

#52 Colors of the Rainbow Covenant no 4 Breast plate colors and stones

1 For the past couple weeks we've been looking at the Colors of the Rainbow Covenant of God, and we've found that the seven colors of Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo and Violet. Each color has a significance or reason why, and each plays a vital role in God's motives and attitude towards man. In other words these seven colors are seven individual bows that come together to form a rainbow covenant. Each color signifies a specific promise from God and all together they form the seven compound redemptive covenant of God with man, like a great bar code that contains the legal language in each stripe of the bar.

2 We have also found that brother Branham said the seven colors are also represented in Scripture as the following.

- 3** 1) The seven gifts of the Spirit,
2) The seven fruits of the spirit,
3) The seven spirits of God as seen in Revelations chapters 1, 3, 4 and 5
4) The seven stars as mentioned in Revelation 3
5) The seven lamps of God
6) The seven Church age messengers
7) The seven church ages

And finally 8) the seven steps in attaining the stature of a perfect man which is the adopted son who has come to full maturity.

4 Revelations Chapter 4 pt 2 24 Elders 61-0101 196 But when John saw Him here, what was it? The day of redeeming was over. It was all over, so he seen Him back in His original condition, an amber color. The sun can only shines on half the world at a time (See?), as it goes around. But when John saw Him, He was setting to look upon as jasper and sardius stone, amber colors; mix the two together, you got amber. "And a amber color around the throne." Oh, my. Oh, I tell you, that just... We could just go on and on. Seven Spirits, seven colors, seven church ages, seven ministers, seven lights, everything's in a seven. God's perfect in seven. God worked six days; the seventh day He rested. The world will exist six thousand years, and the seventh thousand is the millennium.

5 Revelation 3:1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

6 Revelation 5:6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. (Church Age Messengers)

7 Revelation 4:5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

8 Revelation 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

9 In our study we have seen that God before there was anything, dwelt alone in a great seven colored rainbow fountain of life. QA Hebrews Part 3 57-1006 339-Q-74 In the beginning God... We'll go back to our Hebrew

teaching just for a few minutes. God was this great big fountain of seven colors. How many knows that? See?

10 We have also seen that as the Great seven colored rainbow of God's presence brought forth life, it came forth as a white light which is the summation of all seven colors. This white light was called the Logos that came forth from God, and brother Branham called it the son of God.

11 Brother Branham spoke of this in his sermon, QA Hebrews Part 3 57-1006 339-Q-74 In the beginning God... We'll go back to our Hebrew teaching just for a few minutes. God was this great big fountain of seven colors. How many knows that? See? ... Now, when He, the Logos went out of God, which was God coming from this one big fountain into a body in the form of a man, and it made the Logos, which we call theophany...

12 We saw also how that when a person receives the Holy Spirit, he receives a small white light that enters him which he said was the size of a button on a man's shirt.

13 Now, we do not have time this morning to read all those quotes but I will take just the parts where I have stated these facts and read them here.

14 QA Hebrews Part 2 57-1002 273-385 See, there cannot be an eternal son, because a son had to have a beginning. And so Jesus had a beginning; God had no beginning. See? But the Son was the... Not eternal sonship, but the Son that was with the Father in the beginning was the Logos that went out of God. And it was the Theophany of God that went out, the human form that didn't have eyes like you see: a better eye. It didn't have ears like you hear, but a far more hearing. See? It was a Theophany, that all this rainbow condescended into a Theophany.

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16 Now, when all seven colors condescended into that theophany, it came forth as a white Light because white is the culmination of all seven colors coming together.

17 From the Message ATTITUDE AND WHO IS GOD? 50-0815 015 notice that brother Branham tells us this light that came forth from God was " a little white Light, like a mystic Light, like a Halo. Let's listen to what he says here. "And we're taught in the beginning, that the Logos, or the Son of God went out of God. Now, I do not believe in eternal sonship. That's even radical to even mention such a thing, eternal sonship. How could He had an eternal sonship...?... He had to have a beginning. See? 016 So He first was God, Jehovah. And out of Him... Let's just picture now as a little drama so you can get it. Let's see coming out of space where there's nothing, let's make it a little white Light, like a mystic Light, like a Halo. And that was the Logos that went out of God in the beginning. That was the Son of God that came out of the bosom of the Father. That was what was in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelled among us. In the beginning was God. And then out of God came the Logos, a part of God that went out of God.

18 Hebrews Chapter 1 57-0821 20-124 There's a Great Fountain going forth of Spirit, and out of this Fountain came the most pure of love; 'cause there was nothing for it to come from there but love.

19 We have seen where brother Branham called these seven colors the Motives and attitude of God. He called

them the seven spirits of God, which he was not speaking of seven individual spirit but rather seven attribute and characteristics of God.

20 Hebrews Chapter 7 PT 2 Church Order 57-092 345-329 The first was a color of red, perfect love, redemption. And how if we had time to give those colors, and show that each one of those colors represents God's purity. Amen. Those colors, there's seven natural colors. Those colors represents the purity of God. And the... Those colors represent the motives of God, the attitude of God.

21 And if they represent the motives and attitude, then they reflect His attributes and characteristics which is his very nature, and thus His character.

22 Now brother Branham also said these seven colors represent seven gifts of the Spirit.

23 Hebrews Chapter 1 57-0821 20-124 The chip what makes a sparkle, the way it's cut. It's cut, chipped, and then when it does, it makes a sparkle, and one will go a green light, the other one will go a blue light, and maybe another an emerald light, and a red light, and different lights go from it like a rainbow color. They call it fire in the diamond. Now, each one of those lights represents gifts.

24 And finally Wednesday we showed that just as the Logos of God the Son of God came forth from that great seven colored fountain of Life as a little white light so too every son of God is also a part of the same logos and when the Life comes to each son it comes as a little lick of fire or white light just as it did the Son of God himself.

25 From The Messiah 61-0117 P:18 br. Branham said, "when a man gets saved,... The Light that comes into him is about like this little white button on my shirt. That's when God comes into the inner part of a man.

26 Uncertain sound 60-1218 P:20 When a man's saved, that much of him is God. That's the little Light that comes in to make him quit doing what's wrong. Now, if you can take all the malice, and envy, and strife, and unbelief out, that little button-like of the Light and power of God will keep growing, growing, growing, growing, crowding out unbelief. And you don't do it by exhortations of bodily exercise. You do it by a sanctified, consecrated Life, that the Holy Spirit moves through you.

27 Now, with this background in mind, I would like to move further into our study this morning and show you how that these seven colors of God's Covenant rainbow are also seen in the Stones of the Urim and Thummim which was the breast plate of Aaron.

Exodus 28:29 And Aaron shall bear the names of Israel in the Breastplate of judgment upon his heart when he goeth unto the holy Place for a memorial before the Lord continually".

God gave the design for this breastplate of Judgment to Moses. It was to be worn over the heart of Aaron the High priest as He entered into the presence of God.

Exodus 28:29 And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy place, for a memorial before the LORD continually. 30 And thou shalt put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be upon Aaron's heart, when he goeth in before the LORD: and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before the LORD continually.

Remember, the Breastplate was designed by God Himself, and through it He would reveal His divine will to man. The breastplate was designed with the names of the twelve tribes engraved on the stones that were placed in four rows of three stones each. Each stone of the twelve stones represented one tribe of Israel and therefore all the people of Israel. As the high priest came into the presence of God, he carried over his heart the names of each tribe of Israel, which is God's heritage. The breastplate contained 12 gemstones. The material of the breastplate was woven with threads of gold and blue, purple and scarlet linen threads. The number of the threads and the order of the colors were, according to the "Targums" one of gold, six of blue, six of purple, and six of scarlet.

The breastplate consisted of two pieces, which formed a purse, or bag, and in which were kept the two sacred stones, named the Urim (representing light and excellence) and the Thummim (representing perfection and completion). These stones were God ordained instruments in which the High Priest used them to inquire of God about matters concerning the children of Israel.

The Urim and Thummim were two Precious stones. When someone needed an answer from God before making an important decision, they would go to the high priest, and enquire of him to take their request into the presence of God for an answer. The high priest would stand before the Lamp stand, holding the Urim in one hand and the Thummim in the other. As the light reflected from the Urim and the Thummim onto the stones of the Breastplate, this flash of light provided up to 24 combinations (2 x 12). Since there are 22 letters in the Hebrew alphabet, the flashes of light could produce strings of letters.

28 Hebrews Chapter 1 57-0821 8-52 Now, in the Old Testament they had three different ways they can know a message. First the law, that was just the law. Then they had a prophet, a dreamer, and they had the Urim Thummim. Now, that may be a little deep. The Urim Thummim was the breastplate that Aaron wore on his breast. In there was twelve stones: jasper, sardius, carbuncle, so forth, on down. They got all twelve of the big stones that was in the breastplate, showing that he was the high priest of every tribe, the twelve tribes of Israel. This breastplate hung on a pillar in the church, and when a prophet prophesied, and they wanted to be sure it was right or not, the prophet or the dreamer stood before this Urim Thummim; and he told his dream or his vision, whatever he had saw. And if the sacred lights... Oh, do you see it? God's always dwelt in the supernatural realm. The conglomeration, those lights were just normal until this voice went forth. And when the voice struck those stones, if it wasn't supernatural, she laid dormant. But if it was supernatural, those lights all reflected the rainbow color together. Amen. Then that was God speaking, "That is My prophet. That dream came from Me." It was according to the Urim Thummim that they judged.

29 As God breathed upon the Ark, the Veil would move, permitting a breeze to flicker the flames in the Lamp stand which would alter the angle of direction of the light onto the Urim and Thummim, and through them onto the Breastplate. In this way God communicated directly, but not audibly, to the high priest and answer the enquiry. This is a type of the Word which we have for this day as Paul tells us in

30 II TIMOTHY 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, (Inspiration from inspire or to breathe, That means all Scripture is God breathed) and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

31 Revelation Chapter Four pt 1 60-1231 184 Oh, tomorrow we got a great lesson, the Lord willing. Tomorrow we take the judgments; we take the sardine stone, see what it represents, what part it played. And we take the jasper, and we take all the different stones, and we take these all down through Ezekiel, back into Genesis, back over to Revelations, come down in the middle of the Bible, tie it together, these different stones and colors, and so forth. And then we bring it right straight back to that and see if that ain't right. See? See if it ain't

the same color and everything, just the same thing. And the same Holy Spirit, the same God, showing the same signs, same wonders, doing the same thing just as He promised...

32 Upon the breastplate were four rows of precious stones with three stones in each row. Each stone had the name of one of the twelve tribes of Israel. The Jewish historian Josephus described these stones were laid in the breastplate "in the order of their birth",

33 Exodus 28:17 And thou shalt set in it settings of stones, even four rows of stones: the first row shall be a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: this shall be the first row. 18 And the second row shall be an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond. 19 And the third row a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst. 20 And the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be set in gold in their closings. 21 And the stones shall be with the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet; every one with his name shall they be according to the twelve tribes.

The Breastplate of Aaron stone colors

34 Notice the seven colors of the rainbow Covenant of God are seen in the breastplate stones, (red, and orange, and yellow, and green and blue, and indigo and violet).

35 Today, even after centuries of study concerning the Breastplate of Aaron, we still cannot fully distinguish the exact color of the stones because the translation of the Hebrew words for the stones is of some uncertainty as yet. There seems to be a great deal of disagreement as to their original colors; yet there are two of which we can be very certain. One is the corner stone, the other is the last stone in the breastplate. The corner stone is that of a sardius or sardine and this is always red. Immediately as we look at the breastplate of the high priest, with those twelve glittering stones, (each representative of a tribe of Israel), upon his breast as he went into the Holy of Holies on the Day of Atonement; we see him taking the problems, the troubles, the sins and trials of the entire nation before Yahweh, seeking forgiveness. It is a beautiful picture, but immediately we think of the Apostle Paul in 1 Cor. 15:46, where he tells us of the order. He says, "first that which is natural, afterwards that which is spiritual."

36 We know that in the breastplate we are under the Law of Moses, and it is only fitting as we look at the corner stone of that breastplate that it should be a sardine or sardius -- a red stone, which speaks of Love. It is important that Christ is called both a sardine and a jasper stone in the book of the Revelation (4:3). He came bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh; he was made in all points like unto his brethren, but later he was immortalized -- he became the jasper stone, i.e. he gained immortality.

37 Expectation 54-0220 E-35 And when it did, there come a rainbow across the valley. Now, this wolf hollering up here, and its mate in the bottom answering. My, and the elk herd, and the rainbow... I had my gun down against the tree. I run out there, and I raised up my hands, and I said, "O great Jehovah God, Who looks down from the heaven, the God... gave you this rain, and gave us this rainbow sign." I said, "I can see another rainbow sign in Revelations 2, where Jesus setting to look upon like jasper and sardine stone: Reuben and Benjamin, the first, the last, with a rainbow crossing the seven church ages, the colors; oh, the same yesterday, today and forever; Alpha, Omega; the beginning and the ending; He that was, which is and shall come; the Root and Offspring of David; the Morning Star." Setting behind me, seven colors, God's covenant with the Church, that He wrote with Jesus Christ, His Son, of a perfect redemption...

38 Show us the Father 54-0811 E- in Revelations 1, Jesus setting there with a rainbow over His head. He's to look upon jasper and sardine stone; that's Benjamin and Reuben's stone, First and the Last, He that was, which is,

and shall come, Root and Offspring of David, the Morning Star, the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the Valley; standing with His covenant with the Church can't fail. The seven colors in the rainbow, the Seven Church Ages all blended together make one great resurrection of the body of Christ." Oh, my! Something begin to breathe out in me.

39 Now, remember the Breastplate is the Breast plate of judgment, therefore the colors are very significant that are in this breastplate. Especially the first and last. The first is red, which is Mercy, For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, and the red is Love but it is love shown by giving life. No greater Love that a man has than he lay down his life for a friend. And yet when the love and mercy are rejected, there is nothing left but judgment, and that is what the last stone is, Amber, a mix of Green and Yellow, for the Judge of all the earth is here in Judgment. The great wiggled one is here.

40 Revelation Chapter Four Pt 1 60-1231 174 Now, notice. Oh. He finished His work in earth, and He's took His church, and now He sends the judgment. The world rejected Him, and He sends His judgment. He and His church has gone to glory. John, there on the Isle of Pat... Patmos, a revelator to the church, has been the type of the church which is lifted up into glory, "Come up hither." Showing.. You say, "He represented the church?" To everyone that hears this Word, John represented him. Amen John was the representative of the Blood of Jesus Christ, testimony of the Word. He was a witness of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, with a personal fellowship with Christ, and he represented the entire church; that, every man or woman, boy or girl that ever believed in Christ and accept Him on the same grounds, he'll be summoned someday, "Come up hither," and be caught up before the tribulation. Remember, the tribulation time hasn't set in yet. This is being the time of setting of the judgment. John is being showed now what's going to take place after the church age. See? So it was.

41 Revelation Chapter Four Pt 1 60-1231 178 Now, notice again in the 3rd verse, or 2nd, "A throne set in heaven, and One set on the throne." Now, the same Spirit that was in the earth, had left and had gone to glory, and was setting... The same Jesus that's with us tonight in mercy was gone to glory and setting on the throne. And He that set on the throne was to look upon as jasper and... sardine stone: and there was a rainbow around about the throne, in the sight like unto an emerald.

42 Now let us return to the breastplate for just a moment. We can be very sure of the corner stone of the breastplate being a sardius and as we said before, the last stone is a jasper. It is interesting too, to notice that the two center stones are blue in color and of this we can be sure. So the very center of the breastplate, or that which is the controlling factor, is the power or Word of God.

In the colors as we have them and as agreed by most commentators, it is interesting to follow the progression of color as we go down either side to the jasper stone. For the most part, you see a variation of reds (Love), merging into yellows (trial or tested), then on into blues (Trueness) and finally into that which is green (Life) and Indigo (Royalty) representing the glorified immortal sons of God because in the Book o Revelations we are promised that "we shall reign as kings and priests." Either way you go on the breastplate, to the right and down, or to the left, in all cases it is surrounded by the two blue stones that are in the center (Exodus 28:17). We here have a reproduction of God in the midst of the twelve tribes of Israel during their wilderness wanderings; Christ in the midst of his twelve disciples and in the future our Lord as the completed manifestation of the Memorial Name, surrounded by cleansed, redeemed, Israel whose flag is blue.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit 58-0928M 116 Now, just before the last church age which was Pentecostal, is the lukewarm, Laodicean church age which is rejected... But remember, as Jesus was seen in the cross standing in the seven golden candlesticks, the darkest was what was the fartherest away from Him, His right hand and His left

hand. And He was to look upon as Alpha and Omega, not the in-between, the Alpha and Omega, as He had His hand stretched. And He was jasper and sardius stone, which was Benjamin and Reuben, the first and the last. There He had His hands stretched; there He stood.

43 Revelation 4:2-3 and 9-11, "And immediately I was in the Spirit: and behold, a throne was set in heaven, and ONE sat on the throne. And He That sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

44 Revelations Chapter 4 Pt 2 24 Elders 61-0101 196 But when John saw Him here, what was it? The day of redeeming was over. It was all over, so he seen Him back in His original condition, an amber color. Not only just half the world, it can only... The sun can only shines on half the world at a time (See?), as it goes around. But when John saw Him, He was setting to look upon as jasper and sardius stone, amber colors; mix the two together, you got amber. "And a amber color around the throne." Oh, my. Oh, I tell you, that just... We could just go on and on. Seven Spirits, seven colors, seven church ages, seven ministers, seven lights, everything's in a seven. God's perfect in seven. God worked six days; the seventh day He rested. The world will exist six thousand years, and the seventh thousand is the millennium.

45 Israel In Egypt 53-0325 160 And there He was standing there. What? And He was to look upon as Jasper and Sardius stone. What was Jasper? Was Reuben stone. What was Sardius? Benjamin. The first and the last, He was to look upon as the First and the Last. And a rainbow around His head, over the seven golden candlesticks... A rainbow, a covenant that God had made through Abraham, through Isaac, through Christ, through the church, by the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The robe of the seven colors that was upon Joseph, that was upon Jesus; it's upon the church today, protects. The body was covered up by the robe. And the church is not you; it's the Holy Ghost that's got you covered with the Blood, God's covenant, predestinated before the foundation of the world. Hallelujah. I just had to let that out. All right. It was about to burst me.

46 The next chart I want to show you is the 12 tribes of Israel and how they are associated with a specific Stone and Color.

47 Now, let me close in the next few minutes as we see how that Satan tried to duplicate everything that was for the sons of God, including the breastplate of the High Priest.

48 Ezekiel 28:12... Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest (thou fillest) up the sum, (the Hebrew word for Sum is Token, he filled up the token, the pattern that the Son of God set forth for all sons) full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. 13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. (Look, God created him that way.) 14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. 15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. (And iniquity is to know to do right and you won't do it.) 16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

49 Now, notice here. He has only three rows of stones, yet God set four rows in the breast plate of His High Priest Aaron.

50 Exodus 28:17 And thou shalt set in it settings of stones, even four rows of stones: the first row shall be a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: This shall be the first row.

Exodus 28:18 And the second row shall be an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.

Exodus 28:19 And the third row a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst.

Exodus 28:20 And the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be set in gold in their in-closings.

Exodus 28:21 And the stones shall be with the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet; (Now a signet is a small official seal for legal documents, contracts,) every one with his name shall they be according to the twelve tribes.

51 Notice row three which is perfection, is the row that is missing from Satan's breast-plate.

52 Notice the three stones and three colors which are missing from the breast plate of Satan.

53 The Ligure which was used for producing seals, The Afate which is a blood stone signifying no blood because it was missing, and the Amethyst which is the color of the grape, and represents the stimulation of revelation, and notice this particular stone means to be healthy, so no stone no healing.

54 So where did the life form come from that kills and lies and shows forth a standard of judgment that is wicked and evil? Jesus Himself called these men serpent seed. But even before the serpent, we find the source of iniquity actually in Lucifer.

55 Let's stop here for a moment and break down the attributes of this created being. "Thou sealest up the sum"... sealest = chattham meaning to affix a seal. Brother Branham said the seal could not be placed until the item was full. Therefore he filled up the sum. SUM = tokniyth from the root word, To'-ken, which means the pattern. Next we read he was "full of wisdom" ... Full = maw-lay which means fullness.... Wisdom comes from Hebrew word chokmah hok-mah, wisdom in administration, and comes from the root word chakam hawk-ham meaning to teach wisdom. So we see he was a leader in the administration and in teaching in worship. In Marriage and Divorce 65-0221M 17-5, brother Branham said: Did you know Satan was coequal with God one day? Sure was, all but a creator; he was everything, stood at the right hand of God in the heavens, a great leading cherubim.

56 Seal Of The Antichrist 55-0311 E-18 The right hand man of Almighty God was Lucifer, the son of the morning. The first, God granted him almost co-workers with Him; he was a co-worker, partly equal with Him; only Satan could not create. God is the only Creator, but Satan took something that God created and perverted it back into something else, evil.

57 Let Your Light So Shine Before Men 61-0903 Do you know what caused the first battle in heaven, was when Lucifer set up a greater class of people, got a better class of angels, he thought, big a bigger kingdom, a more brighter, shinier kingdom than Michael had. And he was kicked out of heaven. See where class comes from? Stay away from class.

58 Christ is the Mystery 63-0728 79-1 Notice, in this last days, Lucifer's doing the same thing. Can you see it? The devil doing the same thing, building up a hybrid church, by hybrid members, hybrid by knowledge instead of the Word, by intellectual men instead of born again men, building an intellectual kingdom that'll outshine Christ's little bitty flock. See? What is it that did that? Fallen angels. The Bible said it was fallen angels who listened to Lucifer instead of Christ, who they once belonged to? Is that right? Now, listen close. Fallen angels, what kind of angels? Luther, Wesley, Catholic, Pentecostal who kept not their first estate like the angels did and has fell into organizations like Lucifer's main hold at Nicaea... And what have they done? Organized a great ecumenical association of ministers to make an image unto the beast, as the Bible said, and building a Christian economy that'll close the doors of this church and others like it. See Lucifer at his work? I'm trying to bring you the threefold revelation or mystery of God. What did they do? sold out to reasonings of wisdom and education like Eve did, fallen angels did. Wesley was a man of God, but what followed him? Fallen angels got into it. What was

the angels first? Created beings of God that fell for Lucifer's wisdom. And you see what they become? Fallen angels. And organizations from man of God who's went forth to establish truths in the earth, before that truth could go along and proclaimate and get on to the real revelation of Christ, fallen angels come in and took it over and made denominations out of it.

59 Only One Way Provided By God 63-0731 56 Lucifer, at the beginning, wanted to build himself a kingdom which was greater and more beautiful than Michael's Kingdom, Christ. That was his ambitions to achieve something like that. And what did he get to do it by? He took fallen angels who had lost their first estate. He took that to do it with. And today Lucifer has got into the church, and taken away the Word, and injected denominations, and he's building a church, the ecumenical move that's going on now, to unite all the Protestants together, and altogether come into Catholic. And this pope they got in now, to do the same thing, exactly what the Scripture said it would do. And what's he doing it by? He's doing it by men of those great ecumenical moves, who does not know God; and the many of them in the Pentecostals, 'cause they're doing the same. What is it? He's doing it with fallen angels, fallen Lutherans, fallen Methodists, fallen Pentecostals, that lost their original estate from the Word of God, and going right back in to make a great big ecumenical move. Fallen messengers, messengers who once stayed with the Word, but sold out their birthrights and joined in with the world...

60 God of this Evil Age 65-0801M 79 Sin never begin in the garden of Eden; it begin in heaven when Lucifer, the son of the morning, exalted himself in beauty and wanted a more beautiful kingdom than that of Michael. And he thought that God dwelled in beauty. And notice Cain. He didn't want no blood sacrifice. He come down and offered the fruit or the fields of beauty upon his altar. Very religious, done everything just exactly like Abel done, offered a sacrifice, fell down before God in worship, obedient in every way, but without the revelation of the Word. And the Word was from the beginning, God's plan. But God revealed by revelation the very thing that He vindicated and punctuated that that was right: not religion, not an altar, not belonging to church, not making a sacrifice, not being sincere, but by the revelation of the Word of God, God revealing to him what his mother did not take a apple that a snake give her, but she had a sexual affair with the person of Satan in the form of the beast, not a reptile, but the most smartest, subtlest of all the field,...

61 "Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth" He was the anointed or consecrated cherub that covereth. The word is cakak means to overshadow or lay over.... "and I have set thee [so]"...God made him this way. God created him to lead in the worship with Michael, and God placed him on free moral agency knowing this would bring on his own fall, and the fall of others. If you don't believe this, then you do not believe God knew all things beforehand and ordained some to condemnation, in which case there are several scriptures you will need to rip out of your Bible.

62 Serpent's Seed 58-0928E 13-5 When He made Lucifer, He knowed he would be the devil. And He had to let it be there to show that He was the Saviour, the Christ. He had to let it happen that way.

63 "Thou was perfect (complete, entire, finished off) in all thy ways (course of life). "Until iniquity was found in thee" This word iniquity means un-right-wise-ness. It means to deviate. This one deviated from the truth, and he is the progenitor of those who do deviate from the truth. Jesus tells us how these two forms of life came to grow up side by side with one another in his parable of the wheat and tares.

64 MATTHEW 13:24 ¶ Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: 25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. 26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. 27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? From whence then, hath it tares? 28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? 29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up

also the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn. But the question is who planted those tares? What is their source.

65 Jesus explains this in Matthew 13:36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. 37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; (Jesus is called by the title Son of Man more times than any other title in the scripture. This title, Son of Man, signifies a prophet and he will come forth sowing seed. 38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; 39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil;

66 Brother Branham explains this in 70-1 Ephesian Church Age Book CPT 3 The parable of the Lord Jesus Christ said that the kingdom of heaven was like unto a man who sowed good seed, only to have an enemy come and plant tares amongst those good seeds. God did not plant the tares. Satan planted those tares right amongst the good seed of God. Those two kinds of plants (people), from two different seeds, grew up together. They partook of the nourishment in the same earth, they shared in the same sun, rain, and all other benefits, and both were harvested in their turn. Do you see it? Don't ever forget these truths as we study the church ages and later the seals. And above all, don't forget that it is in this last age, when the tares are getting bound for their burning, that they will shove out the wheat that is to be garnered by the Lord.

67 Now, we know that in the beginning God first gave birth to His Son Jesus. He was not God the Son, but He was the Son of God. Then immediately this Son of God, Who came forth like a little light, began to be used by God in bringing forth the creation of God.

68 As Brother Branham continued in Q & A on Genesis, in pp. 32 he goes on to say, "Now, in St. John 1 He said, "In the beginning was the Word. And the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." God unfolding Himself down to a human being, now, watch how He did it. Now, back there, then, when this little halo comes... Now, we can't see nothing yet, but just by eyes of just supernatural we see a halo standing there. Now, that's the Son of God, the Logos, Now, I can see Him playing around like a little child before the Father's door, with all eternity. See? And now, then in His imaginary make-up He begin to think of what things would be, and I can hear Him say, "Let there be light." And when He did, an atom burst and the sun came into existence.

69 The Son of God was the first Born of God, but the first creation were the angels.

70 Five identifications 60-0911E 177 The first thing He created was angels to worship Him, then He become God. And that is because the word God means an object of worship and he could not be an object of worship without any to worship him.

71 Identified Christ of all Ages 64-0409 E-25 "In the beginning was the Word." Before It was even expressed, It was a thought, attribute. In this thinking He was to be God. Probably created angels first, then He was worshipped, He was God.

72 Now, I believe the first angel created was Lucifer, because he was called because he is the arch angel or the chief or first angel.

Influence 64-0315 E-37 Note the heavenly Seraphims with coverings over their faces. Now, the Seraphims is the burners of the sacrifice, which is one of the highest orders of angels. They're next to the cherubims. There is angels, and then Seraphims, and then cherubims. And Seraphims is actually the burner of the sacrifice, making the way for the sinners' approach, a real high order of holiness in the temple of God.

73 Rev. Chptr. 4 PT 3 Throne Mercy 61-0108 298 Cain and Abel come up here to worship. So it must've been an altar that they guard (Is that right?), these Cherubims.

74 So the cherubim is the highest order of angels, the first order then Seraphims and then angels.

75 Revelations Chapter 4 Pt 3 Throne of Mercy 61-0108 301 Moses was taken up into heaven: Moses, taken from the earth up into heaven and saw the altar of God. Is that right? I'm trying to prove my point here. You know what I'm trying to do, don't you? All right. He went up in the Presence of God. And when he descended from the Presence of God, God told Moses, "Make everything on earth as patterned after heaven." Is that right? All right. Now, then when he did, when he made the ark of the covenant, he put two Cherubims to guard the ark. See what it is? It was the temple... It was the altar, the throne guards. The two Cherubims, He said, "Mold them out of brass and put their wings a touching like this," because that's exactly what he saw in heaven. That's exactly what John saw in heaven, these four Cherubims on the four sides of the ark of the throne in heaven. They were the guards of the ark. Cherubims, guards at the mercy seat. If you want to read that Scripture (We ain't got time to go to it.), put down Exodus 25:10 to 22. Now, they guard the mercy seat when God is in His Shekinah Glory. Where was the Shekinah Glory? At the mercy seat. Is that right? They guard that Shekinah Glory. Um. Whew.

76 Now, to this point I believe we can establish that Lucifer was a co-worker leading in the worship of God as we already read from brother Branham's words. He taught, therefore he was a teacher. He knows the Word of God, but where he went off was by adding his own thoughts to what God said. He was perfect in all his ways until iniquity was found in him. He perverted the Word. He twisted it for his own self interest. He was not satisfied with being a good steward of the Word of God. He wanted a bigger kingdom than Michael (Christ) had. That's what Br. Branham taught us.

77 Notice, Paul calls him an angel of Light in II Corinthians 11:13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

78 And when Satan came to Jesus, what did he come with? The Word of God, only twisted. He came to Eve in the Garden as an indwelling spirit in the serpent and what did he come to Eve with? The Word of God, only twisted. He is always that way. It is His nature.

79 Luke 10:17 ¶ And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. 18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

80 So we see that the first Light that came forth was the Logos which brother Branham taught us was Son of God. Then we find the Cherubim's were created to guard the altar of God. And Lucifer was the leading, anointed Cherub. He was anointed for a ministry of the Word and he blew it by adding his own thoughts.

81 Ezekiel 28:17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: Notice it was his brightness that corrupted his wisdom. This word brightness is the Hebrew word, yiph'ah {yif-aw'} meaning; splendor, brightness, shining and comes from the root word yapha which is the same word which describes the Shekinah Presence. It is the same word used in the following Scriptures.

82 Deuteronomy 33:2 And he said, The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for them.

83 Psalm 50:2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.

84 Psalm 80:1 ¶ To the chief Musician upon Shoshannimeduth, A Psalm of Asaph. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest between the cherubims, shine forth.

85 So we see that Lucifer shown forth as a light. And since the Son of God was that first light, we can see how that Lucifer, who also was a light, and was made to fill the pattern, was the same in every detail except without Eternal Life or God life, for he was a created being, and being that he had a beginning he will surely have an end.

86 And so we see the great falling away begin in Heaven when Lucifer, now referred to as Satan, was cast out along with 1/3 of the host of heaven who followed his wrong teaching. Then he came down to earth to continue the war against the sons of God.

87 Revelation 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

88 We find him in the earth back in the garden of Eden as one of the two trees which God placed but did not plant in the garden. 85-2 Ephesian Church Age - CA Book Ch 3 There are those twins again. There are those two trees again, growing side by side in the same earth, partaking of the same nourishment, drinking in the same rain, and benefiting by the same sun. But they come from DIFFERENT seeds. One tree is for the Word of God, exactly as God gave it, and loves and obeys it. The other tree is from the seed that is anti the Word of God and changes it where it wants to. It substitutes its own creeds and dogmas for the living true Word exactly as did Cain, who ended up killing Abel. But fear not little flock. Stay with the Word. Keep that Word between you and the devil. Eve did not do that and she failed. And when the church lets down on the Word she goes into the depths of the darkness of Satan.

89 Now, in closing let me say this, we have shown you that Lucifer's breast plate did not have the three things that are essential for every Christian professing to a Son of God. He did not have the seals, the blood and the stimulation of Revelation. And you will find that every true son of God must have revelation for if he does not, he is not a son of God, because the Apostle Paul taught us in 1 Corinthians 2:11 I'll paraphrase, "no man can understand the things of God unless the Spirit of God is in Hm." And Paul also said in verse 14 "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. Notice he said, "he can't know them", that means it is impossible for him that is not born again to understand the things of God unless God's Spirit is living and abiding in him.

90 One more quote and we will close, 52 Anointed Ones 65-0725M These trees, the true vine and false vine... You've heard me preach on that from years ago, how they grew up together. Brought them in individuals and showed that from Cain and Abel, the two vines that met at an altar, both of them religious, both of them anointed, both of them desiring life and worshipping the same God, and one was rejected and the other received. And the only way that the one that was received could've done anything different from his brother, it was revealed to him, for the Bible said, "By faith (Hebrews 11th chapter)--by faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than that of Cain, which God testified that he was righteous." Jesus said (the spiritual revelation of Who He was), "Who does man say I, the Son of man am?" Peter said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." "Blessed art thou, Simon son of Jonas; flesh and blood never revealed this to you; My Father which is in heaven has revealed it. Upon this rock I'll build My church." What? The true revelation of the Word. There's the True Vine again. "Abel, by faith..."

91 Let us pray...