Unveiling of God no 198

Is it later than we think? February 14, 2021 Brian Kocourek, Pastor

180 Laying on this pulpit this morning, Lord, lays handkerchiefs. Maybe some of them will have to leave today before the healing service tonight. O eternal God, look down. I know You're here; You're veiled. And I'm sending these little veils, Lord, called "handkerchiefs," and little "aprons," and little "booties" for little babies. And I'm sending them as little veil tokens, that Your Word has been preached over it this morning, and as a believer I lay my hands upon them, my body, as signifying that I believe It. And by faith each one in this building is doing the same, Lord. May the sick get well.

181 You can stroke the Word from here, Lord, like the old violinist did to the violin, and make it so, Lord. Make it play the right tune, only the Master's hand, then we'll see Him standing in full view. How those people must've thought that day when they wouldn't give nothing, when they didn't give nothing for the old violin; they didn't want it. They wouldn't have it in their house. But when once picked up by the one who could master it, then they sold everything they had to get it. They were fussing and fighting over it. It was too late then.

Now in this next paragraph brother Branham make reference to the ten virgins, the ones who see who it is in their midst and the others who doubted so they went to the ones who were selling, and by the time they figured out who had come down it was too late and they went into tribulation period.

He said in quoting the Scripture, "time shall be no more", and the actually Greek says, "time shall be no more delayed." And he took that thought from Revelations 10:1-7

Revelations 10: 1 And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: 2 And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, 3 And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. 4 And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not. 5 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, 6 And sware by him that liveth forever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer: 7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

So the mysteries declared by the prophets will be wrapped up and made plain during the sounding of the voice of the seventh angel Messenger. That is what he said here.

And then after that takes place there comes "the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven 6 And sware by him that liveth forever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things

that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:

His Parousia is still here after the sounding of the seventh angel Messengers voice, in the Shout of 1 Thessalonians 4, but then that one who is here who came down with a Shout moves to the voice and at that time, time shall no longer be delayed, and the Gentile dispensation is over and the saints are gathered in a resurrection along with the saints which had slept, and then they will all be caught up to meet the Lord in the Air.

Notice in the next paragraph 182 Brother Branham says, "So will it be sometime when the trumpet of the Lord shall be sounded out,

Notice he said "when the trumpet of the Lord", that's the Gospel trumpet, when it has sounded out. When it is completed. When the Shout completed, when the Message is completed? And when will that be? When the Shout turns to the Voice of the resurrection.

Then he says when that Gospel Trumpet has sounded out then time shall be no more.

He continues, "Those who have been looked at and made fun of, that stood there <u>before</u> the open veil and <u>seen the Word of God manifested</u>... Others will scream for It, but as You said, "It'll be too late then."

Notice brother Branham is giving us a perfect picture of the ten virgins, here. He says "when those who stood there before the open veil, and seen the Word of God manifested." Notice he is talking about the wise virgin who came out to meet Him. They both heard (wise and foolish virgins) both heard the midnight cry, "Behold He is here come out to meet him." And he says of the Wise virgin "when those who stood there before the open veil, and seen the Word of God manifested." But then he speaks of those who came out but did not see the manifested Word, they did not understand who it is that came down. And he says of them, Others will scream for It, but as You said, "It'll be too late then."

And then brother Branham lets us know who he is speaking of as he directly then says, "They went into the wedding supper," (That's one group of virgins, the wise virgins) "and they were left out where there's weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth". (that's the other virgins). And the weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth is tribulation period.

Then he continues, "Help every person to believe this morning, Father. Break through every veil of selfishness, every veil of unbelief, and see the Mighty Conqueror unveiled before the believers. For, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world. A little while and the world won't see Me no more, yet ye shall see Me." Show Yourself among us, Lord, as You have been doing. Ever remain that way until we're visibly before You, when the en morphe has been changed and You become again Son of man and Son of David. Grant it, Lord, through Jesus Christ's Name.

Now we must look at this parable of the **ten virgins** with **Hebrews 6**: in mind, because you have two groups here. Both have been "once for all enlightened and both have tasted of the heavenly Gift, and both have been made partakers or companions of the Holy Spirit, and both have witnessed the of the powers of the age to come, but one went in to the wedding supper and one having fallen away, it is impossible for them to ever come to repentance again."

Notice the foolish virgins came out to see who it is that it was said of "Behold He is here."

Both wise and foolish heard the midnight cry. That is a fact of the parable. And we know this Midnight cry was a Shout. And William Branham vindicated prophet of God taught us the shout is the Message.

And what did this midnight cry, this shout do? It told us to come out into the Presence of the One who came down. The shout declared who has come down, but only one group of virgins saw the manifestation of the Word and the other saw nothing.

One saw the Unveiling of God and the other saw nothing, so what did they do? They left the Presence of the one who was standing in their midst. They went away from the Presence of the One who was standing at the door knocking. And where did they go? They went to them who sell. *Them who sell*. And I hope you are not so blind that you cannot see this Scripture is being fulfilled.

And it says when they walk out of His Presence, "having been made partakers or companions of the Holy Spirit, and having witnessed the powers of the coming age, and to leave that? "having fallen away, it is impossible for them to ever come to repentance again." Having witnessed the Unveiling of God, having witnessed the powers of the coming age, the millennial power that could talk to bees and they turn away, and to talk to a killer bull and it go and lay down. That can stop a storm and they have witnessed all that and still walk away from the Parousia of the One who was doing those things. Paul calls that "having fallen away" and once they turn away from His presence, what is left for them?

Because repentance is a condition that when you are truly repentant, that means you have truly changed your mind. Your understanding is changed and you would never go back to your old way of thinking again.

So we see those who ran after them that sell, go into Tribulation and can never come to the place of a true repentance, "it is too late." Those who have heard the midnight cry, those who have witnessed the powers of the age to come, those who have walked alongside of the Pillar of Fire in following the Prophet out of Egypt (which we know is a type of the church system) Ones that hear, recognize and then acting upon, by staying in his presence.

Breach the 63-0317E P:130 But you see, that sleeping virgin ain't receiving nothing anyhow. That's right. And remember, while they went to try to buy oil... You remember the Scriptures doesn't say they got it. But while they were out trying to buy it, there come a sound. What happened? All those virgins that slept rose, and trimmed their lamps, and went in to the supper (Is that right?), and the rest was left for the tribulation period (Right.), weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth. That's the church, not the Bride, the church. The Bride went in. There's a whole difference between the church and the Bride. Yes, sir. Went in to the wedding supper... Oh, notice, boys.

Jehovah Jireh 3 64-0404 P:83 They said, "We just got enough for ourselves. You go buy it from them that sell." And while they were gone the bridegroom come, and the bride went in. And they were cast into outer darkness, to wake up and find out the rapture was gone and they were left, where there'll be weeping and wailing... a tribulation period... and gnashing of teeth. My brother, sister, tonight, my friend, if you haven't got the Holy Spirit,

will you... or are convicted enough to know that you should have it, would you raise up your hand, say, "Pray for me, Brother Branham. <u>I believe we're in the Presence of God</u>. Pray for me. I do not have the Holy Ghost." God bless you. Just look at the hands everywhere. Do you want it then?

Ten virgins 60-1211M P:99 All right, sir, the great tribulation... Now, now, if you... They'll have to go through... Now, you remember, He said... Now, let me get the rest of that, "They were cast into outer darkness, and there'd be weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth." All right, that's the great tribulation, isn't it? The great tribulation... Now, after this tribulation, those people...Now, let me catch it again here: it is the remnant. Now, look. Here is a piece of goods. All right, the lady lays it out like this. Now, she's going to make herself something, you know, some kind of a garment. Now, this is all of the goods she's got. Now, every bit of it is the same kind of goods. That right? Both of them were virgins. See? All right. They had faith in Christ, form of godliness, went to church, done good things, charity; nothing could be said against their works and things. "I know Thy works," He said in every age. "I know Thy works, but yet thou lackest." See?

Brother Branham used Psalm 27:1-5 for his text for his sermon the Rapture, So let me read what it says here. "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? 2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

3 Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. 4 One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold (to see with my own eyes) the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple. 5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. 6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

So what is the secret of His Tabernacle? It's the secret of His Presence. His Parousia.

That's what David tells us in **Psalm 31:20** Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

And so we come to **Psalm 91:1** which I believe was specifically written for this hour in this last days. "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty". That's the key right there, "He that dwelleth". He that lays in the presence of the Son to Ripen. And this scripture was written for this hour. 2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. 3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. 4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. 5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; 6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. 7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. 8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. (That is the TV and internet) 9 Because thou

hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; 10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. 11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. So we have Gods guarantee that no plague shall come near our dwelling. And where are we dwelling? In His Presence. So no plague can come near His presence.

Therefore we see in his sermon God's provided way fellowship 60-0709 P:101 brother Branham prophesy what is to come on this earth. "How we thank Thee, that in this great hour, that when all hopes of mortal life has finished... Atomic bombs are laying in hangers, hydrogen bombs, sickness and diseases, germ warfare... O God, and everything the way it is, knowing that the Bible said that man would actually rot in their flesh... But that Angel was given commission, "Don't you touch any of those! Don't you come near those who has the wine and the oil. Don't touch those who has the seal of God upon their forehead."And we realize that the baptism of the Holy Ghost is the seal of God. For it is written in Ephesians 4:30 "Grieve not the holy Spirit of God whereby you're sealed until the day of your redemption." Lord God, seal this church tonight. Those who are wanting the seal of the Holy Spirit, kiss away every fear, Lord, and seal them with Thy Seal of the Spirit in their hearts, that they'll come forth as newborn babes, crying, "Abba, Father". Grant it, Lord. I commit them to Thee in the Name of Jesus, Thy Son.

So let's look at this promise in Ezekiel 9:4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

And so I did a study of these two words to sigh and then to cry and the word sigh means to groan and to mourn, to be grieved to the point where you have to express your grief in some way, some expression and then to cry means to anguish, or shriek in other words to cry out against it loudly, and I think most of us in here and those listening in do just that. You can hardly stand it as each day the news gets worse and worse, until you just want to scream.

From his sermon God's provided way of healing 54-0719A P:42 What is a cancer? What is a tumor, what is a disease? We'll deal on that for the next five minutes now. What is a cancer? What caused that thing? Let's take a cancer, or anything you wish to take: tubercular, pneumonia, whatever you wish to, any disease. Diseases are germs. Let me pass something, here quickly, as our time's a going. Listen, did you know the Bible predicts that in the last days, that they'll be a germ warfare? That diseases will break out upon the people, and will fall on everyone without the baptism of the Holy Spirit? But with the Angel or who had charge over these plagues was given orders to touch no one on whom the mark was. Why, how much, kind of teachers have we got to be, brethren, to get the church in order to be in that condition? Immune. My arms are sore now, from where the doctors has punched needles to try to inoculate me from yellow fever and so forth. I told them I didn't need it. But they wouldn't listen to me. But I'll tell you what God's going to do. God's got a serum, and it's called the Holy Ghost. And when that serum goes in, it'll inoculate you. Hallelujah. In the last days...

And from his sermon PP. 59 Only Believe 61-0427 You remember the last plague hit Egypt? What was the last plague hit Egypt which was the type of the church going out? Was death. What's the last plague's hit the Pentecostal church? Spiritual death. It's going right on back like the rest of the world: spiritual death. But the circumcised with the blood on the door took the homeward march (That's exactly.) with a Pillar of Fire going before them to lead them away.

Now I think that it is important that you see this picture in the Alpha of the first Exodus so that you might understand what is happening in the Omega of the third and last Exodus. Here we find Brother Branham type the Church with those who left Egypt (which was a going out) But just as they stopped short of entering in, (all two million who left Egypt except the two: Joshua and Caleb. So we see a repeat again in this hour. All the old timers who followed Brother Branham back in the forties, fifties and sixties are dying off. We have wandered forty years now since this nation faced it's Kadesh Barnea.

77 <u>Israel at Kadesh Barnea</u> 53-0328 Perfect of the church today in our journeying. We're journeying up till I believe that the church is standing today at Kadesh-Barnea: judgment. Now, God help me. I hope God will help me to get this, it'll sink in good and deep. Sending out exploits... Remember, they had come this far because God had promised them. And all along the line they had signs and wonders and miracles, and now they're right up to the borderland.

Now I want you to notice something here. This first Message called Israel at Kadesh Barnea was preached on March 28, of 1953'. Notice here he says that the church is coming up to the border and is now standing at Kadesh Barnea. Now remember, Israel called out of Egypt, was a type of the church which means the called out ones. And they did not just come up to Kadesh Barnea and that same day go over in to the Promised land. But there at Kadesh Barnea the church came up to the border and then the big debate began if they should go over and possess the Promise or not. In [Numbers 13 we see the story of the 10 spies who were sent in to spy out the land. Here we see there report and how Caleb and Joshua were the only spies who believed God's Word concerning the Promise. As we all know the story, the people refused to believe the Good report because they were also told that there were giants in the land. Obstacles that were too big for the people to over, they were told by the other 8 spies. In Fact the people God so mad at Joshua, Caleb, Moses and Aaron that they took up stones to kill them in chapter 14. we do not know how long they spent at Kadesh Barnea but we do know that it was for a period of time. We also know that as they wandered in the desert of (Z).i.n. Pronounced SIN, and that they came back to Kadesh Barnea again about 18-19 years later as we see in Chapter 20. And 18 -19 years from 1959 brings us up to 1977 when the Parousia of Christ first begin to be taught among us by Brother Vayle.

Now, for the next few minutes, I want us to look at this scenario. And we are not doing this to set any dates mind you, however, I would like to paint a picture of just how close to the end we really are.

I could be wrong on this, and if I am you can just toss it out, but I believe that the Children of Israel left Egypt and 10 days later they came to Kadesh Barnea. And we know that after Kadesh Barnea they wandered for 40 more years. Now, I will try to find my source on

this, but to me this is significant because somewhere around 1946 God came to William Branham in the Pillar of Fire and His Angel sent Brother Branham out amongst the church to call out a people from the Church. We find around ten years later a rejection of the Gospel as Brother Branham said in From the Message...

Testimony on the Sea 62-0720 "We know the revival's over. Everyone knows that. I predicted that back in '56 when it would start ending. Billy Graham come back, and Tommy Osborn, and them. I said, "This is it. America will receive it or reject it this year." And they rejected it. We're nothing waiting but judgment. Now, you mark that down and see if Brother Branham's right or not. That's THUS SAITH THE LORD. We're headed for it, and we're going to pay for what we've done. We got too much glamour in the church, and Hollywood and everything. God's sick and tired of it. The last one will come in after while, and that'll be it."

And so we find the rejection came in **1956** right? well let's see what else he said about this. From the Message...

E-56 At Kadesh Barnea 56-0527 What we need in this hour is a man to challenge the promise of God before the people. God promised to pouring out of a Pentecostal blessing in the last days; I mean a real Pentecostal pour out. And it's time for it to come; another Kadesh-Barnea has arrived. Yes, sir. They said, "We can well do it. Sure we can do it." What was it? Those cowardly church members was looking to what they could see with their eyes, but Caleb and Joshua was looking to God's promise. I don't care how much opposition they had; how big the giants looked; how big the fences looked; they were looking to God's promise. Every man and woman tonight that wants to go on with God, don't pay any attention what the world says, whether we can or whether we can't; God promised it, and that settles it. God said so. I like that. When God says so, that settles it forever.

Here we find Him telling us that **Kadesh Barnea** had arrived. Now in 53 they were at the border of it, the spies had been sent over, but in 56 the report came back negative. I think it is also significant that all the Big name Evangelists had canceled their overseas engagements and had combed America that year. So here we see the picture of the Spies who were sent in to spy out the Land. There were ten of them in all but only two believed the report. *Joshua* and *Caleb* which Brother Branham said 'our Joshua is the Holy Spirit" and Caleb represents the True Believer other than Moses." So outside of Moses there was one man who represented the True believer and Joshua Who represented the Holy Ghost, and notice we are told that Joshua was the son of NUN.

And so we find William Branham was the only one of the major players who went in to spy out the promise who came back with a True report. It is also worthy of note that Brother Branham was the only one of the great Evangelists who did not represent any one church group. The spies that went out all represented a tribe of Israel, each was said to be the son of this one or that one but *Joshua was the Son of NUN*.

From the Message, <u>Seed Shall Possess the Gate</u>, 61-0212 Brother Branham said, "Joshua also, after He'd had a trial at Kadesh, come back and 90% of the ministers said 'we can't take it."

Now, here is another thing to think about, Israel did not immediately leave Kadesh right after that. They stayed a while before beginning there 40 years journey, and in 1959, from the Message ... 452-173 Q& A on the Holy Ghost COD 59-1219 brother Branhamk said, "Oh, I see something. This tabernacle, this Pentecostal world is at Kadesh-Barnea right now. That's exactly right, Brother Neville. We're at Kadesh-Barnea, the judgment seat of the world, was the judgment seat."

So we see that in 1959, they were still at **Kadesh Barnea**. Now after 1959, we no longer hear brother Branham again referring to the church being at **Kadesh**. He only refers to **Kadesh** as being a judgment seat after that.

From his sermon E-20 <u>Testimony of Raising Dead Boy</u> 53-1203 Brother Branham said, "And right there at Kadesh-Barnea where they come, the judgment seat, there's where they failed, because they listened to the bigger percentage of these men who come back and said, "Why, we look like grasshoppers up side of them." See, they were looking at symptoms, when Joshua and Caleb was looking to what God said: "I give you the land." No matter how big the city is, how big the giants are, God's bigger than all, and God's the One that made the promise. So they wanted to go over, and they said, "It's a beautiful land. It's a wonderful land." And now, they come back with some evidence. I'm glad that somebody crossed over brought some evidence back, aren't you? (Yes, sir.), that there's grapes over in that land over there. Yes, sir. And they come back and brought the evidence. And finally, when God had to get away from the church age, raise up another man called Joshua, and went over into the promised land and they fought down every Philistine.

From his sermon E-38 Exploits of Faith 53-1213E Brother Branham said And men look and live." If they go to looking at their church, and how fast this is growing, how this is materializing, the first thing you know, they'll get their eyes off here on to that. Let's look here and let that go. Keep looking up. Now, He said, "I will give you the... (I, not will give you), I have given you." Amen. That's past tense. "I've already give it to you; now go in and take it."

Now what I want you to see is that they left **Kadesh** and wandered forty years. And we left our **Kadesh** in **1959**. And forty is the number of judgment.

Now, I believe it is interesting that this nation went into total depravity this year of 2021, and that is exactly 65 years from when she went through her Kadish Barnea, or judgment seat.

Now according to **Bullinger's** book of numbers the number 65 in the Bible is a multiple of thirteen (13x5=65) and that is especially associated with Ephraim as we see in Isaiah 7:8 and it marks apostasy of that tribe. This apostasy which began in Judges 17 afterwards extended to the ten tribes kingdom which is frequently spoken of therefore under the name Ephraim.

Isaiah 7:7 Thus saith the Lord GOD, **It shall not stand**, **neither shall it come to pass**. **8** For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin; and **within threescore and five years** (65 years) shall **Ephraim be broken**, that **it be not a people**.

And isn't it strange that America is no longer United as one people, but is now a divided nation? We have been the United States of America for 200 + years, but we are no longer United as States, and there is even talk of some states leaving, exiting because of this disunity. And isn't it interesting that God spoke of Ephraim no longer being a people and that would take place in 65 years? And look at America today, broken in exactly 65 years since she turned down the Gospel.

Now, I am not saying The United States is Ephraim, but I am looking at the timing of the judgment which took 65 years for Ephraim to come to its judgment and it seems the same has manifested in the United States in the same exact time of 65 years since she rejected the Gospel.

In the book of **Hosea 5:3** we read of Ephraim, "I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me: for now, O Ephraim, thou committest whoredom, and Israel is defiled."

And again in **Hosea 6:10** we read of Ephraim I have seen an horrible thing in the house of Israel: there is the whoredom of Ephraim, Israel is defiled.

So we see the judgment of Ephraim came upon her because she had defiled herself and played the part of the whore to the nations.

And from his sermon Revelation chapter 4 pt 3 throne mercy 61-0108 P:43 brother Branham said, "This America is the prostitute of the nations. That's exactly what she is, and she's going to be worse than ever now. She's coming to her end. The Bible speaks of her doom, tells how she's going to be: America: lowdown, rotten, filthy, no good. That's exactly right. She's been a great nation. She's carried the Gospel message. What makes her the way she is? Because she's turned down the Gospel message and rejected the truth. She's horrible. She's got it coming; don't worry. I seen it in the vision as THUS SAITH THE LORD. It's coming. She's going to pay for her sins. Back when America was America, she was a great nation. The greatest the world's ever known since Israel, was America; but she sure has polluted herself now. She's rejected the message. She's took nothing but just... Now, she's got herself... You can see where she's at now. Everybody knows that; in the last election shows where her spiritual standing is. Uh-huh. She doesn't know.

And in that election they elected a Catholic by a false vote, and in this last election they elected another catholic by a false vote, and the Vatican manipulated that vote.

From his sermon Mark of the beast 56-0715 P:27 Brother Branham said, "Let me tell you, my friends. Education as good as it may be, reformation as good as it may be, will never take the place of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It's God's eternal plan to seal His Church away. And they went forth on street corners. They walked railroad tracks. They picked up a grain of corn at a time, and mashed it in a platter and made corn cakes to feed their babies. They preached the Gospel across the country. They were throwed in jail. They were made fun of. They were rejected, called holy-rollers, Pentecostal fanatics. And the world, America, rejected it. And when she did, her ears have been sealed to the Gospel ever since.

In that year of 1956 brother Branham said, "I predict that America will reject the Gospel this year."

In his sermon Making a way 56-0304 P:12 he said, "I just feel that we haven't got much time now. And I'll predict it. I don't say this is the Lord saying this now, I'm predicting that this year America will receive Christ or reject Christ. See? I believe this will be the turning point, that America will go in, we'll have a revival in this day, or we won't have a revival. And I believe that this is the year that America will make it's decision."

And in his sermon **Testimony on the sea 62-0720 P:11** he said, "If God willing, I'm giving a try now of evangelism. We know the revival's over. Everyone knows that. I predicted that back in '56 when it would started ending. Billy Graham come back, and Tommy Osborn, and them. I said, "This is it. America will receive it or reject it this year." And they rejected it. We're nothing waiting but judgment. Now, you mark that down and see if Brother Branham's right or not. That's THUS SAITH THE LORD. We're headed for it, and we're going to pay for what we've done. We got too much glamour in the church, and Hollywood and everything. God's sick and tired of it. The last one will come in after while, and that'll be it."

And again in his sermon Condemnation by representation 60-1113 P:18 brother Branham said, "And now, let me bring something else. I haven't got it written here, but on magnetic tape (And this is taped too.)... In 1956 in Chicago, Illinois, standing at the Lane Tech High School (They were there.), I said, "This year is going to be the changing point of America. I've just come from overseas--don't know why I come. Come back; canceled my meetings in Africa and around--come back."Billy Graham, something mysterious, he canceled his. Tommy Osborn canceled his. And we all crossing the United States in meetings. I said, "America will either receive or reject Christ this year." Then I said, "When they elected in Indiana, a twenty-two year boy--year old boy to be judge," the Spirit of the Lord came on me and I said, "They'll finally have a president that'll be one of these crew cut, playboy, beatnik-type presidents, a lady's man." Now, them's predictions years ago. See where we're at? It's later than we think."

And of course they elected President Kennedy who fits that description exactly.

Now I want you to also see, that although they left **Kadesh** you will also notice in the scripture that they kept coming back to Mount Hor. We see in **Numbers 20:22-29**

Numbers 20:22 And the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, journeyed from Kadesh, and came unto mount Hor. 23 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in mount Hor, by the coast of the land of Edom, saying, 24 Aaron shall be gathered unto his people: for he shall not enter into the land which I have given unto the children of Israel, because ye rebelled against my word at the water of Meribah. 25 Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up unto mount Hor: 26 And strip Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son: and Aaron shall be gathered unto his people, and shall die there. 27 And Moses did as the LORD commanded: and they went up into mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation. 28 And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there in the top of the mount: and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount. 29 And when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they mourned for Aaron thirty days, even all the house of Israel.

Here we see a changing of the guard. The old timers who rejected the Message back in **56-59** are dying off and a new ministry from a younger generation is going on.

Now mind you, Joshua and Caleb were still alive when they entered in but the rest of the old timers were gone.

And remember in Hebrews 6 we know that repentance is to change your mind, which means, "once you change your understanding of something, you never go back to that way of thinking again."

Now in Hebrews 6 and 2 Thessalonians 1 that there are two groups. One goes beyond Faith into Reality and the other turns down faith and goes out from the presence of God.

In Romans 8:24-25 Paul tells us that what we see is no longer classified as hope. Then if we see it, it can no longer be called hope.

Romans 8:24 For we are saved by hope: but **hope that is seen is not hope**: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? **25** But if we hope for that we see not, **then do we with patience wait for it.**

In other words, we no longer earnestly expect what is already there. And so therefore as long as it is not there then we can still expect it. And this brings patience. Yet we also find that unless we go through the process of hope we will not receive within us the patience and thus character that God desires to be formed in us. And notice that this hope makes us not ashamed. This process removes shame from us.

Romans 5:1-5 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4 And patience, experience; (character) and experience, hope: 5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Now, this word <u>tribulation</u> is not speaking of the great Tribulation but is actually a word which means a pressing together or pressure which is a sort of squeeze and that is what worketh patience.

James 1:2-4 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; **3** Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. **4** But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

We see what this process of *patiently waiting* is to do for us. It is *to bring us to a place where we lack nothing*.

That is where we are at right now. The sixth vision has been fulfilled, and we will not be here for the seventh vision to take place, so we are essentially sealed in now, like Noah just waiting for the rain or judgments to fall.

For if you are lacking, then you are still in need of that thing whether it be hope or faith. But as Paul said, whether it be hope or faith, when we have received what we hoped for, we know longer will hope for it, because it has become a reality and thus we have received what was promised us.

Therefore the fact that God Himself has come down Himself with a Shout, a Message, then that ought to bring rest knowing that *He Who gave the Word is here to finish what He began*. We are only to lay in His presence and ripen or mature.

This is what Brother Branham said in his sermon E-57 Sirs We Would See Jesus 57-1211 "But remember before this happens, the Church has to go. Amen. So we're at the end time. We're right in the shadows of His coming right now. I'm so thankful to see that He's come down to prove His Word if it's before a dozen, or before a million. But it'll pass right through the people, and millions will never know about it. It always has been that way, and it always will be that way. Then they'll wonder sometime, "Well, I didn't… I really didn't know it." Got eyes, but can't see.

And again in his sermon 22 Without money without Price 59-0802 "After the taking away of the Holy Spirit out of the earth, that formal church religion will go right on, not knowing the difference. ... They don't know the Holy Spirit, so they won't know when It's gone, and they'll just be going right on just the same. When the last one is sealed into the Body of Christ; they'll still be going on, trying to bring converts to it, because they don't know what It is. ... they'll be so far away, just in religious rituals, until they will not miss the Holy Spirit, because they don't know what It is to begin with.

And from his sermon 69 Christ Revealed In His Own Word V-4 N-10 65-0822] "You remember, Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Sodom..." What happened just before Sodom? God came down with some Angels, and they had an investigation judgment. Said, "I've heard the cry that is so sinful, so great, so I've come down to find out whether it's altogether the truth or not." Is that right? Watch, that main One that stayed with Abraham could discern the thoughts was in Sarah's heart behind Him. Now, you'd look around just a little bit and notice (See?); watch what It's doing, the same thing today. It's an investigation judgment. When after while the church, when It can stand that place and every seed has been brought to it's spot, they'll be gone. They won't know what happened to them. One will be going one way. See? One will be going over to the pastor's house, and one will be going here or down there; and the first thing you know, they're not there. For Enoch which was the type, God took him, and he was found not. Come down to investigate...

And in his sermon E-35 Jehovah Jireh. 57-0810 "And when the rapture comes, it'll have to be the same Spirit that was on Christ, will have to dovetail with that promise, or it will be rejected. No wonder He said, "Except the man be borned again, he will in no wise enter the Kingdom." It has to be the same Holy Ghost that fell on the day of Pentecost, has to baptize every believer or it won't be the same spirit, and contract, that was tore at Calvary..... And that Spirit can come into the church today, and perform the same miracles showing, and people will laugh at It and walk away from it. How do you ever expect to make the rapture or go in to see God?

And in his sermon E-8 **Jesus Christ The Same** 58-0323 he said, "I may not be able to make every promise manifested in my life. I might not be able to make it manifested to someone else's life. But **I'll never stand in the way of anybody who can do it**. **I'll be for them. I'll pray for them**. I might not be able to walk where Joshua did with a shout that shook the walls of Jericho, and neither may I be able to walk with Enoch who took a

afternoon stroll one day with God and went all the way home with Him. I might not be able to have that type of faith, but I'm contending for that faith, and believing it with all my heart, and praying God to give that faith quickly, 'cause that's the way His Church is going home one day, a little afternoon stroll, and the rapture will be on and we'll be gone.

So if you are not walking daily with him now, you most assuredly will miss him when he takes us in a rapture. You've got to have that individual walk with God like Enoch did.

In His sermon E-33 Sudden Secret Going Away 58-1012] brother Branham said, "This secret coming of the Lord, sudden secret going of the church... "Watch, it'll be two in the field; I'll take one and leave one. There'll be two in the bed; I'll take one and leave one," showing that the coming of the Lord will not be just at any certain corner, but it'll be universal. One will be in the field working: daytime, the other one in the bed sleeping on the other side of the world. It'll be a universal rapture. And it'll come with the shout, with the voice of the Archangel. And the trump of God shall sound, and the dead in Christ shall rise. And she will be caught away secretly. Oh, I love that. The great Bridegroom coming, and the bride that got Herself ready, waiting for that secret moment that she doesn't even know herself, but she's ready and dressed, and waiting for it."

Now, we must know what is there that we can do to make ourself ready, and the answer is only one thing, we must have on the garment of the Word, dressed in the wedding garment of the Word. That's it.

Now, what we are looking at is Hebrews 6:1-4 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, 2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. 3 And this will we do, if God permit. 4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

Notice here that we have Twins! **One Group can no longer repent** and therefore they can never again enter into **Faith** which is **Revelation**, and we know that *without Faith you can not even please God* much less receive a change in your body.

The other Group on the other hand has "moved on into perfection not laying again the foundation of Repentance from dead works and of Faith toward God"...

So we see this other Group has gone beyond Faith into reality. This Group no longer has a need for Faith because they have now entered into a living Word, a Word which has become manifested to them, A Word which has become alive to them, and since it is a reality, it is no longer something they need to look forward to. And since Faith is the evidence of things hoped for, then when you have received it, then why do we yet hope for it.

Therefore we see in 2 Thessalonians 1:7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels and verse 10_When he shall come to be glorified (en-doxazo or in the zoe is the manifestation of the doxa) in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

And that is different from what we see in those that 2 Thessalonians 1: 8-9 speaks of *In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:* 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

Notice, so we see Twins again, those in His Presence are to manifest his glory or his doxa (his opinion, his values, and his judgment) while those who are put out from His presence receive only judgment.

So we see the same presence brings a gathering as we see in 2 Thessalonians 2:1 "Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him," as well as a separation as seen in 2 Thessalonians 1: 8-9 of In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power.

And since we see that those who are gathered unto Him are those in verse 7 and 10, we see that they have the same Doxa or the same mindset that the Lord comes with, which since "there is only one Faith and One Lord" and since "Faith is a Revelation", then it has to be the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, those who do not receive this Revelation of Who is Here and what He is here doing, must separate from Him and thus from us. We however on the other hand, are *being gathered together in Him*, and therefore we see the Rapture, all three stages or all three phases of it are dependent upon receiving and becoming a part of the first phase.

All others who turn it down will never be able to come to a knowledge of Him as we see in

- 2 Timothy 3:7-8 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- **8** Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

Notice they are never able to come to the Knowledge of Him and so they resist Him by trying to do the same things he did.

- **2 Timothy 3:9-10** But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was. **10** But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,
- **2 Timothy 3:14** But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

So we see that we are in the stage of a continuing on. Or a continuing in. But as for the others, **2 Timothy 3:13** But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. Notice they these evil men shall continue to go from bad to worse, deceiving because they are deceived.

Is it later than we think? I believe it is. Noah had Faith to prepare his household and to build the ark, but he went beyond Faith when he entered into it.

From his sermon 260 Evening Messenger 63-0116 brother Branham said, "Notice when the Message is rejected and the messenger seems to be defeated, that's when God steps on the scene, his Message is over. Noah (closing now), Noah preached in the door of his ark

for a hundred and twenty years, till, when finally they laughed him to scorn, Noah stepped in the ark thinking that it would just be all right. God closed the door. And the people hung around to see what was going to happen. Seven days he set there and sweated it out, and on the seventh day the rain come. Uh-huh

Friends, Is that where we are at this evening? We know the Message has been rejected. We have seen that with our very own eyes. We have heard it with our own ears. And we know that God is on the scene. Now we've been standing in the door for 40 years since this nation rejected the Message and forty is the number of Judgment.

From his sermon [Testimony on the Sea 62-0720] brother Branham said, "We know the revival's over. Everyone knows that. I predicted that back in '56 when it would start ending. Billy Graham come back, and Tommy Osborn, and them. I said, "This is it. America will receive it or reject it this year." And they rejected it. We're nothing waiting but judgment. Now, you mark that down and see if Brother Branham's right or not. That's THUS SAITH THE LORD. We're headed for it, and we're going to pay for what we've done. We got too much glamour in the church, and Hollywood and everything. God's sick and tired of it. The last one will come in after while, and that'll be it."

The Message churches have become to where they are in a race to see who can have the biggest church with the largest orchestra's and choirs and the most young preachers under their wing and the largest outreach program and it has become so fashioned after Hollywood, that God has become sick and tired of it.

In closing brother Branham said in his sermon 22 Without money without Price 59-0802] "After the taking away of the Holy Spirit out of the earth, that formal church religion will go right on, not knowing the difference. ... They don't know the Holy Spirit, so they won't know when It's gone, and they'll just be going right on just the same. When the last one is sealed into the Body of Christ; they'll still be going on, trying to bring converts to it, because they don't know what It is. ... they'll be so far away, just in religious rituals, until they will not miss the Holy Spirit, because they don't know what It is to begin with."

Let us pray...