

Spoken Word no. 47

The End-Time Depression Judgment Pt. 1

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In this message we wish to examine a thought that brother Branham spoke and then take it to the scriptures to see where he was coming from when he said these words.

From PP. 100 of the Message JEZEBEL RELIGION 61-0319, brother Branham said, *When God sends forth a message and tells the people, and they don't receive it, then He withdraws His servant and sends His plagues: famine, death, spiritually speaking, physically also. **You watch for a depression, brother. You think you've seen something; you just wait after while. You haven't seen nothing.** You think you're dying for a good spiritual revival; you wait till after a bit. You just wait, long and cry to hear the Word of God. The Bible said so. "There'll be a famine in the last days," said the prophet, "and not for bread and water alone, but for hearing the true Word of God." But that voice will be quiet in the wilderness somewhere, hid away. He ordained the ravens, His servants. Bless them birds, His servants, that kept the voice of--of Elijah alive during the time of his--his isolation from the church.*

Now, there are those people who think he meant a spiritual depression, which I can understand why they would think that, but as you will see by scripture and other things brother Branham tells us that there is coming an economic depression on a scale that the world has never seen before.

From, **Daniel 8:23-25: we read,** *And in the latter time (in the last days) of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the fullness (Completion), a king of fierce countenance (mighty Presence), and understanding dark sentences (double dealings), shall stand up (shall present himself or come on the scene). 24 And his power (wealth), shall be mighty (vast), but not by his own power (not by his own ability to produce wealth, which means he gets it from others): and he shall destroy wonderfully (Bring to ruin, perversion and corruption), and shall prosper (make great profits) , and practise (bring about a press or squeeze), and shall destroy (bring to ruin) the mighty (the many nations) and the holy people (the set apart nation of God, The Jews). 25 And through his policy also he shall cause craft (deceit and fraud) to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify [himself] in his heart, and by peace (quietness, ease and prosperity) shall destroy (corrupt, pervert and ruin) many: he shall also stand up (stand forth and present himself) against (on behalf or on account of) the Prince of princes (Christ); but he shall be broken without hand (when the final act is played out).*

2 Thess 2:3-13: ¶ *Let no man deceive you by any means: for [that day shall not come], except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? 6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth [will let], until he be taken out of the way. 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 9 [Even him], whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 13 ¶ But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:*

Daniel 11: 21-23: ¶ *And in his estate (office) shall stand up(rise up) a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries. 22 And with the arms of a flood (or overwhelming political force) shall they be overflown (swept away) from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant. 23 And after the league [made] with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.*

Daniel 12:1-10: ¶ *And at that time shall Michael (Christ) stand up (Come on the scene and present Himself), the great prince which standeth for (takes His stand with) the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble (distress), binding or press upon as to squeeze), such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time: and at that time thy people (Kinsman) shall be delivered (slip out unknown to safety), every one that shall be found written in the book (genealogical record).*

Now, I want you to notice this next verse because it provides a clue to the time of this great escape.

2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame [and] everlasting contempt. In other words, this will be at the time of the Resurrection. 3 And they that be wise (This speaks of the Wise Virgin) shall shine (send forth light by warning and

teaching and this teaching shall be) as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness (right-wise-ness) as the stars (brothers) for ever and ever. 4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, [even] to the time of the end (In which time) many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. 5 ¶ Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river. 6 And [one] said to the man clothed in linen, which [was] upon the waters of the river, How long [shall it be to] the end of these wonders? 7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which [was] upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that [it shall be] for a time, times, and an half (time = one, times = 2, and 1/2 = total of 3-1/2 years); and when he shall have accomplished (or brought to a finish) to scatter (the shattering or breaking) of the power of the holy people (God's set apart nation, the Jews), all these [things] shall be finished. 8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what [shall be] the end of these [things]? 9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words [are] closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

And when is that? When the Seven Seals are opened, at that time everything will be in place for the fulfillment of this prophecy

10 *Many shall be purified ("by the washing of water by the Word", Eph 5:26-7 , Psalm 119:9) , and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.*

Now we see the same scene played out in the book of Luke.

Luke 21:25: *And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars;*

I have been reading much about the year 2,000 and it is very interesting that in this year there is to be an event that happens only once every 38 years. It has something to do with a solar storm, a huge comet that has a long tail made up of thousands upon thousands of meteorites into the earth's path.)

and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; 26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. 27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. 29 ¶ And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; 30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. 31 So likewise ye, when

ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. 32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. 33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. 34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and [so] that day come upon you unawares. 35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Now, what is this distress of nations and why is it so perplexing? This is what we must know if we are to understand why everyone on earth is going to be affected. The word distress is a Greek word, *sunoche* which means: *a narrowing, a constraining or a press. To hold together with constraint. To press on every side, like the forcing a ship into a narrow channel or the forcing of an animal into a position where it can not move so the farmer can administer medication. To impel.* From this we can see that the whole world is being pushed or **squeezed** into a universal condition from all sides in order to receive the medication called the New World Order or one world government. And then we see that the world will be perplexed by this Squeeze. And the word perplexed means that they are confused and don't understand what is really happening and thus begin to panic. (Remember that Brother Branham said that the world must come into a neurotic condition, and the first stage of this neurosis is anxiety which is to worry about what might happen.)

Luke 21:26 *Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.*

We find also in Hebrews 12:25-29 25 *See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more [shall not] we [escape], if we turn away from him that [speaketh] from heaven: 26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. 27 And this [word], Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: 29 For our God [is] a consuming fire.*

87-4 HEBREWS CHAPTER 3 57-0901M *And so I believe that--that Rosella will finally turn into the mission field somewhere; because America doesn't want the Gospel (You know that.); we just might as well admit that. This Anglo-Saxon people is finished; that's all. There's no more Gospel that*

*America will receive. Oh, you get a few stragglings now and then; but just as the Gospel, it's over. And you can't even preach to them, can't talk to them. They won't believe nothing. See? They just got their own hardheaded ideas, and they're set, **and the next thing's for this nation is judgment. She's going to have it too. It may be through depression; it may be through an atomic bomb; it may be through a great plague, a disease or something; but she's ready. It's a-coming; thousands times thousands will fall.***

18-7 THIS DAY THIS SCRIPTURE 65-0219 *We had a great nation; but she is now rotting and crumbling and shaking and giving away, and trying to tax people to get money to send over yonder to buy friendship with our enemies. They're throwing it back in our face. One world war, two world wars, **and still moving on to a third one.** Certainly. Politics is rotten, corrupted, rotten to the bottom.*

Testimony 63-1128M 20 011 *I was trying to say last night, **the world's coming to a place it's falling apart, politically, socially, economically.** You say, "Economics? More money." Yes, but where's it coming from? We're borrowed on taxes that'll be paid forty years from today. She's broke. She's bankrupt, the nation: not this nation, but all of them. And there's no way ever getting it back. **And it's a trap set exactly to swing this nation into something.** And all of you are wise on that. Well, who's got the wealth of the world? Who holds it? [Someone says, "Rome."--Ed.] Sure, it does. Rome holds it. And whenever we do, when we get broke, instead of these big merchants tobacco, whiskey, and so forth, like have to get the money; what we'll have to do, either change the currency or borrow the money. And when they do, it's the birthright sold right back, exactly, just as perfect, and just what the Scripture says about it. I'd like to get a place sometime, the Lord willing, when a tent comes on the scene. And I believe that's soon now, soon I'm going worldwide. I got a worldwide meetings coming now. And I--I'd like to get a place where I could set down for about six weeks, and just take those things and go through them (You see?), back and forth, through the Scripture. And it's astounding to see the hour that we're living in. It frightens me. It frightens me, not because... In my heart, the joy bells are ringing, knowing that the coming of the Lord is so close at hand. **But what frightens me, is to know that so many is unprepared for the hour that we are facing.** That's the bad part. How many ever heard the story about the squirrels up there that time? Many, all, of course, I guess, everywhere. A little something like that happened the other day. And I was... You've heard the story about the mountains, coming down, when the Lord wrote those things on the mountains the other day. My, my life... I'm not a preacher. Anybody knows that. I'm not a preacher. **But it's made up in a--a spiritual form of--of watching things and seeing things move, and forewarning***

*people of things that's coming to pass. And it's just that's my makeup. I can't help that, no more than you can help your makeup. But He--God has put us each one in the Body to do certain things. And I watch every little move, every objective, every motive, 'cause everything is governed by spirit. This church was put here for a purpose. There's a spirit behind this church. Certainly. Spirit behind your home, behind every building, **behind everything there is a spirit, motive, and objective.** This church comes here to greatly exalt some human system or something, then its motives is not right; but if it's put here to try to achieve something for the Kingdom of God, then the motive and objective both is right, if the motives is directed that way.*

(That is what we need to do ourselves. We need to be observant of what is happening, to be able to tell what spirit is motivating the people.)

Now, we know that the USA is under the curse as is the rest of the world. When brother Branham threw that rock up in the air he said the judgments are now in the earth. That is Deuteronomy 28 the blessings and cursings, which we saw a week ago concerning the economy, it has to go that way. But did you ever stop to think one moment how it is that all the world's nations are now debtor nations? And who are they indebt to? That's the question.

But we know the Jews hold the paper, but the paper is becoming worthless. But who holds the gold? That is the key, right there and we know Rome holds the gold. And when Rome backs up the paper with her Gold then who owns it all? She does.

The problem is that our entire world economy is based on a paper house that is soon to tumble. **Oneness 62-0211 48 031** *The whole world's based on that. **The whole economy of this nation is based upon false conception.***

The Supernatural 56-0129 E-37 037 *Brother and sister, our great America and our great economy that we have is rotting under the foundations, and someday, I see it in the making right now, she'll lay in the ruins.*

167-4 {341} The First Seal 63-0318 *Now, watch. In the end time, not in the early days when Christ was preaching, but in the end time, the last part of the week, where we just took the seventy weeks of Daniel; and Christ has prophesied for the three and a half years, and three and a half years are yet determined. Is that right? And this prince in that time is to make a covenant with Daniel's people, which is the Jews. That's when the Bride's taken out now. She won't see it. {342} Notice. In the last one-half of Daniel's week, the people makes a covenant--this prince makes a covenant with Rome;*

*makes a covenant with them no doubt for the wealth, for Catholic and Jew holds the wealth of the world. I was in the Vatican. I've seen the triple crown.. {346} I got to go all through the Vatican. Why, you couldn't buy it with a **hundred billion billion** dollars.*

Note: that was at the rate of \$30 per oz. In the 60's. Today gold is 30 times greater in value at \$906 per oz. Therefore, 100 billion billions would be 1.0×10^{22} power that means it would be worth today about 100 sextillion. And I guess that only figures that it would be in the SEXtillions seeing that the word Vatican or Vati-Cahain means the house of Cain.

*Why, you... And just think, "**The wealth of the world,**" the Bible said, "**was found in her.**" (now, if it is the wealth of the world, then where did it get that wealth from? The rest of the world of course. You ever wonder how it is that you can pay say, \$50 for a share of stock and then one day that stock is worthless? Where did the money go? Whose got the money that you invested that is now worthless? Someone has to have it. It just doesn't disappear. Then brother Branham says.), *Just think of the great places, the billions times... Why did Communism raise up over here in Russia? It just makes me sick at my stomach to hear so many preachers hollering about Communism, and they don't even know what they're crowing about. That's right. Communism ain't nothing. It's a tool in the hand of God to bring revenge upon the earth for the blood of the saints that... That's right.**

*{349} And **after the church is taken away**, Rome and the Jews will make a covenant with one another. (so if you think it is happening now, forget it. He said after the church is taken out of here.) *The Bible said they would, with the holy people. And now notice, they'll make it, because why? **This nation is going to be busted, and the rest of the world that's on the gold standard is busted.** You know that. If we're living off of taxes, due bills for forty years from now, where are we at? There's only one thing can happen. That's to call in the currency and pay off the bonds; and we can't do it. Wall Street owns them, and Wall Street's controlled by the Jews; the rest of it's in the Vatican, and the Jews has got the rest of it in Wall Street with the commerce of the world.**

{350} We can't call it in. And if we could do it, do you think these whiskey guys and all these tobacco people with billions times billions of dollars a year and write off all their income tax for old vulgar pictures and things like that, go out in Arizona there and buy millions of acres of land--or thousands--and dig them big wells at fifty thousand dollars and pay it off with income tax? And they'd put you in jail if you don't pay yours. But they write it off and throw up wells and send bulldozers in. And what do they do? They put housing projects in there, and the next turn around with their money they made (they have got to make an investment) and put houses,

projects in there and sell them for millions of dollars. **Do you think them guys is going to compromise to change the currency?**

{352} Like this fellow down here, Castro did. He done the only smart thing he ever did do then, when he destroyed the bonds: paid them off and destroyed them. Notice, but we can't do that. These guys won't let us. The rich merchants of the earth hold it, and then there's only one thing to do: **The Catholic church can pay it off. She's the only one that's got the money; she can do it, and she will do it.** And in doing this to get it, she'll compromise with the Jews and make a covenant, and when she makes this covenant with the Jews... Now, remember, I'm taking this from the Scriptures. And now, when she does this and makes this covenant, we notice in Daniel 8:23 and 25 he will cause craft to prosper (And craft is manufacturing.), in his hand.

{354} **And he makes this covenant with the Jews, and in the midst of this three and a half years, he breaks his covenant as soon as he gets the thing wrapped up and gets the money of the Jews tied up.** And when he does that, oh, my, oh, my, he's called the antichrist until the end of the church age, for he and his children are against Christ and the Word. This man's called the antichrist. Now, he's going to hold the money. And that's where I think he'll come in. Just a minute, while I say this, then I want to go back to it in a minute. He's called the antichrist and will be called the antichrist in the sight of God until the end time. Now, but then he'll be called something else. {359} Now, when he gets the money all under control, then he'll break this covenant with the Jews, as Daniel here said he would do it, in the midst of the last half of the seventy weeks of Daniel.

And then, brother, what will he do? **He will have all of the world trade and the commerce, a pact with the world, 'cause he'll hold the wealth of the world completely.** And during that time, them two prophets will rise on the scene and call that hundred and forty-four thousand. Then what'll take place? Then the mark of the beast of Revelations 13 will set in, 'cause he holds all the commerce, trade and everything of the world. And what will take place then? The mark of the beast will come in that no man can buy or sell except him that has the mark of the beast. Thank God, the Church will be enjoying a great three and a half years in glory. Don't have to go through that.

E-26 026 You see, if Satan has a kingdom, he's got to have a **false economy.** He's got to have something that he can present to them to make them think they are living. But it's absolutely on the vice versa side. It's death in the form of life.