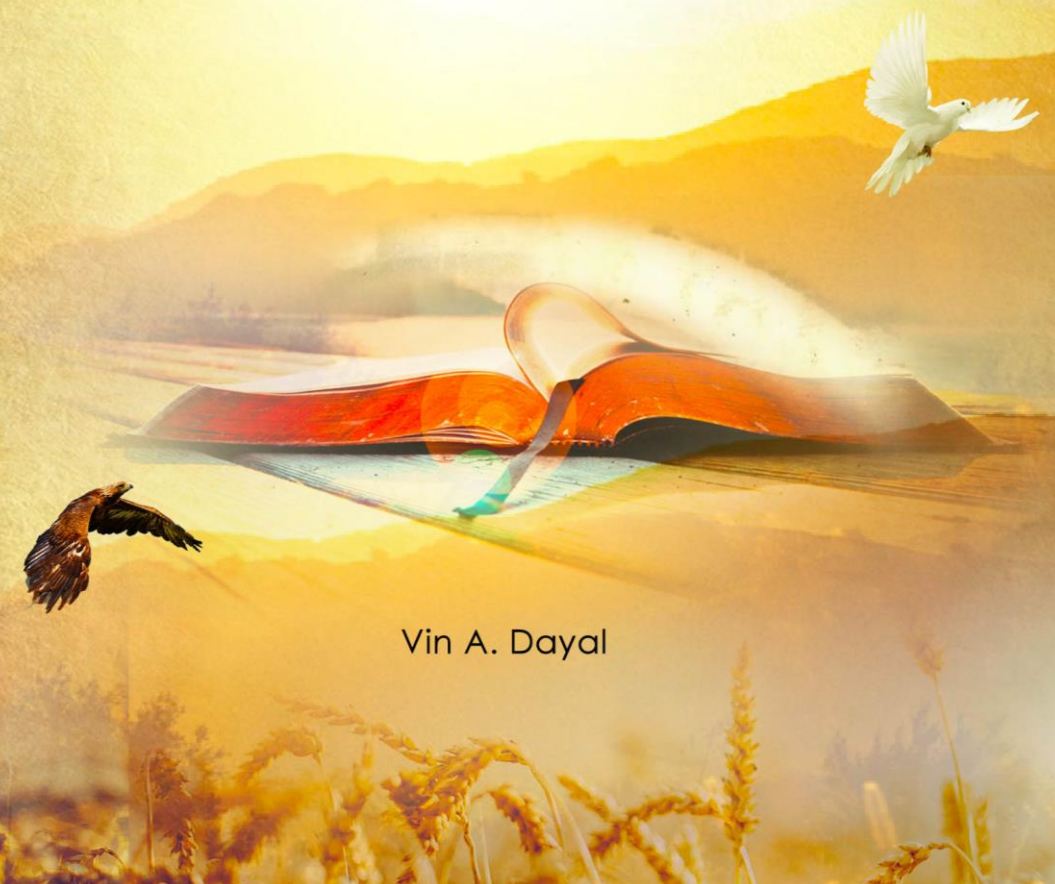

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Amen. Let us bow our heads and close our eyes for a word of prayer. Almighty God, that is how we feel in our hearts tonight, Father. Lord, knowing that You are our sufficiency; knowing You are our everything and that through You we can do all things for You strengtheneth us; without You, we can do nothing, Father.

So, Lord, we realize that if You would come into our hearts in a greater measure, surely dear God it would cause us to rise to that spot, that place where we see that there is a need in our hearts, where there is a need in our lives, Lord where we need to become strengthened, become perfected until Lord, we can come to such a union with You, a perfect union where there is nothing between our soul and our Saviour, where we can come into full surrender, Lord where You can have the pre-eminences in our lives, where it would not be us trying to do anything Lord, struggling in our own selves by might or by power, depending upon our human ability and trying to have confidence in our flesh, but Lord where it would be You, Your Holy Spirit, working in and through us, Lord.

Father, as we stand in Your Presence tonight, we confess our sins, our unworthiness, our insufficiency, Lord. We just pray and ask that Your precious Blood would be applied to our confessed sins, Lord and You would blot out all our transgressions. Lord, as we so desire in our hearts to walk closer to You, and we draw nigh unto You tonight, remembering You said if we draw nigh unto You, You would draw nigh unto us.

Oh gracious God, may Your Holy Spirit just cover us now. And Lord, as we have come with expectations in our hearts, Lord Jesus, knowing that You said You shall supply our needs according to Your riches in glory, and knowing that You know what we have need of even before we ask, Father. God we just pray that Your Holy Spirit would so minister unto us tonight, and Lord these places could be strengthened, Lord, where we need to be strengthened. The Holy Spirit, Lord, can so direct the Word into these places, where we need a little clearer understanding, the Word can come into those places. Lord God, where we need to be broken, oh God, You can break those places, Father that Lord, we wouldn't be depending upon something Lord, of our flesh.

But dear God we pray that Your Light would shine, Lord. Father, where it might be a little dark inside our lives and it needs the Light to illuminate us in these places, Lord, the Light would shine in there, Lord. God, where we need to let go, may Your Holy Spirit show us how; where we need to surrender, You can teach us how to yield, Lord.

Have Your own blessed way amongst us tonight. We just commit the service into Your hands, even asking Lord that You remember the strangers, the visitors, the backsliders. Almighty God, that You would just so take full control, Father, that when we leave this service we can leave closer drawn to You. Lord, we can leave with a clearer understanding of Your will and the will to walk in that revealed will, Father—not our will but Thy will be done.

We thank You, Father, for the grace that You've given unto us, for the grace that has brought us thus far. Lord, for the work that You've done in our hearts and in our lives, Your transforming power that has changed us, Lord. God, but we know this is not the spot where we can say, "It is finished," but Lord God that we can yield and You can continue to work Lord, until You bring us out to that place where You can say, "This is

my beloved son,” where we can be that masterpiece, Lord. Oh God, where You can just look and see a people who is the living Word made manifest—every move, every action is “Thus Saith The Lord,” a people, Lord, walking in that Shekinah Glory, a people with the mind of Christ where the Word could operate, oh God, and be made manifest without one flaw.

Father, may that vision be so clear before us, and may there be a determination in our hearts to strive to become one with that vision, Lord. Lord God until then may Lord, we press that battle, Lord. Grant it tonight, Father.

I pray Your Word would just so stimulate that desire inside of us that we would not let go, Lord, we would not give up Lord, but we would be so determined to press on, to endure until the end. So many times we become faint and weary in our minds. So many times the feeble hands begin to hang down and the feet begin to turn away from the path; but You said, “They that wait upon the Lord, they shall renew their strength; they would mount up with the wings of an eagle; they would run and not be weary; they would walk and not faint.”

Oh God, Father, like it is written in the Bible where You gave that woman two wings of an eagle to fly, so dear God, I pray that that Quickening Power, Lord would move upon us in such a way tonight, as it were, we would receive those two wings to fly, Lord, two wings of deliverance, Lord, regardless of what condition the Devil might try to hold us down in, Father that the power of the revelation of Your Word in our hearts would cause us to rise up with such faith and power to be swept out of these things, Lord.

Grant it, Lord. We ask these things tonight in the precious Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Just lead us and direct us now in what we should say and do and may it bring glory unto Your Name and assistance to Your people. We ask it in Jesus’ precious Name, amen.

Let's turn to our Bibles tonight. I'd like to turn to the Book of Daniel. Amen. Just maybe to pick back up a little bit from where we were last week Wednesday. Daniel 4, amen.

Verses 1 to 3 it was Nebuchadnezzar in a proclamation to all the nations here in his kingdom, addressing them on behalf of his restoration back to his throne and explaining to them what his experience was and how God had been good to him. It was really like a confession that he was making, how God had to humble him from his pride and teach him humility.

So let's just read from verse... well we could read the whole thing; I'll just take the time. Verse 1:

¹ Nebuchadnezzar the king, unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.

² I thought it good to shew the signs and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me.

³ How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation.

He wasn't speaking about his kingdom now; he was speaking about God's Kingdom. Before he went into insanity, he was speaking about his own kingdom.

⁴ I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in mine house, and flourishing in my palace:

⁵ I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me.

⁶ Therefore made I a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known unto me the interpretation of the dream.

⁷ Then came in the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the

soothsayers: and I told the dream [to] them; but they did not make known unto me [its] interpretation.

⁸ But at the last Daniel came in before me, whose name [is] Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods: and to him I told the dream, saying,

⁹ O Belteshazzar, master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in thee, and that no secret troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and the interpretation [of it].

¹⁰ Thus were the visions of mine head in my bed; I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height of it was great.

¹¹ The tree grew, and was strong, and its height reached unto heaven, and the sight of it unto the end of all the earth:

¹² [It's] leaves were fair, and the fruit much, and in it was meat for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in its boughs, and all flesh was fed from it.

¹³ I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven;

¹⁴ He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off its branches, shake off its leaves, and scatter its fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from its branches:

¹⁵ Nevertheless leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let him be wet with the dew of heaven, ...

And we see it changed to a personal pronoun here now, It says, 'let *him*.'

...be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth:

¹⁶ And let his heart be changed from a man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him.

¹⁷ This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.

¹⁸ This dream I king Nebuchadnezzar have seen. Now thou, Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation of it, forasmuch as all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known unto me the interpretation: but thou art able; for the spirit of the holy gods is in thee.

Let us pray. Almighty God, You are the Divine Revealer of secrets—of mysteries, because when man probed for over four hundred years through denominational ages to reveal the mysteries that were sealed up in this Book, Lord God out of the great schools of learning they came with their great interpretations, over nine hundred and sixty-nine different denominations, and they were just unable to reveal these hidden secrets.

But there was one with the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, oh God, that the Spirit of God dwelt in, that came, Lord and brought forth these Divine revelations unto us (hallelujah). He was receiving this from the very Lamb of God Himself, bringing it forth unto us until Lord, he can declare that the Mysteries of the Book were finished.

Father, here we stand today with the whole counsel of God, the Divine Truths of the Scriptures revealed unto us, a Message sent forth to prepare the Bride of Jesus Christ, the Elect of God, showing how to enter into Rapturing Grace to make Her ready for Your Coming.

Father, as we sit in Your Presence even under these very sayings which are faithful and true, being reiterated back unto us, Lord God in this Hour, Lord, we pray that the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Jesus Christ, Lord God would become so indelible unto us, Lord, It would become the Word— of these things would become so real in our hearts, that Lord, we too would have such an understanding, knowing Your will and the heart and the spirit to walk in it, and Lord Jesus that we might be made ready unto Your coming. Bless us tonight, Lord.

Oh God, where there might be a spirit, Lord, or a hardness of heart, stiff-necked, uncircumcised, Lord that might want to resist that revealed will or hold, Lord God, to our own ways, may You remove it, Lord; may You take it aside...sweep it aside, dear God and bring us Lord, to a place where we can humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, where we can walk in the revelation of Your will, Lord, where we can have a heart that would be desirous to obey Your Word and to do all that You require of us.

Lord Jesus, let us not have to come to a place where You have to use severe experiences, Lord, to shake us down and humble us, Lord God, and bring us, Lord, to a place where, Lord God, we can be so broken and rubbed into the dust of the earth. May there be a humility Lord, Lord so present that as the Word is spoken and as the revelation is made plain, we would just want to let go of everything, oh God, that is contrary to that Word, oh God, and to yield and to surrender; give us that kind of heart tonight, Father.

We know dear God that You are still the same, and You still deal with man in still the same ways. Help us, oh God, to see and to understand these things tonight. We pray and we ask it in the Name of Jesus Christ.

I pray that from the greatest to the least, Lord would hear and understand these things tonight and to know that You are the same yesterday, and today, and forever. You are the God Who changes not, still working here with Your unchanging ways. We thank You, Father, for this Divine revelation and this grace that has been extended unto us, in the Name of Jesus Christ we pray, amen.

God bless you. You may have your seats. Well, we want to welcome everyone in the House of God tonight. I know it is hard for some to get adjusted to the 6:30pm service. It just seems like many have to hustle in. It's a little tight in your work schedule and that half an hour means quite a lot because it means getting in at 6:00pm for consecration. But nevertheless, we appreciate your efforts and all that are here. I'm glad to see Bro. Dale in the back (amen) and all the other strangers and visitors, we welcome you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

You know, I've been preaching on this Book of Daniel. We had two services out of It and last week I was speaking on *The Heavens Do Rule* [1990-1003. Ed.], right out of the same Scripture which I've read. And I would like to just spend a little time on It again tonight and catch what is laying there because I think it is something that we need to see and not just understand with the mind but it would help us to understand, maybe, that many of us have come through experiences that we never understood why we came through them.

We never understood why certain things happened to us and we might have questioned God. We might have prayed about it and we might have desired an answer from God why these things were. And sometimes we, you know, could become just so much more settled if we would be able to know how God is dealing with us or

has dealt with us that we might be able to learn from our experiences and come into a closer relationship with God.

I believe that is what the Message is all about—it is to bring us to know Him; because to know Him is Eternal Life. And, you know, we need to be acquainted with God's ways. Sometimes we get a sort of feeling that God just loves us so much that we think that love is a parental love and we don't understand though we may know the statement that 'God's love is elective, It's not parental love,' and He may commit us to sufferings and these things, yet we find we who claim that we are Elect when sufferings and these things come, we want to react many times, we want to blame God. We want to think God is unjust for us going through all of that. We try to put the blame on other people and say they cause us to go through that and these things, and we realize that that is very juvenile, and that is very immature, and sometimes to really accept the Word of God with the wisdom and the understanding of how God works and to know that God's ways are higher than our ways and whatever God does is best for us.

I know that if we can really come to grasp these things, surely it would make us a better Christian. It would make us a more mature Christian. It will make us one who would not react too quickly because of something that maybe is hard on our flesh.

You know, sometimes we try to hold God in the realm of our flesh. But God is not dealing with us according to our flesh; God is dealing with us according to our soul. And sometimes we don't realize how much of a problem our flesh is to God dealing with us in our soul. And that is why God has to break down that flesh many times and bring us to a place where He weakens us because that flesh is what gets in the way so many times. Amen.

Sometimes, you know, there are things that we see that we wish we could maybe just pray to God about it, put it in the hands of God and get up and leave without

those things inside of us. You say, “Lord, You know, I have a bad attitude, Lord. I just pray that You’d take away this bad attitude, Father.” And we would like God to deal with us in that way.

There is something inside of us that shuns pain, that shuns embarrassment; and brother, we are going to try to look for every avenue to escape embarrassment. We are going to try to look through every avenue to escape the pain. And, you know, as I was sharing with some saints recently about... There is something in the human being—they try to avoid pain; they try to shun pain because nobody likes pain. You know, and if God would....

Sometimes you may see somebody with a whip or a stick or something and they are coming to attack you, to beat you. Well, you are only trying to get away from that because you know the pain that that could inflict upon you. If beating you never used to do anything, you would have stood up there and take the licks [beating. -Ed.] and laughed and even asked them, “You have a little strength in you? Beat a little harder.” But because of the pain that you want to get away from, you get scared when you see the man with the stick.

I mean, you see a car that is going to crash; if nothing was going to happen... But because you’re already seeing that, maybe you’re going to fracture your skull, you’re going to break a few limbs, you’ll be in pain in a hospital, you’re going to have pain killers, you’re going to be up there...you try to evade that because nobody wants pain and suffering. We try to evade that.

You see, you know, God has a way to bring us to a place where we would not just try to run and evade things or try to get God to rearrange His program. But the real faith is, begin to accept God’s ways—that God knows better than you. That is where the submission begins; when you begin to submit to God’s will and to God’s way of doing it; that is where deliverance comes, that is where progress comes.

If from that spot where you can begin to realize God is beginning to work. God's methods are different, "I didn't anticipate God would have used those methods. But these are the methods that God is using. Lord, that is Your will. I can't instruct You. I can't give You a better thought. I'm not even going to try to think that..." It's in these places that we find out how exalted we are, how strong we are in our own will.

Sometimes somebody tells us, "You're really strong-willed, you know. You are really headstrong, you know." You say, "Me? I think, you know, that is a wrong diagnosis of me. I think you don't know me at all. I think that you misunderstand me."

You see, we look at ourselves in one situation and we look at ourselves in another situation, and many times we cannot see what our reaction will be until we are in the situation. But when we are in the situation, then the real us comes out because in those situations we can't pretend and we can't play because it is real. And sometimes we try to impress people and go along. But then a situation demands...you know...the impression fades away sometimes.

You know, if you have pain and you want to cry or bawl and then people are going to laugh at you; or the people around, you don't want them to know that you have pain, you will eat that pain. But then sometimes the pain is just so hard, you don't care who is around, you are going to bawl. Well, it means then that it has gone beyond your own ability to control yourself or try to remain calm or...

If you have fear and you try to play that you are brave, and you are sort of whistling and saying, "Praise the Lord" and, "Everything's alright. God is so good and His mercies endureth forever," and everything else, and "God is in control." And then, maybe you see danger and death or something, you'd find yourself screaming, "Oh God, help me!" or something because it's reached to a

point now where the real you is going to begin to come out.

Well, when we find ourselves in those kinds of situations, God wants to bring us to a place, and God knows where He's going to pass us. And He has a reason for passing us certain places; it is because He wants us to know Him. He wants us to depend upon Him. He wants His strength... He wants us to live by His strength. He wants us to see that living by His strength is so far greater and so far superior and so far beyond anything that our strength could do for us. And God wants to convince us that His strength is so much greater that you would just surrender yours.

God wants to convince us that to walk in His will is so much more secure that we would just surrender our will. But you see many times, we hear it on a certain level but it is not real to us. But you see, God doesn't force you. If God forces you or bullies you to accept His will and then, you know, you still wanted your will, you could never appreciate the will of God. You could never appreciate and accept that this is the better way. And He wants that when you receive His Spirit and His life, His understanding, it would make you happier, it would make you better, you would be so much more secure. It would be far superior than what you've known that you would go praising and thanking God.

You know, that God could just do that for you because you have seen the improvement in your own life since the Holy Spirit came in since you've received... You don't get a revelation to become weaker; you get a revelation to become stronger. You don't get an experience to have more experiences in the experience book, to tell more stories. You get an experience to go deeper and to receive more faith and more power in your own life, to know God and to know God's ways, to come more in the center of God's will. Amen?

You know, in trying to bring this little message last week, there was something that I wanted to catch; there

was something that I wanted to bolt down. If people could see these things, because we are firm believers... or we should be firm believers that God is unchanging in His ways, and this Bible is a revelation of God and His works.

There were many things that we could not understand, the reformers could not bring it; it had to come when the Book was opened. And the Supernatural that we couldn't understand, you know, that world that had been opened up to us in this day through the ministry of the Son of Man being revealed, through one who was in close union, in correct union with God, that Supernatural world was made plain unto us.

We understand now—miracles. That's why we don't lust for miracles. We don't hope God does things. We know God is in control. You have a revelation that God never loses control, not even for one second; not even for a millionth of a second does God ever lose control. God never has a dark moment in His mind where He says, "What happened here just now? What went on here just now?" God never had that.

As much as people there are on the planet, the Prophet bypassed people. He didn't say God knew how many women washed their clothes every day, he said God knows how many fleas there are, and how much tallow [fat -Ed.] it makes; I mean, he went to the ridiculous. He didn't say how many women sent their children to school or how many ministers preached a message today, he said, "God knows every time a flea bats its eye." Do you understand what I'm saying? We could say, "Like God just knows too much." God knows everything (Do you see?), and not just knows everything, He is in control of everything.

Now if a person really realizes that God is in control of everything, then it would be very easy... Now they may not be in control but it doesn't mean that God is not in control. They may not be able to exercise control through God working in and through them to have

control but it doesn't mean that God is still not in control. Because of that lack of understanding, we get excited or we think something went wrong or we are trying to hold our world together and, you know, we say, "Look, leave me alone. Give me a chance here. What's the matter with you? You are interrupting me!" We just kind of like make sure that we stay in control but God is already in control. Do you see? And it would cause us to exercise more faith. It would cause us to have hope and believe in areas where you may wonder in your mind.

Now that is what happens, you just meet somebody in a situation and they are trying to be... "You know brother, so and so. I'm going through so and so. And this one do so and the other..." And you're just listening to them and you say, "What at all is the matter with you? If you really understand what is going on, you wouldn't even be here, to begin with. You would have been praising God." Are you understanding what I'm saying?

Now in this Book of Daniel that we started to study, it began to bring a certain awareness to us because we found out that this is one Book where back and forth, back and forth It reveals to us the way God sees the world, the world that we live in: the governments, the nations, and the kingdoms.

It reveals to us how, what is happening here, brother, God in the unseen realm has control over it. It reveals to us that no dictator, no king, no politician, no mad man, no man can do anything because God is in control. It reveals that God established a boundary even before they were born; their boundary is already established: when they are going to come, what they are going to do, what time they are going to leave, everything! Who they are going to give their kingdom to, everything.

Now if we can really grasp that, if we can catch that reality, you don't get influenced by some little political

group in your nation. You don't get influenced in some little union who is only seeing, maybe, increased wages or a shutdown or some little thing; you go beyond that. Revelation puts you in a realm to sit where God is sitting. Do you see? Because sometimes these people when they put across their case like they have it down so packed. And you can't tell them, "Your kingdom is already finished. It's gone. A rock was thrown up in the air in 1964 and your kingdom is finished. So you're dying. The whole world is in a transition right now. All these kingdoms are going to fade away." They'll think that you're crazy.

But the same God Who said Babylon is going to fall is the same God Who said that. The same God Who said the Medes and Persians are going to succeed and then Greece is going to take them over, no other nation. The same God Who said that this world only has four kingdoms and Hitler tried to conquer the world and had to fail; Napoleon tried to conquer the world and had to fail. Because they cannot change what God said. God never talked about France and Germany being a world power.

When we live here, it makes you, as a Christian, walking the face of this earth, and seeing the Hour that you are living in, do you know what revelation Daniel had when Daniel actually saw the thing, heard the Voice in the vision, had the revelation, spoke it to the king, and then stood upright there and came and interpreted the writing on the wall, and that very night the king died and the Medes and Persians took over?

Daniel could have also said, "And you watch when that Cyrus comes." He said, "The first thing that he's going to do, he's going to give the edict for the people to go back to their land if this prophecy is correct." Sure! "He's going to say, 'Go back and rebuild the temple,' if I am a servant of God." Amen. Why? Because the man was in line with the Word. He knew what was happening. He knew the policy that the leaders would

have to take if they were the ones God put there if it was God's Word coming to pass; they lived there.

That's why you see, as a believer we don't understand what is put in our hands many times. If we realize what God has put in our hands in the form of this Message, we would not have the kind of confusion that we have. We wouldn't be walking and fumbling and hoping and wondering and trying to hold our little piece of world together. Brother, sometimes all our world has is a car, a house, and two-three children, and that is our big world; and we are so topsy-turvy and God has the whole planet and the universe under His control just like that. Amen! Sure!

But you see, the thing is, is to know the power of God's Word. To know that, brother, the very influence, the God that comes to you is not a different God that came to Daniel and them that night.

I remember when I—before I started right here when I was studying these things and I think of Daniel and them, how they went in that room and prayed. And I was there, you know, thinking about what was happening in the world right now and knowing that it lays inside this Book, and the Holy Spirit, you know, could open up these things and show to us and let us be right in step with God and know what is happening.

Going to pray there, I said, "Lord, if Daniel and they were going to pray..." They didn't know what was going to be revealed. The king didn't tell them a dream, that they could've maybe...the first dream I'm talking about, the one with the image. They didn't know. They went and prayed, "Lord, what was it you showed that man last night? What was it you showed that man that this man forgot and this man, you know...what was it really? You know it; You could reveal it."

When God began to show them and they began to see in that dream that God was showing this man prophetic things, it was like God opened His big library. It was like God opened, you know, His big Prophecy Book up in

Heaven and started to show this man all that was going to happen on the earth until God Himself comes to reign on the earth. He hadn't even come the first time, hadn't even come the second time yet, and He was going to come back to set up His kingdom, and God showed this man all of that.

When they saw what God showed this man, they came back out there, not just to tell the man that God showed him that; they had the revelation too. They didn't look for it for the man, you know. It was the man's experience that caused them to look in on these things. But when they looked in, they got the revelation for themselves.

Even though the man didn't believe it, Daniel believed it. Even though the man would backslide after he dreamed it, that had nothing to do with that. Daniel knew that it came from God and he knew what it meant; and he lived by it and he wrote it for us and put it here in the Book. Do you understand what I'm saying?

You might read Babylonian history and you might not find that dream in Babylonian history recorded. Sure. But yet in our Bible, it is recorded there in detail. So although the man is a Babylonian and his own historians didn't take an account of what it was and what it meant and these things, yet we... Daniel saw it back again and wrote it here for us because it was coming from God.

Sometimes God uses a man just as an agency to bring certain things, to say certain things; he may even go contrary to the very same things (see?) because he may just be a recipient, and it may not really affect him, it may trouble him in the sense that he wants to know what it is he dreamt. But to start to change his life now and start to line up with what the revelation reveals and start to become submitted to the very revelation is a different thing. He may just glorify himself or enjoy being a channel that the thing came through, but that

has nothing to do with it. Brother, who could see it and walk in it, that would be the real thing. Amen.

You know, it makes you wonder sometimes why people don't seem to have control in their situations, why do they seem to leave God out or to think that maybe God is not in control or that God doesn't have dominion over those situations. Why? I mean, if the Scriptures declare that they could reason, or wonder, or if the Scriptures infers in some way that maybe God isn't in control at all times, well then you could maybe justify them for being, you know, doubting sometimes or maybe not under expectation or fearful over this. But if there is no place and the Scriptures every time says that God is in total control, then it means to say that it is going to cause you now to look at things a little differently if those things have been revealed in your heart. Amen.

Here we see this man, he said, "I was flourishing in my house. I was having a good time—eating the best, drinking the best, and wearing the best." He said, "I was at rest, too." All nations were subdued and conquered. He was the head of gold. There was not a power that could have arisen to challenge his kingdom, and any insurrection that might have risen up, brother, he could have broken it easily (sure!), because he was in control. He was at rest. He wasn't in fear or intimidated or had to be watching.

Babylon—they tell you that the walls of Babylon, brother, they used to have chariot races on those walls; they were so wide. And then inside of that wall, there was a moat, and they had another wall on the inside of that wall which was the other wall to the city, so the wall was virtually impregnable.

That is why when Cyrus and Darius and they had surrounded the whole city in a siege, Belshazzar, to show contempt and disregard for the siege, he threw a big fete. That is like if Saddam right now decides to throw a big fete and everybody eats and drinks and

everything else; although there is an air embargo, sea embargo, and land embargo all around because the whole move was to starve them out; that is what a siege is for. A siege is to break the economic power of the country that you are laying at siege. See? Then, it's either an insurrection will rise up and they kill the leader for having them under that trouble—they go berserk after a while or when they are starved out and disease and epidemic and those things start to take them, then you can move in there and slaughter out everything.

Babylon, they had so much fertile land that they could have planted on the inside. And they had so many different things, and the wall was so virtually impregnable; there was nobody coming with a battering ram... In Isaiah, it tells you that the walls were brass—the gates were brass. And that wall was about ninety-something feet (they say) thick, and how many chariots used to ride on that outside wall.

So then, if somebody's coming to lay a siege against you, they can't come over the wall, they can't come through the wall, they can't batter down the gates; so he laughed at them. He decided, "If you all want to stay out there, well we'll have a big fete inside of here," and that's when Belshazzar had the feast.

You see, Cyrus used some strategy; he diverted the riverbed. Babylon was built on the Euphrates river, and he diverted the riverbed and he dried up and they could come right through the river into the city.

God had prophesied that over a hundred and seventy-five years before, saying that when He was going to bring that invasion, Cyrus was going to walk in and find the gate open; I'll read it for you just now. It was going to be opened right there to him because God had already told Daniel that this kingdom would be succeeded by another kingdom. But you see, they never believed those things and they never really looked at it closely. If they were looking at those things that were

spoken and revealed by God closely, they would have not found themselves in that condition.

That is always the problem. People get revelation, they rejoice over it and they get happy like Nebuchadnezzar did. He brought out the gold and silver for Daniel, he brought out robes of purple and everything else. He bowed down and worshipped and everything else. And right after, he goes back and says, "I built Babylon. I did this. I did the other."

Well, after his son seemed humbled and everything else, his son exalted himself too, because they were not learning. It was just a little thing for a moment that they kind of, you know, were religious and nice and had a good time over. And it was not that Nebuchadnezzar was an unbeliever, it is something about human nature. It is something about human nature that causes people to, you know, get so tied up in natural things that when God speaks to them many times they don't know how to retain God in their knowledge, they don't know how to maintain a certain atmosphere with the Word. And you see it over and over and over. It's not that somebody is a Nebuchadnezzar that something happened to them; it's something about human nature in people.

That is why when Nebuchadnezzar had the experience, God said, "This is not just for every Babylonian;" He said, "That all the living might know that God rules in the affairs..." Because God was doing that so that all the living on the earth, all the inhabitants of the earth, were going to know. God wants us to know that. Because it's when he had his experience and came to that realization, he bowed down and worshipped God. He realized that his kingdom was really given to him by God. What he had received, it was because by the grace of God he was what he was. Then he could truly fulfill God's purpose for God doing that for him. Otherwise, he wouldn't be able to fulfill God's purpose; he would have related to it wrongly.

So many times God does something for people to help them, make life a little easier for them that they could serve Him a little better, and they get blinded by what they have. They get sidetracked by what they have. They begin to get exalted in their own spirit. They begin to fail to see God at work in their lives until God has to break them. And that is why I said that many of us went through many things and sometimes we can't relate to it.

Watch something here, this man had a dream. He was flourishing and at rest in his house—in his palace. And as I said last week, you know, he had fought some of the most dreadful armies; he had fought some of the most powerful nations before he became a world power.

It's like if you read a little bit or know some of the world's history, and you know about the World Wars and these things, and how those wars were fought, and then to see the courage that men had to have to go out there in that battle and fight for their country, to keep their country free from becoming Communist or whatever it is, or from Nazism taking over the world.

When the allied nations came together and they fought, how many men died when they landed on D-Day in Normandy, and they landed there, how many men... Brother, they trained all their lives and from the time they stepped out of that boat in action, they didn't last two minutes. But men had to give their lives so that they could have made a way for the others who were coming in behind; made them sacrifice themselves.

Then you look and you see that this man, to become a world power... Because we look at America and Russia today according to the Bible, there is not an earthly kingdom like Babylon; because from gold it went to silver; from silver, it went to brass; and from brass, it went to iron; from iron, it come to iron and clay. It kept deteriorating all the time. There is nothing to match Babylon. That was patterned after the New Jerusalem in Heaven. Do you see?

When you look and see that this man had become such a great power in the earth: economic, military (see?), religion. You take *Hislop's Two Babylons* and see how Nimrod, brother, that thing went into all the known earth. And that thing that Nimrod started there, it came to a kingdom of grandeur and great glory under Nebuchadnezzar. He was the one that brought it to a place—it was in his time that God said, “You are the head of gold.”

Now that is a man who is a king in a kingdom. You bring that down on a smaller level, you just begin to shrink that a little bit, leave it in the same principle, leave it in the same order; just shrink it, miniaturize it a little bit. And you see a man who might have been nothing, and he got a house and he got a car and he got some children and he got married, and maybe he has a good education and these things. Oh my! Brother, the Prophet said, “If you walk with your nose up in the air when the rain is falling, you could drown!”

You start to despise people, look down at people and feel you're better than this one and the other one. You start to get pompous, you start to get lifted up and exalted. You start to take your eyes off of God's grace and start to look at your own self and see your achievements, “I studied hard and I did this, I worked hard and I bought that, I labored hard and I did this.” See?

Now watch, I'm trying to bring you something here to show you how the Heavens rule, still rule. I preached on *The Heavens Do Rule* and I'm saying, **THE HEAVENS STILL RULE**. It's not by your might or by your power but what it takes for people to come to a place to accept God's will. Do you see? Because right here, you know, Bro. Branham was bringing a great illustration; he caught a secret in God dealing with the Gentiles, that when the times of the Gentiles came in and it came in under Nebuchadnezzar, at the beginning of that Gentile

dispensation how the same way it came in, it's the same way it is going out.

You watch and see what started it; it was an invasion, it was war that brought it in. Israel went into Babylon because of an invasion, a siege; because of war, they were taken into captivity. The Medes and the Persians came in because of war, an invasion, a siege and they took Babylon into captivity. Greece came into the world power because of invasion and war and captivity. And the Roman power they came in the same way also. And Christ's Kingdom is going to come in the same way because He comes to judge and make war against all those nations; they were gathered to make war!

It's war that has changed the world. War always changes the world. And the whole world that is changing and coming in now... I've been preaching on this since last year with the breaking down of that Berlin wall. Since that thing started there and God gave that inspiration on *The Traps Of The Mighty Hunter* and those things and started to show how the world was being reshaped. All this Perestroika [restructuring. -Ed.] and all these things that they are talking about and the New World Order and these things.

Look where it's come to, look what is happening. Maybe I could just read something here for you; I cut this out of the [news]paper, I found this was very outstanding. This was in Sunday [news]paper, some of you might have read it. I read it because we have some saints here who are going to the University of the West Indies to further their education. And I think, you know, God has worked in their lives like that and brought them to that place (now watch) because that is the highest seat of learning in the country and one of the highest seats of learning in the entire Caribbean. You cannot get a further education than in the University there, within Trinidad or within the Caribbean. It is one of the highest seats of learning because those are the

people who take the jobs to shape the country, to take it into a new era.

With this set coming out here in the graduation, the Chancellor, who was the former Secretary to the United Nations, he came and he began to give the graduation speech to those going out. And he began to speak to them about the old world, the post-war era has been closed. And he was preaching about the New World Order that is coming in and the nation's place. Because they are the thinkers. That is the brain, the seat of intelligence, the intellect in the society. That is where the thinkers are. When you hear about St. Augustine Campus... Do you know who St. Augustine was? See? People just see things, but watch.

They say *"With the ending of the Cold War between East and West the post-war era has closed. This is his speech to them. That era was a time of transition of the West Indies from colonization to what we believe was Independence. In truth, it was always Independence constrained by the global reality and the Cold War that was at its heart.* Because the Cold War is the whole period of time that the Superpowers... after the Hot War. The Hot War was World War II. And then from World War II, it moved into the Cold War with the two Superpowers, America and Russia standing off and Communism and Capitalism, Democracy. See?

Then, with last year what happened, it changed the world because they broke down the Berlin Wall. And right there the two Germanys, where the Berlin Wall was built, have been united; just on the verge of talking about a united Europe which is where the Beast is going to rise from because the image is from America and the Beast is from Europe. Now watch.

It says, *"The transition is over but into what global environment are we headed? Will the constraints on us be less or greater, will our options enlarge... And you know, they had the picture of the Prime Minister and President Bush, seeing him gone up to meet Ahab and*

sitting down there eating Ahab's lunch and everything else, asking Ahab for help. And God cursed Ahab already. Now I don't know how you watch things but it is so I see things. Nothing changes in the Bible. It's there the rock was thrown up, it's there the Prophet cursed; that is the first place got cursed, America. It's there Jezebel was in the White House. Either you believe *Jezebel Religion* [1961-0319. -Ed.] or you don't believe *Jezebel Religion*. See? This is an opportunity of a lifetime. He has made it to the steps on Capitol Hill [seat of U.S. government. -Ed.], going to the White House. He ate at Jezebel's table. Look at the papers before that, the day before that— *My Three Sons*. Sure, do you see?

When you see what is happening in this country, you see signals; you see that the light flashing before you. That is why if you have a revelation of the Word, you know the Hour, you could read the handwriting, you see what is happening around you. Your eyes are not closed, you're not trying to bury your head in a book; you are seeing around you, the Book is out here, the Book is manifested now because we are that Book. We are part of that Book, they are part of the Book. We are under the Seventh Seal, they are under the Fourth Seal; they're all around us. We have a Spirit anointing us, they have a spirit anointing them. Both kingdoms are going to come on the battleground, Michael and Lucifer are going to come. See? You watch and you see what is happening. So let me go on a little bit with this.

So they say the future is full of imponderables. Will we have a better chance to make it in the '90s and the beyond? The future is full of imponderables but some trends are clear and we ignore them at our peril... I tell you the world is changing, it's either they change or they get left behind. These were the questions posed by Sir Shridath Ramphal, Chancellor of the University of the West Indies at yesterday's graduation ceremony at the St. Augustine Campus. First, he says, the strong are

growing stronger, the rich richer, establishments more powerful.

Last year I preached to you and I showed you how all the big conglomerates, they are just uniting together in order for survival because Europe is uniting. In order to keep abreast and to have the market they cannot do it, so they have to unite. And that forces a unity worldwide and the Prophet, seeing it, had preached *The Uniting Sign and Time* [1963-0818. -Ed.] and show us that that is the spirit of this Age. But while all that uniting is going on there is another uniting going on. Watch.

He said, “*And they are doing so by enlarging their unity.*” That’s how they are doing it. All the big corporates, they are uniting. *This has been the work...this has been the week of German unification before it ended, Britain has joined the European Monetary System.* All Miss Thatcher’s fuss and fuss and fuss but that is not when it had joined. It joined when Runcie [Archbishop of Canterbury. -Ed.] went and put on the ring; the Pope gave him a ring to symbolize a marriage, in the Vatican. See?

And that’s why you see all these things; all these things are going on within the Commonwealth, wherever they have; all the Anglican bishops have to get close to the Catholic bishops because that’s the spirit that has been loosed. See? He said, *second, the weak are growing weaker, not just in relative but in absolute terms. The poor are poorer, the world masses are more marginalized not recolonized or impoverished by intent, simply ignored, relegated to an outer periphery.*

With all these Trade Zones and everything, all these new geopolitical lines being drawn because it is a different type of world now. It is no longer like East against West because they are united. They are all coming to give their strength and power to the Beast. See? So, it’s not fighting that kind of war anymore but they are working together now. So when you watch and see all the little countries there, they are simply being

ignored because they have no chance in this race, they are just going to become subjects of the bigger powers to do the bidding of the bigger powers. They would be gambled for like slaves. Exactly.

As far as security on the political side and the social side and these things, looking for it to come through a government channel and these things, it doesn't have that. Let me tell you, people who talk those things are people who have been smitten blind or being used to blind others; those things don't exist.

Last time I was in the school there and I listened to the Guidance Officer in the Ministry of Education and a couple of the school teachers in the school talking and they are just whistling in the dark. I mean the system is so far gone that the very same thing that the Guidance Officer was trying to put off on a few parents there, is the very same thing the Minister of Education or the former Minister of Education contradicted the next day.

They were trying to talk about, you know, it does not have this in the prestige schools and that does not really exist and that and the other. The next thing he came and said, they were trying to say there were no more prestige schools. They were trying to take away from the prestige schools because the system is gone, it is finished. And these poor people, I mean, they are like helpless; they don't have a job, it is like a meal ticket for them and what they are educated with is what they have to talk about; they have no other vision because in the church they have been smitten blind, socially, and through the electronic media, and the media through the country here, they have been made more stupid. I mean they don't know what is happening. So when they go out there they are just talking things, trying to back up a system that is gone and finished; and trying to throw blame on the past government and trying to throw blame on this and trying to justify this and... It's a whole thing that— you see people at work and they

can't help it. They can't do better. But God didn't call us to live inside of there.

The Word of God has come to shake us out of that, to let us know that we can't put our faith on a little more oil, or a little higher oil price. We can't put our faith in a little better car to drive or a little better food to eat; we are talking about the Rapture, we are talking about leaving this world. And unless the church doesn't become conditioned to leave... We are not talking about staying and getting it better, we are not talking about staying and trying to change this place; we are talking about leaving, getting out of here. We are talking about going to another Land. That is why John said, "Even so, come Lord Jesus." The only hope is the Coming of the Lord. And daily, all kinds of voices are trying to make it just a religious something. Some people are taking the Bible too literally, all the big explainers are coming to say it is a spiritual thing, it's not really a physical thing. Everything is just changing up.

The real Church who have received the visitation from the Holy Spirit for this Hour, who have received that Message of those Seven Thunders opening the Seals and showing Her the plan of God will not be caught inside of here. That is why a believer takes their Christianity serious because it's life and death to you. They take away that from you, you become like a normal person in the world, tied up in the system.

Those people are seeing it. And all those voices are crying out of the system. Those are voices that are part of the system crying out of the system, trying to wake up the system and saying, "Let us run, let us run; we are getting left behind. Let us change, let us do something!" You watch and see.

He said, third, *in this era characterized so strongly by the assertion of the democratic and ethic within nations. Our world societies are growing less, not more democratic ...more not less...*[I can't even pronounce some of the words, I am trying to read this.] *a-g-g-e-m-*

o-n-i-s-d-i-c A new world order is indeed in the making but it could...

Listen to this. The reason I'm reading this is because we have been taught the Message. We know the whole Mystery under that First Seal was that Satan is going to rule this world. The whole Mystery that Daniel saw in the Book of Daniel in the last days in the ten toes, when those ten horns come, there is going to be one who is going to have a mouth speaking great flatteries, who is going to come and change time and change laws. One who is going to make war against the saints, one who is going to destroy the saints, but in the end, the saints will receive the Kingdom... And those things have been unfolded to us out of the Bible.

The Prophet in this Day, knowing he was the Prophet in this Mystery Babylon like Daniel was in that first Babylon there, he began to bring those Messages to show us how this Gentile dispensation has come to its end. He was the only Gentile Prophet to put—that came and he was to put judgment on these Gentile nations that trod down Israel all these years. He went to Germany where Hitler and they fought the war. He went to America, he went to Africa and India and all those places, those other continents out there in the East, (sure) where the seat of all those big religions were and where it started. Sure! He challenged them there on the platform in Bombay after he sat with them. What do you think God was doing that for? Those are ancient religions four-five thousand years old down there, and still down there, Gentile powers since they were scattered from the Tower of Babel with Nimrod back there with that religion, and God in a prophet, who God said that He would dwell in the tents of Shem through which Abraham came.

Here was one like Abraham with seven letters B-r-a-n-h-a-m came and stood up there against all of them and challenged those religions right there to prove that that is still the true God. See? God is not going just to

the Pentecostal or some modern-day religion that now jump up there claiming to be a Christian. God went to all those Sikhs and Jains and Muslims and Islam and Hinduisms and all those different ancient—Buddhism and all of them out there and challenged them right there; the ones that Billy Graham and Oral Roberts done run from. They could be big stars among the little Pentecostal groups when they go out there and men walking through white-hot coals and putting all kinds of hooks in their flesh and different things, men writing on a steel beam with just the vibration of their eyes, writing a scripture inside of a steel beam, men making a chair levitate and all kinds of different things. Sure. When he went to Germany there and those people bringing storms...bringing storms! Went out to Africa and met all those witch doctors and those different things, where a lead pencil would get up there and write in an unknown tongue for itself. Sure. That is what we are talking about. Where God went out there and met those things on its very own ground and challenged it and proved what has been put in our hands in the form of this Message, bringing us to know that very same God.

Watch, there was a spirit that came in and it's disarming us slowly and just bringing us like another little Pentecostal denomination; and people are just staying shallow and people are not even realizing what God has put in their hands. People just want to come to church and jump up and down and run all over the place and claim that they know all this and they know all that. And God—this Message was to bring manifested sons like the first one. They that know their God will do great exploits. Because look at all this that is happening right now, is in the very same place where this was going on, where Medes and Persia, where Babylon and all those things were, that region is the same region where all this siege and things are going on; exactly what you read inside this Book here, it's not

another place. Sure. Not another place; that is where kingdoms have risen and fallen, that is the place, the seat where civilization and all those things started. See?

They might be in a little country, in a little block right there but they have global influence for all these thousands of years when America was... As the man said, he said, "Here was the hanging gardens of Babylon and America was bush, jungle." See? Exactly. [blank spot on tape -Ed.]

...learning where they have completed their education, where they are stepping out now to take their role in society to lead the nation as the ones capable of doing because they have been trained and come through the educational channels and are being taught in every different profession where they can take up a place, and where they could provide the type of leadership that the country needs. And that campus is the grounds where they talk about ancient Greeks, where you have Plato, and Socrates and Aristotle and all the deep thinkers, the great learned people who—the visionaries; that is what a campus is supposed to be like. Sure.

You heard the Prime Minister speech to the United Nations? Sometimes I think we should listen to those things sometimes, see, we need to know, to know this Word better, to understand this Word. See? He stood up there. He said here, *what Trinidad needs is a world vision...* He said we don't have a world vision; we've been isolated, we live in our small vision, we need to look outward. Correct!

If you've been listening to the Messages over the years, you know long ago, that is what you should have had a long time ago. See? You see that in the Message too, there are people all they see, you heard me say that many times, "The Message world is one little world right there, and you think that's the whole world and you think that is what God is doing." And they live in one little sphere about thirty, forty miles, about fifteen

people and they think that is the whole world. Outside of those fifteen people, they are not talking to anybody else. Outside of traveling forty or fifty miles, they are not going beyond that circle and they think that is the world. That is not the world. See? But you see they are now waking up to realize it has influences, it has different things to deal with but it takes those things to waken a person.

They were being told don't go out there, you got your education, it's a new world that you're stepping into out there, a New World Order. He says it could not be ...*but it could be one made not by the world but for it. An order without equity or ethics. In short, not so much a world order as an Ordered world.* Making people feel that I am reading the Message.

For six thousand years it was in the back part of Lucifer's mind. It's an Ordered World. Work in education, civilization, and science and one day; "I will be as God." It is an Ordered world. Sure. The mighty hunter, he knows exactly what he is hunting for. He knows the power he needs to break, he knows where he needs to have the lines drawn, he knows the shipping routes he must control in order to hold the world trade and commerce in a pact to rule the world. It is an Ordered world. But if you only look here and can't look out there and see what is happening? Now you know we are not all called to see it but when it is brought there and projected to you, if you have believed the Word, you should walk in It. See? To see... they are conscious they have a part now in this world.

Look at us here. We look and we know it is going to come in, we know it is going to come in the making, those ten kings, those ten toes. We know that that Stone cut without hands is going to come, there is going to be a transition time where it is going to go through a change from the ten toes to the Stone, where one will start to crumble and One is going to get greater. The same way Babylon had to fall; there was a transition

time for the Medes and Persians to come in. That feast was the turning point, that feast that night was the turning point. God said, "That the cup is full, that is it right there; this day your kingdom is finished!"

He was told years ago in the dream. When that handwriting came on the wall, the same One Who gave the dream was now writing on the wall, saying, "Tonight it is finished! From tomorrow you have no more kingdom. It is weighed in the balances and found wanting!" Look what it took...

While the man was having the thought to have the feast and to do this thing, maybe being pressured under his guest to do something classical, do something that could make the news, do something that could be symbolic, little did he know that that right there what everybody was enjoying and having a good time and all the senators and all the lawyers and all the clergies and everybody were tipping the glasses and they were honoring, praising the gods of wood and of silver and the god of stone and all these things, the real True and Living God was coming now with a message of judgment. There was a man there to pronounce it.

It makes us wonder because God is in such control. God was now removing one to set up another. People might have thought that it is a drastic thing take place in a nation. People might have got scared seeing all those soldiers running through the streets when people were dying when houses were being burnt down, when the city was being taken, they might have gotten scared. No wonder what the media might have been saying afterwards; they might have had a few resistance underground, people fighting off the Medes and Persia; until they broke the power of the resistance... Babylon doesn't give all the details but those things don't change. See? Some might have given hope.

It's exactly what is happening right here. You look and see what is happening right there under a siege; how it would make the people behave, you'll know what

is happening right here. Because Babylon fell when there was a siege. You may not understand what is a siege. You may not understand the power a siege has on a nation when it is under a siege. You may not understand the internal instability that takes place, how the confidence of people begins to be eroded and eroded and fear. There were people by the thousands fleeing to end up in the desert and died there because they are so scared to stay in the city looking and seeing all those tanks and planes and all those things all around; and they were out there dying for hunger and thirst in the wilderness.

Now they don't say it in the Bible; it just says, "And they laid a siege." You could imagine anything but when you look and you see, you start to see the reality. You start to see where the inflation starts to rise, you start to see soldiers on the rampage what they could do; the looting, the warring, the raping, the different things. The world at present is going through such crucial changes that sometimes we say that is so far away that it doesn't affect us.

Let me tell you, the economy right now, they say, is a direct result of it begin to have some hope and to make some money as what is happening there. You just go on a map and see how far you are away from that place, a little dot. And see just because a few nations gather around there that they are talking here about having the best oil boom in all the years that they have ever had anything. You might never feel that you're connected to out there. Do you understand what I'm saying? It depends on what your vision is and what eyes you are looking with.

Many homes right here, some working in the oilfields or something, you know, others in different industries, their homes, children might eat better, they get better clothes and shoes. And you know what they would say, "I was praying and God blessed me." Sure! But look at the channel, God worked quite in the Middle East, the

Gulf crisis, to make you get a little better. Not a local thing, not you 'find things locally'; we didn't find anything locally. It didn't say that we discovered gold or anything in Trinidad, nothing at all. It makes us realize how man is so united on this earth because God put them all here under a system to live by. And geography has nothing to do with it; where you are, how far you are, and what—has nothing to do with it. When God looks, He sees man, He sees the Blood, He sees Redemption, He sees the Gospel and that's it. Into all nations, every creature, every nation, kindred, tongue, and tribe. Amen. Look, God took the simple Gospel here and goes all down into Argentina and into New Zealand to the bottom of the world, goes all the way up to Norway to the top of the world. Sure! Why? With the same Message right here that you sit down here and hear and see believers in all those places because the whole planet is connected. Amen.

Now watch. Quickly, as we try to close off; just have a few more minutes before we close. Let me get here to the dream, a little bit again. He was terrified by the dream; Nebuchadnezzar was. It shook him up, it wasn't like a nightmare but there was an element in the dream, there was a seriousness, there was a justice being executed, there was like a court trial. It implied a court trial, it implied justice being executed upon the guilty one. It implied no 'court of appeal.' And somewhere down in the subconscious mind, though he didn't see himself in the dream, he woke up but something down inside started to tell him, "That tree that I dreamt is me."

You know God has a way that He works on people and that is the same way the Word is. You sit down here and the Word is talking and the Word is talking about something else and you are sitting down right there and God could be talking about Nebuchadnezzar and this and God is talking about that and you say, "That's me, it's me God is talking to." And you could be struck in your seat horrified. Nobody didn't call your name,

nobody maybe imply you...sometimes it gets so strong that you get vexed with the preacher and all. Sure. Now, what causes that? It's God that has a way to leave things and burn things into people's hearts. No wonder as Paul says, "It's a fearful thing to fall in the hands of the living God!"

When John saw Him with eyes like a flame of fire, feet like brass, a sharp two-edged sword out of his mouth, he said, "I fell down as one that was dead!" And this man came out of this dream and he said, "I saw this tree, a great tree, how it grew strong that its height reached to heaven. The sight of it to the ends of the earth, its leaves were fair and its fruit was much, it had fruit for all. The beast of the field had shade under it, the fowls of the air dwelt in its boughs, its flesh was fed to all—all flesh was fed from it."

He said, "But then I saw in my visions, a Watcher." That is all that he could call the Man: a Watcher. Maybe the Eyes that were watching him. Maybe the Eyes that were piercing asunder. Maybe all that he noticed about this Being was the eyes; burning eyes like lamps of fire.

The Prophet said in the dream with the stone, Billy Paul said "Daddy, fire was flying from your eyes." [1963-1229M, para. 138-141. -Ed.]

A Watcher, a holy One came down from Heaven, leaving the portals of the heaven and coming down and He cried aloud and said thus, "Hew down the tree!"

Remember when John the Baptist stood by the banks of the Jordan, "The axe is laid at the root of every tree!" Brother, that news does shake! That shook up people. "Every tree that doesn't bring forth fruit will be hewn down and cast in the fire!" They knew he was not preaching an agricultural sermon, they knew that was people he was talking about. "He will purge His threshing floor, His fan is in His hand." God got a man in His hand and began to anoint that man with the Word of God and began to purge and scatter away all the chaff, all the things that were dried and dead and

had no life in it and moved it away from among the wheat. Brother, it's a fearful thing.

You say, "God I can't... I was uncomfortable in that service, I can't..., brother, I was so scared." God has a way. When John said, "Repent the Kingdom of God is at hand," brother, people were flying to that water. Those Sadducees started to say, "Go and see, find out what is happening there."

He said that Man cried with a loud Voice, said, "Hew the tree down!" He said, "Shake off its leaves, scatter away the fruit." All that it labored to produce, all that it brought forth, all that it had in abundance that it could have fed everybody. What made it mighty that the fowls came and lodged in it, what made everybody come for it, for meat, to eat from it, He said, "Scatter it away!"

Let me tell you, God has ways. He could get rid of all that you have very quickly. God could be very patient with you, let you work, let you build, let you ignore Him, let you put your little idols of wood and metal and plastic and cloth and glass before Him, and concrete. While you praise your god of wood and stone and He's patient and lets you enjoy it and let you build it and let you see what you're doing. And then the time comes, He comes and says, "Shake it down, hew it down!" And He brings you down to poverty so fast. Doctor's bills soak up that money that you labored and you stored up, that you had so many plans for and you don't want to touch it and you can't lend and you can't do this and you can't do the other. Doctor's bills suck up that so fast! Or some institution or some fixed deposit, He makes them declare bankruptcy or something; wipe it away. Sure!

Let me tell you, don't play with God. You see that in the Bible. God is like that. That isn't unlike God. I'm not trying to present God in a way that God is not. I'm trying to say that people who put anything first before God get in trouble.

But there was some mercy; in spite of all the judgment, there was some mercy. It says

nevertheless...the Watcher said, "Leave the stump of the roots." Maybe the next one said, "Dig out the root? Root it out?" He said, "No, leave the stump of the root. Leave the stump of the root." Why? Just enough to the intent that he would know... Let me tell you, God is love. God is so good, so good, brother, in all of that there was mercy.

Watch, He didn't compromise, He didn't diminish, He didn't water down the first part of the judgment either. "Shake the leaves off, scatter the fruit, cut it down, drive the fowls away from it." Everything that praised the tree, that found the tree so comely and nice, He scattered them away from it. "Brother, I find you're such a nice brother, you always invite me home by you. Brother, I find you are so nice I always ride in your car, you always have a place for me. Brother, I find that you're so nice, you give me all your hand-me-down shoes. Brother, I find that you're so nice." Well, he got a lodging in your branch and he ate your fruit.

What makes you feel strong is you have the praise of this one and you praise that one; you're controlling this one, you have some influence over that one and you have a political arrangement with this one over here, you know, you buy this one out. When God finishes with you you'll be alone. You would be out in the grass; you'll be humble, you'll be broken. Amen. He says, "You fall on the Rock and be broken. If that Rock falls on you, It'll ground you to powder." Amen.

Watch. And something happened. Listen to this. I want you to catch this, that's why I'm spending so much time with this. It says, "And let him be wet with the dew of heaven." It changed from 'it' to 'him' and that is what shook Nebuchadnezzar, that is what scared him. That is what made him terrified, the 'him', that tree means somebody. Who is the biggest tree on the earth? He was the biggest tree on the earth. Who is the tree that was feeding everybody? He was the tree that was feeding everybody. He said, "And let his portion be with the

beasts, and let his heart be changed from man and let a beast's heart be given unto him.”

Sometimes you are seeing people go through things and you can't understand why they have a beast's heart, but God gave them a beast's heart until seven times or four times, or three times or how many times God decrees. God says, “You'd be in the world. You like the world, you're in My house and you like the world? Three times will pass over you.” The heart of a beast...[Inaudible -Ed.] ...and smoking, drunk, weird, doing yourself all kinds of strange things. Why? You wonder. He didn't understand but he was understanding something. He was understanding that his very own thoughts when he was talking to himself that day, was louder in Heaven. He was understanding when God said seven years out there, it was seven years; no doctor, no medicine, no nothing, it can't change it. And just as the Bible said, “I lift my eyes,” he lifted his eyes and his reasoning, his understanding came back to him.’ Because you know why? There is no backlog of cases up There, you know.

In the judiciary system here there are all kinds of backlog cases. People burn down this building, lose the files, can't find the evidence... Up There doesn't have that. You serve your time, you come out free as ever when you serve your time you walk free again. Exactly right.

While he was listening to the dream he heard this. This is what we want to see. The Voice of the Watcher who said hew it down. He said, “This matter is by...” After the sentence was described, what the sentence was going to be: shake down the leaves, scatter the fruits, drive away the fowls, all the friends, all the associates, everything, let the heart be changed, all those things. It said, “This matter is by decree of the watchers.”

Did you ever see a court case yet, when the sentence is being read after the person is found guilty? “He shall

be beaten with the cat-o'-nine tails, twenty-one strokes. He shall serve six months with hard labor and then this other sentence will run concurrently also." Brother, until the last detail of that is read out...you might forget right there what is said but the institution that judged them, that tried his case, that his case was referred to, that deliberated on the case, that arrived at the verdict, that passed the sentence is going to carry it out at the right time. If he is up for parole at a certain time, there is a parole officer who has in a certain file on a certain date, there is a certain agenda written down there. There are certain names put there that are eligible for parole at a certain time and they shall be visited and they shall be informed. Exactly.

Well, we are taught in this Bible that all these things in the natural only reflect what is in the Spiritual. The same way like when a man dies, they are a soul in prison, they are in a prison house, there is a judgment day that God comes down, a certain time and says He is the Supreme Judge. It is time for the judgment, it begins in the House of God. All those things, there is a natural form of it that we can look at because the things that are Unseen, that are invisible, are made to be understood by the things which are seen!

That Watcher, that Investigation Angel, said that the matter is by the decree of the watchers. In other words, "We watched it, we watched him when he woke up in the morning, we watched him at noontime, we watched him when the sun went down. We watched his friends, we watched his conversations, we watched his thoughts, we watched the intents of his heart." The eyes of the Lord runneth to and fro throughout the whole earth. Is that right? They watch everything, there's an Eye watching you, watching you, watching you. We never knew there were recording angels; Jesus preached about it, He said, "Their angels behold the Father's face, every day they report back to the Father." The Prophet came and said that in *Adoption*, "Children

there are being tried and tested, the angels come back and report to the Father.”

As I said, in the Book of Kings when the time came, Ahab thought that he could've done what he wanted but there was a... Micaiah said, “I saw a council in Heaven. I saw them sit. I saw God says, ‘It is time now for Elijah’s prophecy to be fulfilled.’” He said, “I heard God say, ‘Who will go up and deceive Ahab?’ I see God permit a lying spirit to come and say through this agency we’re going to work and bring the deception amongst them.” Sure. And they carried it out to the letter just the way it was said.

Now if God did that in Ahab’s time and if God did that in Daniel’s time, if God did that down through the Bible, you think God is not doing that now? Things that we go through, things that we go through for a certain period of time, things that we see and we pray and we cry and we beg and we plead and we couldn’t come out of it, we had to bear it, we had to finish it, we had to endure it. When we came back around we never had a trace of it anymore afterwards. We came and we glorified God for it; we acknowledged it. Sure! Things that if we could have pulled strings and paid off with money, and different things, to change the order, it would have changed; but some things just couldn’t change. We had no influence over it. It’s like there was an unknown Power, a Supreme Power above us that had us to pass that way. Things that we planned for and it seemed like we couldn’t fulfill our own plans and then something else happened and another plan was fulfilled and it was the very thing that we were afraid of all the time. Sure. Exactly right. It said,

¹⁷ This matter [is] by the decree of the watchers, and [by] the demand by the word of the holy ones:...

It was by the demand of the Word. It says this must be done to this man

...to the intent that the living [all the inhabitants of the earth] may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will, and set it up over it the basest of men.

Well, when Daniel interpreted it, you know, it was he himself; Daniel said, “You, you are the man. You are the man you’re dreaming about. You’re dreaming about your own self. And God lifted you up and God made you great and God blessed you.” He says, “But now, for seven years you will go through that experience, there is no court of appeal.” He said, “Maybe, quick repentance always stays the hands of God,” because Daniel knew the Bible, in Moses’ time God told him, “I will destroy them and wipe them out!” And Moses went in there, and God said, “Okay, I will let them go until their carcasses fall out in the wilderness. I’ll prolong their days, I’ll give them a chance,” because atonement stays the wrath of God. When God moved with fire in the camp, when God moved with snakes in the camp, Moses moved quickly with the atonement to stay the wrath of God because that atonement is always Christ, showing that through Christ, brother, he took the judgment of God for us.

And this man had space of time to repent, for the Bible, says at the end of twelve months... twelve months passed, the man never gave heed to the Word. The man never considered It, the man never considered his ways, yet twelve months after you find the man is still saying,

³⁰ Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power and the honor of my majesty?

And the Bible says in that same hour he heard a Voice saying,

³¹ ...O king Nebuchadnezzar..., The kingdom is departed from thee.

The watchers were still watching to see what he was doing after he was told what his mistake was.

When I caught that there, I realized, I said many of us pass through many things because God ordained those things for you to pass through to the intent that we will know it is not us, it is not what we could do; it is God's grace. That brings a humility in your heart that gives you an understanding that you can relate to your circumstances without going paranoid, without panicking, without going berserk, without... Knowing that the Heavens do rule, God is in full control.

Look in the Bible, how Pharaoh... The Bible says another Pharaoh rose up when they heard that God's Word was going to come to pass, that there was going to be a deliverer. And Pharaoh decided, "If these people get too big, you know what is going to happen? They might overtake us, they might overthrow us, so let us start to kill them out, all the male children to control the population. Let's keep it with a lot of women, keep a certain amount of men so they can't become soldiers, they can't have forces to rise up against us. We are going to use certain measures, we are going to break their spirit, we are going to increase the labor, we are going to make them serve with rigor."

He was trying to stop God's Word from coming to pass. God's Word had already said in the fourth generation they were coming out. Let me tell you when the fourth generation arrived they were in more bondage than they had ever been in four hundred years. They were more broken than they had ever been in four hundred years, they were more weakened than they had ever been in four hundred years. It seemed more hopeless than they had ever been in four hundred years because man thought they had their power, man thought, "My armies will control them," man thought, "My administration would intimidate them, control their minds, control their population and my system will restrict them and they wouldn't be able to have any kind

of liberty and anything else.” Because they thought that they had control when God had already said that He was going to bring them out in the fourth generation. Pharaoh began to find out he wasn’t ruling anything. He began to find out that he didn’t even have any power. Didn’t Jesus tell Pilate that? He said, “You are nothing. You have nothing.” He says, “Don’t you know I could free you or kill you?” He didn’t know what he was saying.

That is not just for unbelievers, you know. Remember in 1st Samuel; when Samuel was crying for Saul. What did God tell Samuel? He said, “I have provided Me another king.” Samuel told Saul, said, “God has taken the kingdom from you and given it to a neighbor better than you.” Is that right? Sure! He says, “This day the kingdom is rented from you,” when he held the skirt, and it rent from him; he said, “this day it is rent from you.” And years after when Samuel had died and gone on and Saul came, Samuel rose up and told him the same thing. He says, “That day the kingdom was rent from you; it’s not now, quite back there it was rent from you. And you started to go downhill from that day and there was no more back uphill, there was no retreat because your case was finished that day.” Because that word came by revelation.

Now watch. When Nebuchadnezzar’s case was called in the court of the watchers... Like we don’t know many times we are being discussed in Heaven. We are—the Bible says we are faithful stewards over the things of God. God puts things in your hands. God through the Word, through a minister who is to speak that Word, who is to bring that Word to you, to tell you what to do, to instruct you in the will of God and you have a choice to know if it is his own thoughts or if it is God’s Word.

When you know it is God’s Word coming to you and you don’t listen to the Word, you know what happens? If that Word came by revelation, if that Word was the revealed Will of God being revealed to you as the

Message of the Hour for us to walk in It, to have favor with God, to be able to approach God, to have God's backing, to have God's support, to have God's leadership, to have God's blessing and we neglect that Word and we deny that Word, from the time that that Word goes forth and you start to harden your heart or resist the Will of God or refuse It or don't want to walk in It, there is a space of time that that lasts. When that time runs out if there is no change of attitude, watch the trouble start with you. Watch the trouble start with you. Sure! Exactly right! That is according to God's Word here.

We could take Ahab, the same way. Look at Saul, before he became Paul, he was trying to destroy the church. He said, "I will get authority. I will get such authority from the governors. I will go and do this. I will stop this thing in the Name of God. I will root this thing out! I will go to every city. I will do all these things!" And the Church was commissioned already from Heaven. There is One who came down from Heaven, there is One who shed His Blood for the Church, there is One who bought the Church, there is One who sent His Spirit and gave birth to the Church, there is One who revealed to the Church what the commission of the Church was and he thought he had authority and power from an organization and political backing to root That out. Only to find out that he couldn't do it! He turned around and said, "You can't do anything against the Truth but for the Truth. And all things work together for good." Because he realized, "I was persecuting them and scattering them but the commission says, 'Go into all the world' is what was really being fulfilled." Because that was already decreed to be done.

Look at Bro. Branham, he thought he could have just take a gun and shot himself and kill himself and come out of the race. "I'm frustrated with that. I'm fed up, I'm fed up, I'm fed up! I love God but I'm just so fed up, I can't go on like this. It is too hard for me to bear." It

doesn't work like that. He found out that God rules and that he can't even take his own life even if he wanted to take it. It didn't even need a human being around him to stop him and say, "Oh Bro. Bill, don't do that!" and try to hold him and take away the gun. It didn't even need that. And he tried it once and he tried it twice and it still didn't work.

Well, when he had the best chance to take it, and he tried to take it for his own self and he couldn't take it for his own self, do you think somebody else could take it? Do you understand what I'm saying? He said, "They tried to shoot me but they can't even touch me because I tried to shoot my own self (amen) and I can't even shoot my own self. Somebody could shoot me?" Amen!

Let me tell you, you realize when God comes into control... Look at Rebecca down there with those two nations in her womb and God had already told her, He said, "Look, the older will serve the younger one." They were fighting right inside there and they will fight all the way. And look how they are fighting here, one sharing out gas mask there that day, fearing the other one. Sure!

When you look and you see more and more of these things that are coming, it makes you wonder what is really happening. And you see people today, they think, maybe they think things are out of their hands. Yes, sure it might be out of your hands but it's not out of God's hands.

Remember when Abner had known the will of God that David was going to be king and what Abner tried to do? Abner got there with Mephibosheth and they started to plan their little business and they said, "We are going to hold the house of Saul." And Abner was the man in charge of the army, so he and Mephibosheth were trying to wage constant war against David but it couldn't work because Samuel had already said, "David was going to be king over Israel." When the time came and God said it's time for it to happen and God mashed

up the whole thing with Mephibosheth and everything; split up the whole thing. See?

Man going after one of Saul's concubines, he started to cause a bitter protest and he was only a puppet. See? And the man let him see and said, "You are only a puppet." He said, "You sit down there and you're trying to judge me?" See? He said, "I'll take the whole kingdom and carry it over to David." That is what God had determined had to happen. Because the same man who was trying his best to keep the kingdom away from David was the same one that God made turn around and carry it to David.

God will send you against your own will when the time comes. What you say you don't want to do, God will say you have to do that. Let me tell you, every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess. Amen.

Remember Solomon, he tried to kill Jeroboam when he got to find out that Jeroboam met the prophet and the prophet tore up the cloth in ten and he said, "I'll give you ten tribes. I'll take away ten tribes from Judah, and give it to you and I'll leave them with the two because of my promise with David." And when Solomon got to find out he ran down Jeroboam to kill him and Jeroboam went to Egypt and hide. By the time Jeroboam came back, Solomon had died already and Rehoboam had the twelve tribes. Then what happened? God split up the very thing right there. All kinds of... he got wrong advice from the people and it split the whole thing and Jeroboam ended up with ten because God already said what was going to come to pass.

Let me read something for you as we close out here. When we see God's will revealed to us through the Word in this Day, you see people trying to make plans, trying to do things differently, it is futile. It is actually a display of such ignorance that somebody is going to try to rise up to challenge the revealed will of God, that somebody is going to rise up to think, "Well maybe, you know, I'm going to succeed. God said that the Word said that; but

I think that I can make it still.” You’re only kicking against the pricks.

What shall I do With This Jesus called Christ [1963-1124m, para.42-45. -Ed.] pages 12 and 13. The Prophet said he was talking about Jesus when the time of the crucifixion of our Lord had come. *It was just the hour that it had to be that way. There is nothing that can happen without there is something behind it to cause it that way. There’s got to be [a] reason for everything that takes place. Because it’s motivated, by the spirit that’s in human beings. There’s a motive, motive of it, and an objective, and there’s got to be a reason. And the reason that this had to happen to the Greatest Man that ever lived on the earth, or ever could live; the reason it happened this way, because it was time for it to happen. It must be thus, and there was no way to escape it. It had to be that time.*

Jesus stood in Pilate’s judgment hall. He couldn’t be anywhere else in that hour. He couldn’t be in Galilee, He couldn’t be on the Mount of Olives, He couldn’t be up in Heaven, He couldn’t be back in Nazareth, He had to be in Pilate’s judgment hall, bound in chains. And Jesus Himself had known the Word and He said, “The hour is come that this must happen too.” And finally, it had happened. Moses and Elijah came down even to tell Him (is that right?) about His decease. You watch it. An Angel from Heaven came to strengthen Him to go through the trial. Is that right? Even God submitted Himself to that. Whatever we are going through in this life, it’s already determined. It’s already set out there, we can’t change it, and we have no power over it.

He says ...now, *here’s the lesson that I want you to understand, that... See, in each generation, it’s been spoken in the Bible of a certain thing happening; through each generation. Like Daniel, he interpret the dream of Nebuchadnezzar: How the Gentile kingdoms would come in, and how they would go down, and how they would go out.*

Later on, we are going to get those things. Daniel had it in a vision, he said, "There is a goat coming; pushing Northward, pushing Southward, pushing West-ward." He said, "There is a ram that comes out against it." He said, "They begin to fight. The goat destroyed the ram." And then the Voice in the dream said, "That is the prince of Greece!" Right away God is already revealing, this kingdom is going to fall because Alexander, the great from Greece was coming, it is an invasion, he is going to break this power and he is going to take control. And the goat was the emblem of Greece. The ram was the emblem of Persia. And Persia is Iran today; the same Iran. See? Babylon is exactly where Iraq was.

Let me tell you, the seat even geographically where all those things happen, is the very place today when the old world had to break up in Europe—the scene shifted from Europe to the Gulf. And from Europe where the old world broke up and decommunized, it moved right to the Gulf where the New World order comes on display, a United Nation coming forth for a people...

Listen to this, here is a people who are saying, seventy years ago, that land belonged to us. They could prove it, everybody knows it. They said, "We want it back." They rise up, they go, they invade it and they take it. They called it, the nineteenth province of Iraq, "It's ours." The whole world came against it to force it back out, that only happened to display the type of spirit that is dominating at this time through this United Nations. What about Israel who is saying, "Four thousand years ago, that land was ours. We moved in, we took it, we changed the name, we called it Judea and Samaria back to the Bible days, we showed in the Bible where that is ours." Do you think the United Nations is going to leave it alone?

The spirit that manifests itself under a condition, it shows its nature of it already. Especially when you do it in the eyes of the whole world, you will be unjust to say that you have to leave this one alone. Let me tell you,

that is a signal. That brought the whole world into the Persian Gulf. What do you think is going to carry the whole world into the valley of Jehosaphat? How do you think the whole world gets there? It shows it's very easy for the world to gather against a nation right now. Because the greatest thing that was a threat to world peace was the communist who was Atheists, who now have freedom of religion in Russia, that went to the Vatican and the Pope is going to go there later this year to dedicate a big Catholic church because they passed the laws of freedom of religion now.

And since that threat to world peace has been removed; with the communist system being broken down, what do you think is going to happen? Now the spirit of communism hasn't left, you know, because God raised up Communism to destroy Romanism, you can't change the Message. The System (see?) the whole method of operation because they have a king who rose up. He says, "Watch the king of the North!" Just watch him and see what he is going to do.

1989, the king of the North started to think a new thought, new thinking. God put that thought in the mind. They called it, 'New Thinking-Perestroika.' "We are going to restructure!" A man with the courage to break up what Lenin and Stalin and all those fellows did. You know, Khrushchev right there: Khrushchev means 'clay', who took the shoe off and knocked it on the...[Blank spot on tape -Ed.]

Let me tell you-what is happening right there, the implications that it has as far as the changing of the world and the coming of the man of sin to be enthroned. Let me tell you, the greatest changes that is being wrought right now in what we are looking at. When that situation is over, there is a New World. When that situation is over, there is a New World! I told you that is not World War III; because World War III is in the valley of Jehosaphat, not in the Gulf. That is not World War III at all. And the Bible says, "they deceived these, lying

spirits working lying wonders,” Revelation 16, “to gather the kings of the earth into a place called in the Hebrew tongue, Armageddon; for the battle of that great Day of God Almighty”; that is a geographic place. And the vat will be two hundred miles long, right? Is that right? And to the height of the horse’s bridles, will overflow. [Revelation 14:20. -Ed.]

Watch. All what is happening, the very men that are there; the very man who is going to sit on that throne, don’t you know he is right here, the man of sin. The man of sin is waiting for his incarnation. The same way like Jesus was waiting there for the Father to dwell in Him, the fullness, to dwell in Him and walk forth. The same way He was in the land for thirty years. The same way the serpent, when God created the serpent in Genesis, God knew the time is going to come, ‘When my arch-enemy is going to go in this fellah right here. This is the vehicle.’ And God knew that Satan was going to incarnate himself in the Beast in the beginning. When Jesus walked with Judas and Jesus was born in Bethlehem, Judas was born somewhere around right there too. When Jesus came to His ministry thirty years after, Judas was around the same time waiting right there too. Exactly right. See?

Then, in the last days when Satan is going to be incarnate, that man is right there, walking about all now; gifted, inspired. A man who is going to sit there and bring out things: legislation and new policies and different things: New Thinking, that is going to revolutionize this world. He is going to be a bright shining star to them, rising up. A man who could lead the world to the 21st Century, it’s all working. And what is happening right there is moving right in. But when those things begin to happen, friends, it is the Hour of deliverance.

That is why right now people don’t understand when I preached the message there two weeks ago about the Stone that smote the image, trying to show you that that

Stone is here already. It's that Stone speaking to you! It's that Stone Who is smiting! Many find the Word is hard, but they don't know the Bible. That Stone come to break everything. That Stone comes to be the only thing in the earth, that is going to fill the whole earth.

Listen. Quickly as we close: *...now here's the lesson that I want you to understand. He says: each generation it's been spoken in the Bible of a certain thing happening, through each generation. Like Daniel interpret the dream of Nebuchadnezzar: How the Gentile kingdoms would come in, and how they would go down, and how they would go out. And each one of those people in them races, and those nations that... Gentile powers that has control of the world, has done just exactly the way the vision said they would do.*

When Nebuchadnezzar was taken (the head of gold), then the Medes-o-Persias came in; and the nature of them, come according to the nature of the material and according to what the prophet said, just exactly... Nebuchadnezzar, the head of gold, which is the greatest and first of the kingdom. Then the Medes-o-Persia being silver. And then on down into the thighs of being of brass. And each metal gets harder and harder (gold being the softest), and it ends up in iron, which is the hardest of all of that, is iron.

Now, each one of those kingdoms come down just exactly by nature the way that the prophet said that they would do. And what was he doing? He was sowing a seed for the nations to watch, and each time that when that kingdom was issued in, it had to do according to what the Word said. And then, Messiah was to come on the scene. And when Christ come on the scene, He had to answer those Words of God that was to be fulfilled, that the prophet spoke of, what He would do.

Now exactly, the same way, weren't there things spoken for now? And hadn't the Prophet spoken what the Elect will be now? Well, there is nothing else you

can do now as a believer other than what the Word of God spoke for this Hour.

Listen: *The entire Bible is the entire revelation of Jesus Christ, making Himself known to every age. This is: Christ Is Revealed in His Own Word [1965-0822, para. 143 -Ed.] page 36 and 37. He made Himself known in the days of Luther as a foundation, the church, the foot, the leg like He did in King Nebuchadnezzar.*

He was typing the church; how it came from the feet to the head like Nebuchadnezzar came from the head to the feet. Watch it.

You remember how he dreamed those dreams. It come from the head down. See? Now He comes from the feet up. See? In the Babylonian kingdom He showed all those Old Testaments, He come from the head down, until He come down to God Himself become flesh at the foot of the ladder. Because in the legs of iron God has become Man. Now here in the New Testament He brings Himself right back up again, to the Head, the Head of gold, to be crowned. Because Christ now, is the Head of Gold now. Christ is getting ready to be crowned now as King of kings and Lord of lords and His Kingdom is going to fill the whole earth. And then it is going to be a kingdom like His Kingdom.

Now watch. Look, you get it? See, God was in the beginning, and He kept coming down through the prophets and on down until God Himself became human like us, plumb down at the foot of the ladder, a baby born in a manger, hated, rejected, despised, and a bad name, everything He was. Then He started rising, and from the feet He begin to build the church, the Bride, coming back, on...

Now when the image was in the leg, God was starting to build the Church from the feet up. When the Church comes to the head, the image comes to the toes. And the Stone that comes to cap the Church, when It comes to the Head, It's the same Stone that comes to smite the image in the toes.

Is that clear? Sure. That is why Revelation 10 is His Coming; cut out without hands, coming down from Heaven. He is not coming to gather the world together He is coming to destroy the world. He is coming to pronounce judgment on the world. He is coming to take His Elect out of the world so He could destroy the world. Elijah is coming before He burn the earth with fire; destroy it. Son of Man is being revealed—Revelation 10, before Son of David. Is that right? Sure!

He is begin revealed to show the Gentile age is finished. He is finished with the Gentiles it is time to go back to the Jews. The Kingdom is fixing to be restored back to Israel. “When will Thou restore the kingdom to Israel?” They looked for it. They know it is going to come back to Israel. Israel that is only 4.7 million people right now. A little nation there, trodden down by the Gentiles, that Israel is going to rise above Russia, that Israel is going to rise above America, that Israel is going to rise above Rome.

Under that Seventh Trumpet, Israel is coming back to the original glory that Israel had when they had a king like Solomon in a Golden Age and under the Seventh Seal the Bride is coming back to Her original glory like She had back in the beginning too. He’s bringing it back. He’s coming as The Head over all things. Can’t you see the time that we are in? Watch and see.

He says, *See that vision of Nebuchadnezzar? See Him going down from the beginning of the Gentile age before the Blood was shed for them and made an atonement. They were proselytes for Him:* In the Old Testament, they were proselytes, they had no atonement, the Jews had the atonement, the Jews had all the feasts, the Jews had the adoption, the Jews had all the laws and different things. Rahab, Ruth, Nebuchadnezzar: they’re like proselytes coming in to accept the Hebrew religion, then Christ came and had to make an atonement and that Atonement had to cover both Jew and Gentiles—

tear down the middle wall of partition and make them one body.

But notice it went right down, right down to the bottom in symbol (See?), brought it down, then it started right back, coming back, the church come back from the feet, coming up. Now it's in the head time.

When the Headstone, the Stone cut without hands is to come. And when that Headstone came, It came in that Prophet. It was a Stone of stumbling and a Rock of offence; to reject that Stone was to be ground like powder, to fall on that Stone was to be broken. That Stone was smiting those nations, putting judgment upon them by the Word that proceeded out of his mouth. Go to Revelation 19, "and he smote those ten kings" with what? The Sword that proceeded out of His mouth.

Now if we can see anything that is of this kingdom, if our home is built on this kingdom, it's going to fall when this kingdom falls; it's going to be smitten. If our life is for this kingdom, it's going to be smitten, it is going to be judged. If our glory is of this world and of this kingdom it is going to pass away because all of these things has come to its end. Now His kingdom, His Word is what He's making Spirit and Life inside of us, many of us.

Nebuchadnezzar; it took him seven years before he learned the lesson. And when he learned that lesson after seven years, he woke up and he realized that nothing that takes place on earth is without the knowledge of what is in Heaven.

The very first thing the Angel told the Prophet when He came to him, He said, "Your thoughts speak louder in Heaven than your words on earth." He said, "I am sent from the Presence of Almighty God to tell you that Jesus is coming soon and you have to take this gift to all the world." He said, "and such and such will happen when you go out there." Is that what it was? Then he too began to realize that those things that that Angel

came and showed him. Just like He showed Daniel; he said, "Hitler, he's going to die a mysterious death, he's going to take Germany into war and try to conquer the world." He said, "Mussolini will die a shameful death." He said, "America, it's going to rise after World War II and lead the world in science." He said, "But keep watching the king of the North, because watch he's raised up for a purpose, he's going to strike Catholicism." He said, "Right here in America," is exactly what He was showing Daniel too.

How could He tell him those things back there and tell him what is going to happen to these people, and who is going to succeed them, and when the time is going to finish, how they are going to die, and what is going to happen to them. And then that Prophet sat down there in 1939 and see the world went to war and saw what Hitler was trying to do. 1945, when the world war was finished, he saw Hitler, how Hitler died, he saw how Mussolini had died. Waited there in 1960 and he saw John Kennedy rise in the land, a playboy president.

What do you think Daniel was seeing when he saw them come in there? What do you think when the Prophet spoke the Word of what is going to happen and we're sitting here and begin to see those things? What do you think Micaiah saw when he sat there and he saw all those nations gather out there for war? He saw that ecumenical move; he saw the religious world pronouncing the blessing upon them, "Go and take the land!" And yet he was looking back at Elijah's prophecy because he knew the outcome of those things. Why? Because he saw what was happening in Heaven. God showed to him, "This matter is already decreed. What is going to happen here is by the decree of this council." He said, "You could say it without fear, it cannot change!"

God informed Nebuchadnezzar by a dream, God informed Micaiah by a vision; they all saw what was happening. And these things that are coming to pass,

the effect that it is having, what was emerging out of it. How it is affecting us right here, seeing the history that is being made at present, in this nation, seeing the things that are happening. Seeing in the religious realm, how they came out and what they spoke. Seeing in the political realm, what they went out and did. Seeing here economically, what the nation is suffering at this time. Sure. Seeing the whole system has gone through. Seeing the only hope it has is where God has opened up an outlet, a fountain of grace, where His Word could come to wash the people to get them ready. Seeing the very seat—the highest seat of learning, how they are trying to prepare those people who are the future leaders of tomorrow, where they are going to come out of to take this nation somewhere into the 21st Century, to find its place in the new global environment that is being formed right now.

Right in the church here, we have brothers and sisters going inside of there, to sit there amongst them but they know what system is coming, they know the hour, they know what time we are living in, that brother when that system begins to crumble they can stand up right there and speak the Word of God. Sure. Because God will anoint His church that wherever they are they can say that there is a man inside of here who has the Spirit of God, he could interpret this thing here, what all these great learned people can't interpret. Sure.

That is why when we see the promise is at hand, how we should let go and get right under the Word to receive the Word, to know that God wants to bring these things to pass. God is seeing these things coming and the Holy Spirit shows He is trying to seal up His elected ones right now before those things there. Every day they tell you... they say, right now those men are getting bored, the tension is so high for war, those men are at the point to explode. They have them all psyched up for war with those slaughtering weapons and they can't use them. They can't use them because you can look and see there

is a greater Power that rules in those things. See? Brother, when the time comes for it to be used it will be used and there will be a nuclear holocaust that will burn this earth like an oven, and the righteous will walk out on the ashes of the wicked.

Later on, I want to pick it up to show you those three things and get into it to show you from the appearing of that Rock, the very ministry of that Rock, what It is doing now, until that Word is fully manifested because right there in the Book of Revelation, right in Revelation 10, from the time it began to come in Revelation 10, until Revelation 11:15 where it says, "And the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ." It's right in this time where it appears. And Bro. Branham knew it was that ministry is what he had.

And he looked there and he saw Eisenhower and Khrushchev and he placed them in the Bible. He sat right there and he watched the United Nations meeting and saw Khrushchev take his shoe off and beat it on the table. And he caught the inspiration and he said, "Look right there..." and in the same United Nations here,... now it seems it can't mix. But Khrushchev put his shoe back on his foot. See? And here Gorbachev and Eisenhower; well he has died but Gorbachev and Bush are both shaking hands now. Back there he was beating the desk with his shoe but both of them now are who are leading those nations: East and West, the two superpowers being joined together.

But you see in Daniel, it gives us some of the minute details about when that man begins to rise and those things he's going to speak and the flattery and his policy and how he's going to come in, how he is going to take over, and how he's going to look towards Israel, that pleasant land, how they are going to try to go there and take those things. You watch and see how all those things are going to come in. Brother, when you see those things around us, what are we doing here? What

are we doing trapped in the kingdoms of this world? What are we doing here trying to get some satisfaction or some future here? It hasn't got any for us.

This is the Hour if we've never been a Christian, we need to have a real true testimony and be a real true Christian. This isn't the hour just to go to church, not to hear a sermon, not these things. No. This is the Hour to take our stand like they took their stand in that kingdom. That kingdom was falling and crumbling all around them but God was so identified with them. And they, though they had wealth and honor and position in that kingdom, yet they never denied the Word, to prop up and uphold that kingdom.

He went before Belshazzar and he rebuked Belshazzar and shook him up, and let him know—he said, “All these things you knew and never humbled yourself.” He said, “You have been weighed in the balance and found wanting.” Brother, when we hear the Word of God, may we not be like Nebuchadnezzar, may we realize the Heavens do rule in these things. Things happen to us, because, after God gives us a space and a time for these things and we fail to do it, God has no other alternative but to bring us to a place where, as they say; ‘if you can't hear you're going to feel,’ until... He said, “these things are to the intent that you will know that God does rule.” That we could just let go and we could accept God's will and we could just ask God for the strength to walk in it. God's will may seem hard, God's will may seem strange, God's will may seem like you don't have the courage to face it but there is no reason to shirk it. All we have to do is ask Him for the strength to do what He requires of us. Because He is not going to require anything of us that He knows that we are unable to do if He has not made the provisions for us to do it.

When God asks you to do something it's because God has already made the provisions that you can do what He asked you to. That's why you can just humble

yourself and say, “Lord, if You want me to do that, I know that within myself I can’t do it but through You, I can do it. I know that by Your grace and Your strength I can do it.” And you watch and see He would make a way for you.

Let’s bow our heads and close our eyes. Some of us even right now might be in situations we are trying to climb out of, might be in situations that we are trying to pray our way out of, might be in situations that we just seem so trapped in and is breaking us daily, but friends, how do you know it is not by the demand of the word of the Holy Ones or by the decree of the Watchers? Maybe all your fruit is being shaken off, being felled to the ground and corrupted before your own eyes, all your associates: all the fowls of the air and the beast of the field that you seemed to play such an important part in their lives; systems you try to uphold and you see them crumbling all around you, how do you not know?

This is an Age where men have exalted themselves and their thinking above the Word of God. It’s an Age where men are lifting themselves on so high and making themselves the only thing that is predominant, making themselves the ruler but there is One Who rules; One to rule your life, One to rule my life, One to rule your house. The Bible says, a man who could rule his house well—how could he want to rule in the house of God if he can’t rule his house well, first?

Sometimes we find out that we are up, sometimes we find out that we are down, as Hannah when she rejoiced, she says, “You are the One who takes people from the dunghill and lifts them up. You are the One who takes people and brings them down to a low estate. You are the One who makes the poor to sing, You are the One that brings down the rich,” whether it is a king or a kingdom, whether it is a house.

Look at Joseph, he tried to get the butler to go to Pharaoh and talk to him. The butler thought that he was going to die maybe in prison but it was decreed in

Heaven that he had to go back to serve in the presence of the king. Pharaoh thought that he may never have to ask back for him, to bring him back to that place but he had to bring him back. Joseph tried to get him to go into the presence of the king and ask for him. And God had determined that Joseph had to wait for two years before he could come out of that prison. His feet had to remain in fetters of iron and brass where it is going to hurt and humble him until he knows that it is God who rules. He was tried by the Word of the Lord.

What he had seen in the dream when God revealed His counsel, when God revealed His determinate will. Whether it's in a job, a man's job; whether it's in a nation, like Israel, God said seventy years and then they had to come back. God said He'll scatter them and then He'll bring them back. And He scattered them and then He brought them back out of the graves of the nations, made them a nation, and the fig tree began to bud again until God is going to raise them and make them the superpower: the greatest nation upon the face of the earth that will have the greatest king, King Jesus.

Whether it's the Church, God rules in the Church too. I will restore. I will bring It back in Its original glory. Whether it's a family? Whether it's an individual? The Heavens do rule, still rules. And God tries us, our case is referred in Heaven. God sits upon it. God decides what kind of chastisement is necessary, whether it's sickness, whether it's poverty or hunger, whether it's banishment, whether it's captivity, until we can find a place where we can really repent with a real true spirit of repentance. Can't we see that? Isn't that clear? This is the time when God is bringing us back, right back to our rightful place, back to our original glory, back to a glory that will not fade away.

Heavenly Father, time is gone Lord, I was trying to finish up, that the right impression might remain upon the people of what we've heard tonight, knowing that it is not my thoughts but it's Your unfailing Word, as plain

as we can read It out of the Bible, as plain as we can examine It through examples from Genesis to Revelation to see that the Heavens do rule; not just in kings and kingdoms, not just in nations of the earth but in the Church, in the lives of families, individuals. The same way that Nebuchadnezzar as an individual was hewn down, the same way the kingdom was hewn down. The same way, dear God, we see in unbelievers, the same way we see in the lives of believers.

Lord, may it cause us to make a closer examination, to take a deeper inventory in our own lives, how You've dealt with us, even our present experiences, even the things that we face, even the things that make us question, even the things, Lord, we probe at, I pray, dear God, that we will know if we can lift our eyes to Heaven and sincerely bow our knees and begin to pray and plead Your grace and mercy and repent and be willing to turn around. Surely, dear God, You Who said, "Leave the stump of the root. Leave the chain and a band of iron in the tender grass" because You meant to do a work of restoration at the end of those seven years.

For some of us, it might not be seven years but it could be seven months or seven weeks or seven days. But dear God, may we recognize every thought we think, every word that we speak, every action that we manifest, Lord, is being recorded in Heaven. It is either pleasing or displeasing in Your sight. And how, Lord Jesus, knowing these things, that whatsoever a man sows that shall he also reap. He says, "Be not deceived, God is not mocked." Many times we take things for granted and become complacent. Many times we become self-secured, only to find ourselves coming crashing down to the ground, sliding back down into the pit and unless You'll reach down Your hands for us, we cannot come out, Lord. Unless we don't lift our eyes to the Rock that is higher than I and cry out for grace and mercy and humble ourselves and confess our sins and turn our

face back unto You, God, we would not receive a pardon.

But tonight as we sit in Your presence, there are those who need deliverance, healing, restoration, salvation, understanding; whatever it might be, Father, You the God of all grace and peace, the God who understands, the God who knows all that we go through, You know all about our struggles, may this great realization dawn upon us and have such a distinctive impression upon us, such influence upon us, Lord, that we would not be the same having this realization that would cause us to walk soft, would cause us to humble ourselves, would cause us to strive to do that which is right, always.

Give us the right spirit, the right motive, the right objectives. Give us the right heart, dear God, for You could take away even the stony heart that we may have and give us a heart like a beast and bring us into a worst condition if it so pleases You, and though Your greatest desire is to wash us in Your blood, to cleanse us from all sins and then to come and live in us by Your Holy Spirit, that is Your greatest desire; that we might open our hearts and invite You in.

Oh God, when we see the world and the kingdoms of this world all coming to this great climaxing time and we see the Ministry of this Rock, the unfolding of this Ministry, how it is capping off the Church, how the nations are crumbling and the power of the Word of God becomes stronger within the believers. We see this world falling apart and another Kingdom being ushered in right in this interval, Lord, when You are gathering Your Elect to take us away from the face of this earth. This great Message showing us how to prepare for Rapturing Grace, right in this great time of transition one more time; when this fourth kingdom; this kingdom, Lord God, that is passing away and the Kingdom of the God of Heaven is being ushered in and we see the events in this transition time and we look at them, Lord, same as

Daniel in his day looked at the transition, Lord, of that kingdom of the head of gold to the new kingdom. He was seeing an inferior kingdom coming in but we are not seeing an inferior kingdom coming in; we are seeing the Kingdom of the God of Heaven coming in.

Oh God, Daniel's eyes beheld the Medes and the Persians coming in but we are beholding You, Your Kingdom coming in, Lord. Oh, what a Day we are living in. What a joy ought to strike our souls. We are not just going out of Babylon to go back to earthly Jerusalem, Lord, but we are leaving this Mystery Babylon to go to Heavenly Jerusalem, oh God; to know that these deep secret things are being revealed, the handwriting on the wall that we can get ready to go out to a greater Kingdom, a Supernatural Kingdom.

How we thank You, Father, to see these things in this day that we are living in. May this become so real in every heart. When we see even the unbelievers, the learned of this world, the wise of this world whose understanding You will bring to naught—even acknowledged that there is a new order—an ordered world, oh God, where the rich are going to rule and the poor are going to have to suffer and have go along, it makes them tremble, Lord. But dear God, we see beyond this horizon something so far greater, where It says, "In My Father's Kingdom—in My Father's house are many mansions, I go to prepare a place for you."

Father, these things mean so much more to us in this Hour that we cannot help but with great anticipation, look forward to this day when we leave this earth. As the song says; *seems like lately I've got leaving on my mind*. Yes Lord, our eyes are fixed on the Eastern skies. The signs are everywhere and there is a brand new feeling in the air. Just any day now You will come. We want to be ready, Father.

If there is one tonight unprepared, if there is one tonight without hope, if there is one tonight caught deep down in the world and don't know how to get out; crying

out, reaching out for help, I pray that Thy grace and mercy that is present and flowing out of that Fountain right here in the midst of us, oh God, come by here Lord, come by here. Someone is praying, Lord; come by here, oh Lord, come by here. Grant it, Jesus. Touch them tonight, Father. Let them receive a touch from You. Let them know that these Things are not fables but it's Your revealed Truth. Just like Daniel spoke that truth right there, a voice spoke, proclaiming the Intelligence of God, the will of God, the plan of God to those people, so hear this final Voice to the final Age saying, "Come. He that is athirst, let him come. Let him come and drink from the waters of Life freely."

Oh God, let them not miss that tonight. If there is one that is needy of those things and missing it, Lord, not seeming to understand it, let Your grace and Your mercy get down, Lord, into their hearts, cause them to come to Thy River, oh Lord, cause them to drink, oh God. May You grant it in the Name of Jesus Christ.

As we leave this place to go to our homes, I pray that You provide transportation tonight, we were a little long, it was unusual than what we intended it to be but we believe You would provide, Father, everyone will get home on time. You said to ask and it shall be given. We ask for that tonight, Lord. May Your grace continue with us. May Your peace abide in our hearts. May Your Presence go with us. We thank You for Your blessings. May we have that peace that passeth all understanding. May we relax, Lord, not all tense and nervous and flustered but be able to relax, this relaxing time that Your Prophet spoke about where we have blessed assurance to know that You rule, You still rule in our lives, in our midst, in our homes, in our nation, in this world. Blessed be the Name of the Lord. All honor and glory be unto You. We thank You, Father. Amen.

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