

Alpha and Omega

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MALACHI 3:6

For I [am] the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

2 HEBREWS 13:8

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

3 REVELATION 1:8

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send [it] unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

4 REVELATION 21:6

And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

5 REVELATION 22:12

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward [is] with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

14 Blessed [are] they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may

6 The Bible Doctrine that deals with the "Alpha and Omega" principle is purely the most important revelation we can receive from God. In fact in the following quote we will hear brother Branham make several points which we shall consider.

Point #1. He says "It is the Greatest of all revelations" because it teaches us the Supreme Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Point #2. He said "it is the first thing you have to know," because it concerns the Supreme Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. He said, "I'm Alpha and Omega, the first of all revelations." You must know Who He is so that you might recognize His voice when you hear it.

Point #3. He said, "I am the Beginning and the End. I am Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last." Therefore, what He did at the first he must do at the last, for He can not change.

7 PATMOS VISION 69-130 60-1204E

143-76 "In the spirit on the Lord's day..." Now, we hear it. Now, what? And what was he done? He was transferred from the isle now, in the Spirit, over into the Lord's day. And as soon as he got over into the Lord's

day, he heard a trumpet. What is it? It's Somebody approaching. A great One's approaching. Trumpet sounds, Somebody's coming. He looked. Hallelujah. ... trumpet, Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last:... (Hm. Not announcement of the second party, or the third party, but the only party. "I'm both Alpha and Omega; before I show you anything, I want to let you know Who I am." Amen.) The greatest of all the revelations is the Deity, the Supreme Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ. You can't get to first base until you believe that, walk out... That's what Peter said, "Repent, and then see the Deity. Be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and then you're ready to go in the Spirit." The first thing you have to know is the Deity of Christ. "I am Alpha and Omega. I'm from A to Z; there's no more but Me. I was at the beginning; I'll be at the end. I'm He that was, which is, and shall come, the Almighty." Think of it. That's what the trumpet said.

8 145 -77 Be careful John. You've entered into the Spirit. Something's going to be revealed to you. What is it? A trumpet sound, the first thing, "I'm Alpha and Omega." The first of all revelations. (Oh, sinner, bow, repent now before the time's too late.) "I'm Alpha and Omega." That's the first thing that He let him know Who He was. (Who's this approaching? Is this King Jesus? King God? King Holy Ghost?) He said, "I'm all of It. I'm from A to Z. I'm the Beginning and the Ending. I'm the immortal, eternal One." Just a little later we watch Him in His sevenfold Personage, watch what He is then. See? "I am the Beginning and the End. I am Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last. I was before there was a first; and after there's no more last, I'll still be there," in other words, "The First and the Last." ... and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send... to the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.

9 147 -78 All right, the first of all revelations is the Supreme Deity of Jesus Christ. You must know Who He is when you hear the voice (All right.), the same voice that sounded on Mount Sinai, the same voice that sounded on Mount Transfiguration, the same One, One like the Son of man. Now, watch in this next verse. All right. And I turned... (the 12th chapter now) We're going to leave these churches alone just for a minute, because this whole week coming on these churches. See, so we're just going to pass over that. But He said, "These... I'm going to direct you to send this message that I show you." Who is? "I'm the First and the Last. I'm the Supreme One. I'm the Almighty One. And I've come to tell you that I'm giving you a message to seven churches. I want you to write it, get it ready." See? "And the seven churches that are in Asia..." Now, they were churches there then with the nature in them that represented these church ages to come.

10 Now, why would brother Branham tell us that the Alpha and Omega principle is the most important principle for us to Know. We have already seen that this principle deals with the very essence of the Lord Jesus Christ and Who He really is. And knowing that He is the same yesterday, today and forever, and as we read in Malachi 3:6 "I am the Lord, and I change not." And as brother Branham said, we won't know what to do with His Voice if we do not recognize who He really is. Therefore, #1) in order to understand the day and hour in which we live, and #2) in order to be able to recognize what is being done in the hour which we live, #3) we must know Him. And He described Himself to John on the Isle of Patmos with the words, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end." Notice he never said he was the in-between, He said he was the first and the last.

11 MASTERPIECE THE 64-0705

170 The Alpha has become Omega. The first become last; and the last is the first. The Seed that went in has come through a process and become the Seed again. The seed that fell in the garden of Eden and died there, come back from that imperfect seed that died there, come back to the perfect Seed--the Second Adam.

172 The first Eve that fell, and was used in the second reformation--second coming, as bringing forth a child, now has become true Bride again, the Seed, right back with the original Word again. The Alpha and Omega is the same. He said, "I am Alpha and Omega. "He never said anything in between, "I'm Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last." That's it. The first ministry and the last ministry is the same. The first Message and the second--last Message is the same thing. "I'm--I was in Alpha; I'm in Omega." "There'll be a day that won't be called day nor

night, but in the evening time it shall be Light." See? Alpha and Omega; it's become the first and the last. Oh, my, brethren, we could stay a--hours on that.

12 Again notice how brother Branham points out that He was the first and the last, but not the in between. He said, the Alpha has become Omega. Then he said the first Message and the last Message must be the same. This is because Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever. And if the Message is the Revelation of Jesus Christ, then it is the revelation of Who He is, and if He has changed, then the first and last Message would have to be different. Also, this let's us know that since the first and last Message are the same, and that Message was a revealing of Who was in our midst, then we must surely know that the last Message must also be a declaration of the One Who is here. And if He is here, then He must perform the same way and do the same things that He did back there. Again in the next quote we will hear brother Branham reaffirm this same thought that the ministry must repeat in this hour.

13 QUEEN OF SHEBA 61-0119E

58 Now, what kind of a light would it give? If that was the first sunlight that shined on the eastern people, which is S-o-n of God, and He did the things He did there on that day on Alpha, He does the same thing at Omega. Here, we see brother Branham tell us that what God did in the first age He must repeat in the last. Now, why would God do the same at the first and the last? Because if He is the unchanging God. He can not change. Then, if God can not change, what He did back then at the first, He must do again at the last.

14 Another Ephesians...GOD WHO IS RICH IN MERCY 65-0119

29 Now, if many of you like to just mark down Scriptures that a minister reads... And I would like for you to tonight, if you would, to turn to Ephesians. And I was speaking last Sunday on the Ephesians, how that the Book of Joshua was the Ephesians of the Old Testament, and how it was a Book of redemption. And redemption has two different parts: "come out of" and "entering into." First, you have to come out. Some people wants to bring the world in with them; but you got to come out of the world to enter into Christ. You have to come out of unbelief to enter into faith. There cannot be one thing in your way. To really have genuine faith, you must absolutely leave everything that's contrary to the Word of God behind to enter into faith, And that was the Book of the Ephesians of the Old Testament: Joshua. Where, Moses represented the law, could not save no one, but grace could, and here "Joshua" is the same word like Jesus, "Jehovah-Saviour." And now then, we find out that we have come to another Ephesians, another Ephesus now. Where that in our intellectual denominations and so forth, and all of our educational programs has come to its--its Jordan, then we must have an--an Ephesians again. We must have an exodus we--to "come out" and to "go into," for the rapture.

15 PARADOX A 65-0117

89 But we're promised, according to Revelations 10, and according to Malachi 4, and Saint Luke 22:17, and so forth, that there is got to come a--an Ephesians to this. There is promised it, friends. There must come an Ephesians, that these sevenfold mysteries of the Word of God must be unfolded. And it's in the Laodicean age that this takes place. I believe that we're--we're there. I believe we're right in the shadows of the coming of the Son of God. And as Joshua, just before the Ephesians raised up, so did John the Baptist raise up just before the next Ephesians. And we're promised another, another Ephesians. It's predicted here in the Scripture; therefore, I think that we are living in the Ephesians again. Back again to... We are promised that what was left off during those seven ages...

16 WE WOULD SEE JESUS 57-0516

11 And that's been my theme through the years. I read that same Scripture when I was here before. And I hope to read it until death shall take me from the earth. Because, I do solemnly believe that with all my heart, that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He's called in the Bible, "The Alpha and Omega; He that Was, Which is, and Shall Come." That makes Him the same yesterday, today, and forever. "He that Was, He that Is,

and Shall come," just the same. He never changes. We change; time change; but God never changes.

17 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS 64-0823E

1021-119 And Jesus cannot come until a church, a body of believers and the ministry that He once (were in...?)... will have to be the same as it was then to... And then, that brings... "Them without us is not made perfect," Paul said, Hebrews 11. "Without us they cannot be perfected." They must have this ministry to raise up the Lutheran, Wesley's, and all them down through their ages.

The importance then, of understanding this Alpha-Omega principle, is that if God performed in a certain way or did a certain thing at the first, then He must repeat that certain way or do that same thing in the last. And this is the key to understanding Brother Branham's ministry and the identification of the pillar of Fire which vindicated that ministry just as He vindicated the Apostle Paul's.

18 ANGEL OF THE LORD 51-0502

17 And we're living in the Laodicean age, the last. And He was standing with His hands out to look upon. And there, one hand like this was Alpha, the other one as Omega. As the lights went out, on up to the dark ages and come down; just as they come in, so will they go out, the same kind of Church, same kind of signs, same kind of people, Alpha and Omega.

This quote shows the importance of the Omega ministry in this hour. Not only did God come down again as He did at the first, but He again hid Himself in a veil of flesh to minister as He did in the body of His Only Begotten Son. And if Jesus ministry had a certain effect upon the saints in that day, then His presence should once again have the same effect upon the church in this day.

19 CHRIST OUTSIDE THE DOOR 58-0330E

13 And in this text tonight, it is addressing the Laodicean church age, which is the last church age. And did you notice according to Scripture... This might not agree with many people's theology, and that's all right; I could be wrong. Many times I'm wrong, no doubt. But just as what I believe--that the last church age, we're now living in it. If you'll watch how--how the church ages come. One was a bright one, the other a little farther, a little darker, then the fifteen hundred years of dark ages, then Luther, then Wesley, then Pentecost. And He was standing in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, which represented the seven church ages, with His hands out, and to look upon as Alpha and Omega, first and last. The highest candlestick was the darkest, of course. And in this last church age, is supposed to receive the same light that they had in the first--alpha to omega. But the pitiful part, in the Scriptures we are learned here that he said, "Because you say, I am rich and am increased in goods..." You see the condition of the church today?

PHILADELPHIAN CHURCH AGE 60-1210

135 Now, that's what He revealed at the very first church age. Now, watch. As John saw him standing, the seven golden candlesticks, He was standing with His hands out. Here's the first candlestick, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, with His hands out in the form of the cross. He said, "I am Alpha and Omega." In other words, "I'll be supreme in the first; I'll be supreme in the last." The Lights rises in the east and sets in the west. It's been a dismal, dark time, but "It shall be Light in the evening time." The same Gospel power that raised up here on the one hand at the east, has shined over and now in the other hand at the west, "Alpha and Omega, I'm A and I am Z." In His hand... You get it?

Therefore we can see the significance of the Omega ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ to this last church age. He said the ministry that He once had must repeat again to raise up the dead and perfect the Bride.

And remember, brother Branham said the importance of understanding the principle of Alpha and Omega is that we might understand Who He is. And the purpose of that is that we might know His Voice and recognize Him. And how could we recognize Him when he comes if he was a changing God. Therefore, it is the very unchanging nature of God that allows us to recognize him when he comes. As brother Branham preached, "God is identified by His Characteristics."

20 THE TOKEN 64-0208

235 Just think, the great Holy Spirit coming, identifying Jesus Christ alive after two thousand years. See, the very nature of Him doing the same thing as He promised it would be done. That's right.

21 GREAT WARRIOR JOSHUA 55-0119

44 And He's here tonight, the great supernatural Lord Jesus Christ, the great I AM, the great Alpha, Omega, the Beginning and the End. Why? The land belongs to us. "All that comes to me I'll give him Everlasting Life and will raise him up at the last day." Amen. We got the evidence of it here.

22 RISING OF THE SUN 65-0418M

45-3 He is the One Who opened those Seals; He is those Seals. For the whole Word of God is Christ, and Christ is the Seals that was open. What is the opening of those Seals then? Revealing Christ. And the very seven Angels which represented the Seven churches was all completed, and we couldn't even see It. They did--they took the picture, not us. And there He is standing there, Supreme Judge, showing that He is Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. What identification. Quickening Power did that to us. Quickening Power lets us see His coming.

23 WHAT IS THE ATTRACTION? 65-0725E

142 And the other day, standing there, turned the picture to the right, and there's Jesus as He was in the Seven church Ages, the white wig on, showing Supreme Deity. He's Alpha and Omega; He's the First and the Last; He is the Supreme Judge of all eternity, standing there, confirmed the Message of this hour. And there shall be Light about the evening time! What's it all about? What was it?

24 UNVEILING OF GOD 64-0614M

370 How many sees Him standing the Mighty Conqueror, the Word made flesh, unveiled before us, the Alpha, the Omega, He that Was, Which Is, and Shall Come, the Root and the Offspring of David; was the Son of man, the Son of God, Son of man, and will be Son of David? You believe It with all your hearts? Unveiling Himself in each age, brought it to the believer, veiling Himself in human flesh from the unbeliever. He's hid behind a veil. May God break every veil and we see Him as He is.

25 WE WOULD SEE JESUS 62-0627

106 O God of heaven, forgive our unbelief. We know that's the only sin there is, the sin of unbelief. And may the Holy Spirit come so upon each person just now that they'll no more disbelieve because of the Presence of Christ tonight, showing Himself alive after two thousand years, the Word Himself standing here among us, in us, making His Word manifest.

26 VOICE OF THE SIGN 64-0313

68 Now He's here. Now each one, in the way you pray at your own church--if it's to yourself, loud, whatever it is. You pray for the person you got your hands on, 'cause they're praying for you. And now, look up. And in the Presence of the Messiah, the Christ, the resurrected One still alive after two thousand years, how can we be so numb in the spirit? That ought to set this nation on fire. That ought to make Beaumont repent in sackcloth and ashes. But will it do it? No. But you who are looking for Him, and believe that He would do it and keep His Word, it's to you now the promise is given. Put your hands on somebody and pray, while I pray for you from here.

69 Lord Jesus, enough has been said, enough has been done. The Word that has been promised has been made manifested. The Messiah, the Christ of God, is in Divine Presence. We feel Him. We see Him. We know that He promised this in the last days. "As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be when the Son of man is revealed." Then we know we see the fire in the skies, the atomic bombs. We see the worm-eaten nations. Nations are

breaking. We see that Israel's in the homeland. Every sign that could be promised has been fulfilled. The next thing is the promised Son coming. O Eternal God, in the Presence of Jesus Christ, the great Holy Spirit that's here now, confirming that He's here, hear the prayer of these people. Hear these Christians, that when I leave they won't say Brother Branham did this. Somebody else they didn't know laid hands on them and they were healed. But You promised that the voice had a sign to it. And may they be healed, as I commit them to You in Jesus' Name.

27 QUEEN OF THE SOUTH 60-1127E

46 The Bible said they would get a sign. What kind of a sign would it be? The sign of the resurrection. Hallelujah. We have it. Amen. It's here now. Jesus Christ has raised from the dead, and is alive after two thousand years, showing Himself among us.

28 LETTING OFF THE PRESSURE 62-0609E

60 We know that Thou keepest Thy promise, Lord. And I pray that You will vindicate Your Presence tonight. And we ask You, Father, to grant the same things to happen here tonight before the people, just like it did before Your crucifixion. That they might know after two thousand years that Jesus is not one day older; He's the same Christ that He always was. He can never fail or never change.

29 REDEMPTION BY POWER 54-0329

3 There was never One like Him on earth, never will be. He was Emmanuel. He was Alpha, Omega, the Beginning and the End, He that was, which is, and shall come, the Root and Offspring of David; the Morning Star. In Him dwelt Deity. In Him was God. "God was in His Son, in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself." Jesus said, "It's not me that doeth the works, but it's My Father that dwelleth in Me. My Father and I are One," God made manifest in flesh. What a marvelous revelation of God's love to us, He would unfold Himself and come down and dwell in human flesh in order to take away sin and sickness from the human race and redeem us back to the Father. That's wonderful, isn't it? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] We sure appreciate that.

30 QA IMAGE OF THE BEAST 54-0515

195-291 He's Alpha, Omega, the Beginning and the Ending, the Root and Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star, Father, Son, Holy Ghost. "In Him dwelled the Fullness of the Godhead bodily," said the Bible. The Fullness of God was in Him.

HEBREWS CHAPTER 5 AND 6 57-0908M

170-32 But before Paul would accept this experience, knowing that the Angel of the Lord was the Pillar of Fire, which was Christ, the... Well, He was the Angel of the Covenant, which was Christ. Moses thought better that--chose rather to suffer the afflictions with the people of Christ, and to be led by Christ, than all the treasures of Egypt. He followed Christ, which was in the form of the Pillar of Fire. Then Christ said, "I came from God (when He was here on earth); I go back to God." After His death, burial, resurrection, glorified body setting at the right hand of the Majesty to make intercessions, Paul saw Him as the Pillar of Fire again, a Light that put his eyes out almost, smote him blind. Peter saw Him come into the jail as a Light, and opened the doors before him as he went out. We find out that He was the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last. And here He is with us today, doing the very same things that He did then, making Himself visible back to us, showing it to the scientific world.

171-36 Oh, in this great hour of darkness and chaos over the earth, we should be the happiest people in the whole earth, to rejoice to know... All the time, when people are indocumated, and all kinds of isms and things in the earth... And yet, today the real living God by His Word and by His visible evidence shows us that He's here with us, working, moving, living, acting just exactly as He always did. What a privileged people that we are to have this. We ought to... The Bible said then in the 2nd chapter, "We should hold fast these things. Because how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?"

31 WHAT HEAREST THOU ELIJAH 59-0412E

81 How--how many could just almost see the Presence of the Lord Jesus standing there looking over His audience? The great Jehovah God, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last, the same yesterday, today, and forever, He's God.

32 PALMERWORM LOCUST CATERPILLAR 59-0823

138 There's one God. There's only One. He's Jehovah God, the Great I AM; the Alpha, Omega, the Beginning and the End.

33 REVELATION CHAPTER ONE 60-1204M

183 Now, God at the beginning was the great Jehovah that lived in a Pillar of Fire, hung above Israel and led them. That was God, the Angel of the Covenant. Come down on the mountain, the whole mountain caught fire; fire flew from the mountain, and wrote the Ten Commandments. He was called the "fatherhood of God," to His children, His chosen race of people, the Jew. Then that same God was made manifest in a virgin-born body that He created in the wombs of Mary, and lived and tabernacled and stretched His tent (as it was) among human beings. And that same God was made flesh and dwelled among us. The Bible said so. God was in Christ. The body was Jesus. Jesus, in Him dwelt the Fullness of the Godhead bodily. Can't make Him three people now. Don't baptize to three gods; there's one God (See?): one God.

185 Now, this same God was made flesh; He said, "I came from God and I go to God." After He had disappeared from the earth by His death, burial, and resurrection, and ascension, Paul met Him on the road down to Damascus, when he was yet called Saul. And a voice came and said, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" He said, "Who are You?" He said, "I'm Jesus." And He was a Pillar of Fire, a Light that's put out the eyes of the apostle. He had turned back. The same Jesus had turned back to God the Father again. That's the reason He said here, "I am the Almighty," in the same form He was before He was made flesh. And His body that He lived in, called Jesus, the Man that we know, Jesus...

34 WE WOULD SEE JESUS 62-0627

106 O God of heaven, forgive our unbelief. We know that's the only sin there is, the sin of unbelief. And may the Holy Spirit come so upon each person just now that they'll no more disbelieve because of the Presence of Christ tonight, showing Himself alive after two thousand years, the Word Himself standing here among us, in us, making His Word manifest.

35 PERSEVERANT 62-0719E

99 Let us see You, Lord. One day after the resurrection, Cleopas and his friend was on the road down to Emmaus. And they talked with Him all day long, and they didn't know Him. But late that evening, He went in the room with them, and they closed the doors. And then He did something just the way He did it before His crucifixion, and they knew that no one else did it that way, and they knew it was Him. So they hurried back and told the people, after He vanished out of their sight, that truly the Lord is risen. Father God, we're laid aside our task of the day. We're here tonight. The room is closed in. Come, Lord. Do something among us tonight just like You did before Your crucifixion, that we might lightheartedly, like they were, go back along the road saying, "Did not our hearts burn within us as He talked to us along the way." Grant it, Lord. One Word from You will confirm everything that I've said. And if I've said the truth... And I know, Lord, You'll only confirm truth. You will have nothing to do with lies and errors. You only confirm the truth. Now, Father, I pray that You will confirm what's been said to be truth. I commit myself to You with Your Word, with Your congregation of people, and their faith that they have accumulated. In the Name of Jesus Christ, we pray that You'll move on the scene now, and prove to be with us after two thousand years. They... There's no death to Him. He's alive, forevermore. Grant it, Father, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

PRESENCE OF GOD UNRECOGNIZED 64-0618

138 "A wicked and an adulterous generation will seek after a sign, notice, and they will receive a sign." What?

This generation. "For as Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and nights, the Son of man must be in the heart of the earth three days and nights." What sign will that wicked and adulterous generation receive? The sign of the resurrection. And today, after two thousand years, we still see Jesus Christ in the power of His resurrection, standing among us, doing the things that He did then and promised to do. "A wicked and an adulterous generation will seek after a sign, always wanting to 'show me this, and if you can do this and do this.' They'll get it, the sign of the resurrection." He's the same yesterday, today, and forever, the Word made manifest dwelling among us. How we should thank God for His great sign.

36 PATRIARCH ABRAHAM THE 64-0207

66 After two thousand years have passed, two thousand years, and still here He is in our midst, the mighty Conqueror that rent the veil in two, that took every sickness, every disease, everything upon Himself and bore our infirmities to the cross, and our sickness and our diseases and triumphed over them, and raised up for our justification, and stands alive after two thousand years to manifest Himself as the living Jesus Christ amongst the royal seed of Abraham who are heirs of all things. Oh, my. Those who after, goes through the test, promise of the Word. If you can believe the Word, then you are also the seed of Abraham. That's how you come to it.

37 GREATER THAN SOLOMON 63-0628E

151 And then after two thousand years of Gospel preaching, and the Holy Spirit pouring out in this last days, upon the people, the gifts of the Holy Ghost, and promised that this great discernment would come back into the church again, what will she do to this generation when she stands there, after her time plus two thousand years of Gospel preaching in this last days to see gifts, not gift, but gifts of the Holy Spirit? She surrendered her life to Christ. Why?

152 I have to close, 'cause I don't... I want--I want to pray for you. Friends... She... They said, "Show us a sign. We want..." That's what's the matter with the Pentecostals. You're looking for something, and one of these days it's going to be too far; it passed right by you, and you didn't know it. Remember, in the days of Elijah, they didn't know him. In the days of John the Baptist, they didn't know him. And he was spoke of in the Scripture that he'd be, "I send My messenger before My face to prepare the way." And even the disciples come to Him, said, "Why must Elias come?" He said, "He's already come and you didn't know it."

GREATER THAN SOLOMON IS HERE 62-0628

35 The evening lights are shining, and they--this generation is receiving the sign of Jonas, the Christ that they thought they got rid of. The church crucified Christ two thousand years ago, and they could not kill Him no more. He said, "I'm alive forevermore." And here He is after two thousand years among His people, showing Himself, with the same things He did back there He's doing right here again. Two thousand years has passed. He's alive forevermore, and has the keys of death and hell. Amen.

38 SIRS WE WOULD SEE JESUS 64-0304

160 You believe now? Just have faith. All right. That, you know, I didn't know...?... Come, sister. I don't know you. We're strangers to one another, I suppose. If that's right, so the audience can see that we're strangers. See? If the... This is just like where our Lord met a woman one day. And here we meet again; we meet after two thousand years on His promise, and here's a man and woman meets in the same way. I never seen you in my life. I guess we're total strangers, but God knows both of us. Now, if the Holy Spirit, Christ in here and in you, will reveal what you're standing here for, or something about you, would you feel enthused like that woman did that day?

39 The warning we receive with this principle is that as the Alpha ministry was to the church, so would Christ repeat that ministry to the Omega or end-time church. However, with that ministry comes also judgment. And as the church began in the Alpha, so she would end up in the Omega.

40 77-1 EPHESIAN CHURCH AGE - CHURCH AGE BOOK CPT 3

The very name, Ephesus, has a strange compound meaning, "Aimed at", and "Relaxed". The high aspirations of this age that had begun with the fullness of the Spirit, "the depth of God", whereby they were aiming at the high calling of God, began to give way to a less watchful attitude. A less ardent following of Jesus Christ began to manifest itself as an omen that in the future ages the physical vehicle called the church would sink to the awfulness of the "depth of Satan". It had become relaxed and was drifting. Already the age was backsliding. It had left its first love. The tiny seed planted in that Ephesian Age would one day grow in the spirit of error until all foul birds of the air would roost in its branches. So inoffensive to human reasoning would that little plant appear to that New Eve (the New Church) that again she would be deceived by Satan. The Ephesian Age had presented to her the opportunity for God's best, and for awhile she prevailed, and then relaxed, and in that unguarded moment Satan planted the seed of complete ruination.

41 8-2 EPHESIAN CHURCH AGE - CHURCH AGE BOOK CPT 3

The fervent desire to please God, the passion to know His Word, the cry for reaching out in the Spirit, all begins to fade and instead of that church being on fire with the fire of God it has cooled off and become a bit formal. That is what was happening back there to the Ephesians. They were getting a bit formal. The abandonment to God was dying out and the people weren't too careful about what God thought of them as they began to be careful about what the world thought of them. That second generation coming on was just like Israel. They demanded a king to be like the other nations. When they did that, they rejected God. But they did it anyway. That is the history of the church. When it thinks more of conforming to the world instead of conforming to God, it isn't long until you see them stop doing things they used to do, and start doing things they wouldn't do initially. They change their manner of dress, their attitudes and their behaviour. They get lax. That is what "Ephesus" means: relaxed--drifting.

REMEMBER, THEY LEFT THEIR FIRST LOVE. HAVE YOU KEPT YOURS? Or is your heart set aflame by God's word and Presence? Are you ready for the Rapture?