are rejected and annihilated. As It says in the Scripture [Rev 20:15], "Whosoever's name was not found in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire." Here we see perfectly the tares are burnt up, but the wheat goes to the place prepared for them, which is the garner. It is evident that only the plants of God's choosing in Himself will be saved. And we're talking in terms of being kept. The rest are rooted up, leaving neither root nor branch.

5. So, it's good to read a little bit in Rev 21:7-8, and It says:

- (7) He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.
- (8) But the fearful, (the) unbelieving, the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Revelation 22:14-15:

- (14) Blessed are they that (wash their robes), that they may have (the) right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. (That's the City with the twelve foundations—the walls.)
- (15) For without are dogs, sorcerers, and whoremongers, murderers, idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

All right, that's your picture that Bro. Branham has been telling us about the Holy City, exactly what is going to be there in that particular order.

6. Thus, we are emphasizing God's plan of redemption for His entire creation. That's the part He wants redeemed, of course. The earth will be completely burnt over and re-created; and, when it is, there will be no devil, no evil spirits, no germs, no weeds, no perversions, and only God's righteous Government. And what pertains to God specifically will be in it. And only God and all His predestinated ones will be there to enjoy it. No one else will be. Of course, we are discussing His family and are not discounting angels, archangels, cherubims, etc.

7. At that time the New Jerusalem, which is a city in the form of a pyramid, will come down from heaven and fit perfectly over Mount Zion, according to Isaiah 65. And we'll read verses 17-25.

- (17) For, behold, I create new heavens and new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. (Now you'll find the same thing in the Book of Revelation.)
- (18) Be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. (In other words the climate and the people will be one.)
- (19) And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people.

So therefore, the people, the climate, and God will be one. Whatever God's nature and preferred climate is. And the people will be thoroughly acclimated, by the process of redemption; otherwise, they couldn't enjoy it.

- (19) And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall no more (be) heard in her, nor the voice of crying.
- (20) There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not (ful)filled his days: for the child shall die (at) an hundred years old; (and) the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed. (Now nobody knows what that is. There's never been an explanation of it. It could be just a type.)
- (21) And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit (thereof). (Now you're talking. You'll notice in here, immediately, there is a reference to the Millennium. Now:)
- (22) They shall not build, (and) another inhabit; they shall not plant, (and) another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. (Now, what Tree do you think that is? That's the Tree of Life.)
- (23) They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them.
- (24) And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.
- (25) The wolf and lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord.

Now the dust being the serpent's meat, I think, refers to the fact that the serpent that was cursed for having been the tool of the devil was to have no place at that time. You will never see a person or a beast that is like enough to a man that could co-mingle. In other words It lets you know here, that part is all over. It's all gone.

8. So, you see here, that the picture this draws so perfectly is the fact that once you start leaving this earthly realm, that materiality is going into glorified materiality. In other words, expendable, deteriorating material is consumed. Corruptibility will have put on incorruptibility. And once that happens, you're moving progressively to the Ultimate, which is the New Jerusalem. In other words there's a stopping off place. There's an interim of a thousand years that Bro. Branham mentioned to us.

9. Now the City will be of transparent gold. And it'll be 1500 miles—foursquare. In other words there'll be a base east, west, north, south; it'll be four corners, four sides, each 1500 miles long, and it will be 1500 miles high. And we go back again to Rev 21:9-14.

- (7) And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the last seven plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.
- (8) And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,
- (9) Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

Now you've got today a symbol of that in the laser, where the light rays are sufficiently agitated by a jewel, in order to be of tremendous intensity. And so, I suppose you're looking at the only time in existence, at least, put it this way, since the time of Christ and when this prophecy was made... Because there was nothing back in the days of Noah to indicate this. And back even before then. This is a newer revelation. It's not a new revelation in itself. It is a new revelation insofar as it is an expanded revelation.

10. So, you've got a great type here. And, notice also, It says "as a jasper stone, clear as crystal." And you'll notice again, crystal is used a great deal. It's used to bring in waves. It can pick up short waves and airwaves to bring in a radio. They're used today in tuners, in your videocassette recorders, and various things like that. And also, they're used for the agitation of light, but not like as in a laser using a ruby or some gem. And also, they're used as healing. They're called healing stones. They seem to be as peculiar as magnets. All of these things today are types of what we're looking at here, in the great future beyond, where you're not being concerned with the physical things, as we know them at this moment.

- (10) And had a wall great and high, twelve gates, and the twelve (gates were) twelve (messengers), and names written thereon, which are the names of twelve tribes of the children of Israel:
- (11) On the east gate; on the north gate; (and) on the south gate; (the three gates on each side, making twelve.)
- (12) And the wall of the city had twelve foundations (or twelve layers), in them (are) the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.
- (13) And he that talked with me (measured) the city (with a golden reed), and the gates thereof (and so on).
- (14) The city lieth foursquare, and (is 1500 miles each way).

Now, verse 22-27:

- (22) I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.
- (23) And the city had no need of the sun, (nor) the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.
- (24) And the nations of them (that) are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.
- (25) And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.
- (26) And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.
- (27) And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, (nor) whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

11. All right. Back to Rev 21:1-7.

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

- (2) And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

There was a complete change on earth, and there's no more sea. The landmasses were all back where they were originally. An upheaval takes place in the earth at the place of Mount Olives (We'll find out.) becoming Mount Zion, and the New Jerusalem in a pyramid figure comes down upon it.

- (3) And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them (doesn't say in them, now dwell with them), and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.
- (4) And God shall wipe all tears from their eyes; (there'll) be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

There'll be nothing there to cause those things! You see now, within the heart of man himself, originally, were not those things. That's why you'll find that Mallet Wilkinson said, talking on the ancient tribe that was before the flood, there were two peoples called the children of light and the children of darkness. And the children of light were kind and sweet and happy. They never were war-like; never were causing problems. No son of God is any different. No child that God ordained is any different from an Abel. They can be tricked, and they can be fooled; but in themselves they do not initiate or propagate the sinful. There's no desire there, you see.

12. So, all of those things that contributed, especially the serpent seed which is animalistic and brings all these hateful things into people's nature, where it's hard to be submissive, so that for the sake of Christ, the sake of peace, the sake of everything, you're willing to lay down what you know to be yours, whereby you could defend yourself.

You say, "No, I'll just let people run over me."

Of course, that only goes so far and no further. Bro. Branham said, *"Truly, that, because you're Christian, doesn't mean people get to run all over you."* Because they'll just do it for the sake to run over the top of you. If God is not being glorified in this thing, you know, then... It's ridiculous.

It's just like many years ago we thought it was great, you know, to be crazy Pentecostals. If word would have gone out: "They're going to martyr you..."

"I'm here; martyr me. I'm here; martyr me."

When the Bible says, "If they persecute you in one city, flee to the next." somebody's lost sanity in his thinking. Brother/sister, please, let's go to the Word of God and know what the Word of God says, because therein lies sanity. And, as Bro. Branham so correctly said, *"This is an hour of insanity."* All right.

13. There's nothing going to be there to bother you. It's going to be marvelous. All those things that are wrong are passed away. And, remember; you yourself will not have one thing within you that has any remembrance of the former. You're going to be a brand new person. See? So, your responses are going to be entirely different.

14. Revelation 21:5

- (3) And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

- (4) And he said, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. (I'll) give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.
- (5) He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.
- (6) But the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and liars, shall have their part in the lake (of fire...the lake) which burneth fire and brimstone: which is the second death. (In other words annihilation will overtake them.)

Now there's a word in there that is very, very strong. The first word of verse 6: 'fearful'. How many people at the end time are 'fearful' concerning Bro. Branham? Absolutely. Wouldn't touch him with a forty-foot pole. You've got to be a fearless type of person for the end time. You've got to know where you stand, or believe me, you're never going to make it; because, if you're fearful, you are unbelieving. The next thing becomes abominable. The next thing becomes a murderer. And then, you'll level off to all these things: whoremongering; and that, of course, is a spiritualized Word, which means you're out there in denominations and going off the Word of God; sorcerers and idolaters, liars, and all those things. All right.

15. From the fact of what we read, there'll be all things immortalized. And this is what Bro. Branham was trying to show us, that we are not going to go there and be somebody else—to another world that is someplace different in the sense of location and all—but we will be the same people, without the inhibitions and without the motivations that we once had. It's going to be a matter of the true character of what we are in Christ Jesus, and the place will be right here on earth, in the home that He's prepared for us.

So, from the facts of what we read, there'll be all things immortalized, even eternalized. People and animals and buildings will never decay, all redeemed by God in an everlasting covenant through the blood of the Lamb and maintained by the presence of God Himself.

16. Let's look at that presence of God in Isaiah 6. Isaiah is speaking of his experience with God. We'll read the first seven verses.

- (1) In the year (the) king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.
- (2) Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. (In other words they couldn't even look on God.)
- (3) And one cried unto another and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: (and) the whole earth is full of his glory.
- (4) And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.
- (5) Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. (Now, watch what happened.)

- (6) Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal (fire) in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar (couldn't handle it, it was so hot; burning fire):
- (7) And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips (what an angel couldn't touch with his hands, had to take tongs; laid upon the lips of a man); and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin (is) purged.

And that's exactly what we're looking at for the end time, after the Millennium, the presence of God, the cleansing fire, the re-creation and everything new, and everybody there like Isaiah, completely purged of every iniquity, and that's the most beautiful thing of all. I think, myself, that you and I could stand anything on this earth, that anything on this earth might deal us, if we just had that real revelation and peace and understanding, of this complete righteousness, which is of God, nothing else would really matter. But, that's the thing we have to grow into, through this Word, is that revelation.

17. Now last Wednesday we were reading about this wall surrounding the City. So, we want to go back there to page 54, paragraph 249, and we'll read the entire paragraph.

[249] *The new City and the New Earth...* (Now, remember; this is upon the restructured earth, and we're going to be a part of it.) *The new City and the New Earth, the new creation, the City on the hill with the throne on the top of it: the throne up here in the top and the dwellers all up and down this mountain, and the wall that's around this had twelve foundations, (or twelve layers, made of twelve layers of blocks in a series) and each one of them had the breast plate stone that was in Aaron's ephod (That's the girdle over the shoulders.) which represented the twelve tribes of Israel.*

So that each layer, each stone, (And there were twelve of them.) was one of the stones... My, 1500 miles! Think of that. A jewel 1500 miles in each direction. I'd like to see a sapphire, 1500 miles long in each direction, each layer. Except for where the gates of pearl come in, all are of pure sapphire, and rubies, etc.

Now just like the ephod, the girdle that he put over his shoulders, one stone for each tribe, so there's one... Each layer in the foundation is a solid gem. And they talk about two carats being like a hen's egg!

"Look at this! Won't that knock your eyes out!" she said. Like the girl that got engaged; she can't help herself.

How would you like to have one, say about, even a hundred miles long? And I think two hundred and sixteen feet high is what the figures are. And each one transparent, I think. You look through that wall, and everything would take on a beautiful glow like you couldn't believe possible. Imagine if little kids were there at that great time. Of course, two hundred and sixteen feet tall, kids can't quite believe that. But at least they could stand back and look; then, the glory of God shining through on it. We'll talk about that, too. What a fantastic picture lies ahead of us.

Twelve layers of those stones, each one, and representing the breast plate. Aaron the high priest, who's representative of Christ, showing that He's caring, as He carries the lambs in His bosom, and He's carrying these stones, which now represent each tribe, which represent the people; then, how the Lord must cherish His Own. And how He must shine through on His Own at that particular time. It must be fantastic, beyond our wildest imagination!

18. [249] (Then, on top of that) *there's four gates set just exactly like the temple in the wilderness, and notice, each gate (had to represent three) apostles, three on each side, twelve apostles (altogether). A hundred and forty-four cubits high. (That's the gates.*

Man alive, and that's just a small part of the wall.) *That's 216 feet high, making each one of those big stones* (and Bro. Branham got it figured) *each one of those big stones would be twenty feet tall...* (So, the whole thing, roughly twenty feet for each stone. That's what he's got in his figures, if the gate goes all the way to the top. Now, what if the gate doesn't go all the way to the top? What if you've got a keystone up there and some arches in there? Well, let's say that it goes all the way to the top. All right, then you've got twelve jewels, hundreds of feet long and twenty feet each, roughly twenty feet. Great big stones.) *Those breast plate stones and the gates, make up the walls that are around the City.*

Now the gates of course are pearls. And how big is each gate? We'll have to look that up. That's a tremendous pearl. Let's see, we read that already in Rev 9:21, so we don't have to read it again. We didn't read all the way down, did we?

19. So, let's go back to Revelation 21 again, because this is kind of hard to follow through by just using your memory. Now he showed the Lamb's wife:

- (11) Having the glory of God: her light was like unto a stone most precious, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;
- (12) Had a (great) wall and high, twelve gates, twelve (messengers at the gates), (the) names of the children of Israel (on them).
- (13) Three gates (on each side, making twelve altogether. Verse 14.)
- (14) The wall of the city had twelve foundations (twelve series of stones), in them the name of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.
- (15) And he talked with me (and) a golden reed to measure the city, (of) the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.
- (16) And the city (is) foursquare, twelve thousand furlongs, (That's 1500 miles, each dimension was the same perfectly. And 18.)
- (18) The building (and) the wall was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.
- (19) The foundations were all manner of precious stones. Jasper(s); sapphire; chalcedony; emerald(s);
- (20) Sardonyx; sardius; chrysolite; beryl; topaz, chrysoprasus; jacinth; amethyst.
- (21) And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, every (separate) gate (The word 'several' means 'individual' or 'separate', not 'several' like three or four. This is old English, and it's certainly a mess. Each individual gate) was one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it (also) were transparent glass.
- (22) And I saw no temple (fantastic).

20. [250] *Now, the City doesn't rest on top of the wall.*

Now that's something here that I think you might see, pictures drawn in different magazines—not magazines but you know, articles—and they got the wall like... And I'm not very good at drawing, you

can see that. Now you got, who's an artist? Never mind, Bryan [Bower], I won't bring you up here. [Bro. Vayle begins drawing on the board.] Here they got like this here, see. Now this is supposed to be the wall, and here's the top of the wall which is not the top of the wall. You know what I mean. Then, they've got the buildings see, going up like this. See, they got the city here. And that's not true. That is not the foundation. That's not true. See? Now that's... We don't want to have that kind of idea, because Bro. Branham sets us right on that, and that's the Scripture. See.

[250] *The City doesn't rest on top of the wall, (See, it's got its own foundation.) Because a city 1500 miles high cannot do that. It's a wall here, that you enter in.*

So, we'll change the color--the wall; not the same color. Now here's the wall here, see; and you enter in. Here's a door. Then you see, back here there's a space, and your City, this a-way. There's a space in between, see. It has its own foundation. This foundation actually goes way down here. See, that's where that City comes in; then, this extends here, so that, you know... That's a very poor drawing, but you get the idea, see. If you don't have the idea, come back for another lesson in cartooning. This is just not my forte.

21. [250] *It's a wall here, that you enter in, like the gates of old Jerusalem. (See? He tells you.) You entered through the wall into that City, and each one of these twelve foundations, these... (Through the twelve foundations we got, you know, mark one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve. All right.) And each one had the emerald, and the different stones which represented the twelve tribes of Israel. And for the apostles, (There were twelve gates.) each big gate of one, solid pearl, and the name of an apostle was set on it. And didn't Jesus say, "You'll sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel?" Who sat at the gate to judge when they came into the City? Oh, my, there you are. The kings of the earth, are entering into the City, the kings of the earth, that's who are entering the City, come before the apostolic judge, as Jesus promised.*

Now, what you've got here, of course, is that Bro. Branham mentions by the Word of God, you've got people sitting in the gates. You'd have three gates on each side. You'd have two at one gate here, and one gate here and one gate here, making twelve. And then, you'd have one judge here, and one here and one here. Now I want you to notice here, when you're talking about coming into the gates of the City, it is evident that the people here are not going out; and then, as they come back, they have to have the password. No. That's not at all it. What you're looking at here is Bride. And all out here is all the rest of the people, which are kingdoms (pardon the abbreviation [on the drawing]). See, all out here. If in here, the containment, (and is predestinated, which it is, to fit perfectly one 1500 mile pyramid. That's all there is there. That's in here, the Bride. Down here) there could be billions of foolish virgin, you want to call them. Because actually, Bro. Branham said there's no difference between virgins. There's just virgins. There's two kinds, but there's really no difference. A virgin's a virgin. This one virgin had oil, which was the Holy Spirit, and thereby a revelation to know the Word of the hour. This one had no oil, down here. These virgins here, number two.

Now, they're not equally divided. He said it's the same cloth. Now, you take a piece of cloth and a person is going to take and cut a pattern out of that cloth. Let's say the pattern... So, it looks like this, which... So, then you've got another pattern down here, maybe, a little different pattern. It's the same cloth, but this represents number one virgin with the oil, this is the number two without oil. These are not destroyed. They come in. That's at the end. So, you come in through the City.

22. Now, let's see what else we find out here. And you got those... *"The kings of the earth come through, and they stand before those apostolic judges."*

[251] *Oh, my. On this throne, on top of it, 1500 miles high...*

Oh, I think I better do this a little better. We got the picture now so far. You got the picture of the wall. Let's just make this a little different here now. We'll just leave this out here to show what's around the edges. Let's get our picture here of the pyramid. That's a very, very, very poor pyramid. Better more like this here. That's better. I'm leaving the top blank right now for the time being--because we're going to put a throne on that, see. A throne up there. Now, down here we got the wall, and we're going to use what they call a cut away view. So, there's your wall here, and here's your cut away view. I'm going in here. So, he tells you, this is 1500 miles high, and we'll talk about that a little later on. That's why I got the board up here.

23. And he says here:

[251] *On top will be the throne, and the whole world will see the Light of the world...*

Now, see? In other words all around the entire earth planet, as we know it, that light is going to emanate. And is going to be seen, as it were, a beacon, though it is not truly a beacon. The word 'beacon' is a bad word, because the word 'beacon' suggests that somebody's having trouble; you need a light there. So, we don't like that word too well. We just like the thought of that light. So, He is the light of the world, up there.

[251] *...Jesus, sitting on the throne on top of the world, top of the Church.*

Now, "*top of the Church*", because this is the true Church. This is the true Church—Bride. Now He's not sitting on top of her; He's sitting on top of it, which includes her, because that's the City. And the people are there, and it's a pyramidal structure. It's terraced. Fifteen hundred solid miles of Bride people in a Bride Church, and up here the most... This would be the most beautiful. There's no way you can imagine. If I could talk all day and still be a complete idiot standing up here, there's no way I could tell you anything about that. I just say what the Bible says. Solid gold.

This throne will be the most amazing throne in the world. What a man will be sitting on top it, Christ Jesus. That's on *top of Mt. Zion*. So, it's the Church. It's the Bride. It's Zion. See, all the same thing. All right.

[251] *...which is 1500 miles high (half the size of the United States) and it rises plumb up until you can see Him the world over—1500 miles high is where He's sitting. And all up and down the earth will be the redeemed.*

Now that sounds like they'll be all scattered from here. No. Because all of these are redeemed. These people here... Let's say that there's a...what, I don't know, out of the billions that have been on the earth all these years, twenty billion people, no sea, there'd be about, oh, easy twenty billion people since six thousand years—easy twenty, thirty billion people. Let's say that you've got 1500 miles. You can put a lot of people in 1500 miles, especially when you begin stacking them up. What's the cheapest way to go? Condominium. You buy a piece of land worth sixty thousand dollars, and you put a ten million dollar edifice, if you could buy it for sixty thousand, back in the old days maybe. But, let's say you pay six million dollars for a piece of land. Then, you build a sixty million dollar apartment on it—high-rise apartment. You know, you could.

Years ago I went to Chicago on the lakeside. It's beautiful there. And they had these beautiful condominiums, and you know what they could do? You could go there, be born there, and never move outside of there! They've got doctors (heaven forbid) and lawyers (heaven double forbid), stores, drugstores, everything's there: spas, beauty parlors, grocery stores, garage down below. You could actually live your life out there. See, that's what he's talking about. All down here, see, these are redeemed, too.

24. Okay, let's go a little further. They're seen through all the world. And, remember; all that are there, are redeemed. [Bro. Vayle paraphrases Bro. Branham.]

Now the carnal mind says, "Okay, that sounds silly," because we know that light travels in a straight line. So, you can't have people... And the earth's going to be round, because it's a round earth; he surely isn't going to make it square.

The corners of the earth are square. The astronauts found that out. The land mass is foursquare, but the earth itself is round. True. He sitteth on the circle of the earth. All right.

First of all the statement is erroneous, because it will not be natural light from the sun anymore. But supposing it was. How many of you have ever honestly seen a mirage? Let me see your hands. How many have really seen a mirage? You know what I'm talking about then, don't you? You can suddenly see something ten miles down the road, right? I know, because I've seen it many times.

We had elevators in a town called Granum, which was north of us. I lived in Southern Alberta, and that's where you see mirages. And one morning, you wake up, there's those elevators, almost in your front yard. How'd they get there? Refraction of light, evidently, upon some type of moisture. There's some type of haze that goes with it. Now, not maybe in the desert. In the desert, if you're used to desert... Maybe some of you have been out there, (I've never seen a desert mirage.) but you can see mirages in the desert. So, therefore, you cannot take a scientific statement and say, "Well, that couldn't be," because everybody, the whole earth, will see it like this.

And so, up here, here's our little beautiful pyramid. Oh, it's bigger than that, of course. All the way around, everywhere around, the people can see everything.

Now, what fabulous communication that means. You can just begin to see for yourself what TV could do and what TV does. This has got that beat a million different ways. You don't need any of this stuff that people have here.

25. Okay, paragraph 252. We read this here already on 21, 23-27. Yes, we'll read it again: Rev 21:23-27.

- (21) And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. (Now, remember; Christ is the glory of God. He's the wisdom of God. He's all of these things.)
- (22) And the nations of them (that) are saved shall walk in the light: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. (So, they're not a part of it. Right.)
- (23) And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: there shall be no night there. (Notice, it repeats.)
- (24) And they shall bring the glory and honour of nations into it.
- (25) And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, maketh a lie: but they (that) are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Now, every one of these is in the Lamb's book of life. Lamb's Book of Life, Zion Bride, true church. At the head is a real man—definitely—a real man. On the throne, and above the throne is the Pillar of Fire. And that emanates throughout the whole world. Now Bro. Branham preached this, because we're supposed to be getting ready for this. This is no longer pie in the sky. This is pie on earth. No idle dream.

26. [252] *There will be houses of pure gold. There will be avenues, and parks, and gardens, and Rivers of Life, trickling out from the throne and running down through little chasms and over terraces. (My, just a beautiful park land.) And the Tree of Life will be blooming in every yard. (Now, that's a prophetic utterance.)*

In other words, likely the roots are going to grow everywhere—maybe the Tree of Life we'll say is right up here somewhere. Who knows? I'm not an artist, but let's say we were drawing like this a way. That's a very poor diamond, isn't it? Talk about a diamond in the rough; that's a little bit too rough. Okay, there is the basic structure, and, of course, it goes up, up, up. See? But imagine, all the beautiful workings, through here, coming up. The terracing, the little rivulets: I just can't understand how it's done, but I know it's going to be done.

You say, "Well, it takes gravity."

It doesn't take gravity at all. Look. You cannot relate this to anything, which we call science. I'll tell you why! Because nobody knows anything anymore about what's down here! It's all wiped out—an entirely new system. I hope you're letting your thinking go, because that's the way this Word is. When Bro. Branham preached this Word... And it's so different from any word that's in the world today. It's a vindicated Word. And I'll tell you, if we don't make it, nobody else is going to make it, either. I'll just put it right down flat. Because it's a faith proposition, not of works, lest any man should boast.

27. [252] *And the Tree of Life will be blooming in every yard and bear Its fruit twelve times a year, a changed fruit every month. Then the kings of the earth shall come into it and bring their honor...*

Now kings represent the highest order. Therefore, what order has the Bride? An order far beyond it. In other words she would be the very heart of God, because He is the King of kings and Lord of lords. The bride of Adam was bone of his bone. She was structured from him—flesh of his flesh. So will the Bride have His flesh. And this, then, suggests another order; or doesn't suggest, it lets you know that there is another order for the virgins down here.

Does this, then, suggest that there could be a difference between the new physical make-up and this physical make-up? I don't know. Bro. Branham did say, at the White Throne, those that are predestinated... Or, did he say predestinated to the Lake of Fire? No. He just mentioned there would be a body of those coming up, of the wicked, and they would be in a body different from ours, but suited completely for what the judgment would entail and what it would bring forth. There's a big difference.

So, could there be a difference here? The answer is, "Yes, there could be a difference there." And there might well be. Because they are of the First Resurrection, and these are the only ones I have any word about being identical to Him. I have no word about these. I have these being redeemed. We have animals redeemed, because animals are in the Bible. We read it: the lion, and the ox, and the serpent, all of those things, and the lamb. They're all there. So, there could be an order here, but the big thing we're looking at is what an order this Bride must be in that the kings bring their honor and glory into it.

28. [252] *And the leaves are for the healing of the nations. When the kings are living in peace out there, when they go out, they'll pick a tree, (That is, where they come in, they go out.) pick a leaf off the tree (like the dove brought back the... (at the time that) God's wrath had been settled, and the dove brought back the—(He's got a holly leaf, but it's an olive leaf, brought back.) so when the king leaves by bringing his glory into the Bride's chamber here in the City, he will hold a leaf to his neighbor king, and we're in peace forevermore. The healing of the nations. It's all settled.*

Now [End of the first side of the audio tape.] ... or will this be a symbolic offering which will be continuous?

In 272 on page 59, “*The leaves will be for the healing of the nations,*” that is, the kings that live in there bringing their honor in. When they bring their honor in and lay it before the throne of God, (just like the outside, the eleven tribes brought in, every one of them, a tenth to Levi... See?) when they bring their honor into that blessed land; and then, they’ll reach for the Tree of Life, break off a leaf of the Tree of Life, walk out together. There’s no more war; everything’s at peace. The leaves are a memorial for the healing of the nations. In other words it could be continuous. A continuous symbolic action—a ceremonial gesture.

29. [253] *One time we fought for one another’s blood, brother, and we cherished,* (Why he says this, I don’t know. ‘Cherished,’ whether he wants another word in there, meant we’ve killed each other off, but we still loved our own.) *and hollered, and shot people, and burnt children and everything, but now there’s peace at that time.* (In other words there’s nothing of this ever to go on again.) *The healing, not disease healing, it’s all done: the healing of the nations. Amen.* (Which is the final step of redemption.)

Let’s go back to Rom 12:17-21, if I think I got this right here. Now:

- (11) Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. (That’s what we’re supposed to be like now.)
- (12) If (it’s) possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

Now that’s a tough one right there, because you simply don’t live peaceably with all men. A lot of women can’t get along with their husbands; husbands can’t get along with their wives. And that’s the best union we know of. You belong to each other. That’s a pretty tattered event too, a lot of times.

- (13) Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for (it’s) written, (In other words, just get mad and walk off; and then, don’t stay angry.) Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.
- (14) Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou (will) heap coals of fire on his head.
- (15) Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Now this here, you see, shows a completely new era. There’s not the struggle there, anymore, to try to get along. You are getting along! And you commemorate it by plucking a leaf off and handing it to the other fellow. It’s a ritual, type, a part of life. See? Nature has changed itself over there, by the time we get there; we’ll be all different people.

30. [254] *The City with the throne on top, Rev 21:23, “And they had no need of light for the Lamb and the Lord God is the Light thereof.”*

Let’s just take a peek back at the Book of Psalms 18, and we’ll see something about God and darkness, verse 9.

- (9) He stretched out the heavens also and came down: and darkness was under his feet. (Verse 11.)
- (11) He made darkness his secret place; (the) pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.

Psalm 97. I think there are other verses, too, I could have run across. I just didn’t look for more. And verse 3:

- (3) A fire goeth before him, burneth up his enemies round about. (So, what I'm looking at here... Well, number 2.)
- (2) Clouds and darkness (were) round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.

Verse 2 is the one I guess I really wanted, because here we are looking at the fact, that one time God was veiled in darkness to the people. And he would not unveil Himself, except through a prophet. And He did through Christ, too, the redeemer-prophet. But you'll notice at this time, now, there is no darkness mentioned at all. There is no light. God in complete view as He wishes to have Himself viewed, and understood, and He is the Light.

31. Now, watch:

[255] *The Lord God is that Pillar of Fire that followed the children of Israel through the wilderness.*

All right. That's exactly true. 1 Corinthians 10:

- (1) Moreover, brethren, I would not that (you) should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;
- (2) And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
- (3) All (ate) the same spiritual meat;
- (4) All (drank) the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

There you are: Pillar of Fire, Christ within it, the same as always. Now:

[255] *The Lord God is that Pillar of Fire that followed the children of Israel through the wilderness. And when He is ascended upon the throne in that perfect Kingdom, at that time, it becomes the Kingdom that Jesus is to surrender to the Father, that God might be All and in all.*

Now he tells you it's at New Jerusalem, when the Son is on the throne, that the Kingdom that God gave him, all of this, is handed back to Him, above the throne, the Pillar of Fire.

32. 1 Corinthians 15, starting with this hour. Let's read verse 20.

- (20) But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. (That's from amongst the dead, the rest are lying there.)
- (21) For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection (from among) the dead (and from the dead).
- (22) For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. (Every single child of God is going to come back, bar none.)
- (23) But every man in his own order: (See, there's your foolish virgin, your wise virgin. There's everybody. Everybody in his own order. Now, watch.) Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his (appearing—His Presence).

Now we're looking for this hour, not the last hour. This does not refer to the time when Jesus came out of the tomb, out of the grave, and the others came out, too. This is for us. And, watch; it started already with the appearing.

Now It says:

(24) Then the end, (It doesn't say, "then cometh the end." It's: "then, the end." In other words, the great major event that follows the appearing in the great economy of God, listen to it.) when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority... (Now, watch; it's under this appearing that God comes down, 1 Th 4:16, and the Lamb is on the throne, and here's what's happening.)

(25) He must reign till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

God has started something entirely new at this point of the appearing, which is consummated there, over a thousand years from now. Now, watch what's going on. He is reigning, this One that came down. He's the Capstone, the Head of the Church. He's God in the form of the Holy Spirit in a Pillar of Fire. And, watch Him. He's putting all things under whose feet? Jesus' feet.

(26) The last enemy shall be destroyed is death. (Lake of Fire itself. Now,)

(27) For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest(ed) that he is (left out) which did put all things under him.

33. Now this is not God putting God under Himself. This is not some contortionist trick. This is God bringing everything under divine order to Jesus for the one thousand years! And it's going on now! This is church order as Bro. Branham taught it, but the people never got it! They thought it's just a little bit of tongues and things. That's ridiculous. It just simply shows, if you don't know that, you don't really know the show either. And we're not trying to be smart about it or puffed up, we're just saying the truth. This is tough meat for tough jaws and tough teeth. If you've got milk teeth, and you haven't got strong jaws, you go back to milk. You're back to Melchisedec right now, where Abraham saw Him in a figure right on earth. "It's what I've been looking for," he said. "You own it, and I want it." Time to shake hands with the Owner of the City.

(28) (But when he said) all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall (also) the Son himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

So, you see what he's saying here? This One here that has the Kingdom handed back to Him... Let's just put this—Elohim. The Lord Himself, Elohim, shall descend with the Message—right down here. At that point, He works with the little top group. Now we're going to make this the Church Ages. It's not really true now, but this turns into Church Ages. This is the Seventh Age. He works with this little bunch right here, so that, every single thing can be brought into control, even death—which means it is covenanted; it's commanded; it's the absolute divine will that every man dies. Then, a judgment. And suddenly, God cuts in here, and He stops death.

Now this One that came down, putting the church in order, so that this One here, the Son, physical, can rule... He's got a thousand years. There comes a time after the Millennium, when (I don't know, but maybe instantaneously. Maybe a little breach. I don't know. It's after the White Throne at least.) it's turned back to Him, Who did put all things under Him (Jesus)! Now that's what you're looking at.

34. So, Bro. Branham says, it becomes:

[255] *...the Kingdom that Jesus is to surrender to the Father, that God might be All and in all. Jesus sits upon His throne here as our Joseph. (The son of prosperity. Right. Everything will prosper, there will be no more deserts. Why? Because they turn into a Garden of Eden.) Then the King is that Light that will be on top of Mt. Zion, and His holy Light will flood the entire City. Hallelujah. (And from there, don't worry, it goes all out through here, too. It'll be seen. It'll be seen.)*

[256] *Fifteen hundred miles high and 1500 miles square with the paradises of God built all through that City; (Now there's 1500 miles each way and nothing but paradises.) streets, avenues. Read Revelation 21 again; see if it isn't right. See? They need no light there for the Lamb is the Light. And He on the throne can be seen sitting there 1500 miles high. And it doesn't run straight up (on the perpendicular...)*

Now, start again. The City is 1500 miles high and... Okay, we start at the base here. We draw a pyramid. I'm maybe slightly better this time. Okay? Fifteen hundred miles high. Now, 1500 miles this way, equilateral triangle I guess, we really got there.

35. Now he said, see, it doesn't go this way; he said it slants. In other words, let me put it this way; that isn't really true. That's a perpendicular. He said it doesn't go this way. See, like that: 1500 miles high. It puts a slant to it. See? That's what he's telling you. Right?

[256] *Now, it doesn't run straight up (on the perpendicular) it slants off like the pyramid. If it'd be half the distance then, run up like this...*

Now I don't know. He's telling you as far as I can see what he's saying here. Now he said, "Look, if you got about 1500, half the 1500, which is seven hundred and fifty," he said, "You'd obscure the City." You'd be obscuring it. And the City must be in view, except for that little bit of foundation down there—and the wall.

So, he said there'd be an obstruction of the view, because you couldn't have a city built that way. There's no way the city could work. It's got to be built like; you know, this here, terraced. See? That's what he's pointing out, as far as I can understand here.

36. Now, let me go to page 56.

[260] *Notice, on His throne 1500 miles high... Satan tried to tempt Him on top of a mountain. See? The new City has twelve foundations (we went through it): twelve patriarchs, a hundred and forty-four cubits being the breastplate of Aaron, twelve gates (and so on...) when His saints have crowned Him the King of kings, the Lord of lords, and He's the Headstone.*

So, 1500 miles high. All right. Now, I'm not interested in mathematics to the extent where I figure this whole thing out, because I can't. But I've got an understanding I'm thinking right here, that the perpendicular is 1500 miles high—would be 1500 miles. I don't know that the slant here would be 1500 miles, yet it could be just 1500 miles. But it's 1500 miles high; now the figure, then, could be taken either way. I'm not going to try to guess it, unless I've got in some mathematics. You people, mathematical geniuses, you can do it instead of me. But the idea is, it's a pyramidal City. It's a pyramid.

37. [257] *Now, did you notice that little group here? (Now he's going to make an inference.) Did you notice the little group here? It's just about that part of circumference it covers. (In other words, back here, if you look at that City. Now it doesn't have to be sitting that way. But that's, it's going to be a diamond. Okay.)*

From Georgia, California, to Saskatchewan, from Kansas to the rock-bound coast of Maine. That's what's gathered. That's what's represented here—about 1500 miles square.

Now, look; all the way to California wouldn't make it. That's about 3,000 miles across. His other comments were the exact comments he mentioned. He said, "*Start at the coast*"—over here. Come to Jeffersonville, let's say it's there. And I think he said six hundred miles past over here, is where you got it. Go down to Georgia, top of Florida. Come all the way from Maine, over down here. It's what you see, almost one half of the whole United States, would be covered.

And the strange thing is, in those services you will find that the people literally came from those distances. They came from up in Toronto; they came from around Buffalo; they came from near Albany; they came from New York; they came from Macon, Georgia; they come some as far as from Coral Gables; they came up from Kansas, Tennessee, all the way around; right up North; some even came from Saskatchewan the odd time. But up in that whole area, typing as it were, what? To make William Branham some great person? No. But to lay out a type, at this hour, that you're seeing fulfilled; an end-time Bride that qualifies actually for the very dimensions of the very City. Because she already has her dimensions in Jesus Christ, the Lord.

38. [257] *Now, that's about what's represented here, about 1500 miles square.*

*Oh, they come from the east and west,
They come from the land afar;
To feast with our King;
To dine... (On what? Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word.)
To dine as His guests,
How blessed these pilgrims are. (In the world, I have to say, "I've never seen people like them.")
Oh, beholding His hallowed face,
Aglow with light divine;
Blessed partakers of His grace,
As gems in His crown to shine.
Jesus is coming soon,
Our troubles will soon be o'er
Oh, what if our Lord,
This moment should come... and so on.*

[258] *It won't be long. Everything's perfect, geographically. Now there's Sodom...*

Now, what's Sodom? Sodom is where the witnesses are, the two witnesses, the two messengers that went down to Sodom. Your two great influences are, in the world today, denominationally, when it comes to evangelism, are not Catholicism. They never have had it, ever since Luther; never had it before Luther. They're just simply, grotesquely taking people in by beatings, by humiliation, any way they can do it. That's their history. They have not been evangelical. The evangelicals are Protestants, although I think the Catholic Church is turning evangelical. Who were the two Bro. Branham mentioned? Oral Roberts and Billy Graham. They have been down in Sodom, doing what? Blinding the people's eyes. And that's exactly true. Your type is perfect. We see Sodom where it is, exactly. All right.

39. [258] *The messengers, everything sitting right. What does it mean? Just think, coming to this little tabernacle, 1500 miles square, from the same dimensions.*

He's typing only. That's all, because there were people sitting there that no more understood Bro. Branham than a hedgehog understands how to build a convection oven. It's truth. They just know something's there, but they don't understand anything. Some made him God, his ministry was so fantastic. I never could make him God, because it wasn't that fantastic. Anybody born in sin can never be

that fantastic, because I'm born in sin, too. That lets the cat out of the bag, doesn't it? People are insane these days—spiritual, everything.

40. [259] *Why is it God so thought and cared so much about that little spot in Palestine. (Like He thinks this one.) But right in there is where the temple is to sit. (It's to be set up.) That's where New Jerusalem will break up right there. The Mount of Olives shall cleave part to the right and left (sure) when she pushes up from the beneath. Now, if they said pushing apart like that... (like pushing it out, he said, but) it's pushing up. (Now, what would pushing up be? Mountain. It's always a pyramid. Mountain's always a pyramid.) In that day when He stands, His holy feet will be upon the mountain.*

Okay, let's go to Zechariah 14, because that's what it's talking about. All right. Read verse 4.

- (4) And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives (which) shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and shall be a very great valley; half the mountain shall (move) toward the north, and half toward the south. (And so on.)

In other words he said He places it as the Mount of Olives. Now he said, *"This one here speaks of a split, the other speaks of a pushing up."* Where the New Jerusalem come on down, that'll turn into Mount Zion. What all it means I don't know, but that's what he says.

41. [260] *Notice, on His throne 1500 miles high... Remember, Satan tried to tempt Him one time on the top of a mountain. See? The new City has twelve foundations (as we went through it): the twelve patriarchs, a hundred and forty-four cubits being the breastplate of Aaron, twelve gates of pearl, twelve disciples' names. Jesus stands as the Headstone on the throne, and when His saints have crowned Him King of kings, and Lord of lords, He's the Headstone.*

Now, what is that one? That is Revelation 19. Remember, Bro. Branham categorically states, and this is a precept laid down in this hour, *"When that Spirit that's amongst us becomes incarnate to us, we'll crown Him King of kings and Lord of lords."* In other words the One that came down becomes incarnated in Jesus, the One that sits up here, then He leaves Him. Okay. Revelation 19:11.

- (11) I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon (it) was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.
- (12) Eyes were as flame of fire, head many crowns; had a name written, no man knew, but himself.
- (13) Clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: name is called The Word of God.
- (14) The armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.
- (15) Out of his mouth goe(s) a sharp sword, with (which) he should smite the nations: and rule them with a rod of iron: he tread(s) the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.
- (16) And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

He's been crowned King at the Wedding Supper. He comes back with the Bride. All right.

42. [261] *I don't have my pocketbook with me, but if you'll notice in your pocketbook if you have a one dollar bill, they have the seal of the United States, the eagle on one end, a-holding the spears, and the coat of arms, as it were.*

I didn't purposely put it in my wallet, but I've got one here. [Bro. Vayle takes out a dollar bill.] Okay, we see the eagle; we see the pyramid with the eye on top. It doesn't come all the way down. And we see what he says. All right. The sheath of spears.

[261] (Okay, the coat of arms, the spears) *and the pyramid with the all-seeing eye. They didn't know what they were doing. And on there it's written in Latin; you'll find out it says, "This is the Great Seal." They didn't know what they were doing. Neither did Caiaphas know he was prophesying. There's the Great Seal. Here it is. See? The City, it's not a flat cube like this, but it leans up so it can be seen. The pyramid. And upon this holy mountain of the Lord, the Lord shall descend on top of His mountain. Here He is. That's the reason the Capstone wasn't put on by Enoch.* (Some insightful person never put a Capstone on the pyramid. They put an all-seeing eye. The all-seeing eye of course is what? God. You see? God and His wisdom.) *Now, that's the reason the Capstone has to come.* (Now the spiritual Capstone is here. The physical is yet to come. Okay.)

Jesus the man climbed Calvary's mountain and paid the price for Mount Zion, and we've come by grace to receive it. So, we thank God for the suffering Blood that was shed by the Lord Jesus Christ to give us this privilege. Now, since Mt 24:27 categorically states, the light that comes to America... I'll read it for you.

- (27) For the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even (to) the west;
so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

As Bro. Branham so correctly said, *"The sun rises in the east and sets in the west."* And the same light that was in Jerusalem, the same light that came to Paul, has come back to the church. As he said, *"Just think how wonderful, the same Pillar of Fire that brought the Word to Paul, is here revealing the same Word."*

So, we see here, then, the great Seal. We see the all-seeing eye. Everything is a picture of the Seventh Seal breaking under the light of God, the same light that brought the first light to the Ephesian Church. It's come back to us today, and we have the revelation of the Seven Seals and the whole Word of God, as is necessary, of course, to Rev 10:1-7. And this is indeed the fulfillment of 1 Th 4:16, the Lord Himself has descended to the earth with the Shout, the Message is here, the Capstone Himself is here, God in the form of the Holy Spirit, the Word, is here as the Capstone, the Capstone prophet was here, and everything is here in its perfect order to this hour.

43. Now:

[262] *These avenues, and big freeways, as it were, parks, and Rivers of Life will flow right through it. And every house will be made of transparent gold, and streets will be made of gold, and the trees of Life will be there and will bear twelve manners of fruit.* (That sounds like there's going to be many trees of Life, which is certainly not impossible.) *And the kings and the honored men of the earth shall bring their honor and glory into the gates, and the gates shall not be shut by night, because there is no night there!*

Now this brings also another thought concerning the grandeur of this great, celestial City with its various strata, the same as the foundations have their strata.

44. Now, let's read, and we'll get our picture, in Romans 8. Because that's what I'm going to talk from. Then, we'll close pretty soon here, because there's no way I'm going to finish twelve pages today. I can see that's just a complete misapplied hope. All right.

Romans 8:14:

- (14) For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. (They're the ones that are going to make it.)
- (15) For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but (you) have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby (you) cry, (my Father,) Father.
- (16) The Spirit itself bear(s) witness with our spirit, we are the children of God:
- (17) And if children, heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be we suffer with him, that we may be glorified together.

Now, look; you're going to be glorified also, because the Bible said, "Every son He receives He trains." So, you'll be there. But, what shape are you going to be there in? Every son that receives training, God blesses and gives him more training. Every son that shies away, God will bring him to the point where he must obey or be taken off the earth. And the Bible said, "Let no man take thy crown; no man take your reward." So, there'll be people there who make it as it were, by the skin of the teeth, and they will not be given the rewards that they could have laid up in heaven. You've got to suffer; because, if you don't suffer, there is no character in that person.

45. Now existentialism is based upon suffering, and they say the purpose of life is suffering. That is not true. The purpose of life is not suffering! The purpose of life is gaining maturity in Christ! And suffering is the only way you can get it! So, don't tell me the horse is the cart, or the cart is the horse. That fellow was a nice guy, but he's in error. John Paul Sartres—absolutely wrong on his thesis. Absolutely wrong. He's correct to a point; but, you see, if you're not correct all the way, where's it going to get you?

That's what Paul said. "If Christ be not risen from the dead, and in this life only we have hope," he said, "who gives a care?" He said, "Who wants it?" He said, "That's a bunch of nonsense!" Forget about suffering! Go out and eat and drink and be merry and have a ball, because that's all you're going to get!

I don't believe in John Paul; I believe in Paul. I don't believe in Sartres or John Paul one or two. I believe in Paul number one. Amen. I hope you catch my innuendos. They're very open. All right.

46. We're looking at this picture, then, here of the fact of reigning and ruling with Him, which we will. 1 Corinthians 3:11.

- (11) Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
- (12) Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;
- (13) Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

- (14) If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

So, what we were looking at is the possibility and the understanding that there will be many people in here, also called kings and princes, which they are, because we are kings and priests unto God, right? So, in here. (See?) Now all these people will be constantly coming, as I believe these coming in here, (see) will be constantly worshipping and praising God and coming to His very Presence. How blessed for those who have access to that Presence--not just in, number one, down here. And I'm not saying in any way they're cut off, because I don't know.

But there's certainly a strong suggestion that you can't go to heaven in a rocking chair. No. Can't do it. There must be diligence. Whatever God requires, my brother/sister, we ought to learn to do. There are a lot of things we will never do. Look, let's be honest, we'll never do them. But there are many things we can do.

Look. Here was a great king here, and his name was, Nebuchadnezzar. I'll just write it 'Neb'. And here was another king down here, and his name was Darius. I'll just write 'Dar'. Another fellow down here, and his name was Phillip. We'll write 'Phil', and so on. This was number one. I don't care what anybody says. This fellow was number two, and I care less what anybody says. And this fellow was number three, and I care less what anybody says. And old Caesar down here, old Sid himself, number four. Now you do what you want; that was number one in the sight of God. And it never, ever changed. He said, "You are that head of gold."

All right. Let's let a lot of kings down in here, there's kings down here, and king down in here, down in here. Couldn't there be some number ones? Number twenties and thirties and forties? The Bible said every man should strive, but legally, to win his race and get his crown. And you know what? I only believe, as far as I know, the only people ever crowned are kings. Kings! And I'll tell you, that's right, you've got to gain your crown. Let no man take thy crown. Let's not forget this. See? And, remember; this is for the purpose of bringing honor and glory in.

47. Now a little child, that's a real child, not some of the stuff that we see nowadays, it's... My God, don't understand where they came from. They were hatched or something in a cockatrice den, or something; had to get that way. But a little child normally is so happy to please. And, you know, we should, as children, be happy to please. How? By faith. And faith always takes trials. Always take suffering. You know, your faith today is growing by the grace of God in the Word of God. Someday your faith may be put through the wringer, and it might be very difficult.

You don't think for one minute, moving to St. Paris, the churches there aren't going to say, "Who are these guys. We're scared we'll lose some people."

I can stand there and say, "Look, I don't want your people." I wouldn't take them on a shovel. Not interested. I've got nothing to tell them.

I have nothing to tell those people. If God has a sheep or two, let me tell you something, they're going to be glad to get rid of them. Not boasting; just the truth. I'm not interested.

You say, "You're a cold-blooded guy."

I'm not a cold-blooded guy. I'm a Last Age person. And I don't go out here when there's frost in the ground and try to plant the peas and the corn. And I'm not out there now trying to harvest peas and corn, either. So, we're not foolish. There'll be pressure; don't worry. It's coming. You can forestall a lot of it. We got a good lawyer and a good accountant at this point. But we don't have any judge in our pocket. But we have got God on our side. We are not looking to the Government, but to God.

48. Now, he said, there's:

[262] *...no night there.
In that City where the Lamb is the Light;
In that City where there cometh no night;
I've a mansion over there,
That's free from toil and care,
Oh, I'm going where the Lamb is the Light.*

[263] *Don't you see the towns, the cities, the houses, the dwellings, are speaking of that right now.*

In other words the very society we have today is letting you know we have gone from a rural to an urban! Everybody wants to go from the urban to the rural! That is to the Millennium! But, after the Millennium, you'll go from the rural to the urban. And this is a type of it. Because America has already gone through the rural! And you want to go back. How are you going to be rural here? Well, the countries paved with people. Now:

49. [263] *All these natural things are a shadow. Take a shadow at a distance, take my hand, (He says. "Put it between the light and the board. You can't see, because there's not enough light here." Now, all right, he said, when you... get toward, when you light this here, looks like I've got about ten fingers maybe, or all kinds of shadows. Closer and closer, pretty soon the hand and the shadow become one. That's what you're looking at.) Before there can be a negative, there has to be a positive. (It's right. Before there's going to be a shadow, there's got to be something to cast it.) You see that shadow; looks like I've got a dozen fingers, but when you go to getting it close together, it focuses down to one, then the shadow fades into a hand. (In other words, just one shadow now. Not different shadows.) That's a lot of times people think there's three or four Gods. You're looking too far back to the early reformers. See? But come on down now—(getting closer to focusing in. What do you see? One God exactly, not three. See?)*

Now we're getting close to the Millennium, Bro. Branham says, and from the Millennium it's just a step into the New Jerusalem. Okay, there was an evolution by the reformation. But now reformation gives way to restoration. Restoration. And restoration of the Word speaks what one thing? Restored earth and restored heavens. But, remember; the one thousand year resting gap in between. Don't let that bother you.

50. [264] *There's one Bride, not a dozen denominations, one Bride; that's Elected out of the earth, has been predestinated to this, the ones who can recognize their place in the Kingdom.*

All right, now, those that are in this have recognized their predestinated place in the Kingdom. All right. What about the fact that hundreds of thousands, if not millions, say the same thing? Well, they say the same thing you people down here say. So, what's the big deal? Well, that's a good question, but it's not much of a good question when you really look at it, because anybody can say it. But where's the truth of it? See?

51. Now, to recognize, let's go back to Job. Now anybody can believe this. Anybody. Anybody can believe what we're going to read. And say, "Well, praise God, I've got that down perfectly." Job 14:10-14.

(11) As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up:

- (12) So man lieth down, and riseth not: the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.
- (13) Oh that thou would hide me in the grave, (and) thou would keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!
- (14) If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.
- (15) Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work(s) of thine hands.
- (16) For thou (does) number my steps: dost thou not watch over my sin?

Job said, "Look, I know what I'm talking about. I'm one of those fellows. I'm going to be there, and don't try to get in my way." Job 19:25-27.

- (25) For I know that my redeemer liveth, and he shall stand upon the earth (at the latter day):
- (26) And though after (my) skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:
- (27) Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.

He said, "Look, I'm going to see Him myself. I'm going to be here, bless God. Don't you try to deceive me." All right, fine. Fine, fine. Glad to hear that. Let's go a little further.

52. Let's go to Ephesians 1. Now these people are full of the Holy Ghost. Eph 1:13-14. They're sealed in by the Holy Ghost. Now Paul says:

- (15) Wherefore also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus (Christ), and love unto all the saints,
- (16) Cease not to give thanks (to) you, (and make) mention of you in my prayers;
- (17) That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him (to the end):
- (18) The eyes of your understanding (may be) enlightened; (you) may know what is the hope of his calling, what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints (is),
- (19) (And may also know and have) what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,
- (20) Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in heavenly places.

Now, tell me about that one. You're so sure! You're so bold! You've got the answers! You're going to make it! Tell me. Tell me about this. This tells you how you're going to make it, and they don't even

believe it. I thought all unbelievers are going to go to the Lake of Fire. See, the people only believe what their churches teach, but no church teaches this, and I can prove it! I'll take you to every manual, every book ever written, and they say, "We don't know!" Now, bring on the pope. He's a smart man, in spite of the fact he's Polish. We'll forgive him that. Bring on the metropolitan, the Greek Orthodox, Assemblies of God, Archbishop of Canterbury—bring them on! Tell me what it means! I want to know. They haven't got an answer—because I read their books. I pick up every single book on theology, every commentary. They cannot tell me.

They say, "This will come; what it is we don't know."

Let me tell you what Bro. Branham said it was--quoting him. I've got it right in my Bible. He said, "*The spirit of wisdom and revelation comes in the church. And that spirit of revelation will let the church know the hour it is living in and the great secrets of Almighty God,*" which is what it is, and that's Rev 10:1-7, the same. And that's by a vindicated prophet; not by me trying to tell you, but a vindicated prophet tells me that. So, here it is.

53. [164] "*Predestinated...who can recognize their place in the Kingdom.*" Not just talking about Job. Anybody can quote anybody else! What about yourself? Where does your faith go this morning? To some dead seminary, some theology? Look, I've been all through that stuff. I don't care what anybody says. We'll suffer for this before it's over. I might not, because I don't know how many years I've got here. But I could live, God forbid—my Hungarian buddy wants me to be 85 years old before I pass off. I'm not quite sure I want to be 85. I don't want to be 75 even. After 70, you're in for trouble, and I can prove that, hand over fist and foot over foot. That's true. Some of you have a whole lot more trouble before you're 70 even. I personally don't care to live that length of time. But I'm going to tell you, it's very possible I could be standing right here when all hell breaks loose—because it will.

54. The minute that you dare to stand for anything that is contrary to the mainstream of the lies of the devil, you have trouble. I don't care who you are. You've got trouble; you got all kinds of trouble. It'll be coming; don't worry. But you know what? The predestinated better know, because that's the only knowledge that's going to get you out of here.

55. It's not as "I know of whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him," because that's true! But, have you made the right commitment? Some church, some shaking hands, some this, some that. That isn't going to get you through, brother/sister.

You can commit yourself to the highest form of doctrine in all this world and say, "Well, we believe the most marvelous truth!"

Go ahead. That doesn't prove anything. Tell me; show me some healings and a few things like that. That doesn't mean a thing. You get five percent healing and ninety-five percent failures. But there was a prophet who was vindicated.

You say, "Well, I don't believe it."

Doesn't bother me any. I do believe it. What do you have that'll come to it? See? Bro. Branham was trying to show us: there is a material conception based on a spiritual that goes back from the material to the spiritual and, then, plumb into eternity. We have gone through it, my brother/sister. Thank God I feel every day I'm getting more and more ready for the great City. Whether it's ready for me or not, I am sure ready for it, to lay down the shovel and hoe and hang up the fiddle and bow, just go on to the land of bliss.

Let's rise and be dismissed.

Heavenly Father, we want to thank You again for Your love and Your grace and Your mercy that makes these things very real to us. I wish they were as real as when the prophet spoke it. And I think in many ways, they're even realer, because that was back there in hearing a sermon. But today, Lord, we're looking at it as living Word, as something, which is absolutely final, absolutely dogmatic... [End of the audio tape.]