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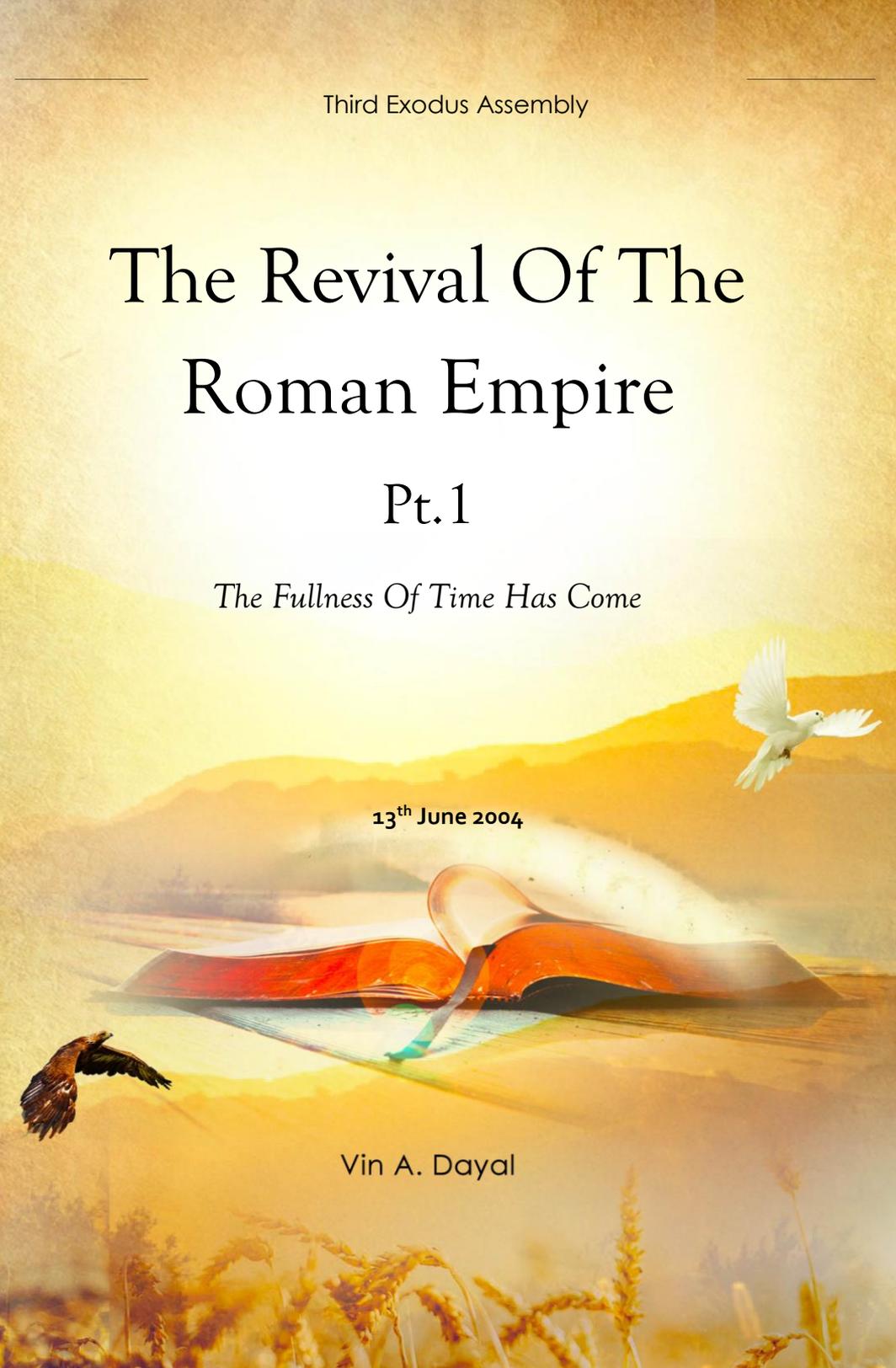
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... For I know the Dove is here,

He has come...

He has come to lead God's Eagles

And I know He will guide me.

And keep me in His Word.

How many want to follow? How many desires to surrender? Let's lift our hands and just sing it: I just want to follow. He will lead you into a Perfect Faith and take you all the way back Home to that great Theophany. Thank You, Jesus! That's the Spirit of Truth, the Holy Spirit, leading the Church in the End Time, leading us back to the Tree of Life

The way that You will go;

Oh, for I know...

... I know You will lead me

Oh, in the footprints...

... the footprints that You have left,

And I know...

Oh, You will guide me

And keep me in this path.

And keep me in this path.

Let us bow our hearts in His Presence.

Heavenly Father, as we express that deep desire to follow You, we think of David who said, "My heart is fixed and my soul followeth hard after Thee." What a

blessed privilege, dear God, to have You as our Leader and our Guide, that You have come back in these last days, Lord God, You have found a place in Your Church, the elected, Father, knowing dear God, that the great systems have put You out; they have shut the doors upon You, Jesus. But You said, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if any man will hear My Voice and open the door, I will come in and sup with him.”

And we are thankful, dear God, that You have given us grace to recognize Your Voice, to open up our hearts unto You, to bring our lives in submission to Your Word, to recognize, dear God, through our own failings, Lord, that we cannot lead ourselves but we need a Leader and a Guide.

Oh God, when You made man in the very beginning, You designed him so that he could not lead himself. You likened us as unto Your sheep – so easy to go astray, dear God. But Lord, You came to lead us and to guide us, and Lord God, how we have found that there is a power in following Your leadership because Lord, You have guided us to a fully surrendered life, and to find out that a man fully surrendered to God becomes omnipotent.

Lord, like Joseph, he became a prisoner, but when he was surrendered to Your will, Lord God, when he saw Your wisdom, how You led him, dear God, through the pathway of suffering, he saw he was brought into the presence of his king and given power, Father.

And Lord God, we thank You today to know, Lord God, that all those trials and all those testings, Lord, all those places, Lord, where You had to break our self-will, where You had to empty us out of ourselves Father, where You brought us to a real Golgotha, oh God, today we can walk in resurrection power.

Lord, like You led Israel, Father, You said, “I will send Mine Angel and He will keep you in the way.” Oh, You guided them with Your eyes, Father, and the Elect followed You until they died, dear God. You brought

them across Jordan, Lord, even like You brought Elisha across Jordan, Father. And Lord, they came up, Lord, finding power, dear God. Oh God, we thank You today that You are the same yesterday and today and forever.

Lord, I pray that Your Holy Spirit, Lord, will speak to every heart today. Move in every life individually and collectively as we gather in this place, as part of the Church of the Living God, that Lord God, You have given a commission to assemble themselves especially as we see the Day approaching, Lord, because You desire to visit us, Lord. You said, "Where two or three are gathered in My Name, there I am in their midst," and to know that Your Presence is here today.

Lord, we pray that Your Holy Spirit will take under consideration every need that we have. Anoint the faith in the hearts of Your children even now, Lord God, to confess those needs in Your Presence and to believe, oh God, Father, as they ask in faith, Lord, that they have received what they are asking for, knowing that they shall have it, dear God, that You will show that You are faithful to Your promise, You will show that Your promises are yea and amen; You will show that You are a God that keeps Your Word. Lord, may You grant it today, Father. And Lord, may they find that You are faithful, and may they find that Your power is true, and may they find, oh God, that Your promises, Lord, are certain, Father. Grant it today, dear God. Lord, in the Name of Jesus Christ, we pray and we ask these mercies.

Now Lord, we pray that You will lead us in all that is to be said and done. We look to You, Father, even as we sing, "Let the Dove lead the Eagle," this great Spirit of Truth that is leading the Church into all Truth. Oh, may You grant it, Father.

And Lord God, may even, where Your children are gathered out there in the region, Lord, speaking with some of them and hearing, oh God, their testimonies, how oh God, You have so linked us up in the Spirit, and

Lord God, how You have blessed them out there in Dominica, and St. Vincent and Grenada and Tobago and St. Kitts, Lord; our brother, Lord, and his family in St. Lucia, are fixing to come, Lord, we are just praying that Your great Holy Spirit, Lord, will watch over Your children in this great gathering time, oh God, knowing that our gathering is unto You.

And I pray, Lord God, as they stand at their post of duty today, You will bless them, dear God. Your Holy Spirit will rain down in their midst; You will supply their every need. Oh God, they will find, Lord, that You are so present amongst them; so sensitive to every situation that they will have. May You give them rest. May it be multiplied. May they have peace, oh God, and may they find that Your blessings and Your promises are good at every gate. Grant it, Lord.

Now we commit everything into Your hands, Father. May You get honor and glory in our midst. Remember even the strangers and the visitors, those that You have drawn by Your Holy Spirit among us today. God, You said, "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." Give them that which they have need of, Father, that they will know beyond a shadow of a doubt, surely the Presence of the Lord is in this place. This is none other than the gate to Heaven. Grant it we ask, in Jesus' Name, amen. Amen.

Praise Him. God bless you. We are happy to be gathered with you this morning and stand here to represent the Lord Jesus Christ and we are looking forward for a great time in His Presence today. Amen? Praise His wonderful Name.

I would like to invite your attention this morning to a Scripture over in the Book of Daniel, Chapter 9. I trust that by us trying to focus our attention in this Book, it has caused you to do some reading in It and is getting under the prophetic utterance of the Bible, knowing It is a Book of prophecy; it's prophecy for the End Time. And we believe that this Book that was sealed is opened.

The vision and prophecy that was sealed up is now being made plain.

Daniel Chapter 9, I'm going to just pick a couple of places, reading from verse 21.

21 Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

And I believe this is the time of the Evening oblation; this is the time of the Evening Sacrifice. Amen. Gabriel has appeared in these last days again and I trust, by God's grace, that you have received a touch. Amen.

22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.

23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

I believe with this mighty Angel coming down at Evening Time, that the Bride too has received skill and understanding. I believe the Bride too is understanding the matter, is considering the vision, this great vision that shows us all the way to the consummation. Amen.

24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgressions, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity...

That's the third thing. To finish the transgression was the first; make an end of sins – second; make reconciliation for iniquity – third; to bring in everlasting righteousness – four; to seal up the vision and prophecy – five; to anoint the most Holy. There was a six-fold purpose of Gabriel's visit. Six things He was opening here.

25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem...

Because the vision was, “For thy people and upon thy holy city.” See? Verse 24 says:

24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people...

Which is Daniel’s people – the Jews.

... and upon thy holy city...

Which is Jerusalem. And Jerusalem at that time, you know, was in ashes, in ruins. Nebuchadnezzar had burned the city, burned the temple; took them into captivity in Babylon. And Daniel realized, “Sixty-eight years have passed.” He was seeking God. He had found this great revelation of time running out in Jeremiah’s writings. And then while he was praying, Gabriel came. And then these six things were opened up to him by Gabriel.

And He said:

25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince...

And the Jews, remember, were looking for the Messiah since Genesis Chapter 3:15. Since the Fall, God promised the Messiah was going to come; the woman was going to have a Seed. Moses said, “God will raise up a Prophet like unto me.” All down through the Old Testament... “Abraham,” God said, “you will have a Seed; all the families of the earth are going to be blessed. That Seed is going to possess the gates of the enemies.” And so, down they went. He told David, “You’ll have the Throne and of your Kingdom, there is going to be no end. You will have a Son” and these things. And all these things... So, they knew these promises.

So, when Gabriel here was speaking, now He’s telling them:

... from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks...

And think of it: nobody knew exactly when the Messiah was going to come. They were just looking for Him by faith. They believed the promise but they didn't know how much time until the Messiah came. But Gabriel now is revealing to Daniel something about the Messiah coming. From the going forth of the commandment to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem unto the Messiah, was going to be seven weeks and threescore and two weeks.

... the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

Because even the wall was broken down, and all the stones were in the rubbish. Nehemiah tells you that, because he was the one who rebuilt the wall in troublous times.

²⁶ And after [after] threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself...

And if the Jews had really understood Daniel and believed these things, they weren't going to get trouble with a dying Messiah. Because on the Cross they said, "Come down from the Cross and we will believe You," because they felt the Messiah shouldn't die. They couldn't see a dying Messiah, yet all the things were there.

And it's so strange how they were offering up that lamb on the Day of the Passover, singing the 22nd Psalm at the time of the evening sacrifice; the veil of the temple was rent in twain when that lightning bolt struck it and rent it from the top to the bottom; all these things; the genuine Mercy Seat was in plain view when the veil of His flesh was rent in twain, by the piercing of that spear, and the Blood that could take away sins was flowing

from the Lamb of God, the Immanuel, and here it was, they were missing all of that; having the Scriptures but having the wrong interpretation because they had belonged to organization: Sadducees and Pharisees.

They had gotten away from the prophetic Word and they got into rabbi schools, rabbinical schools, and all these kinds of different things and synagogues and these things, and they got into a man-made system, and now they were blinded. The veil was upon their hearts, the ecclesiastical veil. While Moses was read, the veil was on their hearts.

And so, they could not recognize the Word being fulfilled especially when He kept saying, "Search the Scriptures, in Them you think you have Eternal Life but They testify of Me. If I don't do the works, don't believe Me; if I do the works, I am He." But they couldn't see it because He wasn't a Sadducee; He wasn't a Pharisee.

See, organizational spirit, they only believe what is in their organization. But God is not obligated to any organization because that's a man-made system. Moses didn't build any, Jeremiah didn't build any, Elijah didn't build any, Isaiah didn't build any; none of the prophets built those things. When they went down to Babylon, they had none, but when they came back out of Babylon, they had synagogues and they had rabbinical schools and they had all these different things. They had the Talmud and they had all these different things when they came back out.

And so, you find that it's the same way, the Church went down into Mystery Babylon, died too, taken into captivity, they came back out with organizations: Catholic and Baptist, and Methodist and Jehovah's Witnesses and Pentecostals and all different things, which are man-made systems. But when the Church went down into the ground, it was apostolic. How many know that? Paul didn't start any organization, Peter didn't start any, Philip didn't start any; Stephen and they didn't belong to any. There was no organization

back there. Amen. It was a mystical Body. Amen. So, you watch the Old Testament and watch the New Testament, it is always the same.

So verse 26:

26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off...

And He's speaking here about Calvary, when He died there.

... but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary...

Because remember, they were going back to rebuild the temple and the city. In the time of Ezra and Nehemiah, Haggai, Zerubbabel all of them who laid the foundation were going to bring back the Headstone; they rebuilt the city and the temple and all these things. Nehemiah rebuilt the wall.

But when Titus came in the days after Messiah was cut off, the city was destroyed again and the temple burned again and destroyed. Today they have no temple; they pray at the 'Weeping Wall' [Wailing Wall -Ed.], the Western Wall. They don't offer any sacrifice; they get there and they pray and they recite the Scriptures. I've been there myself.

So, you see, they are looking for that third temple, and they are looking to restore all the animal sacrifices and these things. They already have found their priesthood, they already have all their instruments, they already have their garments, their clothing, they have their red heifers; everything they have there. They have all the materials for the temple; everything. They are just waiting for the site to erect these things and start over.

Yet when they start over, they are going to find out that is not the sacrifice, because they are blinded. "Israel was blinded until the fullness of the Gentiles, but Israel's blindness is in part" – Romans 11. This is a mystery.

And in the last days, Revelation Chapter 3, this Age we are living in, the Gentiles, the Laodicean church is blind. As Israel was blinded for the Gospel to come to us, now this church world is blind so the Gospel can go back to Israel. And the same way that they rejected the Messiah back there in their blindness, they have rejected the Messiah again, because it was promised in the last Age: “Even thus shall it be when *the* Son of Man shall be revealed.”

Because the Son of Man was revealed to Jews and Samaritans; never to Gentiles. But Gentiles were promised that at the end of the Church Ages. Because in the Church Ages, He was Son of God; at the end of the Church Ages, He is Son of Man. Is that right? And then He came and they rejected It this time.

So, we know the whole world is blind. Jews are blinded; Gentiles are blinded. Both are blind right now; that’s the whole world. But the Bible says, “Come and buy Eyesalve.” A little group of the true Seed is receiving Eyesalve through the opening of the Seven Seals, to recognize their Day and their Message. And what are we recognizing? “Come out of Babylon!” And God is raising up a Church, up to immortality, for the Rapture. Seven Thunders will show you how to prepare for Rapturing Faith.

So it’s a great time. It’s a time to understand. It’s a time to capitalize on opportunities like this when you are in the house of God. It’s a time to come prayed up, it’s a time to come under expectation; it’s a time to come with your heart open before God if you understand.

Because the whole world is blind. “Gross darkness is on the earth and upon the people, but arise and shine your Light is come.” But what good is light to a blind man? Jews are blind and Gentiles are blind, so the Light is no good to them. But Eyesalve, “Come and buy Eyesalve.” The elected will not be deceived; Her eyes will be open. Her eyes will be open. Amen.

26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come...

That was Titus, the Romans. Because notice, Daniel, you know, was receiving all this revelation here, from Gabriel, but even in Daniel's Beast, he wondered about the fourth Beast. And this is the fourth Beast. This is the prince from the fourth Beast that Gabriel is speaking of. Because it was the Romans that destroyed Jerusalem and scattered them into the earth. It was Titus, a Roman general, who destroyed the sanctuary. See?

... the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city...

Which he did – AD 70.

... and the sanctuary...

Which he did. Jesus said, "Not one stone will remain standing on this temple." You know that.

... and the end thereof shall be with a flood [persecutions], and unto the end of the war...

He had laid a whole siege around the nation, you know that, and starved them out and they even ate their children. They boiled them; they were stealing one another's children from their houses. The historian Josephus records it. And the streets ran like rivers of blood because Titus... Because Jesus had warned them, "Let not your flight be in winter, neither on the Sabbath day. The time is going to come, Jerusalem will be compassed with armies." See?

And then they were weeping and crying, all emotional when they were crucifying Him. He turned around and said, "Don't weep for Me," He said, "weep for yourselves." Because in those days you will say, "Blessed are they who don't give suck." In other words, who doesn't have any little babies, because everything

was going to die, be slaughtered, when Titus came. So, it's such a thing that happened.

*... and unto the end of the war
desolations are determined.*

And all of this was being foretold. They hadn't even gone out of Babylon yet, yet God was telling them, their sanctuary will be destroyed and their city will be destroyed, and they were going back to rebuild it. But even before they left Babylon to go back and rebuild it, God was telling them it was going to be destroyed again. Could you imagine that? Could you imagine that? Think about that.

May the Lord bless the reading of His Word! You may have your seats.

Amen. I would like to turn to Galatians 4 there now, and I want to speak this morning on, **"THE REVIVAL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE"**, and for a little subject, **"The Fullness Of Time Has Come"**.

And I want you to follow me, because I'm dealing with time a little bit here, and I'm looking at something that I preached on before, and I'm just bringing back some of these things, but even in a little different way.

Galatians 4, verse 4. Paul was writing here, this great apostle and prophet of the New Testament, first messenger to the Gentile Church, the man who laid the foundation revelation. The world is going to be judged by his Gospel. He said if an angel comes from heaven preaching anything different to what he preached, let him be accursed. He knew that he, like Zerubbabel, was ordained of God to lay that foundation. He said, "No other foundation can be laid than that which was laid, which is Jesus Christ." Galatians 4:

*⁴ But when the fulness of time was come,
God sent forth his Son, made of a woman,
made under the law,*

"When the fullness of time was come!" What is God talking about? There was an appointed time, also, like It says, "And when the Day of Pentecost was fully

come...” It tells you that outpouring at Pentecost had to come on the fiftieth day after the Resurrection. But It doesn't just give you the time, It shows you the condition of the people. It says, “They were in one mind and one accord, in one place.”

So it's nice when you know the time, but it's nice when you see the people in the condition that they ought to be in when that time arrives. Do you get that? There's a time for the Rapture, for the church to be translated, but there's a condition of Rapturing Faith and perfection the church must come to, in that time. And all those who have not come to that maturity will not go in the Rapture, because that's for the Elect. But those who are ordained to go, are ordained to come to that place. Just like those who were ordained to receive the Holy Spirit, were ordained to be in the upper room.

And so, when the fullness of time was come, the time it was promised, the Messiah was going to come. Since the Garden of Eden, and for four thousand years, they looked for it. And then John stood up one day, and here a prophet now, the first prophet since Abel, since Adam and Eve back there were given the promise, could say, “There is One standing among you Whom you know not. Behold, the Lamb of God.” There was one in that hour, who could reveal and identify this Messiah, because he was commissioned to reveal and introduce this Messiah to the people.

It says:

⁴ [So] *when the fulness of time was come,
God sent forth his Son, made of a woman,
[and] made under the law,*

And He was coming for a purpose. Since from the Garden of Eden, it was promised the woman's Seed was to do, what? Bruise the Serpent's head.

⁵ *To redeem them that were under the
law, that we might receive the adoption of
sons.*

Because in the Bible in Galatians 3, also says, “We were kept shut up under the law,” and the law... There was no salvation in the law. The law was to show man that he was a sinner. The law had no redemption in it. The law condemned man but the law could not save man. So, man was like, shut up in a prison, kept shut up until the Son would come, until the Word could be made flesh; until there was a Redeemer Who could pay the man’s price to take him out of bondage.

Because by birth, man fell into bondage, and no man could redeem another man, because all man who are born by sex, are trapped in that bondage. And until a man doesn’t come with a New Birth, he can’t take any man, who is shut up under the old birth, into a New Birth. Do you get that? And from Adam to Jesus, there was no man who came by the Spoken Word; every man came by sex.

Adam was God’s first created son; Jesus was God’s only begotten Son. Adam came outside of a woman by the Spoken Word; Jesus came through a woman by the Spoken Word. The reason He came through a woman, He came through the human race, was because He had to be a Kinsman. He was being born under the law of redemption as a Kinsman, so He could perform the role and function of a Kinsman by being related to man, coming through the stream of human beings. And that was the plan of God. That’s why He promised Abraham, He’ll be his Son; He promised David, He’ll be his Son. Is that right?

From the very beginning, Abel and Seth represented the death and resurrection: Abel was slain; Seth was raised up in Abel’s stead. Then Isaac, heir of all things, the beloved son, who got the bride at evening time, was Abraham’s seed; he was a type of the real Bridegroom, the real Heir of all things. Then David had a son, Solomon, who built the temple and God established his throne; he was a type of the real Son, who was going to build the house of God, and God was going to establish

His Throne. So every time God promised a man the Seed, it unfolded part of the mystery that this Seed was going to come for, so they could understand Who He is, what He is; what He will make available for them.

And that's beautiful, isn't it? That's why when Jesus came, like Isaac, He had the Cross. Isaac had the wood going up the mountain already in the determinate counsel of God to die. And Jesus was going up on that mountain to die for us.

Look at it! Like Abel, he was slain for his revelation; hated by Cain. He had told him, "You are of your father, the Devil." And that wicked church, with that man-made system, who couldn't receive correction from the Word, He said, "In vain do these worship. God needs those who will worship in Spirit and Truth." But they held on to their traditions and they refused correction and they turned around and they killed Him. Is that right?

And then like David's son, Solomon, He said, "Upon this Rock, I will build my Church." And He told them, "Pray Thy Kingdom come. My Kingdom is not of this world." He was showing them how He came to build a house and He was going to have a Kingdom. Even when Pilate asked Him, "Art Thou a King?" He said, "Thou sayest. Right now, I can call for legions of angels."

So all through there, watch Him, how He was unfolding Himself. He came as a Kinsman to redeem them who were under the law. He came, when? When the fullness of the time was come. Now, you notice, I am emphasizing that because in Daniel, he is told specifically: "From the going forth of the commandment, unto Messiah, when He is going to be introduced to you by that prophet."

Because nobody was going to know Him. The nation would not know Him. One or two people will get a revelation, (sure,) like the wise men, but they were no messengers to the nation. Do you get that? Like Simeon

and Anna, they got a revelation but they were no messengers to the nation. It was not...

Why? Isaiah 40 had said, "I will send a forerunner; he will prepare the way." And when John was born, his ministry: "He will go forth in the Spirit and power of Elijah." He will have the ministry to introduce the Messiah. He is going to stand and close up the Old Testament and do away with all the natural sacrifices and bring them from the shadow to the Substance saying, "Behold, the Lamb of God that can take away the sins of the world."

He had that prophetic ministry in the conjunction between the Old Testament and the New Testament; he was going to stand there. He came baptizing unto repentance: "Believe on the Lamb Who will come." Simeon, the shepherds, the wise men, never told anybody about, "Baptize and get ready to receive a Messiah." These were like individual people having a little revelation, but for the Age, a prophet was to stand there at the end of the Old Testament and introduce the Word.

So Gabriel was saying, "From the time of the going forth to this One" when John... Because remember, nobody knew who He was. He stood on the banks of the Jordan and they were wondering... They didn't even know who John was. Because they were taught, "Elias must first come before you see the Messiah."

How many remember in Matthew 17, the disciples met some Pharisees and they said, "You all say that Man is the Messiah. Where is Elias? Elias must come first."

And it shook them up, and they went back to Jesus and said, "Master, the scribes and they said, 'Elias must first come.'"

He said, "Elias already came and they did unto him whatsoever they listed."

Why? They knew according to the Scripture that there was going to be a ministry because, "Behold, I

send My Messenger before My face. There will be a voice of one now; one crying in the wilderness.” Simeon, Anna, and all of them weren’t one, but one, one man, the Word was going to come to. “As John was sent to forerun the First Coming, so shall you forerun the Second Coming!” Amen.

So watch there. I want you to see this. I’m trying to bring to you the time. Now, Israel did not know, the Jews did not know how much time they had left in the economy of God. Do you know that? They didn’t know. But when Gabriel came, He said, “Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people until all of God’s purpose for you is fulfilled.”

And God gave a specific time. But what was the Jewish nation? They were Abraham’s seed. What was God’s plan for Abraham? He was going to have a Seed that all the families of the earth were going to be blessed. The same Seed promised to Adam and Eve was promised to Abraham. The same Seed promised to Abraham was promised to David. Is that right? The same Seed that was promised to David, came through Mary. Is that right? That was the highway of the promise. Amen. Here was the One, promised as God, coming down through the Age.

When He gave that to Adam and Eve, the Prophet said, “That was the world”; there were no other human beings there. And they had that promise. God had already shown it in the heavens. How many know that? Adam could look in the heavens and read that Virgo is the first sign. Amen. And in that sign, that woman was going to bring forth a Man Child. The Desire of all nations was going to come. Amen.

He was going to die. A woman holding a sheaf of wheat! Amen. He was going to be the Corn of Wheat. He was going to be the promised Seed, that when this One comes and falls in the ground and dies, He will bring forth many more like Himself; multiplied form. Glory!

For the Seed to reproduce Himself and bring forth a whole race He has to die.

The mystery was in the heavens in the Bible. No wonder Adam stepped out there and identified himself with Eve. Why? He could have read that. He could have read that. He knew that was part of the plan of God. That's part of the plan of God. Why? The Word was forever settled in Heaven! Before man was on the earth, God, the Lamb, was slain in the back-part of God's Mind, written in the first Bible. Glory be to God!

Oh, when your faith could find a resting place, when you know the Word of God, even though it's hard, amen, you can walk in the revealed will of God. But when you are guessing and you are not sure, and you are going with somebody's influence and you are hoping they are right, and you don't know what they are talking about, then you always are kind of wanting to believe but then you are having doubts. But when you see it in the Word, "Heaven and earth will pass away but the Word will never pass away. It is impossible for God to lie." Is that what the Bible says? "Let every man's Word be a lie but let God's Word be the Truth."

Look at this. So then, that Seed coming down through, that God promised, from the whole world in the time of Adam, then God brought it down to Abraham: "I'll make of you, a nation." So now, one man and a nation are going to know the mystery of this Messiah.

Then the time came, Jacob blessing his sons, was saying, "And the scepter shall not depart from Judah until Shiloh comes." So, now the revelation is no longer in the world, it's no longer in a nation; it has dropped down in a tribe. We know it's going to come through a tribe now. We don't have to look in all the other tribes; in this tribe of Judah, He'll come forth. Amen. And all the prophecy that went with Judah, "Out of Bethlehem-Judah will come forth a Governor. From the least of the princes will come forth a Governor that shall rule My

people.” And God in His great Mind kept unfolding the Mystery.

Then we look again and we see how from that time, from Judah it dropped down on David. And God said, “David, I will build you a house and you’ll have a son.” So, now it’s no longer in the world, it’s no longer in the nation, it’s no longer in the tribe; we know which family on earth now. Hallelujah! Though that tribe has so many people, we know which family – He’s going to be David’s Son.

And now thirty-two hundred years after the promise was originally given, think of it... Umm! My! Think of that, friends. Here twenty-eight hundred and four years after David got that promise, (and he got it thirty-two hundred years after it was spoken to Adam and Eve,) here it is, we are finding out, we were born in Bethlehem, we are finding out that we were in Christ, we are finding out that we are part (amen) of that royal Seed; we are finding out (amen) that all those promises connected to us.

There were always Gentiles connected with Judah. Is that right? Ruth came in. And Rahab came in with Salmon, and Ruth came in with Boaz. Amen. And Tamar and they came in. Hallelujah! And in the End Time when the Prophet came, (amen,) he took the Bible and he began to show to us, (amen,) he said, “Watch that God bringing that promise all down. Amen. Watch it unfolding, unfolding, unfolding.” Oh, it’s great.

You look at the plan of God and you see it unfolding there. You see the great God, brother, Who said, “Let there be Light.” And the Spoken Word went out of His mouth, brother, began to circle the earth; travel through the universe. But then one day, brother, in the appointed time and season, because to every purpose there is a time and season, (boom!) and you saw the light appear. Amen. Glory!

So also, when He speaks His promise, once It leaves the mouth of God, It is creative. And how many know

the Word of God is a Seed? And a seed has it's time and season to bring forth fruit. Is that right? When the Seed is planted, a Seed that a Sower sowed... How does He sow His Seed? By preaching; by planting the Word. Is that right?

He said, "A Sower went forth to sow." He's preaching; He's planting the Word. What kind of heart do you have this morning? Is there a place in your heart for the Word to fall into? Glory be to God in the highest! Is there something inside of you, when that Word strikes you, oh, your mind lights up? Amen. You say, "Praise God! God is so simple. God is so real. God is so close." Think of it.

That Word was traveling, coming down. When It hit Daniel's time, now God began to put time on the prophecy. God began to put time on the prophecy. Oh my! From the going forth with the temple until He's introduced there, oh my, we can count those weeks and we can know, brother, at what time Messiah must be on the scene. Glory be to God in the highest.

Now catch it. And here Paul was saying, "And when the fullness of time was come," since God spoke it in Eden. But then, as He kept unfolding the promise, as I'm showing you, then the time came, Daniel now could say, "From this time to this time, Messiah is here." Nobody could tell that before. Because in Daniel's prophecy, when Messiah comes, the Roman power must be on the earth; you must be in the empire. Do you get that now?

Now I'm coming to the empire. That's what I'm speaking on – the revival of the empire. When Daniel's prophecy for Messiah is come... Because Messiah does not come in the head of gold, Messiah does not come in the chest of silver, Messiah does not come in the thighs of brass; Messiah comes three times and all three times He comes, He comes in that fourth kingdom.

He came to redeem His Bride, now He's come to claim His Bride. And we are still in the fourth kingdom. Amen!

And when Messiah came in that fourth kingdom, He said, "You pray Thy Kingdom come. I have a Kingdom coming but first I have to redeem My subjects." Hallelujah! Glory! "I'll come back and claim you." Then He comes to redeem His Bride, He comes to claim His Bride, and then He comes to reign with His Bride.

In the Gospels, He came to redeem His Bride. Revelation 10, He comes to... 1st Thessalonians 4, He comes to claim His Bride. Is the Book open? Is the opening of the Seven Seals the claiming work? When He shed His Blood that was the redemptive work, the purchase work. Is that right? You are His purchased possession. You are not your own, you were bought with a price. He gave His life, a ransom, for many. Is that right?

Then He had a mediatorial work – Seven Church Ages. Is that right? And during those Seven Church Ages, four horse riders; Roman bugs, were riding; were eating. Is that right? And when He dropped down here, Eisenhower and Khrushchev, we are in the 'toes', but Rome, the iron, is in all those 'toes'. Amen.

And He's opening up the Mystery. Why? To call out a Bride; to separate a Bride from the systems; to claim His Bride. And then Revelation 19, He comes to reign with His Bride. Oh my. And when He comes back in Revelation 19, what is happening? He's making war: "I come to Judge and make war." With whom? The fourth kingdom; the fourth kingdom in its final stage – the Beast and the ten kings of the earth. Is that right?

But when He leaves the Father's Throne and before He takes His Own Throne, what must He do? Take the Seven-sealed Book and open the Mysteries, and the Seventh Angel will be on the earth at that time. Like John was sent to forerun the First Coming, so this man, with the Spirit of Elijah, in the fourth coming of the Spirit of Elijah, is on the earth at that time and the Mystery drops to him. Amen.

How many know Elijah comes five times, the Spirit of Elijah? On Elijah; then it came back on Elisha. Luke 1:17, it came on John, the Baptist. Amen. Then it's going to come before the great and dreadful Day of the earth, (is that right?) with fire. He will send Elijah, Malachi 4:5. And then Revelation 11:3, he comes together with Moses, the fifth time: "My two prophets." But Malachi 4:5 is one man: 'he' – personal pronoun, singular, masculine. Amen. Glory be to God!

And here we are, the Book is opened; the claiming work is going on. What for? Between Son of God, on the Father's Throne, and Son of David on His Own Throne, between that time, He's Son of Man. Is that right? Son of Man comes to do, what? Unite the Head and the Body together, amen; the Headstone to show the Church Age is finished; the Millennium is being ushered in.

And what did he say? "The world is again falling apart!" Because the Rock is here, all man-made kingdoms must crumble. Everything that can be shaken will be shaken off. And then what did he say after that? "Shalom, (yes sir,) the breaking of a new day." Amen. The Light, breaking between mortal and immortality, between a dying world of corruption, (the whole world falling apart,) and a bright and shining new day, a day of immortality, (amen,) where we go back to the Seventh Morning, where He establishes His Kingdom on the earth.

And in that time, He is claiming His Bride. Because what did the Bible say in the last Age? "To him that overcometh, I will grant to sit with me in My? In My? [Congregation says, "Throne." -Ed.] In My Throne"; not the Father's Throne. He left the Father's Throne to take His Own Throne. Oh, brother! My!

So watch. So, we've come back here now. Let's walk back through here, and I don't want you to lose sight of this. From Genesis, it's been coming down: Abel and Seth, through Adam and Eve; Isaac and them through Abraham; dropped down to Judah. That was the

Messianic promise coming; looking for Messiah. He will be Prophet, He will be Priest; He will be King. He's coming. It's unfolding Who He is and what He is, what He's going to come to do; how He'll bruise the Serpent's head by offering up the sacrifice of His Own self; how by being the great High Priest, He'll be the Mediator; how He'll come back as Prophet again, Eagle again; reveal the Mysteries in this Dark Age, to call His Bride and gather Her. Seven Thunders will do, what? Gather the Bride together and show Her how to prepare for Rapturing Faith.

The open Book! What is the open Book? It was the Title Deed to an inheritance, a purchased possession. It was a Title Deed. It was the evidence of purchase. It was a Deed of purchase. Jeremiah took seventeen shekels: ten and seven, (is that right?) the seventh prime number and he took that there and he paid the purchase price.

And then what did they do? They took the deed and put it in an earthen vessel. The purchase work was done but there was to be a claiming work; that's why they put it in that earthen vessel. So, it's for many days – seven decades. At the end of seven decades, you will take this deed out of this earthen vessel and, what? Houses and lands and vineyards, those purchased possessions, those inheritances that were given to you, (amen,) would be claimed again.

And so, after he paid the price as the kinsman, “The right of redemption is thine. Purchase the field; you are my kinsman!” He paid the price because He is our near Kinsman, made of a woman; made under the law to redeem. The law of redemption is what we needed. It was a redemptive work here. He was paying a price. It was a redeeming work.

There are three phases of that redemptive work: the purchasing work, the mediatorial work, and the claiming work, and each one is a mystery. And each one is so simple. They overlooked the purchase work. They watched it right there and couldn't see it.

The mediatorial work went on for Seven Church Ages, and then the claiming work. When He was going up to do the mediatorial work, they stood there gazing and the Angel said, "What is the matter with you all? Don't you know the purchase work is finished? Don't you know what this is? This is the High Priest going in. This is the mediatorial work. He has gone through the veil. Doesn't the High Priest come back out after sprinkling seven drops of blood?" He said, "Well then this same Jesus will come back again in like manner." Amen!

And that's why He said, "When you see the Son of Man coming in a Cloud with power and great Glory, look up and lift up your head because," what? "Your Redemption, your full, complete Redemption, draweth nigh." And when He comes back in that Cloud, what is it? Seven Thunders to open the Bible, to bring a claiming work, (amen?) took you out of the old birth and brought you up into the New Birth, giving you comfort and rest.

Like Noah took them out of the old world they were born into by sex, (amen,) and through the mystery of the ark, three stories, and the rain and the dove, he brought them into a new world. The only way to go into that New World is by water and Spirit. Is that right? Umm, um, um! My! And He came to take you out of an old nature you were born into by your sex birth and bring you into a new nature. He'll take you out of the world of five senses where you walk by sight to bring you into the sixth sense where you'll walk by faith, in Heavenly Places; in a Super Sense.

Why? That we might receive, what? The adoption; the placing. Was Noah placed? "Go and be the head of this race now and I'll put the fear and dread of everything under you." Oh my! Glory!

God, showing the fullness of time. Paul was making this statement. That is the statement I want to get: "When the fullness of time is come." All that I'm explaining to you is, "When the fullness of time is come."

It was spoken; I showed you how it unfolded, unfolded, unfolded down.

But when Gabriel came, coming out of Heaven now... Because no man could have calculated that time. No Jew knew that in seventy weeks, all of God's purpose would be fulfilled. They didn't know that. That's why He's telling them, "You are going back to restore and rebuild Jerusalem, but then the people of the prince are coming," the fourth kingdom.

Now, catch the thought here now. Because the fourth kingdom is the kingdom all these things are going to happen in. All these things are going to happen in this fourth kingdom; not the first three. Do you get that? That's why when Jesus came, He was born in the time when the empire...

The empire came into being so Messiah could be born. I'm going to show you that. Because I'm talking about, what? The revival of the empire. We are in the empire again. The Beast was wounded but it revived and now the whole world became the empire. And the empire, that Roman spirit, is unifying the world under the Fourth Seal. The Fourth Seal is, what? Uniting the powers. What is that? Information Age. What is that? Globalization – uniting the world. What for? So, one man could sit there as God, supreme over the whole earth.

Which kingdom? The Roman kingdom deceived the whole world; brought the whole world to the cage, the prison house. The hunter traps the beasts and brings them to the cage; the fowler in the Bible; the fishers in the Bible with their nets in the waters.

There are some great fishermen there. You watch those TV evangelists, how they can fish. You watch the techniques. They sit down and they study out those people. They know who has fear. They know who is tight with their money; they know how to get into their pockets; they know how to get into their minds. They know what kind of bait to use. They know how to lure

them out of those places. They studied their migratory paths and their routes and they know where to intercept them; in what time and season.

And they know they like to hear blessings and they don't like to hear curses and they don't like to hear judgment. And they know once they kind of 'whoop up' their senses, you know, try to give them a nice feeling and take away the guilt from around them by some false security, they can get anything from them because no man wants to see himself judged. And they can give them a religion where they could sin and still go to Heaven: "It's okay."

And those fishers in the waters, do you see how many they are catching? When you sit down and watch those services, do you see how many people are sitting down there? Not little, poor people, you know; you watch those people how they dress and everything else, scholarly and in all those big, big, massive auditoriums and you watch those men talking all kinds of nonsense and conning those people. And all those people come up there crying and everything else; preaching all kinds of nonsense. And man preaching the Seven Thunders, preaching their hearts out, and people sit down watching them 'so' [in criticism -Ed.], and checking them out.

But brother, if you are a rainbow trout and you hear those Thunders uttering their Voices, oh brother, I tell you, there's something that moves inside of you; there's something that moves inside of you. You know you are special, amen; something that comes to give you identification; something that comes to reveal to you who you are.

Paul was looking back there. You know, Paul saw those things in Daniel and it wasn't lawful to speak it. You know that. That's right. Because God had already told Daniel, "This has to be for the End Time, Daniel." But He said, "Come Paul, I'll show you what I sealed up here in Daniel." That's why he could say, "And this Day

can't come except there is a falling away first and the man of sin comes."

And he divided those comings: "And Christ came the first time to put away sin, and then to appear before God, and to come back a second time without sin. Then comes the third time with the Spirit of His mouth to destroy the antichrist." And brother, he was going. And he talked about how He's the Blessed and only Potentate, King of Kings and Lord of Lords," and all these things. Because he saw things inside of there. He said, "Remember when I was with you, I told you these things?" Oh my! I must be getting a glimpse into his Book. I must be getting a glimpse at his notes. That is right. See?

Now watch. Let's turn to Luke 1; follow this up a little bit here and see if you get my thought – when the fullness of time is come. I believe that the fullness of time has come now.

Luke 1, verse 26, a familiar Scripture with all of us. Now we are going to see how the Son is being made of a woman and made under the law. I want you to watch that now and I want you to follow, while all of that was happening in the empire, it was the measuring time with the Baby in the womb. Do you get what I am saying? The Bible was measuring time with the Baby in the womb. So that is only people who have *the* Baby because this Baby is a Baby that was promised since the Garden of Eden: "The woman will get a Seed." Isaiah said, "And this is going to be a Super Sign"; 'Immanuel', God and man, which means, '*God with us*'. Then to David, God said, "It will come through your house." So they knew this is God becoming flesh, to be born into David's house. It's God becoming man. To be made under the law to redeem, He had to be Kinsman.

So they are understanding the prophecy that God is going to come down in the stream of human beings because there is a price to be paid. He just can't forgive man for their sins like that, because He's a Judge and

He has to judge sin and somebody has to take that judgment. So He gave them a sacrifice, a substitute, the innocent dies for the guilty, showing them that when this Messiah comes, He has to die.

That is what Job said: "Who could take a sinful man in one hand and a Holy God in another hand and bring them together?" They knew that that God, Who was coming, that Messiah, that Daysman... "I know my Redeemer liveth. He will stand on the earth in the last days." They were looking for this One to come. They knew that Redemption, way back in Job, the oldest Book, they knew it was locked up in there. That's why Job had the burnt sacrifice. The Book of Job opens with burnt sacrifice.

Moses didn't give that law yet. Noah had burnt sacrifice after they came back from the flood. You know that! Things in the family! Things in the family, coming down. Things in the family coming down, friends. The father was holding to the experience and he told the son, "You know when I offered, I saw a rainbow come. Don't forget that." He said, "This is going to come. This will keep coming." Rainbow follows a burnt offering. Umm! I said something there. That's right. When you come from the old birth to the New Birth, you become a burnt offering. Burnt offering brings a rainbow. Whew!

Luke 1, verse 26:

²⁶ And in the sixth month...

He started with time. Verse 25 back there was telling you, I think, about the time, how she was five months already; in the womb. Is that right? Verse 24 says:

²⁴ And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying,

²⁵ Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men.

²⁶ And in the sixth month...

Watch time here now, unfolding.

... in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

I like that. What does that teach you little ones? That teaches you, firstly, time – “*In the sixth month.*” God has a time and season for everything. Place – “*A city of Galilee, named Nazareth.*” God has the chosen place for that.

27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David...

Watch God keeping the line of His Word. He promised to come through David's house.

... and the virgin's name was Mary.

And he gave a specific description of the girl: “Espoused to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary.” You can't miss her at all; it's so specific. In the time; in the season.

And ‘the sixth month’... He said, “And in the sixth month...” What does ‘the sixth month’ mean? Six months' time? No! Six months – one month after Elisabeth—the last date given you, Elisabeth was five months pregnant. The baby in Elisabeth's womb became the calendar. Are you getting me?

Where are the signs going to come? In the members of the Body. Remember my message on Abraham and them: “According to the time of life, Sarah will have...” See? God likes to do that in the Bible. Time is measured by what is going on inside the Bride, friends. The Rapture will take place when the last one comes to that spot. Do you get what I'm saying? Watch.

28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou [who] art highly favored, [of] the Lord...

‘Thou who art highly favored of the Lord' is ‘redeemed’.

... blessed art thou among women.

29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary...

Isn't that wonderful? He didn't call her name yet, He just said, "Thou art highly favored of the Lord: blessed art thou among women."

And she kind of got troubled, "Who is this man talking to me like this here?"

And He said, "*Fear not, Mary.*"

And she's like, "You know my name too?"

... for thou hast found favor with God.

Little Bride, do you know you have found favor with God? Do you know Gabriel means 'Man of God'? Did a man of God tell you that you've found favor with God; you are highly favored? Didn't Gabriel tell Daniel, He said, "You are beloved in Heaven"? Didn't He tell Mary, "You've found favor with God"? Gabriel likes to bring these announcements. My! Are there some End Time Daniels? Are there some End Time Marys here?

Here is a woman in the kingdom, in the empire, giving Supernatural birth. Do you get that? Whoo!

31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

Look how the Spirit is linking the prophecy from 2nd Samuel 7, where God promised David, a son who will have the throne, and linking it here with this Son coming to Mary, a Son that is not coming by sex, a Son that is the same Son promised Abraham, the same Son promised Adam and Eve; how He's going to come for Redemption. Paul tells us, "When the fullness of time is

come, God sent His Son, made of a woman.” And now we see Gabriel coming, so this Child could be made of this woman. Watch it.

33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

What kind of Child is this?

34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.

Do you see why it's the sixth month? Because now she's in the sixth month. It's marking the time by Elisabeth's child. And He's using that to strengthen her faith. He said, "Do you think this is something jokey? Do you think this is just ordinary talk?" He said, "She who was called barren, your old cousin, who already passed the age of childbearing and is getting ready to die," He said, "she is six months pregnant already." He said, "Six months already; her belly is big up there. When I'm done with you, you run up in the hill country and find out if what I'm saying isn't the truth." Do you get what I'm saying?

What is happening here? What is happening here? I want you to get in me, where I am. What is happening here? Do you know what is happening here? Old Testament prophecies that the church and the Ministers and the denomination spirits for years and years and years that the great fathers and great grandfathers and the great history of Israel and the Holy

Scriptures, what they looked for from generation to generation, one is bringing forth Elijah and the other one is going to bring forth the Son of Man.

And they are finding out right now, that between them, all the mysteries of God, way in the back-part of God's mind, is happening right among them, some ordinary, little, simple people. And they are finding out, inside of them, they are carrying the great Word at a great junction time that is connected to Redemption and it is the time when the kingdom, when the empire...

Remember, Rome was not an empire, Babylon was not an empire until they became the head of gold and unified the world; then they became an empire. They were just a powerful nation, not an empire. But as they started to conquer nations and bring them under their dominion, and they conquered the key nations and controlled the key trade routes...

You don't have to conquer each and every nation, you know. It's like Joshua, It said, "And Joshua possessed the land." What does it mean? Because there are Amalekites and Canaanites in all those places still. Is that right? Because they didn't fully drive them out but yet they conquered the land; they conquered the key places that gave them control.

Their power... Power would represent trade, power would represent trade routes, power would represent resources; power would represent maybe certain major cities where there's wealth and power, and when you take those, you take power because now the reins of power is in your hands. You don't have to kill out the last person. No! You take the kingdom.

Because you watch and see, when Rome is controlling the world, there are one hundred and forty-four thousand who they are not controlling, there is Moses and Elijah, who they are not controlling, and there are foolish virgins that they have to hunt down one by one until the last of the remnant of the woman's

Seed is killed, that will be there but they don't have. But they will have power. They will have the kingdom.

Now watch. Right now, I think this war with the Muslims and they, that is going on, they are taking hot war against the Muslims and they are taking the Jews by flattery. Do you get what I am saying? They are going to come in and tie up the Jews' money by flatteries. But with the Muslims, it's the 'mother of all bombs'. The iron teeth of Rome are going to break and devour and stamp in pieces. Why? It's a Christian-Muslim-Jewish thing – Abraham's children, the three great religions of the world. Do you get what I'm saying?

But Rome is not Christian, but she got a hold of the Name. She had access to the Name in Pergamos, and she intermingled the religion of Nimrod with the true Word, false union, when spiritual Eve sold her birthrights, and now she's recognized as Christian. Even the Jews see the Pope as the spokesman for all Christianity. All the denominations see the Pope as the spokesman for all Christianity. All religious kings of the earth, the leaders of the earth, see the Pope of Rome, as their leader. But that's the religion of Nimrod. That's Paganism; that's not Christianity.

Christianity Versus Idolatry [1961-1217 -Ed.], *Wisdom Versus Faith* [1962-0401 -Ed.], *Impersonation Of Christianity* [1957 -Ed.], *Hybrid Religion* [1960-1113 - Condemnation By Representation -Ed.], *Jezebel Religion* [1961-0319 -Ed.], *Why Am I Against Organized Religion* [1962-1111E -Ed.]; *Why We Are Not A Denomination* [1958-0927 -Ed.] – then you'll understand what he was saying.

My! Look! Verse 37, He's telling her, He said:

... *this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.*

³⁷ *For with God nothing shall be impossible.*

³⁸ *And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.*

39 And Mary arose in those days...

In those days, when Elisabeth was pregnant. In those days, after she got her visitation. In those days, when the prophecy of God was no longer laying on the pages. Do you get that? It was not on the page now, it was in the womb. The prophecy was not on the page, the prophecy was in the womb. The Word couldn't grow on the page, but now the Word could grow in the womb. It had gone beyond the page. It had gone beyond the page.

When God said, "Let there be light" that could be questioned, but when the light manifested, it could no longer be questioned; that was the reality. He said, "It is not the Word anymore; it is the reality of the Word." When they had the prophecy lying on the page, everybody could argue and debate, and who they think and what they think and how they want. But now it was no longer the Word, friends, it was the Word being made flesh; it was the Word becoming Spirit and Life; it was the interpretation of the Word in human flesh. Is that too strong for some of you church people who like to keep it on the Word; who like to keep it in the Bible?

Because there was no more John, the Baptist, to stay in the Bible. There was no more Son of Man to stay in the Bible. Why? It was already spoken and germinated. It was already spoken and germinated. It is in churches. It is in churches! It is in churches! They look like nothing; a silly, young girl, "What could she know?" She was carrying Immanuel. She was carrying the Word.

And the empire... And Caesar Augustus, he became emperor. They had no emperor before. He was the first emperor of Rome. Are you getting me? He was coming in, and Rome's tentacles now, are across the earth. I'm talking about the revival of the empire. But I'm trying to show you the empire, so you will know what was revived when the empire revived.

Seven Thunders is the Bride's revival. Is that right? Well, you have to know what was there, to know what Seven Thunders revives. You have to know, if this is the

restoration of the Bride Tree, you have to know what the Bride Tree is, to know what is restored or not. If Alpha is Omega, you have to know what Alpha is. If Zerubbabel has to bring back the same Headstone, you have to know what the Foundation Stone is that Zerubbabel laid because he who laid the Foundation will bring the Headstone. Is that right? You have to go back there and look.

Life in the empire! Christianity was the religion for the empire. Do you get that? In other words, this kingdom was going to be diverse from all other kingdoms. This was not going to be like Babylon; Babylon was just the head of gold. This was not going to be like the Medes and Persians; they were just the chest of silver – a bear. And thighs of brass... This was not going to be like Greece. Greece was the thighs of brass and a leopard and a fierce he-goat. This was not going to be like that.

This is going to have part of Babylon; this is going to have part of Medes and Persians. It's going to have a mouth like a lion, it's going to have a body like a leopard, it's going to have feet like a bear. This is going to be a different kind of empire. And this one is going to have a ruler that will do what none of the other rulers did – he will challenge the Prince of princes. He'll sit in the temple as though he is God; this one; this kingdom we are in!

I have a little message I wanted to preach. I can't preach the message in one service; I'll preach it in another service. This John [Pope John Paul II. Ed.] must decrease. John who is in the last few grains of sand, it's time for him to decrease now. Reagan has gone [Ronald Reagan - former President of the U.S.A. -Ed.]; he has to go too, (do you get what I am saying?) for the one he laid the foundation for. *That* Paul laid a foundation for another man to step on. I'm trying to show you the empire. How many are understanding me?

Paul talked about the man of sin, friends. But do you know something? The Bride is to go... In other words, we know where it's coming from, we know the system it's coming from, we know the time and season it's coming, (do you get what I'm saying?) but we are to go before Satan incarnates. When the Bride goes up, Satan comes down and becomes incarnate, then sets down the mark. And somewhere between the gathering of the tares and the revelation of the antichrist, the Rapture must take place and does take place. I'm quoting: "Must take place and does take place." [An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages - The Sardisean Church Age Cpt.7 - Page 285 -Ed.]

And the empire is re-establishing all of its original boundaries, without the kind of visible way that they did it when they were Pagan Rome. As Papal Rome, they could stay behind the scenes and let loose their power through a dictator who gives their strength and power to them, so you don't see them. The outward texture changed but they are still the Pagan empire.

But watch. The fullness of time, the fullness of time is come. That is my thought: "*The Fullness Of Time Has Come.*" With the fullness of time for the Bride, She has to give birth to the Man Child. "After Christ was formed in Mary, quickly came the commandment." Do you get what I'm saying?

But watch here, how time is being measured here. Elijah, introducing the Son of Man in the Second Coming, brother, all of this is time. Do you get what I'm saying? Oh, when John introduced Him, that was the time. But in that cycle of the fullness of time, the Word dropped from the page to the womb, and that Word was growing.

And that Word is growing up there in the system; looking around there and seeing the Roman empire coming in, the fourth Beast – the Beast that will devour the whole earth, the Beast that will break in pieces, the Beast that is exceedingly wicked, the Beast that is actually going to be the very incarnation of Satan

himself, the man of sin, the son of perdition; that wicked one. Think of it, friends.

All of that is taking place in this Hour because these same Scriptures are repeating Themselves. This is when Rome came into its power, which I want to take my time and bring that down for you and then show you, it's happening around us. We are not just here coming to church. If this Word is revealed to you by an Angel from Heaven, if you've got a conception through the sounding of this Message and this Message is a Message that was prophesied in the Bible, and that there are these sons to come forth in the last days, the manifestation of the sons of God, the race that was to come forth in Genesis 1, "Multiply and replenish," Christ being formed in a church, Christ in you, the Hope of Glory... Because that must form in you first before this could materialize around It. Only those who are changed in their souls will be changed in their bodies. You know that.

So watch.

39 And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda;

40 And entered into the house of Zacharias and saluted Elisabeth.

41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb...

Watch how they were experiencing Supernatural things. That baby was dead in that womb for five months, no movements; six months. But now, this one knew the Name. She had the mystery. The mighty Angel came down; she went up there and found her sister. And the Bible says:

... and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:

42 And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

Mary was told what happened to Elisabeth but Elisabeth was not told what happened to Mary. Do you get that? The Angel revealed to Mary, “Elisabeth is six months already,” so Mary went up there to see. “I want to see this with my own eyes. I want to see old Elisabeth, seventy-five-year-old Elisabeth, with a six months belly. I want to see that.” So she went up there, expecting to see that because she knew she had an angelic visitation. Under that atmosphere, she said, “Be it unto me according to thy Word.”

But she went up there and began to salute, and in the greeting... And it's not that kind of “God bless.” Not that kind of greeting. That's how it is watered down to that today. But when she started to greet her out of the inspiration and the experience that she had and testified, brother, something struck her, the baby leaped in the womb, she got filled with the Holy Ghost and went into prophecy and said, “Blessed is the Fruit of thy womb and blessed art thou among women.”

And Mary said, “My goodness! What happened here? Girl, I came up expecting to see you and rejoice with you. How did you know about this? Did Gabriel come to you too?”

She said, “No! I just got filled with the Holy Ghost and discernment came upon me and I know there is something different about you.”

Do you get what I'm saying? That moves again, friends. That still moves. Have you ever met people who the Word is forming in? Have you ever met people who are walking in this same path, friends, and angelic beings associate together, candidates for the Supernatural and the Unseen world? Have you ever got in with somebody who pulls on the Word, and who loves that Word, and who starts to talk that Word and then an atmosphere comes and things happen? And under that covering of that Supernatural atmosphere, you know, “That is my brother.” Why? Because faith is

energizing faith; faith connects with faith and Life connects with Life. There's something real.

And have you ever gone trying to talk with somebody and you are excited and they are not too excited, and they are watching a car passing and they are watching over here, and then somebody called and they said, "Yeah, I'm coming just now" and "Yeah, what were you saying again," and then you lock it off and you go? Has that ever happened too?

But with certain people here, you feel the charge right away. When you walk in their presence, there is a reality. That is what I'm talking about – the pull of that Word. From the time you start to touch certain places, you see the Glory; you see their faces light up. Amen. Why? And the Spirit starts to do things there and, brother... I see it over and over.

Like when I was in New Zealand there, after the meetings, we sat down one morning; brother, we sat down in a room with a few of the Ministers there, and the Spirit was... Well, they always had that, so they always plan something after the meeting for the overflow. And brother, when the Spirit hit that place so early in the morning, it was something else. I mean, God never fails to honor the faith of people, when they come with that atmosphere. And this is while... The meetings were finished; all the Word was already preached, but they knew, "You have some things there; don't go back home with it. There are still some things there. We've followed, for this little extra, extra something. Oh, I tell you.

Sometimes the service is finished and you go outside because there is a time to close the service, but there isn't a time to stop *that*. And you go out there and then all of that starts to flow. And if you think the service is great sometimes; it's even greater outside. Isn't that so, brother? [Bro. Vin addresses a brother -Ed.] Yeah, he likes that. Don't look for me after service, you know. [Bro. Vin and congregation laugh -Ed.] See, next thing he takes that and

people want to look for me after the service, but I'm just referring to something. Amen. My! My, my, my!

Quickly. Let me move on. She was filled with the Spirit and she prophesied:

*... Blessed art thou among women, and
blessed is the fruit of thy womb.*

Verse 43:

*⁴³ And whence is this to me, that the
mother of my Lord should come to me?*

*⁴⁴ For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy
salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe
leaped in my womb for joy.*

*⁴⁵ And blessed is she that believed: for
there shall be a performance of those things
which were told her from the Lord.*

[Luke 1, verse 56 -Ed.]

*⁵⁶ And Mary abode with her about three
months...*

Elisabeth was, how much? Six months. And now, Mary abode with her three months, and she's nine months.

*⁵⁶ And Mary abode with her about three
months, and returned to her own house.*

Because now, Mary is three months [pregnant -Ed.] too.

*⁵⁷ Now Elisabeth's full time came that she
should be delivered; and she brought forth a
son.*

Now, watch this. Gabriel came to these two families. Gabriel had come to Zacharias and told him about the son Elisabeth was going to have; Gabriel came to Mary and told her about the Son she was going to have. Both were prophecies laying in the Bible; one was Malachi 3 and Isaiah 40, the other one is Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 9:6, all these prophecies laying in the Bible. So they got under this inspiration and they knew these things were happening.

That's why Revelation 10:8-11 and these things, this is revelation, it was in the Bible. But when that Angel

comes around and something comes over you and you are getting overshadowed and then He starts to walk you in the Bible from here, to here, to here, to here, to here, to here, by the time He's done, you are fully conceived, you know. You know why? He pregnates you, because why? It is something, revealed because you get all these Scriptures; He shows you It. It is revealed. You can't walk away from It; in other words, you can't forget That, then. And when something like that happens to you and something is revealed to you down in your heart, and you come to the place where you know, "God met me here. God opened that to me. From today I know I am a son of God," it's a new faith that comes. You walk differently.

All the time you are trying to come to church, you are believing the Word, you are getting in the Atmosphere, you are enjoying the blessings, people are treating you nice, you love friends, you are getting attention, that is good, but that is not it, you know. That is friends, that is attention, that is nice treatment.

That is why you get a little sad when you are not seeing anybody and you are by yourself, and then you feel down. But when He comes and He takes that Scripture out and He makes that yours, and He writes His laws in your heart and in your mind; you would be by yourself and have your own revival. You're like the policeman there, even on your job. Amen. "*Down at the cross where my Saviour died, Down where for cleansing for sin I cried.*" You are having a jubilee, like the Prophet, he leaned the gun up against the tree and he's dancing around the tree and he's having a great time. Why? Something was revealed; stimulation.

The woman at the well, something struck her and she left the water pot and she ran out there in the city, "Come and see a Man, isn't This the Christ?" Something happened. Do you get what I'm saying? Those on the road to Emmaus, they left all the food there and they

took off back to Jerusalem. Something was revealed: stimulation, it marks a spot there for you.

When you get a church full of that... Until you get a church full of that – and you have one or two with that in the church, then it's still a strain going up a hill because that spirit is trying to pull all the rest of flesh. When the flesh is feeling good, the pull is not so great, but when Satan is attacking your flesh and you come into church, it's a big, big pull. But when that Word starts to get Spirit and Life in people, and the darkness starts to go out and the whole church gets white – Holy Ghost; the horse gets white, the robe gets white, the thing gets pure, then you'll see, you wouldn't have to come up in any prayer line anymore... No, no, no, brother, you are sitting there with the Glory of God, "Lord, I thank You, Jesus, Oh, my God, I receive that; I make that mine, Lord. Lord, I appreciate You. Lord, You remembered me. I feel like Ruth this morning; You dropped my handful, Jesus."

Oh my, you're having a time. You'd forget you have a watch on your hand. When you are not getting that, you are only watching that watch. Do you get what I'm saying? You come with those little drinks and those little drinks are in that box, calling, and this Living Water here is flowing; Ever-Present Water from the Rock, brother.

I'm taking a long way to where I want to get to the empire, but I'm coming to it. The next couple of verses, I'm in it.

56 And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own house.

57 Now Elisabeth's full time...

I like that. Watch the thought; five months, hidden. He says she's in the sixth month now. Then "In those days..." Then Mary abode three months. What are we seeing? The Holy Spirit is specific with the time, and the time is the growth of the Child. Why? Because the Child is the prophecy becoming history; the Child is the Word

coming to pass. Everything that concerns the prophecy is locked up in the Child. Do you get that?

When those constellations come together and that baby was born, April the 6th, 1909, 5 o'clock in the morning; Seven Seals, Seven Thunders, the rock thrown up, the Sword comes down in the hand; healing revival, brother, in Africa; challenged the demons in India, raised the dead in Mexico; all that was locked up in there you know. That will bring forth Its Fruit in due season; as It grows and matures It will start to reveal Itself. It will show it's a young rabbi coming out in the First Pull, going to the Second Pull, It's a Word growing up. And as that Word grows up, It's only pulling Scriptures from the Bible and showing "Look what is here." Could you imagine?

⁵⁷ Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son.

Now, I'm in my Scripture; Luke 2, next verse.

¹ And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus...

Oh my! Not until I started to study this Roman Empire, all these Things became so real to me. It never dawned on me that so many Scriptures, all down through the Bible, in the New Testament especially, are about the empire. And then when the Prophet talked about the empire would be revived in the last days; the fourth Beast that was wounded as Pagan Rome rose back up as Papal Rome and became even more powerful until it took the whole world.

Watch. But the thing here, Rome—which I'll give you some of the history and you'll catch it real clear. Rome was not an empire until that time. Caesar Augustus was the first Roman Emperor. Now, they have unified the world. And Paul was saying when the fullness of time is come the Baby is going to be born in the empire. Did you get that?

Moses was born at the height of Egypt's power, (do you hear what I'm saying?) in a time of persecution. Amram and Jochebed had faith because they knew that baby was a special baby. This Baby is being formed now, just before the body changes. This, which was a Baby, a little Seed, a little Faith Seed that produced virtue and knowledge and temperance and patience and godliness and brotherly kindness, formed in the image of the Word. The Word image being formed, the Masterpiece because It could only speak after It is formed in the image. And the image could only speak when it is smitten. And the image is being formed and the image is being smitten in the empire.

¹ And it came to pass in those days.....

First, the 'those days' was Mary and they got preganated; that was the 'those days.' The 'those days' was the Child-baby growing in them; now, the 'those days' we see something else connected to 'those days'.

¹ And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that Jerusalem should be taxed.

Is that what It says there, that Judaea should be taxed? All the world...all the world; all the world is the empire. That 'all the world' there, you can read that over and don't even know what It's saying. But that's what I'm preaching on right there; that 'all the world'.

... that all the world should be taxed.

Because now Rome had become the empire; they had unified the whole world.

² (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And this is territory. Syria was part of the territory with Palestine that Rome had their garrisons set up. America doesn't have any base here anymore, right? America used to have a base here. What we have are a few... now we get some gunboats and some fast helicopters and the DEA [Drug Enforcement Administration -Ed.] presence down here and 'Operation Weedeater' [U.S.-led

drug eradication operation -Ed.]. And the American soldiers and they come in ever so often for little drills and exercises to help keep certain units here sharp. And they go and get anti-kidnapping and anti-terrorist training and so on, and they get certain specialized units for certain things. But now, we are entering into the place next year where we will be dismantling some borders. And we'll have now, within CARICOM, that will be a state. [Caribbean Community and Common Market -Ed.]

Like how in Europe, they had a Czech border from a Polish border, and a Polish border from a Russian border and this border from that border, and a German border from a Dutch border but now, all those borders are removed. Why? They are unified; they unified the countries and became a state. Different cultures, different languages, different money, different influences of religions, different types of industries and produce, and so on, but they have architects of a new society that reshaped that, and that became one world. That is like one community, European community.

That's why if you have to go and get a visa now, you get one visa and you could travel to fifteen/twenty states, while you're within Europe. Long ago, you needed a French Visa, then you needed a Russian Visa, a German Visa, then you needed a Dutch Visa, then you needed a Czech Visa, now they give you one visa and you drive with no borders. Long ago, every time you went to a place; long, long borders, and lines; now, no more. They dismantled that.

Now, that's how this is happening. We're in a world where this is happening, and it's happening in sections by sections of the earth. Do you get what I'm saying? It's happening—there are certain places you can restructure without war. There are certain places you have to move in with hot war and take over, and bring your own restructuring. And there are certain places, you just need to put a little economic pressure, and they restructure.

I was preaching there for you Wednesday night; I was looking in the paper there either Friday or Saturday, and they had a big IMF meeting right here in the Hilton Hotel. And I don't know how many of you saw the news. I looked at this and I said, "My! Look at this. The man comes here, the Deputy Director, and he's telling them, "Get your act together. You all are not producing as you ought to and different things and new measures are to be put in place." See?

See. So, sometimes you hear these things, but I'm trusting that the picture I'm giving you here will sort of give you something to relate all this to. So you won't see yourself... because who is Mary in Palestine, to begin with? She is a little village girl in Nazareth. Who is Joseph? He is a poor carpenter, he's not a big businessman, he's not a politician, he's not a school teacher; he's a poor carpenter with a little private, small business.

This couple is as insignificant, as insignificant could be because they were so poor; they had no clothes to put on the Baby. They had no money to stay in an inn. Do you get what I'm saying? Their transportation was one little donkey, you know that – poverty! They were so poor, she brought two turtle doves; that was the poor people's sacrifice. They couldn't bring a lamb; they couldn't bring a bullock. Now, all this is in the Bible to show you the poverty.

So they were nothing; insignificant but they were living in the empire, and there was Caesar Augustus. What do you want to call him, Pope John II? John Paul II you can call him. He sent out a decree. And then you have Herod. He's a Roman delegate there that they have set up as a king over the Jewish people. You know politics. I think he was from Syrian background or something like that, and they had him there because Syria was part of the thing.

Like in Iraq, they have troops in Iraq, they have troops in Afghanistan; in other words, they have garrisons

there. These people are walking about – curfew; everybody gets off the streets at a certain time. “Do this here; do this here.” Like when we had the revolution in 1970. There were roadblocks, everything, checking day and night, “Come, come, come, empty your things here. Open your trunk.” That’s why they have garrisons.

Then there are some places that have no garrisons. Look at us down here; we have no garrison. We are in the empire but we have no garrisons down here. Why? When you have nice politicians who know the power and the might, who know these people come in at three o’clock in the morning and take out Prime Ministers, and then at six o’clock in the morning the country has no Prime Minister; they have an interim Prime Minister.

Then when you have nice politicians like that, who will keep quiet and obey the superpowers when they speak and say, “We don’t want to hear anymore talks about this here, Aristide what? [Former Haitian priest/politician; Haiti’s first democratically elected president –Ed.] That is not your business. Get on with your business. You all need to get together quickly. Don’t question anything about Aristide. Do your job, we will do ours.” Do you get what I’m saying? Then when you have that, you don’t need a garrison because you have, “Yes, boss. Yes, Uncle Sam; whatever you say, Sir. Just send the blueprint. By the time you come back, it will be just the way you want it.”

In all of that, Herod was playing up to the Roman government because remember, Pilate was a Roman governor who had to pass the sentence. When it went to Herod, he only had jurisdiction in a certain place. So they said, “Oh that is Herod’s jurisdiction now; Pilate is the one over the whole province.” He’s the Roman governor; in other words, his credentials come from the ‘eternal city’, so-called. Where? In Rome, Imperial Rome, the headquarters, and this place now is under Roman occupation. And all the trade routes where they are linked and placed positionally, are being monitored now.

Like on those planes, there are sky-marshals on the planes. And you land in certain gates, you come through there, and the US presence is in certain places because there are US flights there. And once US flights are there, they have a US presence there; “Because we are not trusting anybody else with handling our stuff.”

And whether you are flying Qantas—I was flying Qantas, an Australian airline, coming out of New Zealand. Before that plane took off from Auckland, the Qantas pilot said, “Now, this plane is bound for Los Angeles, the port to the United States. You are not allowed to stand in the corridors or line up by toilets, or anything because this is a requirement, not of Qantas but the United States government. Anything inbound coming, they have restrictions, they have these things here. And we, here, our plane wouldn’t even be able to land on that port if we do things differently.” And sometimes you know why they have to say that too? There are sky-marshals [federal officers who guard against the hijacking of commercial airliners –Ed.] on those planes. Why? Because it is bound for an American port.

All those brothers were telling me, who work in those refineries and those places, they say, “These officials come down, ‘Restructure this. This can’t do, this can’t... this can’t come here anymore, do this here, put down a next fence,” all kinds of things to put pressure upon them. “Once anything is coming to the United States, now you’re going to have to change because anything that comes in must not be a risk to us. Otherwise, we are not trading with you. If we’re not trading with you then you have no market; you have no market, then watch your economy fall apart.”

How are you going to run your economy? September 11th, what was happening there? It had to come up to the specifications of the empire because the empire is the world now. And now we are talking about the world government. Did you get that?

If you have world market, which is the internet, and you are enjoying buying a jeep from Japan and paying for it with your credit card, and having it delivered to your door or you are buying clothes or whatever kind of goods and services you are paying for on the net, and you're enjoying the luxury of electronic banking, you are enjoying the luxury of a market that is open twenty-four hours a day, you're enjoying the luxury of being able to sit down home and shop in a next country, then you have to come under global rules. You have to come under the powers that are in charge.

Your thing must be able to bear scrutiny. "We must now have rights to look into your bank account. We must now have rights to know where you go and what you do." Why? "Because you are in the empire and it's our responsibility to run the empire the way it ought to run. And in the empire, we want to know who are the faithful and loyal subjects of the empire."

You know it's so strange. They say they went into Iraq; mashed up the place. Up till now, things haven't even been restored to what it was before the war: services, goods, electricity, water, and these things. Then they call the people 'insurgents'. They said, "We had to put down some insurgents. We had some confrontations with some Iraqi insurgents." That is the natives of the place, you know. That was considered their home: their father's, grandfather's, great grandfather's, great, great, great, great grandfather's.

The invaders come in, bomb up the place, set up installations, take over the country, and then, calling the people now insurgents. You mean somebody could come and mash-up your house, move into your house, take away your house and then deal with you like... and you are trying to say, "Do you all know when we were laying the foundation here? Do you know how much cement I mixed? Do you know how many things I carried? Did you all see my hands afterwards? Do you know how hard we worked? Did you know when my

father got his back strained here, lifting up that and carrying that up here?" Do you think they're interested in that? Now that falls under their territory.

This is what Jerusalem became. Jerusalem was the place where David and Solomon and them walked. When Joshua and they walked in the land when God said, "There remaineth yet much land to be possessed." This is the place where all the glory of the world used to come into Jerusalem. This is where the Queen of the South traveled from so far, the uttermost parts of the earth to see the wisdom of Solomon.

Now you have a Roman saying, "Carry that bag." Now you have, brother, the people hiding in caves; Barabbas and they, trying to fight a revolution to secure their own country. Now, they have those young girls, they've become prostitutes: Mary Magdalene, the woman who washed Jesus' feet with tears; the other woman at the well. All these nice young girls become prostitutes because of the economic recession in the country. All these soldiers, using violence, and intimidation, that John had to tell those soldiers, "Be content with your wages!"

Then the 'example' in the country; the man is living with his brother's wife' that John had to rise up and preach against that. Not one of those churches interfered with that, yet the man got his head cut off for it. Because it's an ecumenical time where everybody is blessing everybody; "You are coming to curse? Are you crazy? Micaiah got his jaw slapped down and was shut up in prison. Everybody here is blessing; you are coming with your cursing business?" All right.

You sit down in church and it sounds good. Let me tell you, it better sink into your heart as revelation you know. Because remember, Christianity is not sitting down inside this church, you know. Remember, Bible Christianity: Peter was beaten and put in prison.

Paul...Paul grew up as a Roman citizen, belonged to the strictest sect of the law: Hebrew of the Hebrews; had

dual citizenship. Then went forth preaching a Gospel after he had Supernatural experience that shook up the country, and seemed like he defiled the religion by bringing in all kinds of people, who could have never come into the economy of God into the economy of God. And then ends up in Rome, where the church knows it has a messenger and the church received his Book to the Romans that he wrote, and they are longing to see him.

When he went in there, he went in there as a prisoner, not as a missionary you know, as a prisoner. When they did see him arrive in Rome, he arrived in chains (the messenger). And they saw the fierceness and the might of the empire when they went to Corinth, when they went into those different places; Thessalonica. Because the Book of Acts shows you how the Gospel was spread throughout the Roman empire.

Don't you know we are spreading the Gospel here? When you are going up there, "Take off your shoes; open your bag. You beeped; go back through. Come in this room here. Take off everything." You're travelling, you're subject to that. Why? To spread the Gospel in the empire; to go to strengthen a brother or sister, to go and strengthen a little church that is calling for you and wants the Word you are preaching. To go to countries in Eastern Europe, brother, where I preach and they have a little sausage and a little salad, and two/three slices of bread and that is the meal (not like what we have here) and you eat that, rest a little bit and go back in for the next service. That is spreading the Gospel in the empire.

In America, it used to be that, not anymore. You fly from state to state to state, from one airport to the next; you go through that search every time because it has changed. Okay, let me finish reading the Scripture.

³ And all went to be taxed, everyone unto his own city.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

Now, watch what this taxation is causing. This is ‘all the world now’. So you could imagine a man who’s living there, and he’s from Syria or he’s from Lebanon, or he is from someplace; he has to go back where he belongs, you know. In other words, “Go back to your birthplace.” They don’t want to know how he is getting there. “We have a certain time, so-and-so; you have to be taxed. And we must know what is happening in the empire. Everybody is subject to it.” And they were enforcing this in every city and every place, why? Because they had that control.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, [and] unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5 To be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.

My goodness! Watch the conditions here, friends. Two believers; the Word – they are conscious of the Word coming to pass. It’s not out in the big denominational churches, it is going on in their lives. And look at the circumstance under which God is letting it happen.

6 And so it was, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now that word, ‘all the world’ is a word in the Greek called ‘oikoumene’. It means world or earth, or the inhabited earth. It is the word we get our English word

from, 'ecumenical or ecumenism'. Many times we talk about the ecumenical move, and many times people don't know what the ecumenical move is. They think it's just some denominations coming together. In their minds, they heard that the Prophet said, "Ecumenical move; well, that's the denominations coming together."

And this is why I'm trying to show you what ecumenism is, what the ecumenical move is because he said, "That's the monster of Satan. That's the vehicle of the antichrist. And that's what he's using to take the whole world in his snare." *Oikoumene*: the world, the earth, the inhabited earth; the Roman empire, all the subjects of the empire; the whole inhabited earth, the world, the inhabitants of the earth: men.

The Book of Revelation says: And all that dwell on the earth shall worship the Beast. You meet that over and over in the Book of Revelation. Why? "And he shall deceive the whole world", what is he talking about? The empire. Because when you get into Revelation 13, it's global. You can't buy or sell, rich or poor. The reason it's global, it has united; the world has united. The world could not become global until there is something to unite the peoples of the world. Do you get what I'm saying?

Now understand this now. I'm trying to break it down for you, so you can understand by revelation. Many times you know the statements and then the same statements you know, you turn around and kind of doubt and wonder when you see Daniel and Revelation being revealed only because it is statements and not revelation. But watch what we are talking about.

They had to bring one government (the Beast and his kingdom), a new world being shaped so he can set down the mark upon the whole world. He has to have power over the whole world. When Nebuchadnezzar brought religious persecution to bow down and worship the image and those who didn't do it were killed (which is Revelation 13, which is Daniel 3, the same thing);

Nebuchadnezzar could only do that when he united the world. After he united the world, he did that.

Jesus, as I showed you, was not going to come in the first three kingdoms. He came, but He came three times. He is to come three times (it is prophesied) in the fourth kingdom. Here we are caught up in the Second Coming, in this fourth kingdom. He came once in Pagan Rome. He came once as Papal Rome. Back there was Pagan Rome, then over here under the false prophet. When He comes back the third time, it's the Beast; not the antichrist and false prophet in that sense, but the Beast, Satan incarnate, the kingdom in flesh on earth. And the whole earth, giving their support to the system; the people who rejected Him when the unfolding of His Second Coming was presented to them.

Revelation 3:20, they do what? Put Him on the outside of the church; Christ was rejected. What was that? The falling away: 'that day will not come except the falling away comes first'. Apostasy means, not just deception; apostasy is willful rejection, a departure from the Living God, departure from revealed vindicated Truth. In other words, you know that is the Truth but you didn't come out to make any real commitment to that; you want this way. Why? Because you can eat and drink and sleep and have things, good, here; but this way is persecution, this way is rejection, this way is to lose certain material things.

Esau sold the birthright for what? A morsel of meat. This is the Hour, this is the Hour, this is the thing that confronts you: the Bride will be pressured. Why? It's either you come in and benefit or you stay out and suffer the consequences. Your buildings will be confiscated. Your assets will be frozen, and all rights to operate as a legal religion are taken away from you. Because now, you become an outlaw to the law of the land, the law of the empire because when this law comes down, it's not a bunch of people making this law in a corner, you

know. This is coming from the empire. This is the law of the empire.

And since Muslim and Hindu and they are not really concerned, denomination is not really concerned with the mark of the Beast – they think it’s a tattoo in your head and all kinds of nonsense, and a tattoo in your hands and your electric bill, and all kinds of different things. They think it’s a computer; you walk in somewhere, and they don’t know your hand is what you do about it. Your head is your—your forehead is your revelation. And the only way you are going to be marked in your forehead and your hands there, is when you refuse this Mark that He is giving you now. Because He is coming to mark those who sigh and cry for the abominations. He comes to mark those who came out of her. Do you get what I’m saying?

So the terms ‘ecumenical and ecumenism’ are derived from this word ‘all the earth’, and is translated as ‘all the world’ here in Luke, Chapter 2, verse 1. It is applied to ‘one large religious body’ whose influence embraces the inhabited earth. Do you get that? It is applied to ‘one large religious body’ whose influence embraces the inhabited earth.

I have time just to read two Scriptures. I’m just going to read those two and close. Mark 1, verse 14. Luke 2, in the Bible, records that. The reason Luke records that—in other words, that didn’t end up in the Bible just by chance. That is tied to the Squeeze coming upon the Elect but that came when Rome unified the world. Universal Peace was first established at the beginning of the reign of Augustus. And when Augustus came in, then he wanted to know what was happening in the kingdom.

Mark 1, verse 14.

¹⁴ And...And after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

¹⁵ And saying, The time is fulfilled...

Daniel was told what? Seven weeks and threescore and two weeks unto Messiah.” Then John introduced the Messiah to Israel. And now, when John was put in prison, his ministry was over publicly because he never came out of prison, he died in prison.

It says:

*14 And after that John was put in prison,
Jesus came into Galilee,*

Now watch that. That is instructive. Galilee is not just a place; He specifically went to Galilee because prophecy is saying, ‘Messiah's ministry must begin in Galilee.’

*... preaching the gospel of the kingdom of
God,*

John was saying, “Repent, the Kingdom of God is at hand.” Jesus now is introducing the Kingdom to them.

15 And saying, The time is fulfilled...

What time is fulfilled? What time is that speaking of? What time? What time in the Old Testament was promised something had to come and had to be fulfilled when Jesus was going to begin preaching? What time is that? There is no time written anywhere in the Bible other than in Daniel: ‘unto Messiah’. And while John was having his ministry, Jesus could not have any ministry. Jesus’ Ministry could only begin when John comes to an end.

John said, “I must decrease and He now must increase.” Do you get that? Because both of them couldn’t be there at the same time. Because John came to do what? A forerunner to introduce Him. And then when John introduced Him, Jesus went into Galilee and He started by saying, “The time is fulfilled; now the Kingdom of God is at hand.”

What was it? For three and a half years, He introduced the Kingdom to Israel. He told Nicodemus, “Ye must be born again, marvel not I say unto you.” And started to introduce, to them the Substance, that He was the fulfillment, “Search the scriptures, they testify

of Me; and lo, I come in the volume of the book.” And, “The law was only a shadow of good things to come.” And He was the good Things to come and they turned It down. They turned It down and that was the three and a half years they already got. “The time was fulfilled.”

Now, Matthew 4:12. The fullness of time and the Kingdom came together because remember, what did Jesus’ Ministry come to do? Bring the birth of Christianity. Jesus’ Ministry brought the birth of Christianity. Now a Saviour was in the world; a Word that was promised for all the years, now man could be saved, man could get a New Birth.

Moses couldn’t give anybody a New Birth; Jeremiah couldn’t give anybody a New Birth; John couldn’t give a New Birth. John couldn’t bring a New Birth; John said, “I baptize with water but there is One coming, baptizing [with what?] the Holy Ghost and Fire.” He said, “I can only baptize with water but water doesn’t give you a New Birth. You’re only believing unto receiving.”

For four hundred years, we have had what? Over a thousand denominations from the Catholic to the Pentecostals; none could give a New Birth. Do you understand that? But then the Son of Man to be revealed in the last days, is what? The Word that was going to come to bring a New Birth was coming. A Word that was coming to bring man back to his position, where he was in the beginning. Because remember, Luther, Wesley, and Pentecost were stalk, tassel, and shuck; they were not Grain. Sure, there were people who died and were sealed in that Age, like Luther and they, smoking their pipes got sealed; like Wesley and they pouring water for baptism got sealed, as Elect but not as an Age because, there, what happened, it was a false birth.

Today if you come with that birth, you come believing the same thing that Luther believed, you are not going in the Rapture. If you come believing the same thing Wesley believed, you are not going in the Rapture. Why?

The Church has grown from that. That was a Word for a time because there was such an Age that was not going to have the full Word because that was reformation (do you understand what I'm saying?); stars, different in Glory.

That's why there, in their Age and in our Age, it's two different things. It's two different things. Our place... You see, like James and John wanted that place by the Throne, all these things—I don't want to go into all these things because... I just said that because you know how the intellectual mind is. Many times, you know, they try to stray with a Word but I know what I'm talking about. He said, "James and John wanted to be one on that right hand and one on that left hand to sit with Him in the Throne." He said, "That test was going to come in this Day." Each Day has its tests, each day has its overcoming, each day has its promise. And so the Throne was given for us.

See, that's why this Bride, we have... We're all in the Bride, yes, but our Glory is different. They don't have the Glory as we have. Do you get what I'm saying? Alpha and Omega, friends, not in-between. There are comely parts and uncomely parts in the Body. You know that. The Bible teaches that.

Now, verse 12:

12 Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee;

13 And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim:

Now, watch how Mark is explaining it. When He had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee;" that was His cue: "Time to get into Galilee."

13 And leaving Nazareth...

Leave your house, leave everything where you are still living there, leave that. Move from there now; it's time

to move. "When you see this wall break here, get in your wagon, and go West." Do you get me?

Look at where we are going from here. "Leave Fran Street and go up now, Cocoyea. Leave there and go to Barataria now. Leave there now and go to Abel Country now. Do you understand what I'm saying?

... he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim:

¹⁴ That it might be fulfilled...

Why did he do that? *That it might be fulfilled...* What a way to know the Bible! What a way to serve God! How many know the Bride is part of the Bridegroom? How many know She is part of the Word? How many know if He hit sixteen thousand kilocycles, She will hit the same? Faith of His Faith, Life of His Life, Spirit of His Spirit, Word of His Word.

¹⁴ That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet saying,

¹⁵ The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordon, Galilee of the Gentiles;

¹⁶ The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

He was the Light of the world. Does the sun rise from a certain place? Is there a certain place the sunlight hits first in the world? A place called Gisborne, in New Zealand, light hits there, first in the world then it starts to spread over the earth. Well, He is the Son, the real Son: S-O-N. The Light had to spring up in a certain place. And Isaiah, seeing this ministry when It comes, he said, "He'll begin here." Do you get what I'm saying?

The Prophet's ministry had to start in a certain place too. Sure, friends. Jesus' Ministry had to start in a certain place. He had to even move geographically into the location that the Scripture might be fulfilled. And

when He began to preach that message—because why? He said, “The time is fulfilled.” What time? The only time the Jews had was Daniel’s seventy weeks. From Daniel coming with that revelation, God was dealing with them with Daniel’s seventy weeks. And he said, “Seven weeks, you’ll rebuild the wall,” and so on and these things, “and then the city, and then until sixty-two weeks after that unto Messiah.”

And then, John introduces the Messiah; John goes into prison. And when Jesus was waiting all that time in Nazareth; he was waiting for John to go to prison you know. He knows John has to die. ... [inaudible -Ed.] From the time they took John, they locked John up, He said, “Time to move.” Symphony, the Symphony, junction, the Symphony, new beat, new part of the Music Sheet.

Now, this is from Galilee here, ‘And light is going to spring up now.’ And He said, “Now the time is fulfilled.” He preached for three and a half years. He was in the last week; the last week had begun. Do you get what I’m saying? He preached for three and a half years; stopped it. “Leave the last three and a half years for them; a Gentile Church is coming there.” And the Roman empire was the one who could say—who could put Him to death, not even the Jews. They have to... the church who didn’t believe Him had to go and join with the state and give their support to the state... (*What Shall I do with this Jesus called Christ?* [1964-0126 -Ed.] I’m talking from.) ...because they couldn’t kill Him because the state had the power to kill him. And they had to come and say, “We have no king but Caesar,” and church and state came together and the Roman power is what executed the thing.

The Roman power was connected with His birth and the Roman power was connected with His death. And the people of the prince were in those first three and a half years, and the people of the prince came back in the last three and a half years that they have. And between this time, the people of the prince have

devoured the whole earth. Rome has devoured the whole earth.

Under the Roman empire, all national barriers were removed. Great cities, Rome, Alexandria, Antioch became meeting places of all races and languages. The Romans were everywhere carrying their laws and civilizations. Greeks settled in thousands at all important centers as professors, merchants, physicians, or acrobats. Orientals... [from the Medes and Persians...]

Watch. I'll show you the state today – America. They are coming from all over. Why? They bring in all the scientists; they bring in all the Mathematicians. This is Roman, friends. They offer scholarships for the best runners, everything. The best of everything, they pull it into the kingdom and they build a society; they build a class of people, a race.

Listen. I'm finished, I'm finished; I'm just reading to leave this part with you.

...Greeks settled in thousands at all important centers... Because when it is an empire, it means to say the world now became Rome because it's under Roman law. You want to get good trade, you are benefiting from Roman goods, and trade routes Romans controlled through war, and nations of producers Romans conquered and have them producing now.

Romans make the big market for everybody through the war because remember, the world was divided up. In other words, let me show you something. How were Medes and Persia, two nations in the time of Babylon, the Babylonian empire, able to have an army to overthrow Babylon? Have you ever thought of that? If Babylon was the head of gold and controlling the whole world, how did Medes and Persia, smaller than they got an army and come and overthrow the big nation, and Babylon fell. How? Because Medes and Persia – It didn't have two world empires, there was only one, but when they conquered Babylon, Medes and Persia became the empire after.

Now, they could pass laws and send – from quite in Shushan the palace, he could send Nehemiah, “Go and collect all your lumber in that forest. Let them cut it for you. Let them use their ship and ship it down. When we are sending our supplies with our men, put it on that same boat; it is going to land there. Let them bring it to the site where you want it and rebuild the wall. And here is the decree.” And he had the government’s stamp and he’s traveling back to Jerusalem out of Persia and he went back there and rebuilt that wall and he had soldiers and guards and everything. Where did he get that from? The empire because he was the king’s cupbearer.

You see, those things are not like, written for you to catch it. But when you look into it now, you see now how the world around them was functioning and how they were able to fulfill the Word of God in the midst of all these big powers. When those people were writing laws, they were writing quite back in Persia and saying, “These people don’t pay taxes, no revenue,” and different things, “Lock them up; they are a bunch of seditious people and their grandfathers and their great grandfathers were the same kinds of people too.” And they were writing letters to shut them down. And then, you know when Sanballat and they were doing that. Sure.

But watch here. The Greeks who were already conquered, the Orientals: the Medes and Persians and all those Eastern nations’ people already conquered.

...Orientals were to be found in large numbers with their gods and mysteries in Rome...

Have you ever gone to Toronto or New York or one of those places and seen how many Hindu temples and Muslim temples are all over the place, in those big, big cities? They came into a society that didn’t have those things. And they brought them in and they gave them lands to build their stuff and put up their mosques, and put up their mandirs, and put up their Baha’i place.

And they walk around, and they have free rights to move around in the streets and peddle their Buddhas and things, and all their incense and everything else. Do you know why? It's good for the empire.

The empire shows we are cosmopolitan. The empire shows we give equal rights to people. The empire shows we are highly civilized. We are not autocratic, you know, we are a people here that are promoting unity. It's good for the empire. But their structure is set up in such a way, they give them 'so much' [limited -Ed.] space where it doesn't affect the empire. It's good for the empire but it doesn't affect the empire. The empire remains as the elite class, the 'empire people'. Because these people come like a kind of second-rate class. But with the Romans—catch this about the Romans; the Romans made everybody equal. The Romans made everybody equal.

That is why Paul said, "What? You want to try me in court here? You all beat me up and put me in prison." He said, "I'm a Roman citizen. I am not coming out of here." Remember in the Philippian jail? He said, "You touch me and I am Roman?" And he started to talk in Roman there, brother, those men got scared. The next time when they tried to deal with him in Jerusalem, he said, "Me, here with these people?" He said, "I appealed to Caesar. I am a Roman citizen, I appealed to Caesar. Take me to Caesar. Take me to Rome."

Do you get what I am saying? Those laws were in the empire. It comes like now we have what? Caribbean Court, Caribbean Court. Why do we have Caribbean Court? Because we have Caribbean State, so automatically your High Court now would be those kinds of courts, so certain brands of judges get elevated. They now are not a judge over Trinidad or judge over St. Lucia, they are Caribbean judges. What is happening there? Your Justice System is going through a metamorphosis. Your Security System is going through

a metamorphosis. Your Trade System is going through a metamorphosis, and it's happening around you.

And unless you don't go through a metamorphosis too—because why? They are moving here under a kind of oppression in the empire, but it's the Word they are carrying in them, friends. And God's Word was coming to pass.

In the Roman armies, soldiers from all quarters of the empire [I am reading from a Bible Dictionary] became companions. And many thousands of slaves of fine education and high culture contributed much to cosmopolitanism.

Every nation, kindred, tongue, and tribe in the empire; that's why the Bible tells you... Remember in the Bible ... [inaudible -Ed.] and "you'll prophesy to many nations, kindred, tongues, and tribes" in the empire. 'All peoples' are one people in the empire.

...Being in many cases far superior in culture to their masters, they became teachers. And in every city of importance, East or West, large bodies of the Jewish Diaspora were settled.

That's why Paul went to Corinth, he went to the Jewish synagogue and as his manner was, he began to talk to them. He went to the Thessalonians and opened a letter out of the Scriptures, 'Christ must needs be suffer' [Acts 17:3 -Ed.]; why? Because the Jewish Diaspora was throughout the community. Man realized now when it changed and said, "I could get a piece of land, maybe, over in Grenada, set up a good business across there; too much competition in Trinidad. I have more market across there; I am one of the main players. Over here, I am fighting up with about ten people for the market share."

So those Jews, to make money they were moving around. Aquila and Priscilla came out into Corinth and did what? Set up their little shop (is that right?); making tents. And so, Paul and they were working to spread the Gospel because they traveled into those places. They

had to get money; they had to get different things to spread the Gospel.

Then Aquila and Priscilla and them left there and went over to Rome. They bought a little property across there in Rome—Ephesus; they started a little church in their house. Next thing, they left and they went over to Rome and started a little church in their house. Why? Because they were laborers with Paul, and they knew there was a message, and they knew it was a sowing time, and they knew according to the prophecy, Titus was coming. And they knew there was going to be a clamping down coming and so they were trying to go out and get the seed planted in the region. And they saw the laws changing; they saw the Roman garrisons becoming stronger in certain places where there was rebellion and opposition towards the authority and the rule. And so, they had to keep moving.

You read it in the Bible, but now we are back in the empire, and some of you don't understand. And sometimes, you sit down there and you kind of go to church and go back home, and go to church and go back home, and then it's a struggle to carry the Gospel. And the things you're seeing as opposition, you don't realize, no, this is the empire; this is the New World coming in and strangling things. But the Vision that we have has to bring us into a faith to raise us up to see, friends that before this thing could fully become tight and choke, the Bride must finish the work She is called to do.

Let the musicians come.

A little quote here in *The Revelation of Jesus Christ*. [An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages pg. 31 -Ed.] he says: *Let me drop in something here that will both amaze and help you.* [I hope this amazes and helps you. He said,] *...that will both amaze and help you. There's hardly a student that does not believe the New Testament was originally in the Greek language. All our great Bible students have said that God gave the world three great nations with*

three great contributions for the sake of the Gospel. He gave the Greeks who gave a universal language. [This is page 31 in your Church Age book.] He gave the Jews who gave us true religion and the true knowledge of God through the Saviour. He gave us the Romans who gave us a unified empire with laws and a system of highways. Thus, we have true religion, the language to express it to many peoples and the government and roads to spread it physically.

If the empire hadn't evolved, and raised civilization to such a height where you can get on a plane and get to New Zealand, or get on a plane and get to Ukraine and to Russia—it did not have a system of highways to spread the Word. If it didn't have a network of LIAT and Caribbean Airlines and Bee-Wee [BWIA] in the Caribbean, how can we get out there with the Gospel? If they didn't unify the world in the Information Age, by the opening up of the fourth dimension – the Information Superhighway, and all this great knowledge that comes from the Tree of Knowledge that the scientists probe to unify the world, and you have the internet and these things and technology and DVDs and all these things; how could we share the Truth and the Word here that we enjoy that builds up our faith with the saints in the region? Think.

The empire; in the empire—it is because the empire has evolved. Do you know why? In the empire, as I said, thousands of slaves. You went into Iraq and you conquered it, you realize, “There are some good scientists who were part of the Germ Warfare Programme, “We take them; we strengthen our nation with them.” They had some fine doctors, men who had to work with some kinds of medicine, not conventional – the wisdom of conventional medicine, and they had their statistics and their records to show the kind of success they had. “And in our hospitals with the latest equipment, the latest medication, everything, we have

more casualties and more of these things.” They got some of those doctors.

They said after World War II was over, when they went into Japan, they found a Japanese military scientist, who for the last twenty years have been working as a microbiologist, making germ warfare. And the whole world, Russia, England, Germany, many of them who were experimenting on animals and different things, had not broken that border to step into the realm of human beings. This man was trying out his stuff, and documenting it for twenty years of research on human beings. He took all those condemned prisoners and tried out all his stuff.

When the Americans and they got a hold of this man and realized he was the man – they saw the things – he offered them the research and the experiments and the documentation. He was able to go free. They got a wealth of knowledge from all his experiments, and then they took it and they started their own factories to produce their own biological and chemical weapons.

Bro. Branham said, “How did the Russians get so advanced? They were a bunch of Siberians without any education and these things, how did they get like that?” He said, “After World War II, they took all the German scientists there. Read it, *Handwriting On The Wall* [1958-0108 -Ed.]. And they were able to use those German Scientists.

And, what has America done? America is an indivision society. You know that. America is not like—because the original Americans were the native American Indians: Cochise and Geronimo and they. They were the original Americans. These are people who fled: immigrants. And so, the empire and the influence, the image of the Beast that Rome is working through, the might and power of the mightiest military nation on Planet Earth, the United States Army, has hundreds and hundreds of satellites covering the whole world.

They have all their bombs and their missiles strategically placed so that they can deal a blow, immediately to anybody who they consider a threat or who can do them harm. Because they are placed so positionally; on this side is the Atlantic, on the next side is the Pacific. Above them are Canadians, below them are Mexicans; friendly neighbors on both borders, and an expanse of the two largest oceans in the world on either side. So, before anything can come to them, it takes thousands of miles to travel before it gets to their homeland.

That's why they've become such a powerful nation, plus their riches and their resources and, plus, because of the constitution that they encouraged immigration. They brought the best of the world within their fold; people going to the land of prosperity. It was inside of there when the constellations came in the heaven, a child was born to be a Prophet to the Gentiles.

When the Angels came with the Message, when God was going to witness to this generation of His visitation in the last days to gather the Bride together, it was in that nation. And that same Prophet had to rise up and prophesy judgment upon that nation. And that Gospel has gone into the world, while that nation's influence has gone into the world. And that Spiritual Power is growing in the hearts of believers, while that political power and influence are growing in the political realm, and it will bring a clash.

It's coming soon. Because when that Roman power—from the time that Child was born, they said, "What! A King of the Jews is born here?" and they started to kill. And when the Church was born, Herod came forth and started to kill. And he vexed the Church, the Bible says, and scattered them. And the Church couldn't face the might of the empire though it is in the empire; a lot of things were allowed to prosper, a lot of things were given protection. And when you look today and see what the empire favors and what the empire does not favor—

because he said, “In the last days, when that Berlin Wall is broken,” he said, “we’ll come back in the full circle of the Roman empire in the time of Jesus.”

End-time Seed Sign [#4 -1963-0926 -Ed.], I have it here. I won’t take time to read it; I’ll pick it up on Wednesday. He said, “We’ve come back full circle.” He said, “And that Roman empire that was bound by religious tradition and couldn’t let loose, found a way to let loose and killed six million in World War II, targeted the Jews.” Now, that Roman empire is targeting the Muslims. And then that Roman empire is going to target the true Christians.

When natural Babylon was having a revival... (Listen.) Nimrod had started it when he tried to unify the whole world but now Nebuchadnezzar brings it on a bigger scale. But there will be a Spirit-filled Church operating. Daniel and they had Angelic visitation, had dreams and visions, and wisdom and knowledge, and faith and working of miracles, and tongues and interpretation, in the empire. Then when the Roman empire started, Peter and Paul and they had wisdom and knowledge, and healing, and faith, and working of miracles, and tongues, and interpretation, and all these things. Is that right?

And in the End Time when that Babylon becomes a Mystery Babylon at the end of the Gentile dispensation and that Roman empire is revived, which is the same empire, is there promised to be a Spirit-filled Church there too, a gifted Church operating in the Supernatural the same way? Think about it. Watch the pattern. Watch the continuity.

Then there must be in the empire those like Daniel and they, like Paul and they, Peter and them, even though they died for it. Jesus died under the empire, Paul died under the empire, Peter died under the empire, Stephen and all of them died. Is that right? Sure. Daniel and they were thrown in the fiery furnace and all these things, lion’s den—Hebrew boys in the

fiery furnace and Daniel in the lion's den for their faith. Peter and Paul and they were stoned for their faith. They were forced to worship an image back there. They were beaten not to preach in this Name in the empire back there. And then here, it's coming back to the same thing.

When the empire was unified, it laid the foundation now for a worldwide religion. Christianity – on the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit fell, you had people from all around the world standing there and then that went into the whole world. Do you get that?

That's why the Message that started in the United States would go into the whole world. And because it is unified today, you can stay in Timbuktu and download the Message, or hear the Message live through the internet on so many different websites today. And if you want a book, you can download that because God anointed men, using the tools that the empire provided that the Gospel could even get to people.

We are living in a strange world, friends, but I tried to show you this morning when the fullness of time came, the Word came out of the page and the Word was in flesh because the empire coming, was prophecy also. There was going to be a fourth empire and it didn't happen until Jesus was about to be born. Just a couple of years before Jesus was born, Tiberius Caesar took the role of emperor, and then the Romans had peace in the earth, and now Christianity could go into the entire world.

Because of the empire and Rome with their System of Highways, all the world under Roman dominion could travel and benefit from the Roman achievement. Do you get that? Because of the United States, do you know how many things the world is benefiting from? But that's the evil empire; that's Romanism. That's the military power that enforces the will of the Roman Emperor because remember, Pontiff Maximus is still

with us. And remember, the fourth kingdom never went out of existence; it only changed the outward texture.

And remember, the Beast that was wounded came back to life and the whole world wondered after her. And now she has gotten back all her boundaries and she's taking the whole world. When that is happening, there must be a Bride bringing forth the Word. When that is happening there must be an Apostolic Church with signs and wonders, and miracles, and these things, like it was every time. Are these things promised? Is that promised to happen on that side? Is it promised to happen here (what we are talking about) as well? It's supposed to be here.

Let's stand to our feet.

When those Thunders uttered their Voices, what did the Angel say? "And time shall be no more." And Israel's blindness is until what? The fullness of the Gentiles comes in. What time is it, Sirs? God, describing time by sign. God's threefold system of measuring time: we are in the Age of Leo the Lion, we are in the Age of the capping of the Pyramid, and we are in the Age of the twenty-second chapter of the Book of Revelation. Think of it, friends.

We are in the 'ten toes' of the image of Daniel 2. We are in the Hour of the Midnight Cry, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet Him." What time is it? Think seriously. Look at how these nations, the slave markets are still there; the sex slaves. They are transporting them from all parts of the world, wooing them, enticing them and they are filling brothels and they are selling them into slavery.

The 'sweat shops' that they talk about, making all the footballs and making all the sneakers, and sewing all those clothes and everything else; they are bringing them over in containers like they are bringing over cars, cattle, and everything – people; smuggling them through immigration laws. The orphanages selling

those babies; children, given up for adoption. They dress it up nicely: ‘dealing in the souls of men’.

The chariot races that the people used to be so excited about, they still have them today. They call it The Grand Prix. The gladiators, oh, that thrilled the people when they want to see the killing and the blood and the fearsome warriors; they have all the levels of boxing and wrestling, and all these different things, the martial arts, and everything else.

The theater they used to have, now they have the theater plus Hollywood giving them their movies. We have World Cup Cricket and World Cup Football that, the whole world is drunk twenty-four hours a day; basketball, lawn tennis, golf. Multi-million dollar sporting contracts have the people so drunken. Everything that they did back there in the empire is here on a global scale today. That’s how the empire grips them, friends. That’s how they were controlled and became slaves in that empire. That’s how they became intoxicated and diverted in their minds.

May you have the same mind of Christ. Don’t let the Devil steal your mind. Have a sane mind in this Hour. You want God to be able to come and talk to you. In the empire, Daniel used to be praying somewhere. In the empire, Daniel used to be studying the prophet’s writing somewhere. Paul and they, Stephen and they, look at them in the empire, spreading the Gospel. Look at Philip in the empire; where they were going, friends. Look at those young girls, Philip’s daughters, they were prophesying. The Bible says ‘virgins’. They weren’t messed up. Think of it; that God was using young people inside of there. Look at little Rhoda going out there, saw Peter, and knew about theophanies, she said, “It’s Peter’s angel.”

Back in those days, the empire was there, sure, all the things of the empire, but watch where the believer was. Watch where the real Church—they had a Church in the empire that sin couldn’t stand among them,

though the empire had sin so rampant on the outside. They had a Gospel that Paul said, “Some of you were extortioners [he said] and drunkards, and effeminate, and everything else, whoremongers and everything else.” He said, “You were that.” God had washed them and made them clean and they became part of a new Kingdom back there, that the power of that empire couldn’t come in among them. They had an immunity that kept it out.

Why do we have our defense to be broken down with all this worldliness and all this filth from the empire, friends? Until you have a church—let us say, sometimes instead of you getting an immune church, you get a church whose immune system is like it’s so broken down sometimes, that every little thing passes you see it on somebody. No, friends. Understand what these things were.

Daniel and they, living in the empire, said, “We don’t want to eat the king’s meat.” In that empire, they made stands so they stayed true to their God with conviction. I trust it will be the same. I trust it will be the same for you.

The brothers called me, so elated, in Dominica; they said, “Bro. Vin, we got together, a few of the brothers.” He said, “Now, we get together on Tuesdays to pray and read the Word and go over the Things.” That’s a day they added on amongst themselves for fellowship. He said, “We start to see the need to get together and pray and get in the Word more. And we were taking a little inspiration, talking about Daniel and the time and so on.” He said, “And then, the very Wednesday when the tape arrived, you had spoken about Daniel.” He said, “And then the different Things started to come, the different messages.”

They were so elated that they were so linked up, and they saw what God was doing and the impact the Word was having, the way God confirmed It to them. And then

they began to move out now and try to keep this Thing alive and hold It.

It was such an inspiring thing to see, look how they are feeling the pull of the Hour, and begin to come together. Because when I took that, that is the service I had taken, with Daniel getting his brothers together to pray, and they went in before God and God revealed the king's matter.

He said, "That's exactly what our inspiration was; what we said let us come together and do, and then the Word came out and confirmed that."

They have a tape going out there that God can confirm. Do we have that moving among us, too? Are we moving into that kind of gear? All these Things I am preaching on Daniel, trying to open and show you different places, to alert you of the Hour we are living in, don't take it for granted, friends. It's changing around you every day. Every day it's changing around you. Maybe you are not looking at the places, to see the things changing, but it's changing around you. And God is speaking a Word directly in season, in time, so when you walk out there, your mind is not darkened. Your mind is illuminated so that you can enlighten others when you go out there.

You can say, "Do you know what is happening here? Such and such is happening. Do you know the Bible promised this? Do you know in the last days, do you know according to the Book of Daniel, Chapter 7, these Things are prophesied? Do you know in Daniel Chapter 8, these things are promised? Do you know in Revelation 13, these things are promised? Do you know in Revelation Chapter 3, these things are promised? Do you know in Revelation 10, these things are promised to be opened? Do you know in Daniel 12 that Angel came down and the Seventh Seal was opened? Do you know that the vision and the prophecy are unsealed?"

Don't just walk. Be a witness out there like Stephen was. Brighten up the corner where you are, friends,

because “Gross darkness is upon the earth and upon the people.” And you are the only Bible that some people will read. The fullness of time has come, could it be? Are we up to the last half of the seventieth week? Is that why the Jews have gone back? Is it that the generation is about run out, maybe not in years, but in people? It’s already run out in years, if you are counting forty years, then it has already run out, but a generation is people too.

Like me, I am not in the generation of these fellows there. I am a different generation to them. While I am here preaching and becoming an old man, they were born from their mother’s womb and are now growing up in the church. When I started preaching the Gospel they weren’t around. They came out from Sunday school and came down here and sit here now, and they are listening to me. And if tomorrow I am gone, these words, they can go back in those tapes and look and see what I was saying; look and see the things I was pointing out.

Because if I go, these Things will still be the Truth, just like the Prophet said, “These things will still be the Truth.” Do you know why? I am saying exactly what he said. I’m sent to say that to keep a church posted in this Hour, to keep a church conscious, to find these Things and bring It down to you to say, your opportunities are few, what you have or what privileges you have, use it wisely. What you have will not be for too long in your possession anymore. Do you understand the time? I hope you understand the time that we are living in.

We have the brother and his family from St. Lucia, coming in on Thursday morning. He’ll be here on Friday and in service, Sunday. He’ll be here over the weekend, so that’s just two services they will be getting, which are the Friday service and Sunday service. And they are coming here to see that they might better learn and be instructed and understand more perfectly what is happening. And I want you to pray. I want you to pray

because that means it's an open door into St. Lucia if these people are the people.

If they are not, then we will know when they come. If they are, then that will be part of the people. And when they come, they are coming to see something. They are coming to see something, and what they are coming to see—they are not just coming to hear, they are coming to see (Sirs, we would see Jesus). They are coming to see a church that they know is different from what they have over there. They are coming to see a people and come among a people that they can tell there is something different about these people. They are coming here to find God – ‘Sirs, we would see Jesus.’

I trust that you as a witness for Jesus Christ will put God on such an exhibition, and on display that they will know, surely, “This is the City of the Living God, the innumerable company of saints; spirits of just men made perfect. This is the Church of the First Born. This is the Thing that we are looking for. Sirs, what must we do?” If they are the ones – and how can we know? Let's have Light because it will take Light to bring Life. It will take Light to quicken, it's going to take contact. It's going to take contact. And I trust by the grace of God that we could be good ambassadors for Him, that we can win not just a couple of souls there, but a door that can win many more souls in that country by the grace of God.

Do you love Him this morning? Do you appreciate Him? Let's just bow our hearts for prayer.

I want to call Bro. Samuel Johnson to pray.

Let us just have faith around the building now. I invite all of you in the rooms; I invite all of you on the outside and within here, that you unite with us now as prayer would be offered. And whatsoever need that you have as we bring this service here to a climax now, that the God Whose Word we have gathered around, Whose Presence is here with us to confirm His Word that you can believe Him. The Bible says if you believe with your

hearts and confess with your mouths, you shall not be ashamed.

Let us join our hearts together. The sick can be healed just like Daniel saw that, Paul and they saw that, in both empires. Here we are, that Babylonian empire, that Roman empire, is Mystery Babylon today, both are the same, then we must see the same. They saw the dead raised, they saw God do mighty miracles, great faith was manifested, the power of God, Angels came down among them, both in Mystery Babylon and the Roman empire. The same is here today, friends.

I believe with all my heart; you believe? And stranger and visitor, you believe Him; believe Him now. Ask God if these Things are true. If these sayings are faithful and true, if you can grasp some of the things to help you see the time we are living in, don't let this day pass you. God brought you here under the sounding of this Voice. It might be longer than you are normally accustomed to in your church, but that's okay, don't let that be a problem. But the Word that you have heard, you may not have heard that in your church. Think on these Things. God is gracious. He knows if you are hungering and thirsting. You desire more, He's made a way for you to receive more.

Let us all look to Him now. He is gracious. He's more willing to give unto us what we have need of, that we can even desire. As we unite our hearts and our brother would pray, may the Almighty God Who is faithful and true confirm His Word today.

[Bro. Samuel Johnson prays -Ed.]

Amen. Turn around and greet your brother and your sister. Greet the strangers, tell them God bless them (amen) a warm, friendly greeting like Elisabeth and Mary that the Holy Spirit just moved with that handshake and that greeting, by the grace of God.

He'll never let go of my hand. Oh, there's a hand that covers the mountain and that furnished all the galaxies.

Praise His mighty Name.

Bro. Ricardo...

