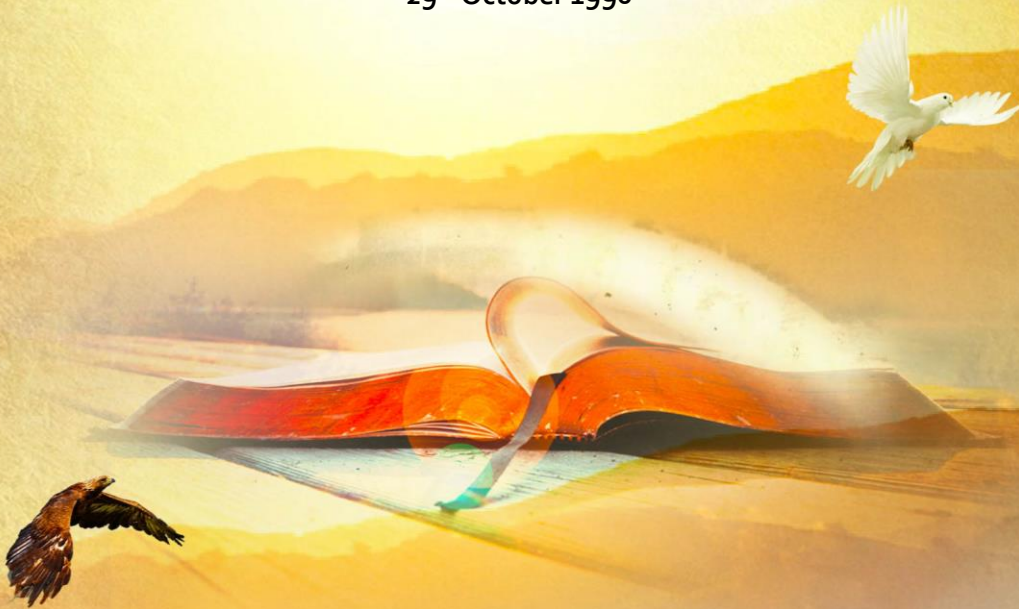

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Let's turn to the Book of Daniel, Chapter 7; a little one-hour message now from the Word that hits right on the spot and then we'll go to our homes. It is more like a study this morning. Because of the nature of the things, we just can't seem—it would not be doing much justice if we just try to run it through. Because we have been bringing little messages as a background, as a foundation, that when we hit the prophetic part of this Book of Daniel that speaks of these last days, we will be able to see it crystallized before our eyes. So, I trust that He will be gracious to us and just breathe on this Word and open It. Let us just pray, before we read It, one more time.

Oh gracious Father, we thank You for Your Presence, Lord. It is so good to be in Your house, to worship You, to be in Your Spirit, Lord, and to see Your people participating, not just saying, "Amen," and screaming and shouting, not just thinking, Lord, of what they can do for themselves: trying to dress well and look decent, and maybe keep their homes nice, and do these other things, Lord, that would just be for personal benefit, but then making a sacrifice for Your work.

God, we see that that is not a modern thing; that was all down through the Old Testament and even in the New Testament. Paul said, "He robbed other churches." And to know many offerings have been made, Lord, even by brothers from overseas and I have turned it down, because I believe that it would show more character that we can do better, Father. Lord, we don't want to look for

handouts, though brothers are willing to help us from overseas, because we feel that we have a personal obligation, rather than to see people from the outside, Lord, who don't even fellowship here or benefit or are a part of the ministry here locally, support this work in a way or at a time when we should do it.

I pray You will help maybe those who may not understand, or cannot see things clearly, to appreciate that this type of integrity of heart pleases You. And when we could walk like this with honor and dignity, then Lord, we will be something like what Your Prophet spoke of – the African king's son, who knew he was the son of a king in a strange land. Royal blood was flowing through his veins and he conducted himself in that manner. That is the way we want to be, Father.

We pray that You will honor the efforts of Your people and their sacrifices. You will bless it and prosper it. Even as You took those five loaves and made it do a job that it would have normally taken hundreds of loaves to do, we know You can take what we have and work with it because You are a miracle-working God; a God of paradoxes. We thank You for that, Lord. We have seen it already and we've learnt to trust You and believe You for more.

Even as we get ready now to speak of Your Word a little bit here in the Scriptures, our lesson, as we have been studying this Book of Daniel, these prophetic things spoken for these last days, that it will help serve to convince us and show to us the lateness of the Hour; the time that we are living in. Help us better understand what You have done through Your Prophet in bringing forth this Message of these last days and especially in the light of the modern events, the things that are presently happening, that it can show us, Lord, we need to be prepared even at this time. It is not time for putting things off and letting things go by, but to be more diligent and to apply ourselves with a greater responsibility that the Word will have that kind of effect

upon us, that It will make us a better people, that will serve Its purpose, Father.

We ask that You will bless us in the preaching of Your Word and the hearing of Your Word, and may You get glory out of this service. We thank You in advance, for we pray and believe, in the precious Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, amen.

Daniel 7:

1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon...

We were drawing to your attention on Wednesday night, the different visions, whenever it is being spoken, It would say, “And in the third year of Belshazzar,” or “In the second year of Nebuchadnezzar,” or “In the first year of Darius,” or “In the third year of Belshazzar.” And the Bible did that to give you an understanding of the sequence of how the revelation was unfolding to Daniel. And if we know the sequence in which it was coming, adding more and more light and making it plain all the time, we will know what kind of experience he was having, having the revelation gradually being unfolded to him and bringing a greater faith and a greater understanding in what was happening around him and what was yet to come. So, it is important you observe and don’t pass over those things.

1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed...

You know, it would be like if we say, maybe, “And in the fourth year of A.N.R Robinson, [Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago -Ed.] I had a dream that there is going to be a coup in the second month.” [Referring to the attempted coup on July 27th, 1990 in Trinidad -Ed.] Then somebody reading that afterwards, who knows the history, would know that this person got that three months or four months before it actually happened. Because it was in the fourth year of that man, this thing took place in the county and how a new type of society emerged after that event.

And then we began to notice that people would come in the service and sit down and observe our activities and we began to be more closely monitored because we were not part of the present system. You see? So right in there, the way things are presented, so much Truth is condensed; automatically condensed, the way it is presented. So, it is important that you can see what is condensed and then you can see how it comes out.

So, he had these dreams and visions. He says:

...[and] then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters.

² Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.

³ And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.

⁴ The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

The lion's heart was taken away and a man's heart was given.

⁵ And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between [its] teeth...

It was eating, it was devouring its prey, you know, that it had conquered.

...and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

⁶ After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.

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 [broke] 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.

He would check them in the vision, you see?

8 [And] I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before [which] 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.

May the Lord add His blessings to the reading of His Word! You may have your seats.

Just hold your Bibles there so we can continue reading; it is just to have you seated. Let us just keep on reading. I stopped up to there on Thursday night because I knew it would be impossible to even get beyond even laying the little background. So, we just want to continue on.

The vision continued to unfold now. As the Prophet, when he got a vision many times, coming in different phases and each phase bringing a particular revelation. Like in the tent vision, one phase brought two little Mexican boys, you know, pulling this thing and he was by this great arena. Next phase he was out fishing by a lake. Next phase he was out having a prayer line. Next phase he was, you know, lacing a baby's shoe. Next phase he was there coming down on a platform to preach in a little wooden place.

And he would say at each time in the vision, he said, "I would go in a higher dimension," because it was going deeper into that world of vision and each dimension he would be taken to in the vision, each realm of the vision, it would unfold something else. So, he would be conscious that it was one continuous unfolding of a vision. And it was a vision of symbols.

But in that symbol, there were things, like in his Ministry for instance, (I am talking about Bro.

Branham's tent vision, which you all are acquainted with, just to give you a little parallel,) it would have things of his past Ministry, it would have things of his present, it would have things that were coming to pass; that was going to come to pass in the future.

Then when the interpretation began to come, He said, "That is when you went out there in your First Pull, and those Ministers, they were pulling for the money because the offerings were more important than the altar call." He said, "And then this next part of the vision, was when you were trying to teach the Pentecostals Supernatural things and it brought carnal impersonations." He said, "But now you are going to go into another kind of Ministry and this one will not be impersonated, and don't tell anybody about it." He hadn't gone into that realm yet, but he was seeing it. It was all being shown to him.

Well here Daniel, another prophet, was getting these visions. And when we realize, a vision is not what you want to see, it is what God is showing you. And God is communicating things that are going to happen in the last days, but God wants to communicate it in a way that it will remain a secret. God could have given it plain. We see God did that sometimes in the Bible.

The Bible said, "And the Angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream saying, 'Arise, take Mary! Fear not to take Mary, thy wife, because she is conceived with child of the Holy Ghost. Take them and go into Egypt.'" It didn't need any interpretation at all. They knew that it was just a plain instruction on what to do. "And the Angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to the wise men saying, 'Go this way and don't go back to Herod.'" Plain, without any need of interpretation. Do you understand that?

But God wants to hide it. God gives prophecy in the Bible: "There shall be earthquakes in divers places in the last days." That doesn't need any interpretation. "There shall be wars and rumors of wars. Men's hearts

are failing for fear”; all the heart attacks in this Day and they are proving it by statistics, it is more upon men than women, which shows even the accuracy of the Lord Jesus, speaking those things in the last days. It goes on to show how in the last days, you know, they are going to build and they are going to inhabit, and the women are going to be fair and all these things, as it was in the days of Noah. It doesn't need any interpretation.

But then we see that God, at times, gives prophecy but in a symbol form. Like we have in the Bible where Joseph was interpreting the dream of Pharaoh and he saw seven lean cows come out of the river and eat down the field, and then he saw seven fat cows afterwards. Then he began to... He couldn't understand what these cows meant and what all these things meant, but then he began... [Blank spot on tape Ed.]

...they couldn't accept us as part of the members of the Bride of Christ that is upon the earth in this Hour. Yet we find that is not strange because they did not accept the first one either, and the others are only the same thing like the first one. If they would accept this and reject the first one, something would be wrong. Amen. Because this is just more like the same thing. Amen!

So when we look and we see how these things are happening, it reaches a place sometimes that used to bother you. When God hadn't maybe dealt with it in a way to console you, that bothers you sometimes because your human nature doesn't adjust easily to rejection and these things. Sometimes you question. Sometimes because of a lack of revelation of the will of God, you keep trying and trying and trying to get to be accepted, hoping that, maybe, a turnip will give up some blood, but you don't get blood out of a turnip. So, after a while you realize, it is not for them. Exactly.

The Prophet went around the world seven times from denomination to denomination to denomination preaching, hoping one day, trying to get them together,

trying to unite them, trying to do everything; it never did it. But it had to be put there first as a witness. And if it is the Life of Christ, It is going to go forth there first. See? And then just like Paul, Paul went out over and over and over, and then the time came, he said he dusted his feet; it was finished. Amen.

And so, from the time that is revealed, then you don't go through those things anymore, because it is another time. And that is the thing with him. He didn't say, "Okay, well I must go back out there and start a healing revival." He knew that time was finished. That was done for a purpose. That was not the major; that was only a minor. That was only a signpost; that was not the city. Amen. He knew that!

Now, if you don't know that, then you are going to try to keep having that. But when you have a revelation of the will of God, what God wants done now, then you know, "That had its time. That was Monday. That had its season, that is over; now it is Tuesday." See. And they never moved, they weren't hearing the Word saying that something more was coming. And when God moved on a higher level...

Like the Prophet would say, he said, "Did you notice how they just sang that song in a higher octave there?" He said, "And look how they clapped here." See? Now sometimes you are just singing, you close your eyes and you are singing because you are being blessed, but in there, he saw the Spirit pick that up right there on that note.

And he saw how the Spirit, you know, was right there confirming to him now, exactly where he had preached that message, that Three-fold revelation, showing what the Church is going to be when She comes back; how She is going to be bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh. He was showing them how that would be happening right there. Is that right? Sure! He was showing them the Hour, and then here it was, the Holy Spirit vindicated that on the wall right there.

And you see how... You know, we think it is phenomenal how Daniel came and interpreted the handwriting on the wall, (oh my!) and how the Angel came down and all the people were amazed. But right in this Day, the Prophet had drawn it on the wall and then the Pillar of Fire came before four or five hundred people and again wrote it over, everything, on the wall. He was showing how the Gentile Age was over; Seven Church Ages had run out now. Is that right? It was time for Revelation 10, the Seventh Seal, to come at the end of the seventh Age. Then God showed it in the heavens and blacked it out the same way. Sure!

See, when you look and you see God keeping His Word, then friends, let me tell you, those things that we learn back there, that doesn't ever stop, you know. That keeps growing. Your understanding of those things doesn't ever cease; it keeps growing on a greater realm all the time, because it was the same God working in the same way to prove He was the same God. Because He could not prove He is the same God if He did not work in the same way and do the same thing. Amen.

Then when He did those things in that manner, then we began to realize, "Look, that was the grace of God. Look at that blast of those Angels, that doesn't ever become a historical fact. Brother, every time we look back at that there, we know that Seventh Seal is running out. We know time is no more for the Gentiles under that Seventh Seal. We know that Revelation 11, it went right back to the Jews. We know that blast was Revelation 10 being fulfilled. Is that right? Sure! In Revelation 10, time is no more. Amen. Brother, there is a final call to the final Age, that final ride - "Thou must prophesy again." The Holy Spirit will sweep out a Bride around the world. Amen. Glory! He'll recycle back the same Message; say back the same thing. Amen.

We could have our interpretation of that, but brother, when we could see in the midst of so much confusion, so many voices, so many ideas, so many interpretations

and all different kinds of reasonings and well-worked out explanations, and you could see the Holy Spirit take the very same Word and, brother, recycled that Word and put the emphasis right back there and make it plain, and even the things that were laying there that we couldn't even recognize were there, began to bring it right up and show it to us there too.

We must be able to recognize the Holy Spirit, because we know the purpose of the coming of the Holy Spirit. And when we see the purpose being manifested, the Holy Spirit's Presence becomes visible. He is revealed in His Own works; His Own characteristics. He is keeping exactly His very program that He said He was going to keep at this time.

That is why a believer with the Holy Spirit, they watch closely, they examine, they read the Word, they know what God promised, they wait for it, they listen attentively; they try to grasp every Word. Something is a little dark there, they go into prayer; they search it out. Amen. They search the Scriptures, they come for fellowship, they ask questions; they get it cleared up to get a greater faith. That is a real believer. Because they know something is happening if we are under that Seventh Seal.

Sometimes you watch people's behavior, you know they haven't seen that Seventh Seal yet. Because that Seventh Seal tells you that this world is falling apart; this world is finished. And can't you labor for the Kingdom to come? Can't you get ready to go out? Are you trying to hold back in this world here? It means you haven't seen that thing yet. Something is missing.

That Stone needs to smite that image and break up all those things; all that wisdom. See? All this Babylonian nonsense (amen, see,) that is inside of there. Sure! All that Roman spirit (see) that comes all through the daughters, it is still all inside of there. It takes the Word of this Hour, the Coming of that Stone, (amen,) to break those things, break those strongholds, drive those

things out, amen; break it up in your lives. Hallelujah! And that becomes the real image inside of there. That begins to fill your earth.

And we took that; we took that, that little... I took that as a background message to come up to the spot because I told you, I said, "When we get from Daniel 7, that is prophecy. All of that is just prophecy for the last days. See? I said, because the first part, you know, was Daniel in Babylon, how he went down there and different things, experiences Daniel went through, how they threw him in the lion's den, how they threw the Hebrew boys in the fiery furnace; how Nebuchadnezzar put up the image back there. All those things are historical. See.

But then, when we hit those visions: "Seal up the Book, Daniel," all those things – what was going to happen in that fourth kingdom, how he is going to devour the whole earth, how he is going to destroy wonderfully by peace, how he is going to cause craft to prosper; how he is going to come up and make war against the saints, see, all those parts of it now, they never saw that down through the Ages.

People, knowing that the Book of Daniel... Brother, when Paul in 2nd Thessalonians was telling the Thessalonian church, he said, "Remember when I was with you, I told you those things: how the man of sin will come, and the falling away will come first before the man of sin will be revealed?" And Paul was speaking that out of the Book of Daniel. "And God will destroy him with the brightness of His Coming." Is that right? And Paul was teaching them that back there and he was telling them, "And that Mystery in the Book of Daniel for the last days is already at work here, and I am in the fourth Age in the fourth kingdom, the Pagan Rome part." He was seeing all those things being fulfilled.

We are in the Papal Rome part; Paul was in the Pagan Rome part. Paul didn't see Papal Rome – only by prophecy and vision. Paul died before that. Is that right?

Sure! Paul and they saw Imperial Rome just before Nicaea Rome. 'Pergamos' was the Church and State 'married'. I hope I am not jumping and going too far because all of that is in the Word that has been taught to you over the years. It should just crystallize inside of there. Amen.

He was standing up there and he was saying, "That spirit there, that spirit in that church there, that is the spirit that Daniel was talking about because look at how they come in speaking flatteries, look at how they are taking over the spiritual kingdom, look at how they are conquering laities," because he could see, with the same spirit, they will conquer the whole world. Amen. That Nicolaitanism started there with a White Horse. It gets a crown when it becomes incarnate in a man. Is that right? Exactly right. And then it becomes a false prophet and...

I want to get down here before when I start to preach, instead of it coming out, you realize only the ones who are built up in the Word could see the basis and catch the angle. But you see, it is something happening there, friends.

And that is why to show you the Word, Daniel and they back there, God was giving It to them and It was being sealed up in the Book. It was being condensed. It was being written in Mystery and no mind could figure it out. It was going to take the history being made to put the two together and see how the prophecy is becoming history. And what is the attraction? Prophecy is becoming history. Exactly. When we came, I took *The Heavens Do Rule* [1990-1003 -Ed.] to show you Daniel and they knew that. They understood the sovereignty of God. They understood predestination and election.

If God is giving you a revelation of this man, Cyrus, who came up there and was king, it was told he was going to come and possess the gates with two leaves. He was going to come and the gates would not be shut; those minute details. That gate was always closed and

that revelry remained open that night and the man came right in.

When those things were shown so minute; one hundred and seventy-five years before the man was born, they said the man would do two things. Just like he said Malachi 4 would do two things. According to Malachi 4:5, it said, "He will turn the hearts of the children back to the faith of the fathers," and according to Revelation 10:7, "He will reveal the Mystery of the Seven Thunders." This man was going to conquer Babylon and was going to send the Jews back to their homeland.

People are born for things in the earth. Whether you are a sinner or a servant of God, whoever you are, you are born for something. Amen. You have to take your place. You dropped from your mother's womb what you are. Amen.

So when Daniel and they began to see that, that wasn't just information for them. They were realizing, "God is showing me about Cyrus; how much more me, because I am an Elect." Amen. So Daniel and they were getting faith. They were seeing that his own prophecy that he spoke, he saw it come to pass. Then he realized what he was seeing as prophecy, it wasn't a new thing because God had already shown it to Isaiah and Jeremiah.

So when he took what Isaiah said and what Jeremiah said and what God was showing him presently on the same thing, while it was happening right around him, oh, it anointed his faith. He could walk out there before the king without fear, without trembling and pronounce the Word of God, (amen,) because he knew he had **THUS SAITH THE LORD**.

Then Paul and them, they could look and see all these things were fulfilled in succession and then say, "We now are in this day." Is that right? Because Jesus told them that the sanctuary was going to be destroyed after Him. Jesus proved He was Messiah. Is that right? And

he proved that not one stone will remain standing in this temple.

Well Daniel said, “Messiah will be cut off and the people of the prince,” that fourth power, was going to come and destroy the sanctuary, and Jesus told them, “Don’t let your flight be in winter.” And He said, “Go and get the lost sheep of Israel quickly. Get them in before that slaughtering angel comes.” Is that right?

So Paul and they knew the Message was urgent wherever they were preaching that Word, because they knew according to the Word of the Son of Man, those things must come to pass. According to Daniel 9, Messiah was cut off. They could look back and see it at Calvary and then they could look there and see after that, “And the sanctuary must be destroyed with a flood when the people of the prince come.” And he knew that was the next part of the Scripture right there.

Then Jesus turned around and said, “When they begin to gather around Me and dig down his ditches,” he said, “you will start to weep. Don’t weep for Me. You should have recognized My visitation right now, but in those days weep for yourself.” Amen. And He began to point out...

Paul and they knew that when Jesus was preaching and teaching, He was identifying that that was the next attraction right there – destruction of the temple; people of the prince. So how much more did Paul and them know, that prince, that little horn, (that we are going to get to,) was that fourth kingdom and they were in it. And from the time Paul realized that that Roman power there was that fourth kingdom... Because it had conquered the whole world, as Greece did, as the Medes and Persians did; as Babylon did. Now they had their time.

What did Paul do with the Thessalonian church? He went to the Book of Daniel. And when the church started to shake, he told them, “Remember when I was with you I told you these things? Don’t be shaken in

mind and troubled in spirit.” He said, “Look, the Lord is going to come with His angels in flaming fire. He is going to do all these things first.” 2nd Thessalonians 1. Is that right? “He is going to fulfill the work of faith with power.”

Then what is going to happen? He is going to destroy them who obey not the Gospel, even the man of sin. He said, “And that very man, that mystery, is at work right now. That very same spirit is all in the earth here right now. He said, “That is the Beast I’m fighting with at Ephesus; everywhere I go.” He said, “You pray for me, that when I am preaching that Word, I am up against those powers, because Satan has transformed his angels as ministers of light, preaching another Jesus; blinding the minds of the people from the Gospel.”

He said, “It is making it harder and harder. They are already closing doors on us and the falling away hasn’t come yet.” The Squeeze hadn’t come as yet but in that first Age they were closing doors on them. He said, “Pray that God opens a door of faith, a door of utterance that we can go in and proclaim this Truth, because there are evil men all... They are enemies of the Cross. Not all men have faith.” Is that right?

Brother, let me tell you, that Word to them was real because they knew they were in the prophecy. Daniel knew he was in the prophecy. Paul knew he was in the prophecy. Malachi 4 came and said, “Look Eisenhower and Khrushchev, the iron and the clay, look at them right there.” He said, “We are in the prophecy too.” Now what are we seeing in this Hour? Can’t we see? We are caught right up in the midst of the same thing. Amen!

If I didn’t give you my title this morning, it is **“THE FOUR BEASTS OF DANIEL CHAPTER 7”**. Okay, let’s go on. Now watch. So, you find then... I’m giving you this little background just to refresh your minds on some of the backgrounds that we were laying, after *The Heavens Do Rule*, showing how that revelation of sovereignty and election and predestination...

What does God reveal those things for? To give you faith and to show you who you are to take the fears and doubts out of you. And when you are in an atmosphere and you are under a system that wants to crush you and break you, a system that want to devour you and tear you apart and could make your life fearful, and you want to store in barns and you want to do this and you want to do the other because of the fear that the system is generating: "We could turn you into a vagrant in the morning," you know. "We could, (brother,) ruin your home economically. We could put you on the breadline. We could fire you. We could cut you off before you even get pension; take away all these things."

When God sees a system oppressing, principalities and powers bringing that kind of fear, what does God do? He starts to reveal election, predestination; who you are. It is impossible for you to be lost. What is in you is greater than that. God, Who called you, is more than able to take care of you. Amen. Hallelujah! That is what God does.

Satan works through fear; God works through faith. Satan, by his lies, brings fear; God, by His Truth, brings faith. Amen. That's why He said, "Fear not, little flock; it's your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom." [Luke 12:32 -Ed.] Amen. "Don't you fear anything. The kingdom that they have is falling apart, but you have a Kingdom that shall not be destroyed." Amen. Hallelujah!

It is God bringing it to you by His Word, friends. An entrance is being ministered into that Kingdom. That very smiting Stone is speaking His Word. That Son of Man being revealed, is ministering an entrance into that Kingdom. The Mysteries to that Kingdom are being revealed. It is the Father Who is giving it to you, because He is revealing it to you, making you partakers of it, partakers of that Nature that identifies you in that Kingdom; bringing you into union with your Heavenly King.

That is why you can confess that you are a pilgrim and stranger. That is why he said, "Here, we have no continuing city." Why? It has been revealed to you because the same faith of Abraham is inside of you and you are walking in the steps of that same faith, and that faith brought him to meet Jehovah-Jireh. Amen! That faith changed his body and brought him back young. That same faith saw the fire hanging over the Gentile world to destroy it. Glory be to God. That's the same faith in your heart as a Royal Seed this morning. Amen. So that is what we are seeing.

God is ruling. It is not the Devil giving and getting ready to give us that; it is God ruling in all these things. God wants you to be there. God wants to give you that position. God wants to remove things to set you up. Hallelujah! Glory be to God. Amen. Thank You, Jesus. God wants to take you down like he took down Moses too, to let another Pharaoh grow up who doesn't know you, (amen,) the same way. Hallelujah! My!

You have faith. You want to be a tree that when the Watchers come down, they will say, "What a lovely tree. Put some more fertilizer. Send down some Former and the Latter Rain." You don't want the Watchers to come and say, "Hew it down. Take down the fruits; scatter the leaves." You don't want to be that kind of tree. You want the Watchers to say, "Who more else shall we feed with the fruit of this tree? How far again should we let his branches extend?" Amen. Glory! That is what you want God to give to you. Because like Nebuchadnezzar, God showed him that he was that tree. See? And God was revealing those things.

Then we came and we took, *The Beginning And Ending Of The Gentile Dispensation* [1990-1017 -Ed.] and showed you, the Prophet was making it parallel. He said, "Watch the way it comes in." They had an image worship, they had religious persecution, had a handwriting on the wall; had all these different things back there; (is that right?) had a prophet revealing an

unknown language. It was all there. And showed to us, when it is going back out, it goes back out the same way.

And we took that and showed, here we are in the Age when it was going back out. Daniel was the Age when it was coming in. And we again see the mystery handwriting on the mystery wall because it is a mystery Babylon. It is a mystery wall; it is a mystery handwriting. But we see a Prophet who had the Mind of Christ to reveal that mystery handwriting; who said, "America, you are weighed in the balances and found wanting." He said, "Russia, fifty years ago you rejected the Holy Ghost and you are finished. That is why you become atheists today." He said, "England, you rejected Bro. Bosworth and all of them back there when they went with the Holy Ghost to you. You turned down John Wesley and all of them. You are finished." Is that right? Exactly. He said, "The whole world has passed Redemption. They are found wanting. They are weighed in the balances of God's Word."

God has come in this Day – that Angel with the Scale and the Sword. He said Catholics used to draw it long ago because they know that is a judgment Angel – the Sword to execute judgment and the Scales to weigh them out. They used to draw Michael that way, Revelation 10:1. Amen. He was going to come. Who was that Prophet weighing them out? Who had that Sword? Is that right? Sure.

Brother, and you see the Devil cast down there under Him, amen; kicked that old mamba down. He was on his back there looking up, to see that Angel with the drawn sword chopping him to pieces. Amen. Glory be to God. Amen. Brother, all those people have it on their walls and different things. But that is this very Day because now is come salvation, now is the Kingdom of God; now is the power of His Christ and the accuser of our enemy shall be cast down. Hallelujah! And they

overcame him by the Word of His mouth and the Blood of the Lamb. Sure.

Then from there I begin to take *Things That Shall Be Hereafter* [1990-1021 - Things Which Shall Come To Pass Hereafter, Pt.1 and 1990-1024, Pt.2 -Ed.], as we began to come more into the prophetic side, and I said, look, Daniel was seeing these things coming in and how he saw it and he was watching for it, and then he had to have faith to say, “That is the interpretation there.”

And we took how it took him forty-eight years before he even understood that the chest of silver was the Medes and Persians. But that night when the inspiration came to interpret the handwriting on the wall, he spoke it out, he said, “It is divided and given to the Medes and the Persians.” He knew who the next kingdom was because it wasn’t revealed in the image. God revealed the first one, the head of gold, and He revealed the last one, the God of Heaven setting up His Kingdom, and the other three, God did not say anything about it. He just said another kingdom will overcome this one; another one will overcome that one, but He didn’t name them. He didn’t name them.

It is the same way, here we see so many nations in the world today and we want to know—if we could know who they are, we’ll see what they are doing, what their policies are; we’ll see where they are heading. We’ll see how God’s Word is coming to pass. We will be able to identify and look and see what is happening.

That is why the Prophet had to come and reveal that Revelation 13 is America; Ezekiel 38 and 39 is Russia. Is that right? Revelation 11 is Israel with Moses and Elijah and the 144,000 there. He was bringing it out of the Bible to show to us. Then he placed the Church right in the midst of those things. Then he showed us the wars and how the earth went through pains and all these things and what happened under the war; then why he was sent out. “It is all connected together,” he said.

Then we are coming in right here. What are we looking for when we see all these things? It is time to go. And that is why we want to tell one other, "Run, brother, run!"

Brother, I remembered they used to have a picture... It just came to my mind so I have to say it. There was a picture I saw in a magazine once where they showed when they had the Vietnam War and a city was being bombed, and they had this girl in the picture running; she was stark naked. Her clothes, all those things, were burned off of her. Years after, she became a big woman and they brought back the picture of the woman, and they brought back the original picture and they showed how she was that same one at that time in Vietnam when they were under war.

But they showed you the horror, because the photographer, being able to catch that shot, and the horror that when that bomb fell and the fumes alone began to just burn that, rip that thing to shreds, disintegrated the clothing and everything, and the horror on the faces, seeing villages just got leveled and disappeared like that, and they were running for their lives.

You know, it is like what is happening now. It is like the coming destruction. If you have a revelation to see what is coming, friends. Solar radiation is going to burn this earth. Amen. The sea is going to become dead; corrupt like a man's blood; will cease to function. Amen. All the fishes and all the living things are going to come and die and there will be a stench. All the fishing industry is going to collapse. All the boats will be unable to sail because there will be no more tides; nothing. Do you understand what I am saying? The moon will be turned to blood; become red. All those signs in the moon there. See? There are holes in the ozone layer; it's destroyed. The meteorite will begin to fall and hit the earth. All the ocean will begin to expand and cover up all the islands and all these things.

When you see what is going to come! The famine and these things are going to grip the place. The sores, the plagues, are going to start to hit all the people; no more beach-bathing. Beaches will become places like deserts; isolated. In summer-time in that set of heat, everybody will be in long sleeves and high-necked clothes. Nobody will want to take their clothes off anymore because they have sores and all kinds of things under that, that there is no healing for. Fowls of the air will be eating them and they will be smelling and rotting right there in that condition.

Brother, when we see what is coming, we will run with more determination to survive and escape that thing; that heat of that explosion, when those Vials and things start to pour out. Do you think that horror and that girl's face was something?

That is why when we are hearing the Word, we look and see a brother lagging back, a sister lagging back, they kind of want to get tired, we say, "Don't give up now. Run with everything you have! Don't stop! Put in everything you have! Run for your life! Don't look back." Why? Because you know it is right here, friends. That Holy Spirit, as the Prophet said, "Fear not little children, Something will pick you up." Amen. It might look like it almost wants to engulf you and pull you back, but all of a sudden, Something will pick you up; a rendezvous. Amen. Hallelujah! Those angels are going to drop down and pick you up. Amen. Glory be to God!

Then we will stand around the rings of the earth in the air, looking back, seeing things being burned, and heading for Glory. Oh my! We are going to meet the Captain Himself of the old ship of Zion there in the air. Hallelujah! He will take the ship into that Golden Shore into that Heavenly Harbor. Hallelujah! What a homecoming time that will be!

When we think of what is happening here this morning, and the Holy Spirit is breaking forth His Word, and dipping our wicks down in the Oil that our flames

can burn a little brighter! Amen. When we think of it, when we think of it, friends, we should embrace it and hold it. It should mean more to us than life. We want to grasp every word. We want to receive It with faith and we want to believe It. It can't be an emotional thing and being worked up. He said, "Oh God, reveal It to me. I need to know It. I have to know It. I must know It. I am willing to pay the price; whatever it takes, Lord. It must be mine. It means more than life to me."

Oh, that God could deal with us in our hearts in such a way that, brother, all foolishness and all these things will just evaporate; disintegrate; disappear. When you look, you are only seeing White Robes, washed in the Blood, holding their palms in their hands, (amen,) singing, rejoicing with the Name sealed on their foreheads. Amen. Glory be to God. My! Things that shall be hereafter.

Now I am right into the prophecy. You see, that is why we started from Daniel 7, those things. But I want to give you a little background first of those three beasts and show you something there where you could look at it and see how those things came up. Because Babylon is Iraq today. It is still here. Iran is Persia, and the Medes, if you look on a map... The brother asked me, he said, "What happened to the people of the Medes? And I went to the Bible's atlas and looked it up on the map there. Exactly where the Medes were, it is all absorbed into Persia today.

You see, even among those people there, they have different nationalities, you know. Remember how even in Iraq, there were these Kurds and it goes way, way back and how they saw the man had loosed the poison gas upon the Kurds because the Kurds were siding with the Iranians? Because they are all on a land mass. It is an invisible line that separates them. It is just maybe a fence to say your boundary ends here and my boundary starts. That's it. See?

You look back and see where the peoples were in the land in Bible times, when the Spirit identifies them geographically where they were and you see where they are today. And Greece is still there, friends. Greece is still there. They control a lot of the shipping and these things still. So all the... And Rome is still here. Do you understand what I am saying? They are all here.

So even though some are called by different names and these things, the spirit that motivated those human beings there, the land that they lived in and their history that was made in that land... Because they are only a product of that history. That is their identity. Your history is your identity. And those people, let me tell you, history was never a lost thing to them. To us in the West here, we get confused with all kinds of histories, until we have to really find our roots in the last days. But to those people, their history is recorded; it's there.

Many of the ancient civilizations they had there, it is pointed out, it is right there. Look, the man was even trying to rebuild Babylon itself; the very city. They have the place; trying to build back the Hanging Gardens. When the Greeks had seen it, Alexander, the Great, and he had moved in there and had seen those things, he called it one of the Seven Wonders of the World. When the Greeks were the ones who named the seven wonders of the world, and they named the Hanging Gardens of Babylon one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

Because Babylon was a flat place, because they built it in the plains in the land of Shinar – Genesis 10 [Genesis 11:2 –Ed.], It talked about a plain. Is that right? Flat country. But where the woman came from, his wife came from, the history says that this man's wife, Nebuchadnezzar's wife, she was from the hill country and you know, they had been so accustomed to gardens and the terrain and different things. Brother, do you think what they are doing today is a modern thing?

Well that man, they built those gardens on levels, until it created like fertile mountains all round about

and everything else. If you read the history of Babylon, it tells you how much land they had there; fertile land that they had within the city and how they built the city. That is why they never even considered the threat of an invasion.

You watch and see what is happening in this present invasion right here, right now. The nations of the world have in their minds that they have food that can only last six months, spare parts to last so many months; this, to last so many months. They may start to feel the pinch, about within a year. "So if we stand here united and hold off, we are going to have them crawling on their knees."

Well, that is exactly... When you are invading a city, that is what you take into consideration. Because as long as they could survive inside of there, with everything they have need of, and don't need any outside aid or anything to come in, and are not depending on anything from the outside to exist, they could ignore you. You are only wasting your time hanging outside their yard. Like the rich man and Lazarus, you become like Lazarus outside the rich man's gate and the rich man is eating up everything inside there. Do you understand what I am saying?

Well, so Babylon was. They were in a siege, but they had food for about twenty years. Which nation could keep an army for twenty years watching outside their gate? They couldn't do it. That is why the man caught the strategy to divert the riverbed and come up through the gate. And they said, he chose a national holiday when the whole city was... Do you see like they made the attack here? They said the attack was precise.

Because history has it all accounted! You take any Bible dictionary and you go back and find the history of the places and it gives you the account of the history. The Bible talks about the invasion, but it doesn't give you all the details in the strategy employed in the invasion. But the Bible refers to it because God knows

in history, it is documented there to support that the Bible is correct. The Bible just calls the man's name, and the year it was done in, and who was the reigning king in Babylon at the time. It just condenses it there for you. Then all you see... What was happening? It says the man built a big artificial lake and then at a certain... [blank spot on tape -Ed.] ...section.

You know, I think *The New York Times* had an account of it. And they said the Muslimeen's plan, it worked to perfection like that, but it was just in the end, what they had to do after they reached there, they did not know what to do.

Well, you watch back when they laid that invasion right there. They had a diversion thing that threw the whole security forces into chaos because while they hit the police service there, and they were running everywhere, 'helter skelter' [in disorderly haste or confusion -Ed.] and didn't know what to do, and they got across to the media, and the looting was taking place there, brother, they didn't know what was going on the other side, and you have full control.

Well, so it was, Cyrus and they, when they had that plan, they moved right in and they captured that city like that the very same night. The king was killed, the city was taken, everything, and they were caught in festivity. So the same way, they waited while the whole city would be there worshipping the gods who gave them victory over different nations. By the time, they were celebrating their victory over Israel and adoring their gods and elevating their gods to be greater than the God of Israel. So, in honor of their gods who gave them victory over Israel, they said, "Bring the vessels out."

Because out of every nation where they went, they brought back evidence of their victory. And that becomes like offerings to your gods who led you in battle. It was part of their religion, it was part of their culture; it was part of the policy. It was what motivated and influenced the population to show that their god

was with them, things were working for them, they were overcoming; everything was stable. And that's it exactly.

Daniel and they saw those things. They understood it. And friends, that is why to us, today, when these Seven Seals are opened to uncover these mysterious symbols here in the Book, we could see what these things mean.

Before we go on from verse 8... Because it is quite a lot and the time is about finished, so I want to just strike quickly those three first beasts, so when we hit that fourth beast, then from here on is where it has to come in with the mark of the Beast, come back to the Seal of God, and all those things, because that is right where we are bringing these things back in from another angle.

Now the first thing in Daniel 7, verse 2, notice when he began to write that vision, he said:

... I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of heaven strove upon the great sea.

Now to know what sea he was talking about, you have to take a map and look and see exactly where Daniel was; what the sea was there. And these nations that were rising up, everyone of them, those four beasts that represented those four kingdoms, they were all coming from around that Mediterranean Sea, because that was where the world's civilization was centered back in that time. And he said, "The winds strove upon the sea."

³ And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.

Now, does anybody know, in the Bible, what 'winds' mean? [Congregation says, "War." -Ed.] 'War and strife'. Exactly. And does anybody know what 'sea' means? [Congregation says, "People." -Ed.] 'Nations; multitudes of people'. Well exactly; you have it there. The sea wasn't behaving that way for itself. It was the winds that were causing the sea to go into convulsions and get rough and toss in that

way. As the Prophet said, “You see that lake there, it has water in it but then all of a sudden, like a wind comes down upon it and the water begins to move and it begins to throw up all the things that are inside of it.” He said, “It is having a revival because the rushing wind came down upon it.”

Well, so it was here, Daniel was seeing that these winds were what was causing the sea to go into tumult and all these different things, because it was this political strife among the nations, that was what was causing the multitude of people to go into chaos. Because how did Babylon fall? Invasion and war. How did the Medes and Persians fall? Invasion and war. How did Greece fall? Invasion and war. How did Israel go into captivity? Invasion and war. Do you understand that? Exactly what it was.

So, ‘winds’ mean ‘*strife and war*’. Revelation 7, the angel was holding the four winds so that it wouldn’t blow upon the sea and upon the trees and the earth to hurt these things. And then Revelation 17:15, the Angel told John, He said, “The sea, the beast that came out of the waters, it speaks of peoples and multitudes of tongues and nations” and these things. So as a result of the blowing of the wind, all the kingdoms began to arise and began to fall because of political disturbance.

How did the Medes and the Persians rise and become strong? Through their conquests; through their wars; through their conquering of territories; through their overcoming of many nations. In Europe, what happened in World War II? Wars and strife. Why? Because people began to go forth and conquer and conquer and Germany was becoming greater and greater. And they were talking about the ‘Third Reich’ [presumed successor of the earlier Holy Roman Empire -Ed.] and they were going to rule the world now and all these different things. Alright. And then what happened? Then the other nations got involved, and other powers like America and like

England and all these other beasts, these other nations, began to come into the fray too. Is that right?

So it is always, 'winds' is '*war and strife*'; political disturbance, in other words. In one place, the Trumpets, it speaks of political disturbance. It speaks of wars and strife and rumors of wars and these things. And the 'sea' the '*multitudes of people*', the nations, because in that region, there were all those different nations, but some were not dominant powers at that time, but yet they were nations.

Egypt was a broken power. Israel was a conquered power. See. So they were not being considered as having world influence at the time. Just like you have Trinidad, it's a power, the Caribbean is a power, Cuba is a power, but they have no real world influence in the world today. There are certain major nations that dominate the world, that change the world, that control the affairs of the world; the rest just fall into a region and have to go the way the political tide is going. Well here, Daniel was seeing these things and God was showing it to him in symbol form that these things were coming up.

So the 'sea' and the 'waters' is always in the Bible, it is used to represent nations and peoples and tongues. And if we look in Daniel 7, verse 17... Maybe I'll have to read it.

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

He wanted to know what it meant. I am trying to close out quickly, so we are going to finish here. He was worried about it and he wanted to understand it. And in the vision, there were some people there in the vision; supernatural people. And he went and asked one of them and they began to tell him the interpretation. He said:

¹⁷ These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, [who] 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.*

¹⁹ *Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all others...*

It was that fourth one that bothered him.

...exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;

Do you know what 'the residue' means? It means, 'the remains of something'. And there were Babylon's remains after the Medes and Persians had captured it. The Medes and Persians, there were their remains after Greece had captured it. And there were Greece's remains after Rome had captured it, and the only thing to conquer Rome was a Heavenly Power.

Every one of those earthly powers were overcome by an earthly power, but the fourth kingdom, there was no earthly power to overcome it, because it overcame every earthly power. It had to be overcome by a Heavenly Power. See? That is why Heaven is coming back to earth now. That is why God and man are coming back together in this Day. You see? That is why we are in that time. God Himself has come down from Heaven.

Now watch. So look here, the remains, this beast had stamped the remains of the city. He had broken them up because Rome conquered everyone of them.

²⁰ *And of the ten horns...*

Remember, out of that fourth beast came up ten horns.

... that were in [its] head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell...

Three of those ten horns fell when this other little horn had come up among the ten.

...even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth...

That horn that came up, Daniel saw that it had eyes and it had a mouth.

...[and] that [spoke] very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.

[Blank spot on tape] ...to him. When they want help in their countries, they go to him. His look is more stout than them. When he speaks, more people tremble than when they speak.

... [his] look was more stout than his fellows.

Brother, I tell you, Daniel was noticing these things. Now watch.

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

He said, "But isn't that a strange thing? This man is more powerful than these ten kings, and this man didn't fight the ten kings. I mean three, he subdued three right away, but it seems that he just turned around now and started to make war with the saints; not even denominations." Do you understand? Who is this fellow? What are we up against?

...[and he] made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;

²² Until the Ancient of days came...

Hair white like wool! He is here already being revealed. Let me tell you, now is victory time for the saints. Hallelujah! Glory! Brother, down through the years, we have come through many hard times. Some are going to stay back and get trampled by that same king too, but as far as we who are in the Bride are concerned, that kind of 'licks' [punishment; persecution -Ed.] is over for us. Hallelujah! There is a Power in this Message to bind that mamba in a knot; to tie up that little horn. Amen. Glory! Whoever gave him his power, there is a Sword here, (amen, glory!) to deal with that spirit. Because brother, He in Bride-form, (amen,) will deal

with the same one He dealt with back in the wilderness. Amen. Yes, sir.

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.

Even literally. Did you hear how I said that? Even literally! Right now, we have received a Kingdom that cannot be removed. Friends, I am not saying that! You go back and tell me what the Prophet had on his mind when he preached *The World Is Again Falling Apart* [1963-1127 -Ed.]: “But we have a Kingdom that cannot be moved.” See what Bro. Branham was talking about when he stood on that Seventh Seal and knew that that Rock, cut without hands, was inside of him. A stumbling Stone and a Rock of offence to the religious world, but here, look what It is doing for us.

²³ Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom...

Now, if you noticed in verse 17:

...[four] great beasts, which are four, are four kings, [who] shall arise out of the earth.

¹⁸ [And] the saints of the most High shall [arise and] take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom...

He was using ‘kings’ and ‘kingdoms’ interchangeably, because over here, he said, the fourth beast is the fourth kingdom. The four beasts are four kings, but the fourth beast is the fourth kingdom. He is using ‘kings’ and ‘kingdoms’ interchangeably. When God told Nebuchadnezzar, “You are the head of gold,” he was the king, one man, but the whole kingdom was really the head of gold. Do you understand what I am saying? Alright. Okay! I just wanted to put that in there, as we go along.

²³ Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all [other] kingdoms...

There was going to be something about this fourth kingdom that will be so different to natural Babylon, so different to the Medes and the Persians, so different to Greece because this one, from a political kingdom, it became a spiritual kingdom. Do you understand what I am saying? And it conquered the whole world by deceit. Watch. So, Daniel was seeing that in the vision and he was even told that by the one interpreting the vision to him.

... and shall devour the whole earth...

The fourth beast, that fourth kingdom, which is different, will do what? Devour the whole earth.

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

They burst it up in those two wars, too. They are still bursting it up today. Sure. That is the controlling power. It's different! Economically, socially, it pollutes, destroys; everything.

²⁴ And the ten horns out of this kingdom...

Because ten horns were coming out of which kingdom? The fourth kingdom.

... are ten kings that shall arise...

They shall arise.

... and another shall rise after them...

That is the other little one with the mouth. He will arise after those ten. See?

...and he shall subdue three kings.

To 'subdue' means, 'to conquer' or 'to suppress'. It says these three kings were plucked up by the roots. There were ten independent nations there because each one had their own king, but somehow from the ten, it came to seven.

Let me tell you, as time goes on, there will be more lines being drawn and nations will be absorbed into other nations, and in this changing world that is emerging, it is very easy to see it. Because already, with this Caribbean unity even here, nations will get

swallowed up. You will have to lose your independence to survive in this new world. See.

Look at East Germany! Before the Wall broke down, there was an East Germany and a West Germany – two different ideologies. Now it's Germany. It doesn't have East Germany and West Germany anymore. It is Germany now. It's the Republic of Germany. Where has East Germany gone? It's absorbed right back up. Where has the king of East Germany gone? He's disappeared. You see?

So, when those lines begin to be drawn, we are going to see places, because of trade and commerce... And when those trade lines are being drawn and that man is controlling world trade and commerce, kingdoms are going to be swallowed up. See?

You live for fear in political circles right here in the country. There is talk of another thing – Tobago, for it to go on its own. It is so futile, because now when they realize, the whole Caribbean cannot even work independent of each other, you are talking about another Tobago and Trinidad, because you built a little harbor and you have a reef out there. You see, there are so many disasters in this world, do you think people have time to travel down here to go and see that reef? Do you understand what I am saying? Let us wait... When all these islands start to disappear with that global warming and those oceans start to expand and rise, do you think they will have any place to come and vacation? It is futile.

Let me tell you, what man has in their mind here and their plans, billions go to waste like that, like nothing; disappears. And as we study the Books, in this Book especially, it shows you where kingdoms get swallowed up into other kingdoms. Because once you have world empires, nations get swallowed up.

Look at the Soviet Union, Armenia and all those different places outside there, (right?) all of them want to go their own way. Why? Before they were all part of

the Soviet Union. Exactly. Well the same way, it is just that war makes one nation swallow you up and you are a minority race under the controlling power. Then other wars come and you get free ideologically, because of maybe the influence that has come in that region, and then you get freedom and liberty and freedom of expression.

Look at the Catholic Church – underground all those years; now they have their first big march in Russia. The Pope is getting ready to go to Russia to dedicate a big Catholic church right there, right now. See. Exactly. So, when you look and see those things, it makes you realize something is on the move.

²⁵ And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High...

He will wear them out. Many will get starved out; they can't buy or sell, and they don't have the Third Pull because they are foolish virgins, and they will have to give their lives for what they believe. And he is going to spurt water out of his mouth to make war with the remnant of the woman's Seed. Is that right? Wear them out. I trust God to do like Paul when the Angel said, "I give you all that sail with you on this ship; not one will be lost." Amen. I would not like to see one left back here, brother, because look what is happening here.

... and [he will] think to change times...

Because the church will put power on the governments to cause them to enact religious principles into laws (is that right?) – the hour of temptation that will come upon the whole world.

... and [the] laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

Three and a half years there – just enough time when Moses and Elijah are going to bring that message there to bring them out of Roman's hands that are strangling them, like Moses and Elijah brought them out of

Egyptian's hands, under that Sixth Seal. But at that time, we will be in Glory.

So quickly. I want to see how best—quickly I can hit these three beasts. Now watch. So we see it was political strife. It was the winds and the seas among the people, the nations, that were causing the rise and fall of different powers. Then it says, “And the fourth beast was,” what? “The fourth kingdom.” Because the fourth beast is the fourth kingdom.

Now, God had already shown Daniel in Chapter 2... God wasn't giving more new revelation; He was giving more information on the same revelation. And Daniel was seeing again there were going to be four kingdoms until the Most High comes and breaks the power of the last kingdom. Because he saw the Stone came and destroyed the fourth kingdom in Nebuchadnezzar's image and now here, in his own vision, he was seeing the Most High, when He comes to set up His Kingdom, the fourth kingdom will be there on the earth wearing out the saints, changing times, but eventually they will possess that Kingdom. Is that right? And they are going to reign and have an everlasting Kingdom.

And then, the Angel said, “That fourth beast is that fourth kingdom.” And Daniel had already known, from the previous revelation, that there was only going to be four kingdoms from his time until Christ comes; until the Stone comes. And here again he was seeing four kingdoms and it was going to be the same thing. And the fourth kingdom in the image, which was the kingdom of iron, there were ten toes. And now he was seeing this fourth beast with iron teeth, like the iron in the fourth kingdom, and it had ten horns just like the ten toes of the fourth kingdom, and that is the same kingdom that is here when the Most High comes to set up His Kingdom.

So, Daniel began to realize that what he was seeing there was something God was showing him in another symbol but the same kingdom. But what troubled him,

he saw something that he never saw in the first image. In the legs of iron of the fourth kingdom, he never saw any other toe other than the ten toes. But now he was seeing another horn apart from the ten horns, whose look was more stout than his fellows, and that was the one even making war with the saints, even blaspheming the Name of God, and even making war with God, and even changing laws and times, and that bothered him.

Who is this man who is going to rise up so great, so powerful, that could change the laws on the planet, that brother, it will be a whole new world? He will be able to wreak havoc with the Church. He is going to overcome them for three and a half years. He will be more stout than these ten kings. As a matter of fact, three will lose their identity. Three will be plucked up, before him. He will subdue them. Who is able to make war with him? Sure!

Let me tell you, who is making war with Saddam [Saddam Hussein - President of Iraq -Ed.] right now? Bush? [H. W. Bush - President of the United States -Ed.] What is Bush going to do with the oil? Is Bush going to rule the world? Is America going to rule the world? No, sir. Is Bush going to control trade and commerce? No. These are just kings who give their power to the Beast. These are just the military arm and they have become slaves because they were broken economically and sold out to the church who had to take them out of debt. Exactly right.

And then here, watch and see; let us look at it. So these four beasts spoke of what? Four kingdoms. And we know there were only going to be four kingdoms from Daniel's time, but God was showing them differently here, intending now, not to show their wealth and glory and power and majesty, but to show those kingdoms as ravenous beasts devouring one another. And when he depicted them, he depicted Babylon, the first one.

Now the Bible said and he saw four beasts come out from the sea. They didn't come up together because he said, "The first was like a lion, and behold another beast

came up after, and after that beast, another beast.” They were coming up in succession because those four kingdoms really weren’t world powers together. They succeeded one another. The silver succeeded the gold, the brass succeeded the silver, then the iron succeeded the brass. Is that right?

And so, the bear succeeded the lion and he saw the lion... Now the lion is the king of the beasts. How many know that? And he had feathers like what? An eagle; an eagle’s wings. Because the eagle is king of the birds and the lion is king of the beasts. And Nebuchadnezzar, there was not any like him in the whole earth. He was the head of gold. He said, “Thou art this head of gold here.” See?

Turn with me quickly in Jeremiah 4. Teaching requires patience and sometimes I like to preach more than teach and I find myself wanting to run through these things quickly and I spoil it sometimes. Jeremiah 4:7. God was speaking here to Israel about the coming invasion of Nebuchadnezzar, because Jeremiah was in the time of Israel’s captivity. Is that right? Jeremiah was the prophet before the invasion who warned them of the coming judgment because of their sins.

7 The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the [nations] is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; and thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant.

Who did that to Jerusalem? Nebuchadnezzar. Turn to Jeremiah 50 again and see. He keeps calling him that. Verse 17. Jeremiah 50:17:

17 Israel is a scattered sheep; the lions have driven him away; first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones.

Do you know in the Book of Daniel when the lion broke up all their bones in the time of Darius there? Do

you know, that is what the lion does – it beats you with that paw and breaks up your bones then devours you and shreds you to pieces? That is how the lion moves on its prey. Well, God is considering those kings there as the lion coming up to devour.

¹⁸ Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria.

¹⁹ And I will bring Israel again to his habitation, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon mount Ephraim...

And verses 43 and 44, same chapter.

⁴³ The king of Babylon hath heard the report of them, and his hands [became] feeble: anguish took hold of him, and pangs as of a woman in travail.

⁴⁴ Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan unto the habitation of the strong...

Do you see how the king of Babylon was coming up? Jeremiah, in poetic language, was seeing Nebuchadnezzar coming up. He looked at the man coming up by Jordan there, as a lion beginning to leave his thicket and began to walk out now. He was coming to hunt the prey.

And it looked like God was showing the nation in a symbol form now. First, He gave the outward, what man sees – a head of gold; metals, precious metals, each one having a certain value, then diminishing in value. But then the same way it was coming down from gold to silver, it came from lion to bear. The same way the silver is inferior to the gold, the bear is inferior to the lion. The same way it came from the head of gold to toes of iron and clay, down to the most worthless thing, so it came down from the lion, the king of the beasts, in all its glory and majesty, to a monster, a beast; (see?) same way, the

same four kingdoms. But look here how Jeremiah is bringing that in poetic language.

⁴⁴ *Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan unto the habitation of the strong: but I will make them suddenly run away from her: and who is a chosen man, that I may appoint over her? for who is like me? and who will appoint me the time? and who is that shepherd that will stand before me?*

And he goes on to talk about and:

⁴⁵ *Therefore hear ye the counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken against Babylon; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the land of the Chaldeans...*

So, here he said:

... Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out...

The same way he said, that lion smells that sheep, a little lamb coming, like in David's time when David was watching over his flock, and that lion smells that little sheep and comes out there to take the sheep out of the flock, but a great shepherd rises up there and smites that lion. Is that right? So God is seeing the invading army coming out for the prey and he said, "The least of the flock will draw them out, but there will be a Shepherd standing there to deal with that lion when he comes." Amen. This is in the last days; prophecy for the last days here. But to show you Jeremiah and the Spirit of God in prophecy through Jeremiah, in visions through Daniel, in prophecy, was showing that Babylonian power there, as that lion invading.

Watch Habakkuk 1, verses 6 to 8.

⁶ *For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breath of the land, to possess the dwellingplaces that are not theirs.*

⁷ *They are terrible and dreadful: their judgment and their dignity shall proceed [from] themselves.*

⁸ *Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle that hasteth to eat.*

The swiftness of the conquest. God was seeing that the Chaldeans moved with such swiftness. They moved like the eagle when it is swooping down, (as the brother was preaching the other night,) the speed, two hundred miles coming there for that prey. So when Nebuchadnezzar and they were going forth there, with the boldness and the fierceness of a lion, and he had the lightning speed of an eagle, conquering and invading those countries, with precision, with such timing, with such strategies, they broke the powers and conquered the world. Their armies were so superior with their weapons, their military strategy was so far advanced, their sciences, their technology was so far advanced than the other nations, that they broke them as a power.

And Daniel was seeing it in symbol form. God was showing it to him here in the vision – that first beast, king of the beasts and king of the birds, the greatest of all powers that was there on the earth. Babylon was a kingdom of great strength. And especially an honor on Nebuchadnezzar, his conquest had extended with great rapidity.

Let me tell you, in a matter of a couple of years, they conquered the world. Amen. And when you think, they did not have planes and they did not have big ships in the ocean and these things, and they were moving from one place to the next with horses, horsemen and footmen and these things. And when they went forth to make their invasion: conquering Egypt, conquering

Israel, conquering those nations roundabout, conquering the Medes and all those places there and taking them under their control.

And then, what happened? From the time Nebuchadnezzar died, the kingdom began to go down, and down, and down until they never had another king to stand up in comparison to Nebuchadnezzar who had brought Babel, which was started and founded by Nimrod, by Cush and Nimrod, “and brought into power and great grandeur” as the Prophet said in *The Church Ages* book, in the time of Nebuchadnezzar when it was called the head of gold. Nebuchadnezzar, with his military exploits, conquered the world because we knew God said, “I raised him up. He is my servant. I am using him to chastise the nations.” The same way God is using communism today. Is that right? He is going to use them. Sure. See. Now watch.

He saw that what happened to that, a man’s heart: the boldness and the spirit of the lion, and the military conquest vanished. The wings were plucked up and the spirit of the lion, the heart of the lion left and now it had the heart of a man. Because Nebuchadnezzar, we found out, was no more in conquest. We read it in the Bible there, he was admiring, “This is the Babylon that I have built, while I was at rest in my palace and flourishing in my house.” He was no more on the battlefield. He had built an empire. There was nothing left to conquer.

But inside of there, after he died, what began to happen? It began to deteriorate because other powers on the earth were rising; other powers who could not rise to superiority, became powerful.

As a said, look at Japan and Germany in the world war. They were devastated, annihilated almost as a society, and forty years after, let me tell you, countries who are big and powerful, they outdo them. Rebuild from the ashes; like the phoenix – rise up from the ashes; a paradox, and ruling the world in technology

and economic power today. Why? Because in that time God caused them to prosper.

And so, God was causing the Medes and they to rise, because they had a part to play in world's history according to God's Word that He had spoken. God had given them a time for it. So what happened? Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom began to go down. It began to come so inferior, until you had a Belshazzar who was on the throne there, a playboy. Brother, he just reigned for about a few years and the whole kingdom fell under Cyrus' kingdom, just exactly as God had shown it to Daniel.

Daniel actually saw the head of gold and the lion with the eagle's wings, which was Babylon. He saw when the wings got plucked up. He saw when the heart of the lion left. He saw when they became a weak nation, because they did not have the kind of leadership that took them to greatness and power. They did not have it anymore. They were just a society holding on for life until another power came up to take them over.

Look, after the early apostles died, what happened to the Church? It began to go down and down. Men were fighting to bring back what Paul and them preached. By the time those early apostles died, the Church was being taken over and swallowed up by men who were rising everywhere, making themselves something, claiming originality, because they weren't the true ones who had the Word inside of them, to stand against the flood of the enemy and false teaching that was coming into the Church. Is that right? Exactly. It always happens like that. Spiritual kingdoms, political kingdoms, it always happens the same way.

Then, the next beast was like a bear, and it raised up itself on one side. It had two sides. A bear has two sides, you know. How many know that? Yeah, it has two sides. It doesn't have three sides. It has two sides. But it raised up... In the position of the bear, it was raising itself up

on one side. It was all symbolic. It was all saying something.

... and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it...

What was it doing? And the voice said:

... Arise, [and] devour much flesh.

The bear was feeding upon a prey. It was devouring its meat, what it had conquered; its food. It was feeding upon something. It represented a kingdom, and a kingdom was feeding on something else that was making it strong. It was being nourished up by what it was feeding upon; what it had stalked and hunted and now devouring. Do you understand that? Remember, it is nations it is talking about. It is certain powers. You have to know how those nations became powerful – through war and conquest.

Turn with me quickly, let me try to help you with that. Daniel 8. If I stop short of three beasts for time's sake, we will pick it up when we come on Wednesday, because I know the heat is becoming overbearing.

The second beast. Now remember, the second beast pertains to what? The chest of silver; the chest and arms of silver. Go back to Daniel. Just hold that and turn right there to Daniel 2:32, let us compare it. So you see God had a purpose in giving it in different symbols and what it meant. And remember, all those nations are still here today, in a broken form. They don't have power and real influence like they had back there and then, but they are still a people there in any case.

Daniel was telling Nebuchadnezzar of his dream here.

³² *This image's head was of fine gold...*

That was the lion with the eagle's wings.

... his breast and his arms of silver...

How many arms did the image have? Two. How many nations composed the second kingdom? Two: the Medes and the Persians. Did you notice that? Watch. Daniel 8.

¹ *In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me...*

This was two years after.

... Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first.

In the first year, he had a vision, when he saw those four beasts. Now, in this vision, he was seeing some more animals; more beasts again.

² *And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I was at Shushan in the palace, which is in the province of Elam...*

In the vision he was there, but he was not there in the flesh. Bro. Branham said, "I am here on the platform, but in the vision, I am standing in the hills of Kentucky, and I am seeing myself in the hills of Kentucky telling the woman in Kentucky, next to a house, where the chair was, "Sister, your baby will be made well." He said, "And then I came back here; I have to wonder whether I am in Kentucky or here." Because it was like that with Daniel too. Let me tell you, when you read those things in the Bible, you know how perfect the Spirit was in that Prophet, when he explained those things.

He said, "In the vision, I was in Shushan."

... in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai.

Bro. Branham said, "In the vision, I was in Arizona, 40 miles east of Flagstaff. I saw the vegetation. I was picking a cocklebur off my pants, but I was in the room in my house; at home." Do you understand what I am saying? Alright.

³ *Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns...*

'Horns' represented, what? 'Kings'. You see that. It represented kings, right? Ten horns in that seven, because this particular beast here had two horns.

...and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last.

In the Book of Daniel, which king was mentioned first of the Medes and the Persians? Darius. He was Cyrus' uncle, but then Cyrus came afterwards. Cyrus was the one who really led the invasion because Persia was the stronger of the two kingdoms. See. Persia was the stronger of the two kingdoms. That is why even today, Persia is still here, but the Medes, as I said, is swallowed up in that nation now. It is not called like two nations under two distinct governments, but it's one. It is swallowed up into one. One lost their identity to the other one.

...but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last.

4 I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beast might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great.

How was that ram becoming great with those two horns? It was pushing Westward against the beast that was there, pushing Northward against the beast that was there, and pushing Southward against the beast that was there. Three nations that were there, it was overcoming while it was becoming great. When Daniel saw it, the kingdom that was going to succeed, the first kingdom, it would be great because it had devoured three ribs in its mouth. Do you understand what I am saying? Alright.

...neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but it did according to his will, and became great.

Now when was this being given to him? In the third year of Belshazzar. So that means the Medes and the Persians didn't rise as a power yet. This was a prophecy.

And then, Daniel actually saw these people who conquered that power, had two kings. The greater one came up last, and they became great by conquering three powers that were Northward, Westward and Southward of Medes and Persia.

And do you know what was Northward, Southward and Westward of Medes and Persia? We are going to pick it up just now. I don't want to jump ahead of myself, to show the three ribs that were in his mouth were these they were overcoming.

⁵ And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west [over] the face of the whole earth...

Do you see how it came? Because he was conquering nation after nation, that Alexander, that 'he-goat', because 'goat' is the symbol of Greece; 'ram' is the symbol of Persia.

So now, you have to keep in mind, as I said... Maybe later on if I feel that we are not getting it, I'm going to try to make a little chart and put it on paper, because if I put it up here on a board, you'll not see it altogether.

But you see, you have to keep in mind, the chest and the two arms of silver; the two arms and then there were two horns of the ram, and then the bear on one side, which was the stronger side, where it was raised up, which is the Persians, and the other side was the Medes, but it was the Persians, because of the power of the Persians, they were able to go forth and conquer nations after nations. Cyrus was the one in the prophecy, not Darius, who God would open the two-leaved gate to – Cyrus. And Cyrus did not come from Medes, Cyrus came from Persia. Is that right? Exactly!

So look. So you have to keep in mind those things. Look how perfect, every time God gave it. First, it was two arms and the chest of silver. Then it was two horns (is that right?) on the ram; then they really had two kings. Then, the right hand was always stronger than the left hand. Sure. Because it was always indicating

that one was stronger than the other one and the stronger one came up last; the greater one.

And now he saw that this ram was going to be attacked by a he-goat that was coming from over the face of the whole earth.

...and touched not the ground: [for] the goat had a notable horn between his eyes.

This kingdom that was coming, (because 'beast' represents 'kingdom',) had a king, a horn, so notable that was causing that goat to conquer across the face of the whole earth, even to come to take this power who had conquered these three other nations Westward, Southward and Northward, that bear that had devoured those three ribs. See! It was so great. I tell you, I could imagine what the Christians in the early Age must have thought when they saw the accuracy.

You know, I was reading some things about the Book of Daniel, and they said that the Book was challenged for being authentic, and they said that it was something written after Alexander, the Great; that some Jew got up and wrote that Book to kind of hold the people and influence them with religious zeal and these things. Because they don't believe that these political events that became history, could have actually been foretold so precisely, so accurately. They don't believe that anybody could have foreseen those things, to foretell those things: the nations, the time of the invasions, exactly what they were going to do, where they were going to come from, who they were going to take first, how many kings this nation was going to have before it fell, all those things, they didn't believe it could have been done.

But that is exactly what the Spirit of prophecy does. That is why the Bible, as we were speaking the other day, is a different kind of Book – things that shall come to pass. Its uniqueness is in that It foretells. Let us finish up with this second one and we will close right there, okay?

⁶ *And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power.*

⁷ *And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler [or anger] against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.*

⁸ *Therefore the he goat [grew] very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken...*

Just when the kingdom was so strong and had conquered the world, just when this man had conquered the whole world, is when the man died at the age of thirty-three – Alexander, the Great.

...and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven.

Now let us jump to verse 15, to save a little time. Daniel here is asking now:

¹⁵ *And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me [one having] the appearance of a man.*

¹⁶ *And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, [who] called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision.*

¹⁷ *So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision.*

Because later on, the part I left out, out of those four horns came up the other little horn. So, I left out that part. That has to deal with the fourth kingdom. So:

¹⁸ Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright.

¹⁹ And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be.

²⁰ The ram which thou sawest having two horns [these] are the kings of Media and Persia.

²¹ And the rough [he] goat is the king of [Greece]: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.

In other words, look how God, hundreds of years before, was predicting the first king there, Alexander, the Great, conquering the world. In ten years, history said, the man had conquered the world; in ten years. Because that leopard... Well, we didn't get to go to it; I didn't want to go to it. The leopard had four heads. But notice here, out of this he-goat, when that horn destroyed it, four other horns came up. You watch and see, in that third beast, it had four heads. Alright. And verse 22 says:

²² Now that being broken, [that first king, Alexander, being broken] whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power.

Not while Alexander was king! But after he died, after he was broken, his kingdom would be split up into four kingdoms. And they were the four kingdoms Rome took one by one until all four were absorbed into the Roman power. And by the time, AD 30, all those nations were conquered by Rome. Remember the story of Troy and the wooden horse; all those different things?

Daniel 11. I will take one more there while we close with that. Because this was in the first year now, the year king Belshazzar died, the first year of Darius, the Mede.

¹ Also I in the first year of Darius the Mede, even I, stood to confirm and to strengthen him.

² And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings...

Because remember, Daniel saw up to the king of Persia, but Daniel died before Alexander had conquered, because that was hundreds of years after, but he was seeing it in prophecy. He lived under the head of gold and he lived under the chest of silver. So, he is seeing here:

... will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia...

God was saying, "You see Darius, Daniel, you see Cyrus, but there are still three kings yet to stand up here in Persia."

... and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia.

He said, "That fourth king after Cyrus here, when he gets rich and he becomes strong and influential, he is going to attack Greece." They will start to have political tensions among those nations that will cause Greece to make an invasion against them. See?

³ And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.

⁴ And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity...

That means, not to his 'seed'; he didn't have any children to leave his kingdom to.

... nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside those.

Look how God, accurately, time and time again, was showing him the history of Greece, of the kings; the history of how many kings were going to come before the fall came. God had shown it with Nebuchadnezzar. After he and his son and his son and his son, then the time will come when they will go into captivity: "And I will bring you into captivity." Then he said, "When the Medes and Persians come, then they will devour three nations and become great." Then they will have two kings, then the lesser one will be greater; the last one will be greater. Then there will still be three after them, and when they die, the fourth one, they will have real riches by that time.

Remember, in the time of Esther, when we read Esther, that kingdom was from India to Ethiopia – one hundred and twenty-seven provinces and still it didn't fall yet. It was still ruling. It didn't fall to Greece yet. Read the Bible and you will see how accurate, how perfect that Word is.

So on Wednesday, I'll pick up the third beast; we didn't have the time. I didn't know each one would have taken me so much time. But it shows those three ribs in the bear's mouth... You have to take a map... You see, I could call them for you and you could say, how did I know that, but you have to take a map to see the world... If you get a Bible atlas, It will show...

Because the Bible divides up certain periods of time; it is called 'the times of the Gentiles'. From Nebuchadnezzar to this time is called, what? The times of the Gentiles; Gentile dominion. Four kingdoms and each one had their duration of time. Then you'll see the map of the world, in that time, to see which were the

nations that they had conquered; what countries were considered the Roman Empire.

Just like we have the Commonwealth. We say the Commonwealth, right? Then they called all the countries. Like how they say Australia used to be, what? A prison. Right? A prison island. That is where England used to put all their convicts and then it became a colony. And that is why, they say the Australians today have that hard, fighting spirit, going down, you know, those 'Crocodile Dundy' fellows. You see? It is rugged fellows because of that nature. That was the kind of environment.

It wasn't like a society and you know, they had morals and you know, they had virtue and these things. It was a really hard criminal kind of society. It was a prison island. And when it started to cost them too much money to be exporting the prisoners out of society to keep their society clean... They put them far down under, under the world, where they put them quite so far out, 'behind God's back' as you would say, and they had them out there in a place where there is only desert and snakes and scorpions and these things. Then to start to maintain that, was problems. After a while, what? You start to get organized because you start to get political prisoners, you start to get prisoners of craft; prisoners of different things. Then afterwards... Until, brother, they became a colony. Do you understand what I am saying? See?

When you study the history of the world and peoples and these things, it amazes you. You realize there are so many things about how they came into existence, how they came into being, how the world keeps changing, how societies keep coming up, and then you see how powerful the influence of God's Word is.

And that bear, those three nations: one, the North was Lydia, (even, Scofield has it in the Bible,) West was Babylon and in the South was Egypt. Because Egypt... Each one is West, North and South of Persia. And those

were the ones in Persian history they had conquered to control. Because when you conquer certain countries, you start to control the trade, the resources, all those things; the riches of those countries that make you a wealthy and powerful country. And that is where they became strong and a world power under those two kings: Darius and the Medes and Persians.

And those were the three ribs that he had in his mouth when Daniel saw it rising up on one side because Persia was the stronger side, the right shoulder, the last horn, which is the greater horn. And they were the ones that brought it into power. And every one of those details, it came into fulfillment exactly according to history.

Could you imagine, when Paul sat down there with them in Thessalonica just a few days before he left... Because he only stayed there for three months; they stoned them with stones. That is why he sent Timothy back and he said, "Go and find out how they are doing and bring a report."

Because what was taking place, they had gone so deep into the Word that Paul was preaching right there in Thessalonians about the Coming of the Lord, about the Resurrection, the Seventh Seal, the Threefold Mystery of the Coming, about the man of sin, about Christ coming and destroying those kingdoms, about the Blessed and only Potentate being revealed; all those things right there.

But where was it coming from? Out of that Book of Daniel. Because remember, the Book of Revelation wasn't written yet. So the Book of prophecy they had for the last days, as believers, was Daniel. And then, Israel being Jews, they were under Gentile dominion and they knew that Jesus' Second Coming was going to bring in the Kingdom of David; what God had promised David. Do you understand that?

So friends, they were looking for that second Coming and they were looking in the Book of Daniel. But now,

when revelation was given, then those things in Daniel, plus further Truth was given that we can see in more detail in the last days, where those things are.

I will give you a little homework: read Revelation 13. You will find a beast that came out of the sea, which is the fourth beast. God didn't show John the first three, but He showed him the fourth one, the one that Daniel was trying to describe. It had a head like a lion, a body like a leopard; it had feet like a bear. Is that right? Read it in Revelation 13. And it did the same things: it blasphemed the Name of God, it made war with the saints; it changed times and seasons. It was there for forty-two months, (three and a half years,) showing it is exactly the same one that Daniel saw.

And friends, Revelation 13 is the hour for these things that are coming out of the earth; America, and what is coming out of Europe, the nations, what is going to strangle the whole world. These things that we are talking about, study it; get into it. More and more, as we see, just any day now, our Lord is coming. He'll be returning for you and for me. Let us just sing that as we worship Him a little bit.

We have a dedication, I would like the parents to come. *Our precious Bro. and Sis. Michael Bovell, would like to dedicate their son, Joseph Elijah, unto the Lord.* God blessed them with a little boy and we really want to dedicate him.

Bro. Ellis is giving God thanks. God delivered his daughter from fits [epilepsy -Ed.], that we had right here and prayed with her last Sunday. He delivered her. We certainly thank God for His grace.

Do you appreciate His Word? [Congregation replies, "Amen." - Ed.] May It create in your heart a passion to study It. As I said, read It, meditate on It, until It starts to talk back to you, friends. And when It starts to talk back to you, your eyes become anointed. Then you no longer stay in the Book; you start to lift your eyes out of the Book and

look round about you, and see what is happening in this Hour that we are living in.

Then friends, when you see it, you can never be the same again. You will be looking to that Eastern skies and you will hear the sounds of His Coming becoming louder and louder each day. It's crescendoing now. It's running out. It will be over. He that is filthy will be filthy still; he that is righteous will be righteous still. As I say, all these things are being done, that it might be fulfilled which is spoken by the Lord through His Prophet.

And some of you older ones, who know the Word, not your own thoughts and your own ideas, the Word that as you hear It ministered and maybe you get it first, help some of the smaller ones. When you get to fellowship, you all take your Bibles and read it over. You parents, make sure you ask the children if they are getting it. Husbands, ask your wives if they are getting it and teach them; fellowship with them. Let us all get into it. Let us all get to see that we are living in the Hour that God's Word is coming to pass.

[Tape ends abruptly -Ed.]



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