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A surreal landscape painting with a glowing open book, a white dove, and a dark eagle. The background features rolling hills and a warm, golden light. The book is open, with pages that appear to be glowing and floating. A white dove is flying in the upper right, and a dark eagle is flying in the lower left. The overall mood is spiritual and ethereal.



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Excerpt:

At present, this mighty hunter is actively engaged in the pursuits of the chase. Oh, he has picked up the scent and his dogs are just backing the animals he's hunting, just in the place where he wants them. And the great hunter, you could see him with all confidence now. He has ensnared and is going to take captive the game that he had stalked for so long.

I'm typing these things to what is happening in the world today, because this hunter Nimrod back there, he was the first one that changed the way of life in the world by war. War always changes the way of life; but today we have all kinds of wars and we have all kinds of battlegrounds. The Prophet tells us of the battleground in the human mind. We hear about Scriptural wars; but there are media wars. There are trade wars. See? There are economic wars. There are all kinds of wars today which are changing the world of trade and commerce. There are industrial wars – (sure) corporate warfare. We read about it every day.

But I want to show you he's a great hunter with one intent – that he's going to bring everything under his control; because the Bible says, Rome is going to rule the world. She's going to control the World's trade and commerce in a pact and you'll have to either have the mark of the beast to buy or sell or give your life. (Page 20 \$ 21)

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## FOREWORD

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*Nimrod, The Mighty Hunter Of The Twentieth Century*

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SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 1989

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Let's just sing "*Christ is revealing Himself unto me.*"  
*Christ is revealing Himself unto me,*  
He opened my eyes...  
*He opened my eyes and now I can see,*  
*His Word is becoming a reality in*  
*this day, this glorious day.*

Amen. I believe we all have that same testimony this morning. "*His Word is becoming a reality...*" How It has changed our lives and brought us to a place where It has made God so personalized, so real, that now we can look and see Him in our very own lives. I believe it's the most comforting thing to know that His Word is inside of us.

I'm sure you all have been enjoying the meetings very much. And truly, you know, I was just thinking today; I said, "My! God is really a God of variety." You know, I was thinking about the unique ability that the congregation no doubt will have to possess to listen to so many different types of accents – and from one service to the next – and so much different ways of speaking of Christ as He reveals Himself to each and every one of us; that we could express Him in the way that we know Him and relate to Him; and the way that He intended to use each and every one of us.

I'm really happy to be here, and I've certainly been enjoying the meetings. I just trust that the Lord will give me grace to be a real blessing to you today. Let us pray together.

Our Gracious Heavenly Father, oh God, how thankful we are for these blessed moments that we could come and sit in Your House together; and Lord, we could

fellowship around this precious Word; this great glorious revelation of You that has come so close to us, that has become so real to us, that is becoming clearer to us each day. Truly You said, "When that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away, and we shall know as we were known." Oh God, to see our amnesia leaving us, and we could behold the Glory of the Lord as in a mirror.

And Lord, what a glorious feeling; what a glorious thing it is for us to know we are being changed into the very same image that we are beholding. Your Prophet did say, Lord, when he preached that great message and he saw You in nature and then he saw You in Your Word, then he saw You in Your Son, and then he said, "Let us see God in His people." Oh God, this is the great capping off time when You are displaying Yourself in Your people, Lord, to show forth Your very victory and the very reason of Your death.

Truly, we thank You, Lord, for this great time that we could come and gather together and rejoice and give praise and thanks unto Thee, for the great things that Thou hast wrought in our midst, Lord; and what You have done especially for the ministry and the local assembly here. Lord, we believe that we are part of them by the experience that You have joined our hearts together. And as part of the great, ransomed Church of God that is saved to sin no more, we come, Lord, to give praise and rejoice together with them, and give You thanks, Lord, for Your great, magnificent, holy blessings that You have poured out in this place.

For, Lord, truly they have been such a great blessing and inspiration to our lives around the world. We can all say that, Father. And as we have come and gathered together, Lord, we pray that You will bless us one more time today; that Your great Holy Spirit would just move in the Word and You would cause us, Lord, to have an increase of faith and bring us to a place where faith could be lifted into a higher bracket, Lord. Lord, Your

Prophet was longing to see a Church in a Rapturing condition. He said how he wants to walk in the front door, the back door or whatever door it was; but to see a body of people that sin cannot stand among them. Oh God, when he saw that Miss U.S.A. church in that vision, Lord, how his heart sunk. He cried out, "Oh God, is this what our labour, is this what our sacrifice has produced?" But Your voice said, "No, the Bride will come into view." And then he saw one come marching, '*Onward Christian Soldiers*' from around the world, Lord.

Oh God, we believe that, Lord, we are part of that Bride represented here today. And we pray dear God, that Your Holy Spirit, Lord, Father, would give such a witness and a confirmation of the things that You have already spoken and vindicated, Lord; that we might be established in this Truth that we have received. Grant it, Father. And may it bring praise to Your Name and may it be unto the edification of Thy people. We give You glory for it.

And Lord, I pray that You would help me, knowing I am dependent on You. Help me to speak clearly. Help me to speak, Lord, by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit. And may You bring the people in the same channel, that there would be no barrier, Lord, of accents and these things, Lord; but it would just be a clear voice of the Spirit of God through the Word, speaking to their hearts, and ministering to their needs and Lord, just blessing them, Father. May You grant these things we pray, for we ask it in Jesus' Name. Could we all say 'amen'? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] Amen.

I would like to invite your attention to the book of Genesis, Chapter 10. We would like to read a portion of God's Word from there, and also Jeremiah 5. Maybe you could just find that place while you're searching your Scriptures.

I am going to just try to be simple this morning and just lay a little background for the second part of the

message. We'll come tomorrow and complete it; so if you don't understand everything or maybe don't get a hold of everything in the way you think you should, don't be bothered about it. Just listen with faith (amen) and God will do the rest, because flesh and blood cannot reveal it. "It's not by might or by power; it's by His Spirit. It's not him that willeth or him that runneth but God who showeth mercy."

And I believe God knows we've travelled from so far and you know, we've sacrificed and we've laboured, and we felt to be here and His Spirit made a way for us to be here. And none of us didn't just come to maybe, you know, to socialize – though we're glad to meet one another and be with one another; but when we come and assemble in the House of God here, we want to hear from Heaven. And I know that you have been praying. I know God has been blessing you. And if you remember the part that you have to play by drawing with faith in the Word, (amen) God will do the exceedingly abundantly above all we could ask or think. Amen.

I truly want to greet all the ministers, Bro. Billy Paul, all the saints, the Pastors and different brothers that I've never met before, and was able to shake their hands and say God bless them. And you know, I really am glad for that opportunity. And you just pray for me this morning. We're going to begin reading from Genesis 10, verse 8:

*<sup>8</sup> And Cush begat Nimrod: [and] he began to be a mighty one in the earth.*

*<sup>9</sup> He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.*

When Moses is writing that, his reputation was still there in such a profound way in the earth, that it was like a proverb; that it is said here:

*<sup>9</sup> ...Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.*

*10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.*

*11 Out of that land went forth Asshur...*

And right there in *The Seven Church Age Book*, page 186, Bro. Branham corrects that. He said, "The translators made a mistake. They translated Asshur as a noun, but it is really a verb, which means 'to make strong' in the Chaldean language." So it should really be read like this. I'm going to read over verse 10 so we could get the full sense of it; because you know, it breaks the continuity there because of the mistranslation. Not that the Bible isn't inspired, but the translators, in bringing it to the English, they made a mistake.

*10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, [It's all speaking about Nimrod] in the land of Shinar.*

*11 Out of that land [this is what it should read] he went forth [when he had been made strong], and builded Nineveh,*

Because history tells you that Ninus was the king of Nineveh, which was Nimrod. So he's the one who builded Nineveh.

*11 ...and the city Rehoboth, and Calah,*

*12 And Resen between Nineveh and Calah: the same is a great city.*

Then it begins to give you other characters. But the Holy Spirit wants to spend a little time here on showing the achievements of this Nimrod, who is three times called: a mighty one in the earth, a mighty hunter before the Lord, and he's called a mighty hunter before the Lord. It's repeated.

Also Jeremiah, chapter 5, verses 26 and 27:

*26 For among my people are found wicked men: they lie in wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men.*

*27 As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses*

*full of deceit: therefore they are become great,  
and grown rich.*

May the Lord add His precious blessings to the reading of His Word. You may have your seats. I want to take for a title this morning: **“THE TRAPS OF A MIGHTY HUNTER.”** And for a subject I want to speak a little bit on, **“Nimrod, The Mighty Hunter Of The Twentieth Century.”**

I believe that the Roman Catholic system, as we’ve been taught by the Prophet, is the religion of Nimrod. Babylon never completely went out of existence. That same religion of Babylon came all the way down, but it’s here in the earth today in the form of Mystery Babylon. And then also, the Roman hierarchy is also like a representation of Nimrod, who was king of Babylon. He was the first one. And then also, we find that Babylon was built on the Euphrates River. The location was specifically chosen. It was a carefully selected place when they were going to build that city.

And the Prophet tells us it was a perversion of the Heavenly Jerusalem. He said, “And Nimrod’s tower was a perversion of Jacob’s dream of a ladder connecting earth and Heaven.” And right away it shows us that Satan cannot create anything; he just perverts what has been created.

Now as we’ve been hearing the different ministers bringing forth the Word each night; and last night, when it came to the end of the service, our brother in his last few closing remarks was expressing from his heart that he believed that something is fixing to happen. And even this morning in the minister’s breakfast, just at the end, the brother was making another appeal for a final thrust in the work there in India and different places around the world because it’s becoming urgent. They feel such a great urgency.

And truly, as believers who have been called and gathered by this Message, we could see that it’s coming to a place; it’s building up to a great climax. It’s

amazing when you think of many people many times, you know, they begin to get weary in their minds and they begin to faint and their feeble hands begin to hang down and their feet become wobbly. But, as we realize that we have come on the home stretch; as we begin to see the prize before us; as we begin to see that the race has come to its end, it's where all our resources could be drawn on to make that final effort.

You know, I was thinking of the things that are presently happening, because the Holy Spirit operated in such a beautiful way through the members of His Body so far in the meeting. And the Prophet taught us, "God's gifts will always find their places." Each gift is predestinated to a place, and the Holy Spirit is responsible for protecting and guiding and placing the gift that He has sent into the earth because they are sent to identify the Word for the Age. The wise men, they followed that star and he said, "That star led them to the Word made flesh and they were bearing gifts." He said, "God protected them because they had the right kind of gifts to reveal the Messiah on the earth."

And I believe that, you know, we've been sitting and seeing gifts that have found their places and bringing forth in its own expression, in its own characteristic; unfolding God's great purpose, and each one bringing out a different aspect. And this morning again, I'm realizing that I'm going into another aspect; but it all accumulates together to highlight and hold clearly before us what has been delivered unto us in this Hour. And especially when we see the modern events; as the Prophet said, "Modern events are made clear by the vindicated prophecy."

And we have had a Prophet who had been vindicated and he brought forth his prophecy, his prophetic Message for this Day. And it has been vindicated by the Pillar of Fire that came for vindication. It has been vindicated to us. And that Message itself opened up this Bible and showed us God's one great goal and His one

purpose that He had in the back part of His Mind, and slowly unfolded it from Genesis to Revelation; that in the Message being delivered unto us, we have received the full counsel of God.

And as we look and examine what has been spoken in the Message; as the Prophet many times, you know, he says, "This is not my words." And he stood there on the message, *Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed* and he said, "I'm going to tell you what God had in the back part of His mind way before the foundation of the world, even before there were angels and how it unfolded down to this present time." That was in 1963 when he stood there preaching. And then in *The Future Home* [The Future Home Of The Heavenly Bridegroom And The Earthly Bride -Ed.] he takes it up and goes all the way over into the New Jerusalem.

So then we realize that we have received the counsel of God from Eternity all the way back to Eternity in the form of this revealed Word. And the Holy Spirit is here to lead us and guide us into all Truth, which we have received. And God has ordained a ministry, and has trained that ministry to say only what has already been said and to know how necessary it is to say only what has been said; even to the place where we could say it by the Spirit in the same Spirit, with the same objective, with the same motive. No wonder he said, "The Spirit and the Bride will say the same thing that the Spirit said through the Prophet, and what the Spirit said through the Prophet was already said in the Word." Amen.

And not only did the Prophet reveal things that was, but he revealed Him Who is, Who was and Who is to come. He revealed past, present and future. And here we've been sitting under this revealed Word since he has gone off the scene, watching all the things that was spoken through the mouth of that Prophet; because while he was speaking, he identified every spirit there was upon the face of this earth.

In one place he says, "I've been reading, studying the

book of Genesis for two years,” he says, “because everything on the earth today had its origin in Genesis.” He says, “I’m going to show you where everything could go right back to Genesis in the Bible, and how it comes all the way down to the present time that we are living in.”

Because Genesis is GENES – it’s the book of beginnings; it’s the seed. Revelation is the harvest; it’s the consummation. It’s just by a law of reproduction that every seed is bringing forth after its kind. And we’re in the great harvest time when He said, “Pray that God will send forth labourers into the harvest.”

And you know, if you look and see that there was a Nimrod back there, there’s one here. There’s a Babylon back there; there’s one here. See? There was an Eliezer back there; there’s one here. You see, there was an Enoch, the seventh from Adam, that was translated back there; there’s one here. There’s a Rebekah who was called out and she journeyed. The very same camel she watered packed her to meet the unseen bridegroom in Genesis; there is one here in Revelation. See?

There was a Jacob who was changed to Israel – transformed back there; there’s one here. Amen. There’s a scientific civilization that was destroyed by atomic power back there; there’s one that’s going to be destroyed here also. There was a Sodom and Gomorrah, a gentile world that was destroyed by fire back there; there’s one over here also.

And we can go on and on and on; but just to bring to you that he says that that is why the devil hates those two books: Genesis and Revelation. And, you know, for years we’ve been told that and yet you find that when it comes to Revelation, you know, few people want to go into the book of Revelation; yet it was the very Prophet’s Message. It was the Prophet that revealed the book of Revelation (amen); his very Message. We can talk about the Church Ages and the Seals and all of these things – Revelation. Amen.

And you know, seeing then that we want to highlight some of the modern things that are taking place, because when he was speaking he identified everything that was going to take place right down to the consummation. He told us what is going to happen to us. He told us what is going to happen to the Jews. He told us what is going to happen back there in the Millennium. He told us what is going to happen over in the New City. He spoke out all. He showed the position of the nations; showed the position of Israel; showed the position of the social world; showed us what is going to happen with the money system; showed us what is going to happen over there in the communist world – all these things.

God had even showed him visions way back in 1933, when he saw those Seven Visions. And God was showing him in those Seven Visions thirty years before the Seven Seals were opened! And the things that he was seeing in the vision was laying in the book of Revelation, it was laying in shadows and types all through the Bible; which he was going to find out later on. See? But God was giving him those visions and by preaching under the influence of his visions—Like for instance, the first three visions spoke of the political world (see?): Fascism, Nazism and Communism. See? Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin, which is Italy, Germany and Russia. And the Voice says now, He says, “They’re going to end up in Communism.” And He says, “Watch the king of the North.”

Now if you’re watching the king of the North, it’s very interesting today. A lot of things are happening in the Communist world. See? And we’ve been told it’s a tool in the hand of God. And we are told the part it’s going to play in this world’s history as this world, this scientific civilization is all climbing up, you know, climaxing to come to its great catastrophe. It’s an Age of crisis.

And then in that fourth vision it was going to show

America now – another world power there after World War II; because he saw an American family there in that car. It was a vision on science, saying that science is going to advance and they're going to reach great heights. And God gave him a symbol of the motorcar to show the kind of world that science, when they broke into God's laboratory, and how they're going to get in there just like it was in the days of Noah. What brought on the world in a materialistic condition and got them into the way that they begin to reject the Word, and begin to become immoral and deteriorate and these things, was because of the developments in science. They began to break through into that scientific realm. And after World War II, look how science has increased; look where it is today!

And then that fifth vision, it showed the immorality that's going to follow that scientific Age. What the science is going to produce. Because "It's television," he said, "Hollywood and these things that stripped the women of their virtues." All those images of brutality and these things, violence and murder and these things that they're programming the children's mind and feeding them a diet of these things, is what is producing them in that hideous condition. You see? So then when we look and we see, how science had brought on the world to such a condition.

And then the sixth vision, it showed something was going to happen in that nation, America, because he saw the rise of a beautiful woman but cruel in her heart. And he, in his own time saw when it actually began to come into fulfillment; preached *Jezebel Religion* [1961-0319 -Ed.]. He said, "Look how she have wormed her way into the White House." He spoke of the invasion of America and the overthrow of the American Government. It was a different type of revolution. It was a different type of invasion. It was a religious invasion; (see?) coming in by flatteries, dividing the kingdom, (sure!) destroying them, breaking their power.

And the Prophet saw it and he went back in the Bible and said, "Look, the history of Israel in the book of Kings in the time of Elijah, when Ahab and Jezebel were in a marriage, in a union; it was a political manoeuvre. Ahab's kingdom was falling apart! He needed Jezebel's wealth and power to hold his kingdom together." And in that hour there was a prophet in the land. And she was on a campaign to kill and break the power of all those voices that were crying out against paganism. And she succeeded because she began to kill them out, until Elijah said, "Oh God, I'm the only one!"

And we heard the Prophet crying out, "All man has forsaken me." He preached, *What Hearest Thou, Elijah?* He was under his juniper tree; all these things. And then God showed him: "No, it's already happened. You're living that out. It's there in the Bible, you have to go through that because the history is repeating itself and that is you here in reality form!"

Oh my! It was a different world! Then he began to break in and understand what the world of Perfect Faith is: you're living in the perfect revelation of the Word for your Day, recognizing your position in the Scriptures, with a channel of inspiration, knowing what the will of God is! Amen. Because he knew he couldn't beat his type. He saw what they were doing. He saw what was happening in the government circles. He saw what was happening to the ministers there. Some of them, you know, were subsidized by the State too. She began to increase her pagan worship throughout the land. Oh, it's tremendous.

Then that seventh vision showed destruction; atomic power – a nuclear holocaust. And you watch the Prophet; after World War Two, he was under the influence of his visions, even before the Seals were opened, because he knew it came from God and those visions identified to him where to direct his preaching.

So he cried out against the scientific world. He preached against that science. He preached against the

immorality of the women. He preached against the Catholic Church that was rising and what she was doing and her intent; and he was uncovering it by the Scriptures, showing us that it was going to be that way. And then he preached that the Earth was to be burned with fire. And then when those Seven Seals were opened, he saw way back there he had seen those visions, and he saw where they fitted in and he saw the things that were going to influence the course of world history until we come to the annihilation.

So here we are now, twenty three years after; he has left the scene and we are sitting here. And as things develop in our environment, as things take place among the nations, as things take place among the churches, in the religious world, as things take place in the scientific world, it's all making clearer to us and giving us a correct understanding of the things he spoke – how they are going to come to pass, because now God didn't leave us to our imaginations; but now we are taking the events and can compare it to the Scripture and see the Scriptures being fulfilled; and know that that Prophet was under Divine inspiration, because he could take those Scriptures and speak it in a certain manner, and we see it coming to pass exactly the way it was spoken! It is tremendous for us to look and see these things.

And I began to think of Jesus, when Bro. Branham stood there preaching *Uniting Time And Sign* [1963-0818 -Ed.]. And he showed how Elijah—he had the very ministry of Elijah: revealing the Son of Man, like John who came at the end of the Old Testament to wind up the loose ends of the Old Testament and introduce the Messiah. And John was waiting for his ministry to be vindicated. He knew the Word was going to come to him one day – the full Word Himself, and he was going to reveal that Word to the public (amen), which was going to bring redemption. It was going to cause them to change a dispensation. It was going to make them turn a corner. Amen. It was going to reveal to them the only

provided place of worship. Amen.

And he looked there in the Bible and he saw it. And he saw it coming to pass in his own life. And he saw the very ministry of Jesus, all those—the First Pull: to contact their flesh; and the Second Pull: discerning the spirits, attracting the people’s attention with gifts to get them ready for this Message. And he was identifying these things, posting us along the way as we were coming; so that as we follow the director who had the music sheet, (amen) who was in the Spirit of the Composer (amen), who was letting us know that this is not just some mixed-up sheet; (amen!) this is inspiration. Glory. Amen! He was putting the Symphony in the right swing. Amen. He was letting us know exactly what junction we’re at. He was letting us know exactly how this part of the music sheet must be played out. It was something great.

And in *Uniting Time And Sign* he began to identify to us national signs. He said, “There is something that the people are missing.” He had preached, *Sirs, Is This The Sign Of The End?* It had come exactly as he spoke it. It was photographed. Amen. He said, “The clergy is missing something.” And he said, “The handwriting is on the wall; we are reading it here in the tabernacle everyday.”

He was showing, you know, signs in the heavens, Scriptural signs, national signs, all these things. And he showed Jesus doing the same thing, when Jesus stood there before all Israel and He was speaking to them. Oh, it was a great thing! Then Jesus began to place them; let them see who John was, let them see where the ministry changed and let them see where He was at. Amen. Then He also began to reveal to them things to come in the spiritual realm, also in the political realm. He told them about the Holy Ghost coming. He told them about nations gathering together to surround Jerusalem; “Let not your flight be in winter, neither on the sabbath day. You’re on the roof top, don’t

come back down. If you're in the field, don't go back for your possessions; and how they were going to dig a ditch." And Jesus was getting that out of the Old Testament in Ezekiel, in Daniel: how the prince was going to come and destroy the sanctuary with a flood; how the slaughtering angels were going to come. Amen.

And Jesus was warning them in the Scriptures. He said, "If only you had known the day of your visitation!" A famine was going to come; how that Roman power was going to surround the nation and break the economy and reduce them to poverty and cause inflation and recession! The caravans couldn't come through. They began to control the trade. They began to control the economy. They began to break the power of the nation. Josephus said, "They ate grass. They ate their belts and their shoes and these things." Such inflation! People were stealing into people's homes and taking their babies and going out with it. Starvation, because they failed to recognize their day and their message.

He said, "But those Christians (hallelujah!) whom Jesus told the Spirit of Truth is going to come—"I'll send you another Comforter; He will bring back what I said to your remembrance! He will teach you all things, He will show you things to come." My! Then they knew what was going to happen. They sat there. They had the Holy Spirit. They were getting their families together. They had been faithful Christians on the job. When they came to service they took their positions in the House of God. Amen. And they were out there watching. They knew: one day we will see those armies beginning to gather together; one day we'll see all the inflation coming in the nation; one day we'll see recession; one day we'll see the unemployment moving in; one day we'll see these things. We will look and understand what is happening. We will know it's what Jesus spoke of. He said, "Not one of those Christians was caught in that because they saw the sign and they moved!"

They remembered His Words, the Holy Spirit. But when Jesus was speaking those things, He was speaking from the Scriptures because it was part of the Word for the Age. And He, being the manifested Word for that Age, knew that those things were yet in potential form but they would become living realities. And the people who were walking through the streets, having a good time, and trade and commerce, and you know, a nice, busy atmosphere and going out and everything else; their lifestyle began to be changed when the pressures came, when the Roman power began to move in and become stronger and have more wicked intents, and when it was timely for them to make certain moves. And they as Christians there, they saw it coming in and they understood, this is what He was speaking about.

And it's there I want to place some of these things. Because here we are twenty-three years after, and you see people, sometimes like, "Oh, nothing is going on," and they're confused and they're going from pillar to post and they don't know what they believe in anymore, and they're looking back, way back into history somewhere; and around them, all over, is all that was spoken by the Prophet coming to pass, in such a real way; that our expectation in this Hour should be greater. We should be more convinced than ever!

We should realize that these things that we are yet responsible for, according to our calling and our ministry, whatever we have to do, we'll have to do it now. That means decisions! That may mean rearranging our lives and different things. That may mean acting upon our revelation, if we recognize by spiritual discernment where we are in the 'Music Sheet' and all these things that are happening, what they mean to us according to this Message.

Otherwise, we'll move by reasoning. We'll move just normal. We'll wait until maybe we're in a position, when the bank is going to confiscate everything, and this is

going to happen over here and then that is going to happen there; and then we want to try and do something, because we're in another spirit to what is happening.

But when we look and we see, you know, the gathering storm, when we see the clouds coming in, like those disciples in the boat. They were journeying and it was getting dark and they were caught up in so many different things. The weather had changed. The atmosphere had changed. The tide had changed. And they came to a rude awakening and realized, "Look where we are caught up." And then with human ability, who was trying to bail the water out, who was trying to fix the sails, who was trying to do this, because while they were there, they failed to look around in their environment and failed to recognize what was taking place in their environment, which was also spoken. Amen.

So as we build in here now, on "this hunter" I'm talking about, "**THE TRAPS OF A MIGHTY HUNTER**" (see?) because I'm dealing with things that are happening presently. As we look at the modern events through the eyes of the vindicated prophecy, oh, they are becoming clear. If we look at them without the Word, it's just world news and events, and this is happening here and this is happening here. But if we see what the Word of God has already said about those things, we know exactly what their destiny is, every one of them.

We know what's going to happen to the nations. We know what's going to happen to the Catholic Church. We know they have to act out their part if we have to act our part. They can't beat their type the same way we cannot beat our type. And if we have to be in a certain position in this Hour and the Holy Ghost is here moving us, ministering to us, bringing us to that place, don't you think that they are moving to their very place at the same time? Because what gave Jesus faith was that

when He looked around there, He could have seen exactly everything moving into place and say, “Now is the hour come, when the Son of Man will be glorified.” Before that He said, “No man could touch Me; My hour is not yet come.” You see? And so it is His very Own Life back in His people. The same Life, as was being brought to us last night. He’s still the same. Amen.

Now Nimrod, a mighty hunter—three times in three verses, the Bible calls him ‘a mighty hunter.’ Now what kind of hunter was Nimrod? A hunter of animals? A bounty hunter? There is bounty hunting, you know. In the wild west, a bounty hunter was not hunting any animals; he was hunting people for a reward. You hear the police talk today about: “A great man-hunt is on and we have a dragnet. And we have some criminals loose and we’re on their trail. And we’ve contacted Interpol and we’ve contacted the CIA, and we’ve contacted the FBI, and we are closing in on them.” What kind of hunter was he? It’s a religious connotation used here in the Scripture, because hunting doesn’t necessarily mean catching birds or animals. Its Scriptural references always refer to people.

God said, “They set traps for my people. They lie in wait to catch them.” I have a whole list of Scriptures here but I don’t have the time to go through them—where Saul was hunting David, and David said, “Why are you hunting me as if you have come out here after a partridge or something?” Where in Ezekiel, God said, “They hunt the souls of My people,” (see?) different places in the Bible like these. David talked about, “The snare of the fowler,” a bird-catcher. See?

Now, the word *to hunt* means—and I know many of you do hunting here. It doesn’t necessarily mean catching birds. We’re not talking about that type of hunting. The word *hunt* means ‘*to pursue and to capture, to search for and locate.*’ It also means ‘*a diligent search or pursuit.*’ It also means ‘*to harass persistently or to persecute.*’ A trap—if he’s a hunter, he

must have traps. A trap means ‘A device for catching and holding animals...’ If you’re hunting animals; there are all kinds of animals. There are political animals. There are business animals. [Bro. Vin and congregation laughs. -Ed.] You know, it depends on... Language is really something else. “...such as a net or a pitfall or a clamp-like apparatus that springs shut suddenly.” It also says, “Any stratagem or device for betraying, tricking or exposing an unsuspecting person.”

Now when a hunter goes on a hunt, he has a specific interest. He has a certain amount of bullets; he has a certain type of gun. He’s going to hunt a certain type of animal. If you’re going to hunt a rhinoceros, you surely won’t go with a gun like if you’re going to hunt a bird. [Bro. Vin chuckles. -Ed.] Amen. So he’s not going to waste all his ammunition on any little thing he sees – he shoots a rabbit there, he shoots at that here, he shoots at that here; and then here comes a big bear and he’s out of ammunition. No. So when a hunter goes on a hunt, he has a specific interest.

And we want to talk about this hunter here because I’m bringing him in the Twentieth Century. Nimrod is here and he’s on a big hunt, and it’s a great hunt that is on.

And let me tell you, hunting, brother, was done by royalty in the old days when they had the tiger hunt, when they had the fox hunt; when they had all these different types of hunt. And from the time you see them come out there, they spend some hours, maybe trying to pick up a trail. And they have the dogs and everything else that they breed and cultivate just for the purpose of tracking certain types of animals. Then those dogs are very faithful to the master who is using them to back-up [corner -Ed.] the prey that they want in the position that they want. Amen.

Alright. Now I just want to give you a little clue of what I’m talking about. You know, Australia is like a kangaroo. America is a bald eagle. Russia is a bear.

And this hunter we're talking about, there are certain ones he wants to get a hold of and bring them under his power. So it's a great hunt.

So let's look at it a little bit. So a hunter has a specific interest; he's not just going to waste his time or his energy or his resources on anything. He has a certain kind of game in mind. He may see a deer and pass it if he's on a bear hunt. If he's on a lion hunt, he may see a nice moose and pass it. It depends on what he wants there. Understand.

And hunters, you know, they set traps for their prey or their game when they are caught in the track. See? And when they catch them in the trap, then they cage them many times. Every time you go to a zoo, those animals, I guarantee you, didn't just walk into those cages like Noah's animals walked into the ark, you know. Men went out there and tracked them; caught them. And maybe they had to wait and lay in wait there for long hours. Maybe they had to study the behavioral pattern of the animal; know the times it feeds, know how it camouflages itself, know where they stand a better chance of catching them, know how to force them out into positions where they could have superiority over them; get them out of—lure them out of their own environment where they become weakened and less secure than if they were in their own environment.

At present, this mighty hunter is actively engaged in the pursuits of the chase. Oh, he has picked up the scent and his dogs are just backing the animals he's hunting, just in the place where he wants them. And the great hunter, you could see him with all confidence now. He has ensnared and is going to take captive the game that he had stalked for so long.

I'm typing these things to what is happening in the world today, because this hunter Nimrod back there, he was the first one that changed the way of life in the world by war. War always changes the way of life; but today we have all kinds of wars and we have all kinds of

battlegrounds. The Prophet tells us of the battleground in the human mind. We hear about Scriptural wars; but there are media wars. There are trade wars. See? There are economic wars. There are all kinds of wars today which are changing the world of trade and commerce. There are industrial wars – (sure) corporate warfare. We read about it every day.

But I want to show you he's a great hunter with one intent – that he's going to bring everything under his control; because the Bible says, Rome is going to rule the world. She's going to control the World's trade and commerce in a pact and you'll have to either have the mark of the beast to buy or sell or give your life.

And we see that in the Bible, and we know heaven and earth will pass away but that Word cannot fail. And Babylon is here in mystery form and Nimrod is here in mystery form, and the whole hunt is a mystery hunt. And we need Divine revelation of the Word to show us what the prey is; what the intent of the hunter is; what environment makes the prey secure; what strategy the hunter must use to lure them out and capture them; what purposes he wants that game for – this game that he is hunting, and spending so much money and so much energy and so much time just to capture and get control of that game he's hunting. Amen.

Now true hunting is a contest between the hunter and the hunted. And weapons (they say) give the hunter an advantage. But animals also have an advantage: they can run faster than the hunter; they know the woods better and they can smell and hear much better. If hunters depended only on the weapons, the animals would beat them at the game almost every time. Therefore, hunters must know the habits of the animals that they are hunting so that they can come close enough to shoot.

Now there are all kinds of hunting: there's fowl-hunting, turkey-hunting, squirrel-hunting, deer-hunting, bear-hunting, lion-hunting... And the kind of

hunting depends on the game being hunted, the location and the methods used to catch the animals.

Trained hounds help the hunter chase and capture a variety of animals and some types of dogs are especially bred for hunting. Now you have heard of 'dogs of war' already. And you know how Hitler and Mussolini and them killed millions of Jews. But then a Prophet came and told us that it was a Roman Spirit which came out of the Euphrates River, loosed upon those dictators; that they were just the political arm of the Vatican. They had given their strength and power to the beast to fulfill the beast's purposes, because they were bred and they were trained. They were put in there by Catholic vote and financed by Catholic wealth and these things, to be used to accomplish the purposes of the Catholic system, which is, Mystery Babylon.

So we see Nimrod breeds his 'dogs' for his purposes, and those dogs are very faithful; and they obey the commands and they carry out the instructions of the hunter that they are faithful to. Many times hunters, to deceive game, must use decoys. Some who go duck hunting would put a wooden duck outside there, you know, to lure the animals.

And you know how Bro. Branham told the story about Burke; that wicked man, but such an excellent hunter. And how he took a whistle, one time he and Bro. Branham was on this hunt and they couldn't get anything. Oh, and it was snowy. They hunted and hunted and hunted and they were there for so long and they were tired now; they couldn't find anything. But that wicked hunter, he was persistent. He pulled out a little whistle when he realized things were getting kind of rough. And he had a trick up his sleeve and he began to blow that whistle, because he knew that if there's a mother in that environment, her nature is a mother. He had studied the nature of the animals and he knew... Because he knew the behavioral pattern, and the characteristics of the nature of the animal, he could

have the right type of tactics to pull the animal out of its environment and bring it into range where he could capture it. His intent was very wicked. He was very shrewd in his tactics, but he had a purpose and he was going to accomplish his purpose at any cost. See?

Also Bro. Branham tells a little story, and I want to read a little part of it for you from the message *A Guide* [62-1014E -Ed.] – how he was lost up in the woods. He said he had left his wife and his little boy down there and you know, he went up in the mountains and he said, “I’m going to go get my winter game,” and he went up there.

I just want to take a little part to bring out something he says, on page 22:

*...I noticed a panther, [he says] you’d call it here in this part of the country. We call it, in the West, a cougar. They call it, up there, a mountain lion. It’s all the same animal. It’s a puma, really what it is. Same cat..., about two hundred pounds. He crossed the road, and I slipped the gun real quick, not fast enough to get the shot at him. Well, I slipped on up over the hill, chasing this cougar, watching the leaves where he moved, you know. I could hear him. He had four feet. I knowed he wasn’t a two-footed animal, his four feet. I knowed he wasn’t a deer, ‘cause a deer stomps. And he would slip real easy, the cat, you know, like that. And a bear rolls his feet when he walks. And so I knew it must be a cougar. And he was behind a log and I didn’t see him, till [I] just got a glimpse of him, and [he] was gone. And I watched the way he disturbed the leaves...*

And hunters when they’re hunting a certain animal and they know the behavioural pattern, they can pick up the trail and then they know the direction; they know where they’re going. They could look at the environment and say, “Yes, this is a dead end here; it will have to turn back here, so maybe I could cut around here and wait for him when he comes out this side. I’ll be in a position giving me a better advantage.”

Now I'm talking about spiritual things now. I am in a whole spiritual world because the hunter I'm talking about is Nimrod from Mystery Babylon; the mighty hunter that is in the earth today, taking over the world, breaking political powers, controlling trade and commerce, throwing countries into inflation and these things just like the Roman power did back there in the time of Jesus!

But during that time that Sealing Angel came and sealed them up, and not one of them was caught in there. They had seen Elijah. They recognized the ministry of the Son of Man. They had received the Holy Spirit. They were there, established in the Word, growing up in the Word. And then when that judgment was moving in to destroy the church that rejected the Message, not one was caught because they saw the sign and they moved. Alright.

So here he says:

*"...I watched the way he disturbed the leaves, you know, up over the top of the mountain, and down like this, and I wasn't watching the cloud coming all the time, you know, coming down, the fog..."*

A hunter doesn't only have to keep his eye on the game, he has to watch the climate. He has to watch the conditions; whether the time for certain things is suitable or whether you just don't use up energy here to try and take it now; wait a little later on. Now is not the right time; you're going to get yourself into more difficulty if you try to take this deal over here or you try to take this thing over here. You need leadership now because you're hunting in a certain environment.

He said, *'...I'd run up in a high place, ...look around like that and peep around, see if could see him; listen real close, and get down, slip down again. You could hear the bush go crashing... He was hitting the trees then so I couldn't trail him. See, he got smart, [he] got up in the trees and [was] jumping from tree to tree. Then he knowed I couldn't trail him there.'*

You see, the hunter may want to catch a certain animal, but it may not be the right time. And that is why a lot of things lingered over the years. Things had to be in their right position. See? And then sometimes the hunted knows the hunter is on the trail and they have to use all their strategies and all their abilities and all their resources to shake the hunter off. I am told that sometimes, the hunted turns around and hunts the hunter when they know the hunter is on their trail too. Well, this 'Bear' that Nimrod is trying to take in this hour is going to turn around and hunt him. We know that, according to the Bible.

On page 23 he says:

*'...I started back up the canyon, and I whiffed a bear, an old male bear.'*

He picked up the scent right away, moving into the Canyon. [Bro. Vin inhales -Ed.] He picked up the scent of the bear.

*'I thought, "I'll get him now, boy, that's good!" I whiffed again, and I went a little farther, and I watched for all kinds of signs and everything. I couldn't see a thing; turned back down, and went back down the other side of the mountain. And then I begin to notice, getting a little foggy. And I'd whiff again, he was in the air somewhere. ...Now, what happened, the wind was coming this way... I caught the bear whiff coming down from this way and I've crossed around now and the wind's coming back from this other direction. So I have to go back to where I smelled the bear the first time, and take it from there.'*

See, so this hunter Nimrod has had to use all his religious strategies, all his political strategies, all his financial strategies. He didn't just come here and take over the world like that. Oh, he had to hunt every one of them. He had to be able to study their tactics after a while. It was going to take him a certain amount of time just to study their behaviour. He will have to know their history and their development as a certain country, as

a certain corporation, and to know just when to move in when the time is feasible, and just when to divide and conquer, when to lure them out of their environment. See?

The hunter knows the things that will attract the attention of the prey that he's stalking. See? He knows the things they fear. He wouldn't use something that they fear might be against their policy or their ideology or some bad experience they had. That is why... He said, "Look at them. Okay, they were calling the Christians 'heretics'. Then they came and said, 'Separated brethren; what the world needs now is love and peace. I think, you know, after all this war we have seen and the rise of this atheist power, the communist; brother, I think we need to be united now. (Amen.) In unity there's strength.'"

Oh, because he can't keep on calling them heretics. No, he has to know what they love; inflate their ego a little bit, you know, talk highly of them, compliment them: "Oh, you all have had some fantastic achievements and so and so and oh my, you know, we'll be printing that in our press. We will report that throughout our parishes," you know. Oh, they felt really good, you see.

Now watch. Then he uses certain kinds of strategies to get them in certain situations. Because you see, when God made the animals, each one of them, He gave them a certain ability to protect themselves. He put them all in the same jungle; but a little rabbit inside of there, he's in the midst of big lions and panthers and bears and everything else, but he has got a little hole he could slip into. He's got a way; a feeding time, a sleeping time, a certain type of environment, you know, he moves at a certain time. It's something else.

Then you also see that... like the deer, for instance. Now, the deer spirit is not like a tiger spirit or a lion spirit; it is a meek spirit, a quiet spirit. And yet the deer, has such refined senses of hearing and smelling, it

could pick up the trail. And as long as the deer lives in its own God-given senses, it is secured and protected from the big, ferocious lion that is right there. And the Prophet says God gave us a super sense called faith; (amen!) and a man with the Holy Ghost, brother, he could discern and catch something right there if a man is trying to inject something into that Word that is not in that Word, regardless of how great a theologian he is. Amen.

So when we look at the world systems today, (see?) we're seeing the dogs of the hunter; we're seeing the prey – the game. We're seeing the traps. We're seeing the environment that the hunt is taking place in, but it seems that the hunter is hidden. Where is the hunter at? You see, hunters camouflage themselves many times. When a hunter is going to hunt, he gets something that blends into the environment to make him obscure.

And you know, as the Prophet says, they [the Catholic Church –Ed.] have all the investments in oil wells and media companies and stocks and bonds and banks. And oh, they don't call the bank, 'The Bank of the Roman Catholic Church.' They don't call the oil company, 'The Oil Company of the Roman Catholic Church. They don't call the radio stations, 'The Radio Stations of the Roman Catholic Church,' but it's them.

So we see this person doing business with that person, and another person doing business with another person, and all these different things; but it is the hunter, many times, in corporate warfare, taking them over; breaking this power here. Sure. It's a whole game of monopoly. Amen. It's a great hunt. See? Because we know the objective of the hunter; it has been revealed to us from the Word. This great ruler in the last days that is going to ride; Bro. Branham called him 'Satan's Super Man'. He's going to bring a world state – the devil incarnate.

The mystery of Godliness. We see it; we saw God

made flesh in a Prophet. Didn't we see it? We saw the revelation of the Son of Man.

Then there was the mystery of iniquity too, that already worked from way back there also, coming through. Because each time the Word went forth to bring the Word—As the Word was coming back to flesh and the flesh coming back to the Word; then what was happening was, that was only coming up because of the powers that were rising in the earth, through the system of the antichrist. God was sending forth something to combat that.

When a man came with a revelation, it wasn't to show he had knowledge; it was God using that Word to combat a situation, to hold the people in a channel to keep them leading on to the Promise, because the Holy Ghost had an objective also. And sometimes we are led and moved to do things and we don't even understand the far-reaching effects they are having, because the Anointing, the Holy Spirit, the Mind, the Intelligence that is there – He knows exactly what He's using that for, why He has His prisoners under His control; walking in their feet, speaking through their lips, thinking with their minds. That is why He wants prisoners because the battle is the Lord's and the Lord is mighty in battle. Amen. Yes Sir! Amen.

So, this hunter has camouflaged himself. As we look at these systems—because the Seven Seals have been opened, all the devil's schemes have been uncovered. Bro. Branham says: "That's the reason he's howling, because his schemes have been uncovered". The opening of the Seven Seals has revealed the mysteries to the Bride. We have the devil's answer! Amen. And this mighty hunter, he's baiting his prey. He's been luring them into the position that he wants them before he springs his trap.

Now by the traps that the hunter is setting, we could have an idea of the type of prey he's hunting. Is that right? Amen. And if we know what he's hunting, we

would be able to see the types of traps that he'll have to use in order to capture the game he's hunting. What kind of strategy will he have to use to get Russia under his control?

You know, if the two big toes of a body are cut off, it would have no balance. Is that right? Sure! And Bro. Branham showed that Eisenhower and Khrushchev, way back there, those men have left the scene the same as John Kennedy went off the scene, but their powers are still growing. They are two powers. See? And then we see where it has come up to in this Hour when all those ten kings are going to give their power and their strength to the beast. Oh, I wonder what kind of situation she's going to lure them into to come in? I wonder what all this *Perestroika* [Political and economic reformation in Russia -Ed.] and *Glasnost* [A Soviet policy permitting open political and social discussions -Ed.] and Democracy are, and what they're talking about. And these things happening in Poland right now; and those seven industrialized leaders from the most powerful, industrialized nations in the world just crowned off this great meeting in France! What is happening? Is it in the Word? Is it telling us something? Are all those things, these modern events... Let us look at those things through the eyes of the vindicated prophecy and see clearly, and then I believe we would be convinced that it's time to move.

If you're in a field, don't leave to go back. If you're on the roof, don't come down. But what you have to do is get under the inspiration of your God-given responsibility and let's be faithful, (amen) and be so united with His Word, and under the control and leadership of His Holy Spirit. And I believe then we'll be able to see so clearly God in His great, mystical Body. Amen. God, a God of variety, using all His different members to accomplish His one goal and one purpose in this Hour!

Let us look at a couple of the traps quickly, which

this hunter is setting. Oh, I tell you, it's tremendous. In the message, *Testimony* [63-1128M -Ed.] Shreveport, page 4, Bro. Branham was saying... He had spoken *The world is again falling apart* the night before.

He said: "*Like I was trying to say last night, the world coming to a place, it's falling apart, politically, socially, economically. You say, "Economics? More money!" Yes, but where is it coming from? [He said] We're borrowed on taxes that will be paid forty years from today. She is broke. She is bankrupt, nation; not this nation, but all of them. And there's no way ever getting it back. And it's a trap set exactly to swing this nation into something.*"

It was a trap set to catch the 'bald eagle' and put it in a cage. Who set the trap? He said, "It's a trap set."

"*And all of you are wise on that. Well, who has got the wealth of the world? Who holds it? [Someone says, "Rome."-Ed.] Sure, it does. Rome holds it. And whenever we do, when we get broke, instead of these big merchants, tobacco, [the] whiskey, and so forth, like... Have to get the money; what we'll have to do, either change the currency or borrow the money. And, when they do, it's the birthright sold right back, exactly, just as perfect, and just what the Scriptures say about it.*

*I'd like to get a place sometime, the Lord willing, (he says) when a tent comes on the scene. And I believe that's soon now, soon I'm going worldwide. I got a worldwide meetings coming now. And I'd like to get a place where I could set down for about six weeks, and just take those things and go through them, you see, back and forth, through the Scripture.*

He wanted to do it, and he says here:

*And it's astounding to see the hour that we're living in! It frightens me. It frightens me, not because... [he says] In my heart, the joy bells are ringing, knowing that the Coming of the Lord is so close at hand. But, what frightens me, is to know that so many is unprepared for the hour that we are facing. That's the bad part. Amen.*

So, my! That was a trap set there. Then he speaks

here in the Message, *Why We Are Not A Denomination*; talking about the invasion of the United States and the overthrow of the American Government. Amen. Then also in *Souls That Are In Prison Now*, [1963-1110M -Ed.] page 40, he says, (and you know they had that printed wrong in the book)

*...Isn't it awful? As a great American, one time, [This is the old version – the one that was printed before.] when the enemy was about to take this country, there's a man in the midnight hour, jumped up on a horse and rode down the road, screaming, "The enemy is coming!" It was Paul Revere. [He said] I'm an American too. And I'm riding, this midnight hour, not saying the enemy is coming but he's here! He ain't coming; he's already here! He has done conquered. I'm afraid it's over, conquering, this midnight hour.*

He was talking about the enemy. He said, "It's conquered. It's gone." And then he goes on to explain: "Remember in 1956, I said something is going to happen in America. They would reject Christ." He said, "Look how they are swinging the whole Pentecostal world." David had the Ark, and was rejoicing and all these things, and they were causing death, swinging the whole thing into Babylon. He had called the man's name, and you know, he came and he said that he was kind of sorry for calling the brother's name. You see? Exactly!

And that Prophet was seeing exactly where those things were moving, where they were carrying the Church and what was happening in the nation. And the religious world was having their big crusades and their programmes and trying to get people saved and different things; and they didn't even know what was happening.

Now watch! Also he said, "Kennedy will make a good president and would bring the others in, which will finally be to the full control of the Catholic Church in the U.S.A. She will either guide or lead this nation to

ruination.” Either guide or lead.

You see, if you go back to the Bible, Jezebel was in the back; Ahab was only a figurehead. Ahab wasn't a pagan. You know, people get confused. They say, “Well, we're looking maybe for a Catholic president or something.” No! Catholic control! You see? “They have never lost the reins of power since she wormed her way into the cabinet.” See? And they don't want to maintain the image that it is a Catholic nation yet. Oh, but we know, and they know it from behind, but they don't want it to be known in the forefront yet, you see.

Let's look at another trap of that hunter – *Just One More Time*, Lord [1963-0120E -Ed.] in Phoenix, pages 8 and 9. He's talking about Samson.

*There he stood, all stripped of [his] power, by a woman, just because his eyes went wanting, because some immoral Jezebel set up a system to conquer the servant of God.*

Remember they had said, “Find out where his strength lieth.” They were hunting him; Jezebel had a hunt on for him.

Oh, you young people, many of you, the devil has all kinds of traps set for young people. He has traps in school; all kinds of pleasure traps outside there; all kinds of fashion traps for women. Sure! All kinds of traps. All kinds of traps for ministers: money, women and popularity. All kinds of traps! Sure! He studies the nature. He studies the characteristics.

He said, “*May I say this with reverence, there has been formed a system of Jezebel, that's conquering, bringing them all into a federation, all the denominations, Pentecostals and all, into the World Council of Churches, which is no more than a trap of the devil, to take away from what you got. Then she'll laugh at you.*”

He was getting it from the Scriptures because he saw the type in the Old Testament. Even when Ahab saw the communist power rising, he began to preach ‘One Love’. He told Jehoshaphat, “Aren't my horses your horses?”

Look, we have these Syrians that are rising up here and taking over the nations and all these things; let's do something about it."

And Jehoshaphat had seen that pagan behind Ahab and he shouldn't have gone into it, but yet he went into it. And it was like an ecumenical move. The Prophet said, "Protestant Americans and Catholic Americans are uniting together."

But Elijah had already seen what was happening. Is that right? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] And you know, the Protestants thought: "Well, you know, we're against the Catholic Church and we're against the Communist too, but we could choose the lesser of two evils and in unity there is strength. After all, this is our heritage; this is our nation. And they're educated and their patriotism and all these things in school," which is good, (sure!) but they failed to see when the nation rejected that Prophet. You see? And then here, they were getting ready to go to their destruction, in that very Hour.

And Bro. Branham took those things in the Scriptures because he knew, he saw the spirit, the trail of it through the Bible; and he saw it in his environment and he saw what it was going to head up to, and he began to warn the Church, showing us that these things were promised in the Scriptures. He had seen it in vision. Now he was bringing the revelation by the Word. And then the thing was happening around us.

Then let me tell you, those spirits have not changed. They have just developed and progressed for twenty-three years now, in the same line that they were growing in; while the Bride who has been called out and set in the Word has been growing and maturing the same way. And it's all coming down to a great showdown.

And that is why when we have an opportunity to gather like this together and we get under the influence of His Word, and we have various ministers who have dedicated themselves to bring the Word, and begin to

show us from all sides, and to encourage our faith, then we can take these Words and go on with it and set our homes right and you know, get the things that, maybe are becoming weak and ready to die—strengthen the things which remain. Sure! Sure. Amen.

Also this great hunt. He said in page 361, in *The Seven Church Ages*: “*After a short and powerful demonstration of the Spirit, this little hunted and persecuted Bride will go to be with Jesus.*”

Oh, you see, the Bride has... The scheme of hunter was uncovered to us – how he hunts them, how he traps them, how he lays in wait patiently to spring his trap, how he seduces and entices.

And God sent a Prophet to uncover it to us. And we slipped that trap, but do you think that those dogs didn't come behind us? Oh, we better get into the water brook if we are not in the water brook. Amen. “*As the hart panteth after the water brook...*” It's loosing blood, he says, at the jugular vein and the hind flank. He said, the dog made a lunge at it and it knows it needs to get into that water brook to be revived, so that it could shake off the attacker.

Sometimes, you may come in all wounded and bleeding, you know, because the enemy is on your trail many times. Amen. But we have to live in that God-given sense, that though we're in the world, we are not of this world. We are protected, whether we are in school; living in that super sense. Amen. My!

Quickly, let's move on. The time is about gone. Okay, just let me try to skip some of these things quickly. Amen.

When Nimrod went forth, the Bible says, “When he began to be a mighty one in the earth”; and when he had been made strong, he built this city and he built that city and he built that city. Now when people are building cities, they don't just build cities anywhere. They will have to think about trade. They will have to think about the right place that the city would be able

to have influence. Also, when they are going to conquer a nation, they don't go and try to conquer just any territory. They'll conquer those places that will put them in a strategic place so that they could have control. They think of their conquest to make them stronger and more secured in the power they're going to capture. That's the way they fight wars.

And, you know, they need oil and that country has oil, and oil is vital to them; or if they get a hold of that oil, they could have influence in that region to accomplish the purpose they want, then they'll set their target. They begin to study their prey and they begin to set up their hunt. And that was the way Nimrod was.

Now much isn't written about him back there, but Mystery Babylon... Babylon is in the Old Testament and Babylon is in the New Testament. Babylon is in the beginning of the Bible, the middle of the Bible and at the end of the Bible. And as we look and we see the way he is hunting today to bring a world state, we could see the way Nimrod was operating back there because they cannot beat their type. Alright.

So here Bro. Branham says in page 182 in, *The Seven Church Ages: Babel is the original name for Babylon. It means confusion. It was literally started by Cush, the son of Ham, but was brought to a kingdom of power and grandeur under his son, Nimrod, the mighty hunter. Nimrod, according to the Genesis eleven account and also according to profane history, set out to accomplish three things. He wanted to build a strong nation, which he did. He wanted to propagate his own religion, which he did. He wanted to make a name for himself, which he also accomplished. His accomplishments were so monumental that the kingdom of Babylon was called the head of gold amongst all world governments. That his religion gained prominence is proven by the fact that Scripture identifies it with Satan completely in Isaiah Chapter 14 and in Revelation Chapters 17-18. Nimrod's religion.*

And he puts him up in Heaven: *“How art thou fallen from Heaven, O Lucifer.”* And he had five ‘I wills’ – “I will be like God; I will be worshipped as God...” Isaiah saw Satan veiled in that King of Babylon in the head of gold, that great power there; and conquering all the nations, built on the Euphrates River – a great perversion of the Heavenly Jerusalem. And Isaiah said, “How did you fall from Heaven?” And then he [Isaiah] told him why he fell. And Paul came eight hundred years after and sees the man of sin sitting in the temple as god, being worshipped as god.

And the Prophet said, “What great success he has had in carrying out his threats.” Then John, in Revelation 13:8, saw that all those names that were not found in the Lamb’s Book of Life will worship the beast. These Seven Seals had to be opened to reveal our names, (amen!) to call us out of Babylon: *“Come out of her my people,”* and uncover the diabolical scheme and show us how she has infiltrated the world and has kings under her control, that even when she was destroyed, it wasn’t the ordinary people crying for her but it was the merchants who traded by the sea. Amen.

And he says: *“...by history we can prove it invaded the whole world and is the basis for every system of idolatry, and the theme of mythology, though the names of the gods differ in various sections of the land according to the language of the people. That he made a name for himself and his followers goes without saying, for as long as this present age goes on (until Jesus reveals himself to His brethren) he will be worshipped and honored, though under a different name from Nimrod, and in a temple slightly different from the one in which he was originally adored.”* Amen.

And then also on page 186, he said: ... *“Ninus, king of Assyria [he was talking about Nimrod] changed the ancient moderate ways of life by the desire for conquest. HE WAS THE FIRST WHO CARRIED WAR AGAINST HIS NEIGHBORS. He conquered all nations from Assyria to*

*Libya as these men knew not the arts of war.”*

What kind of hunter is this, who is building Babylon and has an army that is conquering all the nations and makes them pay tributes to his city? What kind of hunter went forth with a bow conquering and to conquer?

You see hunters who have their trophies with the big horns. Now the horns in the animal is the symbol of the power of the animal. And when the hunter went out in the contest against the animal and conquered and subdued the animal, they took the horns as a symbol that they had conquered the enemy; they have conquered that power which they went out against and they have it on display. And that is where crowns came from. You read it in Hislop's *'Two Babylons'*.

And that vicar of Christ, who is so-called, that mystery Nimrod with that triple crown there, he had gone forth conquering and to conquer. But what was he conquering? People. What was he hunting?

And then he sits down there and he shows he could bring them out of hell, and he could bring them out of purgatory. He could put them up in Heaven, he could do this... Oh, he creates a position for himself, to show he has such dominion. He has built his great scientific civilization, his own Eden for six thousand years, and now he is getting ready to be enthroned over it. And we see all these changes going on in the world today, coming to the place where Satan's superman, Nimrod of the twentieth century, the mighty hunter, is going to take center stage.

Quickly; what I don't get today I will continue on tomorrow. So I'll just try to take about ten minutes and finish out here quickly.

Turn with me in your Bible to Daniel 1:1, quickly. Daniel was down in Babylon, you know; and Babylon was the same Babel that Nimrod built on the Euphrates River. And at that time it was the head of gold, the superpower of the world.

I want to show you how war disintegrates societies and cultures. Societies and cultures in the olden times were always disintegrated by the results of war. But the war I'm talking about today is the kind of war that's happening in this world, because in this world he's coming to take control. And all these media wars, and global trade wars, and economic wars and industrial wars that are taking place is how he is changing the world and creating a new society.

Daniel 1 (we'll get a good idea here), verse 1:

*<sup>1</sup> In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.*

*<sup>2</sup> And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar [same place where Nimrod built his Babel] to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.*

*<sup>3</sup> And the king spoke unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, [not everyone - certain] and of the king's seed, and of the princes;*

That means out of all the captives that they had brought, they had to screen them, section them off, find out their IQ, their education, what abilities they had, and separate them, because they had certain purposes to use them for; they were the spoils of war. Nebuchadnezzar, that Babylon power had invaded Israel and had taken captives. You see?

*<sup>4</sup> Youths in whom was no blemish, but well-favored, and skillful in all wisdom, and gifted in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.*

*<sup>5</sup> And the king appointed them a daily*

*provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.*

*<sup>6</sup> Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:*

Now, we see right away how they were taken from one society, brought to another society, and were now being brought under their way of life. And they had to speak the language and learn the sciences and become an extension of that society that had captured them. And they had to begin to pattern their lifestyle after the society that had conquered them.

And it was a way of spreading their influence into the earth, that every one they conquered, they began to use them. And, you know, they said, "Okay, we have the Jews over here, so we're going to use this one as a mayor over this little Jewish City. And we're going to use this one here – not to be in control of the Babylonians, but rather over Jews and other minority groups."

You know, a lot of men wanted to conquer the world. Napoleon wanted to do it. Hitler wanted to do it. They had ambitions and desires, but the Bible shows that there were only going to be four world powers: Babylon, Medes and Persia, Greece and Rome. See? So those things couldn't come to pass.

So right here, we see then how societies change the life and everything about a people. Now, it is the same way with us. War has changed our lives too. Scriptural war made you change your dressing. Scriptural war made you change your language. Scriptural war changed your way of worship. Many of us used to worship a certain way. Many of us had a certain language. Many of us had a certain ideology – those who might have been a Baptist or a Methodist or whatever country we came from, (religious country) but then Scriptural war, the power of Divine Love conquered us, took us captives, made us a prisoner, a love slave

and changed our way of life; taking on a new identity to propagate a new cause of a new nation that we belong to – a Holy Nation. Amen.

You know, we have that in the West Indies. The West Indies were populated through the slave trade. Slave traders went to Africa and different places and took the slaves and brought them to the West Indies. If you go to Africa, this one's name would be 'Mkanganwi', this one's name might be 'Chatinma'– different names like that, and they have their original name. Then my brother here, Bro. Steve, who travels with me, his name is 'Walters'. Now, 'Walters' is not an African name, but he lost his true name through the slave trade. He lost his true identity. For him to go there and try to eat the food and different things—he was shaped by a different culture; he lives in a different environment. You see?

And in the same way when we were all in the original apostolic faith, and that mighty hunter came and began to conquer the Church, conquer the laity, (is that right?) he took them to Babylon. Then we became a Baptist, we became a Methodist and we took the name of our slave master.

But there was coming a great Emancipator. Amen! There was coming a Great Deliverer; one like Moses, who could say, "Let my people go!" (hallelujah!) to bring deliverance out of all these systems (amen) and bring back to us our true identity. That is why in this Age everybody wants to go back to the land of their fathers; everybody wants to find their roots; everybody wants to go back to where they come from, because this is the Hour of restoration!

And you watch, through the satellite and television, western culture is disintegrating all those eastern societies. Their way of life through their rock music and the drug trade and all these different things are being projected on the screens; all the 'Dynasty' and the 'Falcon Crest' and all the different kinds of, you know, Hollywood things coming out through the television

screen, reshaping the lives of women and these things and breeding a new culture, a new society; changing their way of life. Traditions people have had for thousands and thousands of years, they're being conquered, because decisions are made in the mind. And when the devil presents these things and it comes to the mind, you see, they make the wrong decision. And their reasonings and imaginations, and that worldly taste in their soul, it goes after it. And then they pull that death into their soul and it shapes their lives to the type of influence that is being transmitted to them, bringing them captive under its influence.

We'll continue some more on that tomorrow, but I just wanted to show that a little bit.

Turn with me to Daniel 7, quickly. I'm closing out. I'm sorry to keep you this long. But you see, I don't want to come quite back here tomorrow.

Daniel 7, verses 7 and 8. Now, we want to take a look at Mystery Babylon because it will help us to see and understand things about the natural Babylon that is not written, because it's the anti-type to the type, you see.

And Mystery Babylon - Rome, is the fourth Gentile world power. And in the book of Daniel, which is like the apocalypse of the Old Testament, it shows us this mystery very clearly because Daniel was in Babylon and Babylon was the greatest power in the earth in those days. See?

And God gave Daniel revelations concerning this fourth world power, this fourth beast (see?) that was diverse; and its leader that was going to come with a great mouth that would speak great flatteries and those things. See?

They had to have a pope like that. I'm not saying that he is the person but someone who is going to travel the world like that one. And it was all selected; he was going to come from Poland. It was a great move to get a communist pope to get Russia back under their control

– hunting that ‘bear’, you see. They already have the ‘eagle’ caged; now they want the ‘bear’. It’s a ‘bear’ hunt that they are on. Sure!

And all this united Europe they are talking about; a single market, a single currency, a single state, it is the groundwork being laid to break the present-day money system. You see, the dollar has had some crashes; it’s sick, it’s dying. All the financial experts – Doctor Feldstein and Doctor Greenspan, all of these great experts, they are trying to pump the heart and give mouth to mouth resuscitation and oxygen tents and everything else to try to pump back life into the dollar, but it’s dying; it’s sick, it’s going. They know there is going to be the ‘big one’. In the financial world, they talk about the next crash like the way they talk about California. They say, “The ‘big one’ – when the ‘big one’ comes in California.” Well, they know a big crash is coming for the money system too.

The Prophet tells us that Rome will destroy the present-day money system. I want to show you how he’s laying the groundwork and how he’s going to destroy it because Europe is the Old World, and that is where the beast came out of the sea. America, the North American Continent, is the New World, where Protestants fled from Catholic persecution in Europe to live as pilgrims and colonize this New World.

Then the Third World was a political necessity for the Catholics, where the Old World would try to break the power of the New World and throw them into all kinds of debts and wars and fights and communism and all kinds of fears that they create right there, to hold them in that condition. And now we see Protestants and Catholics, the Old World, the New World, and the Third World, all uniting. Then that leaves the Communist world.

So then, they have to restructure, and they’re talking about ‘new thinking’, because these ten kings are going to have one mind. It’s a new thinking. And what is

causing it? The economy – economic reform (we'll get it just now) because the beast is the one who causes craft to prosper. He has caused all kinds of businesses to prosper in the Western World. See?

And all those things they're talking about there, let me tell you, shows us it's the gathering storm. It is later than we think. It's time to put on your running shoes (amen); get that armour buckled up a little tighter now. Amen. The chase is on. It is the most exciting and dramatic time in all Christianity happening on the face of the earth right now. Amen!

Daniel 7, verse 7:

*7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.*

*8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.*

Then the vision changes a little bit and he comes back here and begins to speak about it. Verse 15:

*15 I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.*

How many times Bro. Branham would say that after he got those visions. You see?

*16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.*

*17 These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.*

*18 But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever. [That's the end of it, you see?]*

*19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;*

*20 And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth [all this is in symbol form, but he is dealing with the last kingdom – the fourth one, Rome] that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.*

*21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;*

*22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.*

We know that this is all going to happen in the Tribulation Period, you see, when they begin to kill those Christians.

*23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth...*

That is what Nimrod is doing. Nimrod began to devour the whole earth by conquest, and brought them all under his dominion when he built Babylon and had great space programmes. He was going to link earth and heaven together. Then watch.

*...and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.*

*24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise*

*after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.*

*<sup>25</sup> And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change [the] times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand...*

Remember how Haman got the King to sign that document and he said, "Put it in writing that can't be reversed," and then published it, and then had a certain day. And Bro. Branham said it's already in writing in this nation; they are only waiting for the time to put it in operation. Sure! Just like it was back there in the Book of Esther, as our brother was showing us. Amen. Now watch.

*...until a time and times and the dividing of time.*

Daniel 8, verse 23; speaking about this same great fourth power and this great world leader that is soon to take centre stage.

And Bro. Branham said, "Somewhere between the binding of the tares and the revealing of the antichrist, the Rapture will take place and does take place." Oh my, what a time we are living in, when we see all these things heading up to that place.

Verse 23:

*<sup>23</sup> And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.*

*<sup>24</sup> And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully,...*

Notice how the Holy Spirit uses the word there, 'destroy wonderfully'. Oh, he will destroy this present-day money system *wonderfully*. He will destroy that Communist world *wonderfully*; break it by economic power and then bring it into his alliance, where they give their power and strength to him. But for one hour,

God will put in their hearts to destroy it afterwards.

*24 ...and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.*

*25 And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand...*

All kinds of businesses, manufacturing, will prosper through his economic policy and he shall cause all kind of businesses to wage trade wars. You see, when Nimrod was conquering those nations, he knew which one to conquer. And when he began to be made strong – he had the resources; he could control the trade routes; he could put pressure on this one so that they had to support him, and submit unto him, otherwise he would starve them out; otherwise he would control trade, otherwise he'll put them into economic chaos. Sure! He had such a communication system; there was one language on the earth and it was one people, all linked up together (sure!) – monumental achievements, patterned for what is coming back. Amen. See?

*25...and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many:...*

“Oh separated brethren, (see?) let us get together in this Ecumenical Move. Let us become one. Let us put away all our differences now and settle down and have some inter-religious services and these things.” My! Destroying by peace; coming in by flatteries, wonderfully. It's already happening, see?

*25...he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.*

The Lord will destroy him with the brightness of His coming and the breath of His mouth. Amen.

So, notice three things: he will devour the whole earth, he shall destroy wonderfully by peace, and through his economic policy, he shall cause all kinds of businesses to prosper.

I just want to read something quickly to you from an article in the Time Magazine. They had this article, and they said, “*The definition of conquest has changed.*”

Nimrod was the first one who took conquest. His desire for conquest changed the world in his day. I'm showing the same desire for conquest has changed the world and created a new society here today. But the wars here are different types of wars.

They said, *"The definition of conquest has changed. Japan has proved that territory, sheer acreage means nothing. The Soviet Union's geographical vastness has availed little in productivity. The deepest change may be a planetary intuition that military war is pointless. Except in places like the Middle East and Ireland, conquering territory is a fruitless and counter-productive exercise. Why conquer land? The Soviets have more trouble than they can manage with their nationalities. The new world's battlegrounds are markets and ideas. The Japanese and Germans, having learned their military lessons the hard way, re-entered the war by other means, [see?] and now begin to monopolize their trade."*

But that is the Old World – where the Old World came from; where Rome, that beast, that came out of the sea. And then there is the beast that came of the earth – the New World. And now you see, it's not just Catholic and Protestants, it's also two worlds coming back too.

Now watch quickly with me, one last Scripture: Joel 3. Well not one last Scripture, but a couple of them. Joel 3; I just really want to read it.

All that time the New World's battlegrounds are markets and ideas where the beast causes craft to prosper – businesses and economic power, economic strength and might of the industrialized nations; and America being the leader of the industrial democracies.

Notice, from the time 'the students' uprising' happened in China, they said, "Freeze this trade. Talk to Japan. Freeze this over here. Put pressure on them." Sure! But what is America? It's just what Jezebel had taken control of and is using, because Ahab is under her control. Remember that.

Joel 3:

<sup>1</sup> *For, behold, in those days [verse 1], and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, [Those Feasts of the Trumpets, gathering them back in their homeland – Israel.]*

<sup>2</sup> *I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will judge them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.*

Verse 9:<sup>9</sup> *Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, [Which war is this? We have already had two; the third one is coming – Armageddon] wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: [What an interesting verse now.]*

<sup>10</sup> *Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears: [and] let the weak say, I am strong.*

Oh, that's an interesting verse. Now, plowshares and pruning-hooks are symbols of the economy. They are industrial symbols. Spears and swords are military symbols. And when you're 'beating' something, it's speaking of the blacksmith who takes the plowshare, puts it in the oven, heats it, puts it on the anvil, and begins to change the shape of the same tool.

They began to restructure the economy, making it military. It is speaking of the arms race; stockpiling arms, armaments, and sacrificing their economy for military strength. It throws them into such deteriorating economic situations that they realize that they strove to be ahead in the arms race and conquering land and these things, while the beast was fighting the battle in another battleground of markets and ideas, causing craft to prosper.

Now they realize that they're full of arms, they're talking about deployment. What was it? Taking it back

to the oven, heating them up and beating back a few swords and spears back into pruning-hooks because—“Restructure your economy; perestroika, economic restructuring!” restructuring the whole thing back, when? Just before Armageddon. That is where they are going, to that third war. And we are seeing these things.

Bro. Branham, in *The Uniting Time And Sign* [1963-0818 -Ed.] said, “The Western World is uniting, the Eastern World is uniting. We are in the process of national disturbance. It’s all going to go to Armageddon. It will clean off the earth to bring back the new civilization.” Sure! But before that time, you are going to see all that arms race and all that stockpiling of arms and all these things.

Verse 11. He says:

*<sup>11</sup> Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye nations and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD.*

*<sup>12</sup> Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the nations round about.*

*<sup>13</sup> Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great.*

Turn with me quickly as we close out. Just two more Scriptures to read. Revelation 16, which is just in continuity to that. Revelation 16, verses 13 to 16. Oh my, it’s so wonderful. These modern events are being made clear as we look at it through the eyes of the vindicated prophecy of a vindicated Prophet, who has come to call us all out of Babylon; to get us out of this perversion and get us ready for the New Jerusalem, the reality, the real Eden with the real King. Amen. Glory!

*<sup>13</sup> And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.*

*14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.*

The same thing in Joel, but here we see the religious power. The dragon, the beast and the false prophet are a three-fold mystery of the antichrist spirit. And then we see spirits of devils – demon power, and the kings of the earth – political power, uniting those three powers together to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. And right in between there He says:

*15 Behold, I come as a thief.*

While they are gathering them... Now watch. Here it's showing a religious deception forerunning the Third Woe. Over here [Joel chapter 3 -Ed.] it shows stockpiling of arms... and economic chaos – which results in economic chaos forerunning the Third Woe also. Isn't that what we are faced with?

Then we see the Ecumenical Move, and then we see all the arms race and the restructuring of the economy and all these things. And right in there, He says, "*Behold, I come as a thief*".

Now in St. John 10, He says how the thief is going to come. He is going to do three things when He comes. A thief comes to steal, he comes to kill, and he comes to destroy, but He says, "I am come to give life and to give life more abundantly". But the second time that He is going to come, He's going to come like a thief. And the Prophet says that He is going to steal His Bride like Romeo stole Juliet. Is that right? He's going to kill Jezebel's children with death, the last plague; and He will destroy them who destroy the earth. Amen. Oh, my! Here, the revelation of the Rapture.

*15 ...Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.*

*16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.*

While He is gathering them, and then they were gathered, but in-between that time, that's when His Coming is taking place as a Thief. Hallelujah!

And Revelation 17, verses 12 to 14:

*<sup>12</sup> And the ten horns [we see them back in Daniel 10; these ten kings, ten toes also] which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings [he says dictators aren't crowned kings] one hour with the beast.*

*<sup>13</sup> These have one mind, [right now they are talking about a new thinking; everything is new thinking, see?] and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.*

*<sup>14</sup> These shall make war with the Lamb, [this is Revelation 19 also] and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.*

That's His Bride, when He comes like a Thief, who is called, who was chosen before the foundation of the world, and who is faithful to every Word that we have received. Amen.

The economic chaos, the religious deception forerunning that war – it always fore-runs war. And in *That Woman Jezebel*, Bro. Branham said, "When Elijah was rejected back in the time of the Book of Kings, look what happened." He said, "You watch what is going to happen," typing it back with this day showing that history was repeating itself. He said, "Famine, depression and war are going to come in upon this nation."

And we saw that in that first Exodus, when God sent Moses there to call them out. A prophet with two signs; a Pillar of Fire for vindication and all these things, calling an Exodus, had them under the Token. Back in that type, we see what happened; how a plague of locusts moved and broke the economic power of Egypt

and brought them to poverty. All the rivers were polluted, and all the fishes... the fishing industry began to die and stink. Is that right? All the trees began to be destroyed. All nature was going into chaos (see?) because Egypt was a great nation back there. But that plague of locusts devoured that land (see?) and God reduced their economic power. Through famine, depression, and then war, God destroyed the nation. God destroyed their armies and these things.

Then in the second Exodus, what happened? When Jesus, a Prophet like unto Moses came and was calling them out, Titus came in afterwards; a plague of locusts, the Roman power. Is that right? Roman spirits surrounded the nation. The caravans couldn't come in; they blocked the trade routes off causing inflation, recession, unemployment inside there. Brother, the crime rate began to get worse. Sure! Things, you know, began to get scarce inside of there, starving them out – depression. And then he destroyed them and the streets flowed with blood.

And in the third Exodus, we see two hundred million locusts coming out of that bottomless pit, (Is that right? Sure!) coming upon the face of the earth, coming out of that Euphrates River, showing Papal Rome, because it's a mystery Babylon, a mystery river, a mystery Nimrod. It's a mystery hunt. Amen.

Look at today, in the days of Elijah too. The first time when Elijah came and Ahab and Jezebel – religion and politics, were in a union, began to come together, and that prophet saw what that union was going to do to that nation. It was going to lead to the ruination of that nation. That beautiful woman, wicked in her heart, who rose up in that nation, and that prophet saw it there. He saw it was a political manoeuvre. Is that right? He warned the nation. His message caught seven thousand under that Seventh Seal. They were going in the Rapture. Yes, sir!

And during that time, what happened? Famine,

drought and depression stepped in; depression and then war. They were destroyed in the battle.

Look also in Elisha's time; the same thing stepped in. Also in the time of John the Baptist, when Elijah came again, when Titus moved in there and caused the same thing.

And then in the last days of Elijah of Malachi 4, we see famine, depression and war, the Third Woe – “Behold the Third Woe cometh quickly.” All this, moving in again.

And then also in the time of Elijah when he comes in Revelation 11, it will be famine and depression, when there would be drought in the land; and that solar radiation will begin to come and burn up the earth and all these different things; and you know, they begin to smite the heavens, and smite the earth, and smite the rivers, and smite the sea, and all these things. Sure. And then they will be destroyed in the Third Woe also, for rejection of the Message. Always.

Oh, it's a tremendous thing that is happening. It's a great hunt. The hunt is on, the pursuits of the chase; it's such an exciting time. It's such a great thing happening on the earth. But when those Christians saw the sign, the gathering clouds of that storm coming in, brother, they moved, because they knew that that was the fulfilling of the words spoken to them by the Son of Man. And he had told them that the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth that was in Him giving it out, was going to come back around and teach them further on those things and prepare them, because the Message was for preparation.

Many things back there were hard to be understood, but when we had reason to see it, He was going to show it unto us, to get us ready to escape. As Jesus said, “Escape the snares,” all these things that are going to come upon the world. Oh, what a time it is. But always remember, when that was moving in, it was the time of deliverance for God's people. It was time for those seven

thousand; it was time for Israel to go. Those Christians moved. They were sealed by the Holy Ghost. They were not caught in that destruction. When these things begin to move in, it's the time of deliverance!

Oh, see the bright Light. May the musicians come. I want to sing, "*Just any day now, Our Lord is coming. He'll be returning for you and for me.*" (Let's stand to our feet.) "*Oh, I've been watching, I've been waiting, just any day now, His face I'll see.*"

The Unseen Bridegroom, the One we love so much. The same Word, the same camel that we are watering this morning (amen) is going to pack us to meet that Unseen Bridegroom. Amen.

*Just any day now, my Lord is coming.*

*He'll be returning...*

Oh, for you and me...

Put yourself in it; get ready! I'll turn the service back to Bro. Eddie. God bless you.





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