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Christ is revealing Himself unto me,

He opened mine eyes...

... opened mine eyes and now I can see,

His Word is becoming a reality
in this Day, this glorious Day.

Hallelujah. Let us just bow our heads in prayer. What great a blessing we can receive, to know that His Word is becoming a reality. There is no prevailing power as the revelation of the Word. What a stimulation it ought to produce when it begins to be made real on the inside.

After the Word was made real to Moses, he became anointed; he stood in the Presence of that burning bush and he spoke to Something that could speak back to him, Something that he had been taught all down through those years and even had attempted to try and bring it to pass, but in the Presence of that Pillar of Fire, it became so real. There never was a day like that day for him.

So it is here for us in this Hour. We see the modern events being made clear, the vindicated prophecy spoken by a vindicated Prophet, making the things that we see take on a greater meaning as we look at them through the eyes of the anointed Word for this Hour.

Father, we bow our hearts in Your great Presence, in gratitude and thanksgiving for the Light that You have sent, dear God. Thinking of the words of the great

apostle Peter, he said, "We do take earnest heed as to the Light that shineth in a dark place," speaking of a more sure Word of prophecy until the Day dawns and the Daystar arises in our hearts.

They were so thankful, Lord, for that great Light that came in the form of the revelation of the Son of Man. For it is written that the Light shone in darkness but the darkness comprehended It not. But even as John said, "We walk in the light as He is in the Light, and the Blood of His Son cleanseth us from all sin and we have fellowship one with the other. This is that which was from the beginning, which we have seen and heard, and look upon, and handle, of the Word of Life." What great value they had put upon that Light that came to them in the form of the Lord Jesus.

Dear God, we are living in the darkest of all Ages. That Light has been promised to come back. That same Son of Man was promised to be revealed again. Dear God, You have sent that Word and You have anointed It; You have confirmed It. It is no longer a prophetic Word but a more sure Word of prophecy. We thank You for It, Lord, to know as we walk in this great Light, we would not have to stumble in the dark, but the Light has come to show us where we are going. Even as the words have been penned: In Bridal steps along the way we are treading; the revealed Word has shown us our placing. A Super Race we are. We thank You for it.

We pray today, as that Light keeps shining, It could shine deep down in our hearts, Lord, to give the Light of the knowledge of the Glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ; the Light of this great, glorious Gospel. May It be a Treasure in every heart. Paul said, "We have this Treasure in earthen vessels," the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ that You have given unto us, treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

But Lord, while the whole world is groping in darkness, being deceived, You said to rise and shine

Your Light is come, for the Glory of the Lord is risen upon you and it shall be seen upon you, but gross darkness is upon the earth and upon its peoples. And so, Lord God, the whole world is being given a strong delusion to believe the lie. Those unclean spirits came out of the mouth of that false prophet, deceiving them, Lord.

And we thank You for those Seven Thunders that came from the mouth of a true Prophet, (hallelujah,) Lord, to take away all amnesia, to take away all darkness, to make us know as we were known. He said, "In that Day you will know, as I was in the Father and the Father in Me, so I in you and you in Me."

May these things, Lord, be made so real in our hearts that it will produce such a Rapturing Faith, cause a Rapturing Grace to fill every heart, to know dear God, that we are not children of the night, we are not children of darkness but we are children of Light. May we redeem the time. May we capitalize upon the opportunities that You have given unto us, for it becometh unto us to fulfill all righteousness. This Lord should be our meat – to do the will of Him that sent us and to finish His great work.

May as Your Holy Spirit will deal with us today, sitting in Your Presence, Father, may we come to know without uncertainty, that it is You in us, Lord, fulfilling Your Own Word that You left for this time. Bless each and every one. Draw us into this great fellowship, the fellowship of this great Mystery, Lord, that each and every one can be partakers of this Heavenly blessing.

If there be strangers and visitors within our gates, Lord, and that ecclesiastical veil might still be upon some, the darkness of this world, dear God, may the Light shine into their hearts that they can see Jesus and His program; they can see these great things, dear God, that Light is now shining upon. Because Your Word said, "I, Jesus, have sent Mine Angel to testify of

these things in the churches. Seal not up these things because the time is at hand. The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' Let him that is athirst, come." Oh God, may they come and drink freely of the River of the Water of Life today, in this dry and thirsty land, Father. Grant it, we ask.

We commit ourselves and this service into Your hands. May, just by the hearing of the Word, that faith will rise in the hearts of Your children, it can bring those that are in need, Father, to that spot, whether it is the sick, the afflicted, the weary, oh God, whatever needs that there might be in the midst of Your people, bring them to this great Almighty God Who is present, that He might administer to every need, Father, and when we leave this place, we can leave rejoicing, thanking You for this great grace and mercy.

We believe You, Father. We confess this faith in Your great Presence, acknowledging that You are all-sufficient, able to do the exceedingly abundantly above all that we can ask or think. May You get glory, out of the service, unto Your great, mighty Name, for we ask it in Jesus' wonderful and precious Name, and for Your sake, amen.

God richly bless you. I want to welcome everyone into His house. And I certainly appreciate the opportunity to be here in His Presence. I would like to invite your attention, before you have your seats, to the Book of Daniel that we have been reading, and we would like to turn back to Chapter 7. We were taking Chapter 2 and 7, but I'm just taking Chapter 7. Daniel Chapter 7.

I want to remind you that we are having services this coming week, special meetings. We will have no service on Wednesday. No service on Wednesday night. We will have our service on Thursday and right on: Friday; on Saturday, we hope to have prayer for the sick, and Sunday morning and Sunday evening. And on Sunday evening, we will like to have the Lord's Supper.

And the saints from Princes Town and Cedros will be here and I certainly will appreciate all that we can do; try to help out and make it easy in whatever way we can. We are not making any special, special arrangement. We'll leave it to you, as the Lord leads you and moves into your heart. And we can all do it for the glory of God and for the service of God that we might be able to benefit in these days that we are going to come.

Especially, I am looking for the deacons, the trustees, to make an extra effort and to try to be here on time, that service can start on time, and so, knowing we are going to come on consecutive days, we don't run overtime; we can utilize the time as best as we could and all the provision can be necessary for order and to keep everything where the services could be conducted in a very spiritual atmosphere, it will be of great benefit to the church. Amen?

We don't believe... We are not coming for just a great time just to 'exsplashiate' [showing off; bragging -Ed.] ourselves and so on, but we are coming to get into the Presence of God, to hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church at this time to help us. So, may it be a time of prayer and consecration.

We all know in our own individual lives, we could find a place, we can walk a little closer with the Lord. And those things that you might know that you are needy of and lacking, that you can believe God and expect to receive from Him, and we can really find His favor and have His attention, (amen,) over these next few days.

We know a lot is happening and we are trying just to look at some in the Word here, and we trust that God will help us today. Daniel Chapter 7, and we are looking from verse 1:

- ¹ In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters.
- ² Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven...

And we know who the prince of the power of the air is.

... strove upon the great sea.

That was the Mediterranean Sea where those nations are.

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

They didn't all come up together at the same time but they came in succession.

- ⁴ The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till its wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.
 - ⁵ And behold another beast, a second,

As we try to read it, try to catch the details, try to get a picture in your mind, because if God chose to reveal Himself and His Word in that form to Daniel, then it is important. If God had it sealed up here and it holds the Mystery of this earth, it is important. And it became part of the Bible, so it is important. Heaven and earth will pass away but the Word will not pass away.

And the ones who benefit, are the ones who want to know what God's Word says. The ones who don't know and remain in ignorance, are the ones who don't pay attention to the Word. So, try to grasp It. Try to get It in your mind. Try to store It. Retain God in your knowledge; He'll make it real to you.

⁵ And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one

side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between its teeth: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

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

And:

⁷ After this [that third beast] I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth...

Notice, first, the other one was like a lion, one was like a bear, one was like a leopard, but for this beast, It didn't give any description of the beast. It just sort of told you, it was exceedingly strong, it was dreadful, it was terrible, because this is a monster. It is not a normal beast that you can find something in nature to compare with. It had iron teeth.

... it devoured and broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

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

Let us drop down to verse 17:

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

¹⁸ But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

- ¹⁹ Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and its nails of brass; which devoured, broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;
- ²⁰ And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than its fellows.
- ²¹ I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;
- ²² Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.
- ²³ Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

We are not living in the days of the first kingdom, we are not living in the days of the second kingdom, we are not living in the days of the third kingdom; we are living in the days of the fourth kingdom. So there is something about this kingdom that is in the earth now, (it has been in the earth for many years,) that is going to devour the whole earth. It is diverse. It is even going to make war with the saints. He is going to prevail against them. Think of it.

²⁴ And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

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

Notice, it shall be given into his hand. By permission, he is going to have that authority; he will be able to accomplish his purpose.

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

Now, let's go to Revelation Chapter 13. Can you look in the earth today and see that Beast? See what he is doing! See how he is moving to change times and laws and setting up these things; it could wear out the saints. He is devouring the whole earth right now. When you live, does the Word influence you, or when you look in the world, you don't see any Beast? 'Beast' in the Bible represents 'power'. It is a kingdom.

Revelation 13. This is John now:

¹ And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns...

Now watch Daniel's vision of the Beast and watch John's vision of the Beast here now. John doesn't even mention the first three there but he is looking at this same fourth beast and he is even giving more details in his vision.

... having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

² And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion...

Those were the first three beasts that Daniel saw: a lion, a bear and a leopard that had come up before this fourth beast. And Daniel and John are seeing this fourth beast, it has all the characteristics of the first

three previous beasts. It is like a combination of these beasts, all in one. Because this kingdom broke up the other kingdoms and it was absorbed into this kingdom, so it has all the characteristics of the previous kingdoms in itself.

It means, when you look at the earth, when you look at this power, do you see the characteristics of this power that makes it such an unusual power? Because that is the only way you can identify the power in the earth. If you don't see it, then it means to say you are looking at the world but you are looking at it through human eyes, not through revelation. They were not looking at this like natural men; they were given revelation by the Spirit. And they didn't live in this Age; we are living in this Age. Watch.

³ And I saw one of the heads as though it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

All the world; not some of the world; all the world wondered after this Beast.

⁴ And they worshipped the dragon...

You see, the Dragon had given him his power, his throne and great authority. And he said:

... all the world wondered after the beast.

⁴ And they worshipped the dragon who gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast?

In admiration; in wonder. It is so great. Have you ever heard people go to the States and start to bad talk Trinidad? They bad talk everything that they could bad talk in Trinidad. Why? That 'Beast' up there seems so much more glorious than this 'Beast' down here. It is like this Beast is a 'pot-hound' [A mongrel dog; a dog of indeterminate breed -Ed.] and that is a Rottweiler. Sure. See? And they glorify it. Well so this world in this Age is going to wonder after this Beast. And they start to

compare it: "Who is like it? Boy, this is thing! Isn't that so, boy?" See? But remember, it is because of their blindness, they are admiring it, because they don't know it.

... who is able to make war with him?

You wait until the Ancient of Days when fire begins to proceed out of His mouth.

- ⁵ And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.
- ⁶ And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God...

Now forty and two months is three and a half years. Then earlier in Daniel, he said, "He will think to change laws until a time and times and half a time, which is three and a half years.

- ⁶ And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.
- ⁷ And it was given unto him to make war with the saints...

So first, a mouth was given to him; power is given to him.

... it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them...

All of that is given to him.

- ... and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.
- ⁸ And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him...

Verse 3 tells us, "All the world wondered after him," in verse 8 he is telling us, "All that dwell on the earth shall worship him." Don't listen to the majority. It tells you right here, "Don't listen to the majority." It tells you right here, "They don't know what they are talking about." Gross darkness is upon the earth and all its

peoples, but you, arise and shine, your Light is come. And watch why they worship him now.

...whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

⁹ If any man have an ear [this morning], let him hear.

¹⁰ He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity...

Do you see how his end is going to be? He who captured and took them all and conquered them, he too shall go into captivity. An angel is going to bind him with a chain and put him in that pit.

... he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword.

Revelation 19 said, "A Sword came out of His mouth and He slew them with It." Is that right?

... Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we realize that we are living in the very Hour when these things are all around us, yet dear God, we see people entangled in the affairs of this life, influenced and captivated under the power of this Beast that we are reading about, speaking in glowing terms of admiration, even like the very people of the world – a sign of the deception and the darkness that has overtaken them.

But where the Light has shone, Father, and where the eyes of the understanding have been enlightened, Lord, Your children look up and know that their Redemption draweth nigh, and they cry out, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

I pray today that You will take this Word and put It deep down in our hearts that It will help us in the days to come. Grant it we ask, in Jesus' precious Name, amen.

God bless you. You may have your seats.

You know you read Scriptures like this, and the Book of Revelation, you think about it, it is a Book of prophecies. It was never understood for Seven Church Ages. Why would God give a Book and for two thousand years, it seemed that nobody could understand It? People just cast It aside, yet It was the last Will and Testament of Jesus Christ. He came personally. The Book is termed by many to be 'the Revelation of Saint John', which we know it was not so. The Bible tells us it is the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

And the word 'revelation' comes from the Greek word 'apocalypse' that means, 'the unveiling'. It is an unveiling. It was something that was sealed up in symbols. It was sealed up in the form of revelation. Think of it. Sealed up in the form of mystery; mysterious.

This Beast that is like a leopard, like a lion, like a bear, has iron teeth and brass nails coming out of the sea with seven heads and ten horns and ten crowns upon it, that the whole world is wondering after, what is it? If you look out there in the world for maybe an image like you read here, you wouldn't see it but yet as sure as sure as can be, that power is there with all its characteristics.

And it is going to take the Holy Spirit to reveal it and make it plain that we can look in the earth and see. It says that it is going to deceive the whole world, the whole world will wonder after it even to worship it, even to admire it and adore it. They'll say, "Who is like unto the Beast?" It will seem so powerful in their eyes: "Who is able to make war with it?" That people will pledge their allegiance to the Beast and take their stand with the Beast and be proud of the mark and the name and the number, amen, and all these things.

And yet there will be a people who will stand and have their blood shed, if need be, rather than become part of that system; a people who will feel the oppressing power in the last days, when it is given to them to change times and laws and wear out the saints and make war. And they will wear them out, press them out until they are all pressed out, and when they move in for the kill and that Bride leaps over a wall and jumps over a troop, and they realize that they didn't get them, then it is going to rant and rave, and tear and devour, and begin to kill left and right, everything that is not part of it. Do you believe that? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] Amen.

So, it is a great time. How we ought to be, in this Hour, watching and really being prepared for what is coming, especially when we are told in such forceful, such powerful words that these things are coming.

I want to speak for a little title this morning: "BEHOLDING THE BEAST THAT WAS, AND IS NOT, AND YET IS". BEHOLDING THE BEAST THAT WAS, AND IS NOT, AND YET IS. And I am just continuing on the little series that we started there on, *The Revival Of The Roman Empire*, and showing you that if you are not called out by this Message, you live in the empire; the spirit of the empire is upon you. Amen. You are intoxicated with the wine of fornication in the cup that this empire is serving out to all its subjects; all its delegates.

But we have another Wine, (amen,) a Wine that brings stimulation of revelation. Like David said, "My cup runneth over." He had something too. Amen. God is giving something in this Day. Glory. He kept the best Wine for last. Amen. And there is another wine out there that they are drunken with.

And so, we realize that it is a tremendous time because we are trying to stay under the prophetic utterance of the Word. This Message, this Bible is a Book of prophecy. The Bible is not a history Book. The entire Bible was written for the last days, though It was good for every Age. Yet It was sealed with Seven Seals and Its Message that It contained that was

sealed up, could not be completely uttered until the breaking of those Seals. And those Seals were promised to be broken in this Day, in the days of the Voice of the Seventh Angel, Revelation 10:7, when he, personal pronoun, singular, masculine, one man, shall begin to sound, the Mystery will be finished; in the sounding of a man that God will raise up in the last days – a Prophet. Amen. Hallelujah. Glory

The same God Who told Daniel, "Seal up those things, Daniel, it is for the time of the end," amen, that same God Who was remembering His Word, that same God Who was making provision for His people who will be trapped here in this darkness had not that Prophet come, (amen,) has come back. He knew. He told Daniel, "Seal these things up."

He came back in this Day. And no wonder that Prophet took... He said, "It's like something fell in my hand; I ripped the top off that thing." Amen. "Light never shone on these things, but this is the Hour when these things shall be made known to the Church that we will not be left without understanding, (amen,) the hidden Secret Things of the Bible" – this great Secret that God was going to put in the heart of the Bride. If He didn't do it, the Elect would have been deceived (amen) with the rest of the world. Amen. But the Elect was to receive that revelation in the last days. "My sheep will hear My Voice."

It is a great battle. It is a great contest. It is a great pressure in the earth today. People are running to and fro. The Bible says, "A famine will come, not for bread or water, but also for the hearing of the true Word." That is why you see people who don't know what they believe. They are going to denomination, they live like the world, they struggle, they are confused, their minds are blown; so many voices: "Who is right?" Everybody is contradicting the other person. One Bible; so many interpretations. But in the days of the

Voice of the Seventh Angel, when he shall begin to sound, the Mystery of God shall be finished.

Jesus was promising: "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the Coming of the Son of Man," when God raised up a Prophet, one Man that the Word of God came to, that called a people out and separated them. And God had prepared a place of safety. Everyone outside that place of safety died under the fierce, angry—the wrath of an angry God. Is that right? Glory.

Like in the days of Egypt when God raised up a prophet, Moses, everyone who was outside that place of safety died under the fierce judgment of God, but those who were under the blood, amen: "When I see the Blood, I will pass over you."

Like in the days of Abraham, when God came down and He was going to burn that world with fire, those Gentile cities there, a type of the Gentile world today, at the end of the Gentile dispensation, (glory,) when the Gospel is getting ready to go back to Israel, watch this great God, watch this awesome God, (hallelujah,) come down among His people to make His Word plain.

Oh, how the Church in this Hour ought to wake up and recognize their day of visitation, recognize God en morphe, amen; God in His people. Let us see God, (hallelujah,) the Voice of many waters sounding out in judgment, crying out to save the people that are going down to the cataracts, [a great volume of water going over a precipice – Ed.], amen, calling them.

When the Ancient of Days, that white-wigged One, when He comes in the last days to judge the quick and the dead, when the whole world is falling apart, (amen,) when the whole world is being pressured into the mark of the Beast, into the organizational system, (amen,) into the World Council of churches, when church and State is coming together again, an elected group of people, (amen, brother,) is to receive their eyes anointed.

He said, "Come and buy of Me, Eyesalve, that you will see. I will show you this Beast." Amen. "Your eyes will be so anointed, you will see this Beast that is like a leopard; you will see this Beast that is like a bear and a lion (amen) with iron teeth." Amen. "You will see it. No matter if it is deceiving the whole world and the darkness covers them, but the Light will come to take you out." Amen. "You will follow that Light out of the darkness. You will not be confused." Amen. Hallelujah.

That was promised. That is not to come; that has come. There is a people, amen, a great gathering time. Amen. Wait until those Seven Thunders utter Its voices, It will gather the Bride together. The same way God rushed Israel from all nations... While the nations are going on building their nations, getting their nations bigger, getting their nations stronger, those Jews, something was moving upon them. Those Jews were heading back. Amen.

Brother, while those organizations are getting stronger and stronger, there is an elected people who denomi-nations, (hallelujah,) inside those were something was telling them, "I can't stay here; this is the walls of Babylon. Something is wrong. I need to go back to the apostolic faith. I want to go back to the old-time religion. I want to go back to reality - the heart-felt Gospel": the kind that will make you stop your lying, the kind that will save you when you are dving; the kind that will start the Devil flying." Amen. "I don't want this modern Hollywood gospel, I don't want this modern church, amen; I want the reality that lets me know that I am saved." Amen. Not "trying to be saved" and "hope I am saved," and "I don't know yet" and leave me confused; "that lets me see my name in the Book; to know that I am part of the Word for this Age." Glory be to God. It is happening; taking place.

The same way He rushed Israel back in their homeland, almost two thousand years out of that land,

the same way those Seven Seals opened up to pull a Bride out of organization. At one time there was nobody, but there stood a Prophet blasting Seven Seals, (amen, hallelujah,) a Message going forth, a man, fearless, thundering out, and then all of a sudden, they began to wake up like when Jesus stood in that cemetery that day and said, "Lazarus, come forth!" Brother, if He had said, "Come forth," every dead would have come forth, but He only wanted Lazarus. He said, "Lazarus." He began to call the name of the one who was to come out of that tomb and come there in His Presence. Hallelujah.

And that is why you are here. That is why you don't have the Baptist robe and the Methodist robe and the Pentecostal robe, the old Jehovah's Witnesses robe and Catholic robe anymore. God took those graveclothes off of you. Amen. Hallelujah. He gave you a White Robe of His revealed Truth of the baptism of the Holy Ghost (glory) to get you ready to go out. Amen.

It is a great time. You know, now it's a time of judgment, friends. People look at it every day. They stare it in the face, but the blindness is so strong, they don't know what it is. And their senses are so dull, they don't even prepare when they see the judgment.

You know, right now—since a couple of years ago, meteorologists, weather prophets, began to see how the weather patterns have changed. All the great ecologists, pooling in their resources and their information, begin to come up with reasons why all this has changed. Places that had nice, calm winds, serene winds, refreshing breezes, now have devastating tornadoes. See? All kinds of strange weather are coming.

Like we heard recently here, (I was away when it happened but I was told it when I came back,) they even had some hailstones falling, amen; being reported right here in this Island, a tropical place.

Everything is changing. Why? Because that Sixth Seal: the Tribulation, the judgments, the great international signs that those prophets will do, pertains to nature; pertains to nature; pertains to the environment, when the sun refuses to shine, when the stars will fall from heaven, when the water will turn to blood, amen; when He will shut the heavens and it will not rain and these things. Signs of nature. That is the Sixth Seal. That is the judgment Seal. That is the wrath of God belching forth. Amen.

And here it is in the making. It is already in the making. The whole thing has eroded to such a place where the only thing to save the planet is the Coming of Jesus Christ. And they begin to put all through the Caribbean here, things in place; systems in place. For years they never had any relief program. If an earthquake hits this place, they have nothing to help anybody. If a hurricane hits this place, they don't have one thing in place to help anybody. It was so undeveloped, even according to civilized standards, to evacuate people, take them to relief places, be able to feed them, clothe them, whatever; know how to teach them about the type of weather patterns that have changed in the region.

And they said that all the insurance places, you know, they began to get so fearful; it got so fragile. Because the insurance got higher now, once you live in a zone, brother, where it could have this type of catastrophe. Why? Because we are in the hurricane belt. We are in the hurricane region.

Like when they had, I think it was Gilbert [Hurricane Gilbert - September 12, 1988 -Ed.], some years ago, one day in Jamaica, put the country back ten years. The damage was ten billion dollars – one day. For this year they had about three for the season already: Fran and Hortense and some other one [Bertha and Cesar -Ed.], and the type of devastation. I think it was Fran, they said that the damage was about two-point-something billion

dollars, and that was a small one. This other one was still fierce.

And so, these people track these things. They try to see where it originates. They try to see where it begins to develop its strength. They try to see the channels; they track it by satellite. They have an 'eye' up in the sky. They photograph it and you see the eye of the storm. And that eye of the storm is really the demon himself that is being photographed there; the supernatural power.

Like when Satan got in the winds and wanted to destroy the disciples, and the Creator of the winds stood and said, "Peace, be still." He talked to the water and the wind like they were little puppies; two little dogs He had out there on His front porch that were not behaving. And He stood up and said there, "Behave yourselves, boys. Lay down quietly here. I am trying to rest inside of here." Amen. And all the winds and the waves ceased. And they marveled: "How is it that they obeyed Him like that?" He was the Master of the sea. He was the Master of the waves. Hallelujah.

But it was peaceful before and the Devil got into it. And you watch a man... When the Devil wasn't in the winds that time but the Devil was in Legion, a son of God, he was tearing up everything; bursting up everything. They threw him out of the city, they tied him with chains; had him in the seminary. See? Cemetery – that is the same thing. [Bro. Vin and congregation laugh –Ed.] Amen. And then, he went out there and you know what was happening, what was taking place, brother, the people were afraid of this man.

And from the time His Master came, He saw the boy, oh my, all torn up, in a neurotic condition, obscene language coming out of the mouth, lust in the eyes, all kinds of evil thoughts in the head; all kinds of passion in the flesh. You talk about demon power! Do you feel that way sometimes? Amen. You need... [Blank spot on the tape -Ed.]

...they suddenly took off when they saw Jesus coming. He said, "I am not coming." He said, "No." He said, "Where is my Master? I am going up in His Presence." Amen. Brother, he came in the Presence of the Lord. Hallelujah. No matter if the Devil was trying to hold him back, he bulldozed his way; he fell down there. Amen. Brother, those devils started to scream, "Jesus, Thou holy One, You've come to torment us before time." See? Whether it is in the wind or it is in a man, whether it is in water, when He comes, the tempter's power is broken. Hallelujah! Amen.

Believe Him, this morning. Glory. He still does the same. He can take that neurotic condition and bring a peace that passeth all understanding. He can bring all of that worry and all the things that are producing the worry, all the storms in your life, all the troubled waters in your soul, (amen,) brother, all the catastrophe you are seeing all round about you, just call Him on the scene this morning, and watch and see if He is not the same. Amen.

He just loves a challenge. He just loves to prove to His children that He can master all circumstances; that the God that they serve is the true God. Amen. Glory.

So, they monitor the activities of these storms through the sky and they follow them and then they begin to bring the bulletins telling you, "A storm is coming, a powerful storm." And they begin to track it and tell you the route it is coming, places most likely to be hit; after it covers so many miles, how the power is being intensified and it is becoming more and more fearsome with the kind of destruction it will leave in its path to places where it passes through, what will happen to those people. Amen. And that is what the weather prophets do – the weathermen.

Have you ever seen them with their big charts? And they will tell you the news over here is so and so, and they will tell you about here. Long ago, they used to give you local weather, now they are giving you global weather patterns. They say, "And the whole weather system..." They say, "Expect this down here."

And why was that important? Because sometimes those big steamers, they wanted to go out to sea. They better not leave that port; keep their anchors anchored inside of there; brother, find a harbor and bed down inside of there. Amen. All those planes that want to fly to certain places, they better keep at a certain altitude before they get into currents that they can't handle. Are you getting me?

I am not out there in that next world, you know; I am talking about you flying your flight path. Amen. Hallelujah. The kind of weather patterns that want to bring you down sometimes, amen; all those storms that want to destroy your life sometimes. You have to know your flight route in the Word: how to fly, what area to stay out of; now is not a good time for pleasure; now is not a good time for this. It is not a time for olive yards and money and raiment. It is not a time for that. No, sir! Watch your flight path where you are going. Hallelujah. That is the way it is. Do you believe that? That is the way it is.

So they watch this. I am using this as a little natural type for Daniel. I am trying to show you a picture here. That storm is a power. That hurricane is a power. But that power has an intent. That power has destruction in itself. That power is not coming to bring a blessing, it is coming to bring destruction. See? And that power, before it arrives to you, it is being zeroed in by a weather prophet. That satellite, way up in heavenly places, is designed to find those storms, is designed to uncover the route and their intent; is designed to expose their intent, amen; is designed to tell you everything you need to know about them so you can prepare and be safe.

Well, we had one in this day that preached *The Oncoming Storms Of Judgment*. [1960-0229 -Ed.] Hallelujah.

And he told us about how you need to be warned before those storms come because when it comes and it finds you unprepared, how many lives are lost through lack of preparation after they have been warned. Is that right? Glory.

Did Jesus talk about the wise man who dug deep until he found a rock? Did he talk about a man who built his house on the rock? Did He talk about a man who built his house on the sand too? And then He told us about the storms that were coming. And when the storms came, the man who built his house on sand, he lost everything. Why? He felt secure all the time going along, until that storm came.

Then you realize, you don't ever build like that and expect to stand that storm. And don't think, "Well, no man, down here doesn't have those kinds of storms. I read some books." Yeah, outdated books. That might have been so in Columbus' time when they hadn't destroyed the ozone layer as yet, when the greenhouse effect didn't start yet; when it didn't have this kind of civilization here on the earth where they cleared out the forests and everything else. Is that right? Sure.

So, sometimes people have a lot of outdated information: "Oh yeah, I remember I was reading a book the other day about Luther and Luther said so." Yeah, about four or five hundred years ago, that might have been good for Luther's time but not now. That was the horse and buggy's time; this is Astronauts time. Amen. Hallelujah. You need to fly a little higher than that. Glory.

So, they track these storms, like the Word tracks the storms that come many times. God sees it. Like in the Book of Revelation, He said, "Now there is a Red Horse that is going to ride; you better be ready. I am going to send some preparations. I am going to raise up a Messenger. I am going to raise up a man to release an anointing of the Ox to deal with that pressure when it comes."

Let me tell you, God sees the flight path that you have right now. God sees the kind of storms that are going to come. Amen. And because God sees that, He sends preparation because there is an angelic Being, a Heavenly Being, amen, that All-seeing Eye that tracks every move of the Devil; that drops it down (amen) to the 'weather' Prophet on the earth, that he looks out there and sees, on the horizon, the type of damage that this thing might do if people are not prepared. There were certain types of preparations needed.

The Bible says, this Beast, this power that is coming, it is going to come through certain channels. It will change laws, it will change times; it will rule kings. Is that right? It will destroy other powers. What is it doing? Strengthening itself. Establishing his kingdom first; putting himself in a strong position where he can control the economy, (is that right?) where he can control the armies so he could make the people feel they have peace.

Then, he wants to make them feel they have peace, because he has the armies in his hand. The kings of the earth have given their strength and their power to him. He can start a war and stop a war. People who want to play hard and bad, do you know what they do? They start a war in your place, and all that you built up is about to fall down flat in two days' time, devastated under war. And when people start to see that, they say, "Oh gosh, I will humble myself. I beg pardon." They get in line.

You see, when people get this false dream that Satan blows their mind with, this denominational dream: "Oh, I am going to have a great time. I tell you, you know, I'm heading for a better time." In this world? No, sir! The Prophet already said it is falling apart. Who is right, you or the Prophet? Amen. Let me stay with the Prophet. He was vindicated. He fulfilled the Bible. And any prophet that comes after him and

doesn't say the same thing, he said, "He is a false prophet." Amen. See?

And that is why here in the Bible, you watch and see. These weather prophets monitor the progress of the storm, and then they warn the people and they say, "Okay, this hurricane is going to hit here by maybe Tuesday afternoon. It has so many miles to cover. It is coming with such a velocity and the force of it is so much. And then the route it is coming, expect your North coast, the whole thing can get devastated. Evacuate the people from there. Put them down in Central or down in the South. Move them away from there." See?

Why? They get on their big chart and they watch the course of it and they put the warning in certain places. Why? They watch it. Well, here it is, friends... Do you know why they watch that? They know the kind of destruction it could bring. You don't have to wait there to prove it could bring destruction, you know. Just the destruction it is leaving in the path coming! Just the power and the momentum and the speed that is building up, tells you it is coming. See? And when they look and they see that coming, then they have an alert going out: "Put all the emergency units on standby. Make sure everything is in place: hospitals, everything, because we are going to have some real damage here." See?

Now, if that is so in the natural, the natural storm, and people have to make natural preparations for when that storm comes, and they have to get the type of things that will help them survive the type of crisis that is expected... Is that right? If you see people—a man says, "Here, boy, here is a flashlight; take some candles, take some dry food, you know, cereals and so on that could last you for days without spoiling," and the man says, "I don't want that, man; I don't need that," you realize, he doesn't understand what is

coming. He hasn't even begun to get a vision, an insight, as to the type of thing that is coming.

So, those weather prophets could foretell the thing for a particular destination, after they have discovered it at another destination and know the path it is coming and when it is going to arrive at that destination.

What started as an antichrist spirit in the first Church Age, It tells us, in the last days it is going to be a Beast, you know. It is going to be a false prophet for a while; it is going to be crowned. After it will go forth conquering and to conquer, it will be given a red horse – a sword. It will be able to take peace from the earth by the time it reaches that stage. Over here, it will unite all the powers and control the whole world by the time it comes here. It will become that strong. Do you understand what I am saying?

The prophetic Word was unfolding the thing that you can know your Age. That is why it is good to know your Age. If the thing is still in the Dark Ages, "I am seeing the Red Horse down there boy. It will be down here about the next four hundred years. Praise the Lord. I will tell my son to tell his grandson to store up some things. My son and I can live happily." No, no, no, it is not so. The thing is upon us. It is all around us. We are in the midst of it. And here we are in the midst of it and we are looking at it. And the power and the influence of the thing is so strong that you see the world...

Look at the Soviet Union, that after about forty years after the war there, they stood there with such a might, brother, they had the whole world trembling with that kind of nuclear arsenal that they had up there. And in a couple of weeks and months, brother, that whole Berlin Wall came crumbling down. All those places mashed up and went out in different places. See?

Can you understand that kind of power; that kind of upheaval? You see a small earthquake on the Richter scale burst up some big bridges, throw down some skyscrapers and different things, and you see the kind of power, earthquake power. When you see economic power unleashed, political power unleashed in the world, when you see business power unleashed in the world and takeovers and a society begin to change and a new world begins to emerge right before your eyes, that is what is happening in the natural when you see volcanoes explode and mountain pushing up out of the sea before your eyes like that, and the landscape is changing, you see the horizon changing; the scenario changing. Let me tell you, when you are sensitive...

Somebody says, "Did you feel the earthquake, boy?" You say, "I didn't feel a thing."

This time your house is shaking, you know, but you are telling the children, "You all, stop jumping on the bed inside there." See? Your whole interpretation is that somebody is jumping on the bed inside. You don't know it is a big earthquake. Another man could show you that you are on the fault line. He said, "The reason that the activity was so much stronger here, is because it runs this way." You see?

And that is what happens – the world changes around people, and because they can't interpret what happened around them, it doesn't do anything to them. They don't feel it. They don't see it. See? And then what you are seeing, you are wondering in amazement.

Look at how people could be under this Message all these years. I mean, forget denominational people; they are already gone; blind as a bat. They don't even know what they are looking for. And then under the Word you are seeing: "Look at the Word that came, called people out of these systems to get them ready, opened up the Seven Seals in the Bible, showed to them the hidden things that God told Daniel and them

to seal up that is going to come to pass in the End Time, and then here these things are coming to pass and they stare at it and they themselves are wondering in amazement, 'No, that can't be that."

Do you know why? Because if that is that, then where is your success, and your glory, and your ambition, and your plans, and your future, and your career going? And then people start to realize how much their career and their ambition and their future means to them if it is not a Word future.

This is the time when 'Moses' chooses the way with the Lord's despised few. This is the time when 'Moses' has to look so and say, "That position, boy, and this here? Huh!" "Because you have chosen the harder way; because you have made this momentous..." This is the time when men are being anointed to make momentous decisions, decisions that will make life, maybe, seemingly harder for them but bring them into a walk with God that they never had before; bring them into a place and under the influence of God that they never knew before. All that time is just military and education and different things, and antics and everything else, but when you come in there with God, it's spiritual power to speak things into existence – a huge portion of Heaven. Think of it, friends.

They monitor the progress, and when they monitor the progress, ever so often because of the priority of the emergency...

A man says, "Well, I had my calypso show. We are going to have David Rudder [local entertainer -Ed.] for an hour this evening."

Man says, "You can't have that. We have to inform people where the relief centers are. Where so and so is happening, we have to shut that down."

Man says, "I thought they were coming over for the match. They have a good match."

He says, "We have to shut off that match. We have to keep people abreast of what is happening here. This has to take priority."

See? Why? Because of the progress this storm is making.

Now when Paul saw the storm start up, he said, "The mystery of iniquity doth already work." He said, "After my departure, watch how the thing will let loose." He said, "Because I am in the earth right now, it is bound up there. Because I have been taken to the Third Heaven, I saw things not even lawful to speak. I've got no words. God sealed It up in the Bible, (see?) but I have it measured; it can't move. As long as I am around, I have it checked." See? He said, "But the day I move from here, it will be let loose. It will devastate the whole thing." See? He knew it was in the earth. They understood that as long as that angel was there with that drawn Sword, that silver Sword, no man dared rise against that thing. See?

And that is why you watch and you see spiritual things. Daniel and them were watching that power, watching that Beast. Paul knew, he said, "I want to go to Rome." He wanted to get out there. Why? He wanted to see the church that was rising up there in the heart of that thing. There was a little group of people standing there in the midst of what they were calling 'the eternal city' with a man who they were calling God – Pontiff Maximus sitting down there. He had the whole world under his control. Like people want to go and see, maybe, meet this next man in the White House (see?) Clinton. [Bill Clinton - 42nd U.S. President -Ed.] See? And you watch and see, friends.

You don't underestimate what is happening. Don't underestimate things. When you see it in the Word, it is so exciting, it is so real; it is so alive. When you break into the Spirit of revelation, this Message was never more alive than it is right now. If you find, "Well, I don't know what is going on in my life." No, no, no.

This Message is more alive than it has ever been. This Bride is getting more desperate than She has ever gotten before, because now She is seeing it clearer and clearer and clearer as the day advances. Because as the thing matures, it is showing itself; it can't hide itself anymore. See? Its characteristics are being made plain. And that is the difference.

So, we have to understand what it is we are looking at. This Beast here in the Scripture, Daniel saw it. Now God had a purpose for revealing these things to Daniel and them. God was forewarning, God was foretelling the thing before it happened. God was putting in the Word, the revelation that was going to save the Church in their Hour. They will know these things are to be; expect these things in a certain day. And when it begins to take form and shape, God is going to have messengers there to identify that thing.

Think of all those reformers, like Luther – protested the Catholic church, believing that was that Beast he was reading about in the Bible. Think of Wesley and them – blasted that thing, believing that was the thing they saw in the Bible. Yet they were not the messengers to reveal it. It was one of those angels who revealed the great harlot, who revealed the Future Home, who they bowed down to worship; one who was a Prophet, not a reformer, who was going to reveal that mystery, so John wouldn't wonder anymore who this Beast was.

Let us read Revelation 17 and 18. Let us read some Scriptures quickly; just focus back to our base here. I want to say the storm is coming with such power that everything in its path will be devastated. And I am saying, you better monitor the progress of your preparation as you are receiving an understanding of the progress of that storm, and the path and the channel through which it is coming, and the momentum that it is gaining. Because when that storm hits and you are not prepared, friend, that's it.

Remember the Message was sent for, what? Preparation. That was why the Message was sent quite in 1963. God gave us over thirty years to know it was coming. Many people are waiting until they now see it coming and then they are still not sure it is coming yet, and it is all around them, the effects of it. But God, in His grace, gave the Church a space of time knowing at what time it is going to fully hit.

Revelation 17, verse 1:

¹ And there came one of the seven angels who had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come here; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore...

Do you notice who is revealing this? One of those angels who had the Seven Vials. He is revealing it to John. Not some system, not some group of men somewhere; it was given to one man.

- ... I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:
- ² With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

Do you see how she drunken them before they begin to worship her? That was the plan. The whole plan was to get them drunk first. And to get them drunk, she had to mingle the wine in her cup. And she has to get them to come to her feast and serve them that wine to get them drunk; then they start to wonder after her; then they start to worship this thing. Because they are drunk now. They are in a drunken stupor, (see?) all the inhabitants of the earth.

³ So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

Here we come back to this Beast again.

⁴ And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour...

As I told you, that is the official colors of the Vatican – purple and scarlet, which is red.

...and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls...

When you read Revelation 18, she deals in all these things.

...having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

⁵ And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT...

Not 'Babylon the great', but this one is 'mystery'. The original Babylon fell long, long ago; that was the head of gold. But this one is a Babylon too, but it is called 'mystery Babylon', because something of the first one, the head of gold, is still here in this one.

... THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS...

And that means she has daughters, because harlots are prostitutes. She is the great whore; her daughters are harlots. Because you can't be a mother unless you have children.

... AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

⁶ And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus...

This woman killed a lot of people, yet she has global influence, yet she is admired and respected; yet all the kings of the earth, all these leaders of the nations, esteem her so high because they have no esteem for the Church. So, she could be drunk with it. They don't mind, once they get her money. Once they live in her power, they don't mind. See?

So, look. He said:

... and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

With great wonder.

⁷ And the angel said unto me, Why didst thou wonder? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast...

Now watch this: all the inhabitants of the earth are drunken with this wine. He is wondering at her influence. The Angel doesn't tell it to the whole earth, you know, he told it to him. He says, "I will tell it to you."

... I will tell you the mystery of this woman, and of the beast that carried her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

⁸ The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition [which is Hell]: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder...

Now we've come back to this again. "They that dwell on the earth shall," what? "Wonder." Do you mean they have no revelation? They are guessing. They are hoping, "Maybe it could be that" or "It could be this." They are not certain. "It could be good but you are not sure. You can't criticize, you know. You better be careful." See? They are wondering. But the thing was being revealed. He was telling him, he said:

... behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

How could it be, was, is not, but yet is? The clothes have changed. The 'outward' that people identify it by, has changed. We will get to it. The Beast had a deadly wound but it was healed and the world wondered after it. Let us go on a little further.

⁹ And here is the mind which hath wisdom [now].

Not education; the first gift of the Spirit: 1st Corinthians 12 – wisdom.

... The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

¹⁰ And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is...

That is why John was getting trouble with this on the Isle of Patmos.

> ... and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

> ¹¹ And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth...

Now we are getting something here. It was, is not, but yet is. And now he was telling him, he said: When this one comes:

... the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth...

In other words, it is going to continue on.

... and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

¹² And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings...

We got all of that in Daniel already.

... who have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

¹³ These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

See? Like I said just now, all those armies like Hitler [Adolf Hitler -Ed.], Mussolini [Benito Mussolini -Ed.] and all of them back in that time, had given their strength and power to the Beast, and the Beast was able to work her will and her scheme among the nations by using the influence and the power, and the armies, and the governments of these dictators.

So, while they were not seeing her and they were seeing those men acting... Like with Ahab, she signed things in Ahab's name, sealed them with Ahab's seal but it was that woman, Jezebel, who was behind the throne. She was the one manipulating things. She was the one pulling the strings. See?

Now watch. Drop down to verse 18 to save a little time here. I want to get that to bring my point.

¹⁸ And the woman whom thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

This woman is sitting on seven mountains, this one that the whole world is wondering after, who has drunken the whole earth; who the kings give their strength and power to.

Geographically, there are only two cities in the entire world that are seated on seven hills: one is Cincinnati in Ohio, and the other one is Rome in Italy. But Cincinnati in Ohio has nothing to do with the martyrdom of Jesus. That is in America and America is just about two hundred and twenty years old after Columbus and them arrived there and met the 'Red Indians' and them there.

Well, watch something. But Rome was the one who persecuted and killed, according to Foxe's Book of Martyrs, over sixty-eight million Christians in the Dark Ages, and was the one that Jesus died under as well, suffering capital punishment. Is that right?

So, in this woman was found that, and then she is the one... Because right there in Rome, you have the Vatican which is a nation in a nation. She has her own ambassadors that she sends to nations around the world, and she receives ambassadors from other nations around the world in that very city. And right inside of there, they have all the unity and everything else, where he is reigning with a triple crown saying he is there instead of the Son of God – the Pope.

Now watch. Now sometimes it is good to know some history and sometimes it is good to know some social studies when you do these things because people don't realize how big the Roman Catholic church is. There are over one billion people in the planet. Almost one-fifth of the world's population is Catholic.

In every archdiocese that they have, you take every Catholic church, which runs into millions on the earth, (I am talking about buildings and lands,) and then you start to see the kind of wealth of these people. Then you see, apart from so many people, how much property she owns too.

And the thing is, in that office, the man is considered to be infallible and whatever he says, that is God's word, whether he speaks against the Word of God or not. They don't care what the man says: "The church is right. God gave the church there to interpret what God says. So, we have to take what the church says," even above the Word of God. And that is part of what they have established.

Now look. Sometimes people, you know, in their own little world, they figure, "Well, I am not deceived." And I was making some statements last week: Revelation 17 deals with the Roman Catholic church; Revelation 18 deals not so much with the Catholic church as a religious institution but deals with the Catholic church as an economic power. And I was saying, some people, you will never get deceived by Revelation 17, but hook line and sinker, you will support Revelation 18. Do you know why? It is the same man with a turned back collar, who comes back out with a three-piece business suit talking to you. But you find it easier to get along with the man wearing the business suit than the gown and the turned back collar.

Now watch. Because man judges after the outward appearance. And the reason the world is being deceived by the Beast that was, and is not, but yet is, is because she changed her outward texture but it is still the same person. But God doesn't judge by the outward.

You watch the whole world today, every product they have on the market: same old product; it even got worse but the box is new. They paint up the box, they redo the box, put brighter colors on the box, put different information on the box and make people pay more money for it. They just repackage the same old thing and people run after it like flies. And they mark, 'New Improved Formula'. They mean, of the box. The box is a new improved box.

But the world in this Age has been cultured to go after that. That is why God told Samuel, He said, "I don't look after the outward appearance," He said, "I look in the heart." And right there it lays a revelation for us in the Word to see something.

Let me read a couple more Scriptures for you quickly. Revelation 12. I want to bring to you how the whole world is prophesied to be deceived. Don't look for any big salvation of the world and a lot of people because that is not promised in the Bible. You hear people say, "We want to win the country for Jesus." What country are you going to win for Jesus? There is no country that can be won for Jesus. The kingdoms of the world belong to Satan. He offered it to Jesus and Jesus Himself didn't want it. Do you understand what I am saying? Now it sounds good and it sounds like 'Jesus' lovers, but it is mass deception.

Revelation 12. Let's look and see the world is promised to be deceived, but watch, that Angel told John, he said, "You will not wonder; I will reveal something to you." Revelation 12, and let's take from verse 7:

⁷ And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

This same Dragon we are told in Revelation 12, verse 3, had seven heads and ten horns. So, now we are seeing this Dragon who gave power to the Beast, this Beast that carrieth the woman, and we are understanding the power that works in that institution. It is demonic power.

- ⁷ And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,
- ⁸ And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.
- ⁹ And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the...

[Congregation says, "Whole world." -Ed.]

... he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

So, here we are being told that this great Dragon who had seven heads and ten horns, this Beast that we are looking at with seven heads and ten horns, (listen carefully) is called the Devil, the old Serpent, and Satan, who deceiveth, what? The whole world.

Revelation 3, verse 10:

¹⁰ Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world...

To do what?

... try them that dwell upon the earth.

There is an hour... Now get my thought and follow me. We are looking at the whole world that is prophesied to be deceived. When? In the last days. Because this fourth Beast is going to do what? Devour the whole earth. She will destroy wonderfully by her policy. She will take the whole kingdom by flatteries. She will deceive the whole world.

This power that moves in this city that is seated on seven hills, that has the blood of the saints and the martyrs in it, that power was going to be uncovered by that Angel who is going to reveal that that power was none other than the Devil himself, who was cast out into the earth, who came into that system.

Because Babylon, as I told you, mystery Babylon, the reason it is called mystery Babylon, is because it had something of the original Babylon. The original Babylon was the place where satanic religion started in the earth. It was in Babylon that it came from one God to many gods in the earth. It was in Babylon where Nimrod—when Belcush, Nimrod's father, came up with this thing to lead people away from God and brought them into apostasy. It was Babylon that was an impersonation of the Heavenly Jerusalem; that he built it on a river, where the river flowed through the throne.

Because Satan has nothing original. His seat was in Babylon, but in the last days you will see how his seat ends up in Rome. And that is where he is seated. And that is where the power of that Dragon is working through that Beast. Satan, with all his demonic power to deceive, is working through that system; is anointing the whole world.

Watch. And we are told in Daniel, this Beast will be here in the earth. There are only four kingdoms and each one was a literal kingdom: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome. The fifth Kingdom is the God of Heaven coming to establish His Own Kingdom. If the first one was a literal kingdom, then this has to be a literal Kingdom too. It was promised in David that the Son of David was going to have a Throne.

So listen. So, we are not in the time of when Babylon is ruling, we are not in the time of when Medes and Persia is ruling, we are not in the time when Greece is ruling. The Roman power was right down into the very toes when the Rock came to set up His Own Kingdom.

So, that means that fourth power never went out of existence. But it is not Pagan Rome today, yet it is still the same power. And that is why it is described that way: "The Beast that was." It was Pagan Rome. It is not Pagan Rome yet it is still Pagan Rome. It is Papal Rome today. Instead of Caesars, kings, they have popes. The eighth is of the seven (see?) because the

same spirit continued on when it changed from a political empire to an ecclesiastical empire.

And today it is not just conquering a few territories, it is going to conquer the whole planet, that man has spread across the face of the earth today. People are all down in Trinidad here now, where you had no people back in Jesus' time, and it is the chief religion right here in this little dot. Think of it. It staggers the mind.

But verse 10 says, Revelation 3:

¹⁰ Because thou hast kept...

He's talking to the believer here.

¹⁰ Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation...

And Jesus was talking about a certain Hour.

... which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Watch when that Hour is. Watch the next verse:

¹¹ Behold, I come...

[Congregation says, "Quickly." –Ed.]

... hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

That is right at the door of the Coming of the Lord, that Hour of Temptation. Right after it: "Behold, I come quickly." Watch. It is going to, do what? Try all that dwells on the earth. Now we were already told that the whole world will be deceived, but this is the temptation of the world here and this is the fall of the world. Do you know what I am saying? Let me make it plain to you.

The Hour is here that what is coming in, the storm I am talking about, that you are feeling the effects of it, what has been tracked all the way, what we are being told to prepare for and whether we are prepared for it or not, what is upon us is going to be the fall, the temptation of the whole world, and the whole world will not overcome the temptation.

The whole world will fall but "You who kept the Word of My patience," for the last thirty something years too, "I will keep you. I will keep you. I gave you my Word first, I made you separate from all unbelief, I made you walk in that Word, and when the whole world, when that temptation comes upon it..."

I am going to break down this 'temptation' for you, what is coming; the 'temptation' that is being presented to people right now. [Blank spot on tape -Ed.]

It is going back to the original condition: lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes; the pride of life – the world and the things that are in it. That is what Eve lost in the Garden. She saw it was good for food; it was pleasant to the eyes. She desired that she was going to become a little wiser. Is that right? See? Same thing he offered Jesus: "Turn the stone into bread. Bow down to me; I will give You power. You will become the king of all these kingdoms of the world." See?

Watch! The 'temptation'! And it is coming in, in the form of progress. Matthew—not Matthew. In Luke 21, Jesus spoke of the day.

Remember, that is not a past Age what we are talking about, that is this Age. And that is not the Tribulation period because the Tribulation period is judgment upon all the rejecters of the Word. Before you get judged, you have to reject the Word, and to reject the Word, is to accept what the world offers.

Remember, this Message put the Blood in the hands of the people in this generation: "What shall you do with Jesus called Christ?" They are turning down that for the world's system. Because this is telling you: "Squeeze, rejection, Christ is on the outside bearing the reproach; going beyond the camp." That is saying, "Stay in the camp, rich and increased with goods, prosperity, security, peace, economic progress," is what he is giving the world, like he offered Jesus: "Turn the stone into bread"; like he offered Eve, "Eat and it will be pleasant to you." Watch what he is

coming back and offering them now today. Look at how those little things evolved. Look at what it evolved to today. He is giving them the same thing again – the whole world this time.

Let us take from verse 25 [Luke 21 -Ed.]:

 25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon...

Jesus is giving End Time signs here.

- ... and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;
- ²⁶ Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.
- ²⁷ And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
- ²⁸ And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.
- ²⁹ And he spake unto them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;

Now watch it here: 'the fig tree' - 'Israel', and 'all the trees' - 'Gentile nations'.

- ³⁰ When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.
- ³¹ So also ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

When you see all these—the moon is blacked out, you see the Son of Man came in a Cloud, you see all these things, you look up and you know your Redemption draweth nigh. When you see the 'fig tree' put forth its bud, Israel is back in the homeland. When you see 'all other trees', 'Gentile nations, are having a revival, that servant going out at Supper Time

there, (see?) then you know that the Kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

- ³² Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.
- ³³ Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.
- ³⁴ And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this...

[Congregation says, "Life." -Ed.] Now, we just read that she drunken the whole world, right. Don't just think of natural drunkenness alone, you know. Naturally and spiritually, they are so intoxicated.

... and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

Do you mean to say, that Day being spoken of, being told what to look for, showing us the signs when these things are to come to pass, knowing the Kingdom of God is at hand, and yet that same Day will come unawares?

³⁵ For like a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

Revelation 12 says, "The whole world will be deceived." Revelation 3:10 says, "The temptation will come upon all them that dwell on the earth." Revelation 17:8 says, "They that dwell on the earth shall wonder because their names are not in the Book." Revelation 13:8 says, "All them that dwell on the earth, wonder after it and worship it." All that dwell on the earth, all that dwell on the earth, all that dwell on the earth, but you, John, you wouldn't wonder. "Gross darkness on the earth and on its people but you arise and shine; your light is come."

The whole world is to be deceived; a time of great deception. What is the form that the deception is going

to come through? They will not know the Beast that was, and is not, but yet is. The whole world is to be deceived. We believe that. The time of the great deception. That day when you see those signs: when you see that 'fig tree' begins to bud, when you see that Son of Man comes in a Cloud with power and great glory, that is your time of that deception – the time of the fourth kingdom.

Is now the time of the fourth kingdom? Is now the time when the 'fig tree' puts forth its bud? Is now the time when the Son of Man came in a Cloud with power and great glory? Is now the time that gross darkness is on the earth and all the people? Was the Seventh Age blacked out? Is the last Age dealing with Christ on the outside of the Church; put out; can't get back into His Own Church? In that time there will be a call: "Come out of Babylon. Come out of her, My people." That Angel will uncover the Mystery that will make us separate from it. Has that Message come forth?

³⁵ For like a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

Look at Jesus here in Luke 21 talking about a time when the snare will come. In Revelation 3:10 the same Jesus comes back and says, "And that Hour will come when the whole world," the Hour of temptation, "to try all them, but I will keep you in that Hour." So you will not be taken in the snare because it will come like a snare.

Watch now:

³⁶ Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to...

What? [Congregation answers, "Escape" -Ed.]

... all these things...

That is the Rapture right there. The 'escape' is by the Rapture. The Rapture takes you out.

> ... that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

This same Message that opened up these things, and this same Message that called you out of Babylon, is the same Message, the Shout, that is gathering the people to set them in order for the Rapture.

How could somebody sit under this Message, see that they are in the fourth kingdom, see the Beast in the earth, see its power, see its global influence, see it dividing the land right now, see it setting up the new trade zones, see the ecumenical move coming to force the thing on the people, see the anointing around the world upon these people, bringing in new laws in different countries to go together with the new zones and these things that are coming in, and the new markets being set up, the new world order is coming in, how could we sit and see that, being under this Message, and see the Day, see all these Scriptures here in Daniel and Revelation, in the New Testament when Jesus was speaking, and then the reality is around us, and then not be prepared when we are seeing exactly the Hour of crisis, and the devastation that that storm was going to bring, and the very channel?

And notice this now. The reason they are being deceived, is that they don't know that Beast that was, and is not, but yet is. They don't understand how it almost died but it came back alive. Think of it. A lot of the people know it religiously but they don't know it economically.

And that is why all these denominations who take the mark of the Beast, who have already rejected the Holy Spirit, they get out tracts, they are protesting the Catholic church, all these things, and yet they are going straight into the same thing. Do you know why? Because they are getting tied up financially. And because in this Age, the love of money is the root of all evil and they are trusting in uncertain riches in their denominations. 'Laodicea' is 'rich and increased with goods'. The rich, young ruler was religious to the core,

moral, kept all the commandments, but failed to follow the ministry of the Son of Man – typing this Age.

Understand. Understand what leadership is. Leadership is... The man when he walked away, when Jesus said, "You'll have treasures in Heaven," he died in his soul. The soul that sinneth shall surely die. He was alive in his body, went on and prospered, but it was impossible to be saved. Think of where we are placing this here. Watch the reality of this, friends. See if this is made up.

Matthew 24, the last one. I am closing with this. How many know that Matthew 24 is the Seven Seals. Now let us bring it down a little finer here now, so you'll see at what time it comes in, in Matthew 24.

You know, Matthew 24 verses 4 and 5 is the First Seal: "Take heed that no man deceives you." Then verses 6 and 7: wars and rumors of wars – Red Horse – the Second Seal. Then you have verse 7, the first part: "There shall be famines" – the Third Seal. Then the second part of verse 7, the last part there: pestilences – the Fourth Seal.

 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

See? Then from 9 to 13 – the Fifth Seal: "They shall deliver you to be afflicted. They shall kill you." Hated of all nations; how they slaughtered six million Jews. And then, Matthew 24:29 to 31 – the Sixth Seal. And right between that Fifth Seal, between the Feast of the Trumpets, the Jews being killed in the wars, to be rushed back to their homeland, until the Sixth Seal where He will send His angels with a great sound of a Trumpet to gather His Elect from the four ends of the earth, between that time – between amateur tribulation and Great Tribulation.

Matthew 24, and we are going to read from verse 21. Let's take from verse 15 because all that comes right in there too.

¹⁵ When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by

Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whosoever readeth, let him understand:)

- ¹⁶ Then let them who are in Judaea flee into the mountains:
- ¹⁷ Let him who is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:
- ¹⁸ Neither let him who is in the field return back to take his clothes.
- ¹⁹ And woe unto those who are with child, and to those who give suck [or nurse children] in those days!
- ²⁰ But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:
- ²¹ For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.
- ²² And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

He will cut the work short.

- ²³ Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.
- ²⁴ For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets...

Notice that He didn't say false Jesuses, but false Christs. 'Christ' means, 'anointed one'.

... false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

So watch, right between that time, amateur tribulation with the Jews being rushed back in their homeland and before the 144,000 is called out and sealed under the Sixth Seal, between that time will be the time when the days are cut short, will be the time

when the whole world was going to be deceived. If it were possible, even the Elect was going to be deceived.

But watch something. If it were possible even the Elect would have been deceived too. But notice, we just found—we took all those other Scriptures to show, the whole world is going to be deceived, but the Elect: "I will keep you in the Hour of temptation." Here, He said, "You are counted worthy to escape those things." The Angel told John, "Don't wonder; I will show it to you." Over here: "If it were possible, even the Elect would have been caught in it, but the Elect is going to get the revelation.

In the days of the Voice of the Seventh Angel, when he shall begin to sound, watch that revelation come forth and uncover to us, the whore, the harlots, the Beast that carrieth her, the call to come out of Babylon and separate from all organization; (is that right?) began to show to us how she is that fourth kingdom that never went out of existence; (is that right?) opening up these things; uncovering it to us that we will not be caught in the darkness; we will not give support to that system.

Look! He goes on:

²⁵ Behold, I have told you before.

That was in Matthew 7 where He was teaching them about false prophets and so on, how they were going to come. He said, "But you will know them by the fruit that they bear." A tree is known by its fruit.

²⁶ Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.

²⁷ For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

When you shall see Him come with power and great glory in a Cloud, look up so shall His Coming be. And when does He come?

²⁸ For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles...

The prophetic class; the Eagle Age.

... there will [they] be gathered together.

They will be feeding on something at the Coming of the Son of Man. When He comes with that Book of Redemption opened, when those Seven Thunders utter their Voices, when that comes forth, when that great White Eagle Himself begins to descend in the Eagle Age... Remember, the last beast was the Eagle.

I am talking about Revelation... You know I'm talking... I don't want to confuse the strangers. I am talking about Revelation 6, the four cherubims: Lion, Ox, Man and Eagle. There is no more beast after the Eagle. When this Message goes over on the Jewish side, it's Eagle prophets. On the Gentile side, at the Coming of the Lord – Eagle Prophet. And between the Gentile Prophet and the Jewish prophets: "Where the Carcass is, there will the Eagles be gathered together."

Eagle is, what? All the first three beasts: Lion, Ox and Man were, what? Earthbound. Eagle was flying – the Age of the Rapture. The Rapturing of the Church, the going of the Church was going to come. You are counted worthy to escape those things that are coming. The Eagle had the prophetic vision to see and to understand the Mystery of those things like a snare taking in the whole world.

So, friends, watch. What did we try to prove to you here? The whole world was to be deceived. Then the time of that deception was in the fourth kingdom. And the fourth kingdom... At what time in the fourth kingdom? The fourth kingdom started since Jesus' time because the Romans had killed Jesus, but it goes all the way until the Second Coming. But at what time? Between Israel going back in their homeland, the fig tree' putting forth its bud, and the Great Tribulation. Between amateur tribulation and Great

Tribulation, that was the Age, false prophets and false Christs were going to rise up.

But remember, false prophets only come after the true prophet. You don't have a false prophet unless you have a true prophet. Who came first, Moses or Balaam? [Congregation answers, "Moses." -Ed.] Moses. See? Who came first, Elijah or Zedekiah? [Congregation answers, "Elijah." -Ed.] Elijah. Who came first, Jeremiah or Hananiah? [Congregation answers, "Jeremiah." -Ed.] Jeremiah. God sends the true prophet first.

So right here we see, in that Eagle Age, there is going to be so much deception that people are not going to be interested in the Word; they are not going to be interested in the things that uncover and unmask this deception.

So, we see the world is to be deceived, we see the time when it is to be deceived; we see the form that the deception is going to come through. What are they wondering over? They are wondering over the Beast that was, and is not, but yet is. Because it has changed its form and they don't know it in that form, yet it is still the same Beast. And who were the ones to escape? There were some ones who were going to escape that deception because that Mystery was to be unveiled before them.

Later in the week we are going to have about three or four days where we will be able to take it in a better way to make it a little plainer to you. But I am just going to read something here for you, to throw a little light on it so that it can really help you see it a little plainer, by God's grace.

I want to read it out of *The Seven Church Ages* book. I started to read it the other day and I stopped. Okay, quickly. I am finished so you could just give me your last bit of energy here; focus your attention. Page 192, he is talking about the Pergamos Age. Pergamos... You have Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia; Laodicea. We are in the last Age.

'Pergamos' means 'married'. It was Pagan Rome all the way until Pergamos. Something happened in the Pergamos Age that church and State were married. This Beast that was a pagan power, took on a Christian image. Listen.

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But that the church and state would come together was truly foreknown of the Lord. The very name Pergamos means "thoroughly married". And indeed state and church were married; politics and religion were united. The offspring of that union have been consistently the most horrible hybrids the world has ever seen. The truth is not in them, but all the evil ways of Cain (the first hybrid) is.

False religion but killed his brother; shed blood – exactly the picture right there.

Not only was state and church wedded in this age, but the Babylonian religion was officially joined to the First Church. Satan now had access to the Name of Christ and he was enthroned as God in worship. With the help of federal aid the churches fell heir to beautiful buildings which were lined with altars of white marble and images of the departed saints. And right in this age is when the "beast" of Rev. 13:3 that was wounded to death: (the pagan Roman Empire) came back to life and power as the "Holy Roman Empire." Rome as a material nation had suffered much depletion and soon would suffer it completely; but it mattered not now, for her religious empire would keep her on top of the world governing from the inside where she would not appear to do so from the outside.

Governing from the inside but she doesn't appear to be doing it from the outside. Because you are seeing banks, you are seeing oil wells, you are seeing business places, department stores, industries, factories, governments; kings of the earth; you are not seeing that power. But watch how she is doing it. Watch the deception.

He said: Let me show the exact Scriptural truth of this matter, for I do not want anyone to think that I am giving a revelation of my own – one not found in Scripture.

He went to Daniel Chapter 2, took up the image of Nebuchadnezzar from verses 31 to 45 where it gives the dream and the interpretation where we have been reading the last two or three services, and then he said:

Herein is revealed an exact account of future, [unfulfilled] history that was prophesied to come upon the earth from the time of Daniel until Jesus would come and reign as the Son of David.

From Daniel's time until Jesus comes to reign, sitting down in Jerusalem, all these things are shown. Here we are looking in the earth, are we seeing those things? When you look, what do you see? How far do you see the storm? Are you seeing the effects of what is coming? Do you understand all this talk with trade?

You can't open the newspapers, you can't listen to the news and somebody isn't talking about trade. Trade, trade, trade, trade; new market, CARICOM; this here, new zone, MERCOSUR, NAFTA [North American Free Trade Agreement -Ed.], the European Community, the Asian Tigers and they out there; everything. What is happening? See? VAT [value-added tax -Ed.], tariff is coming off; this is coming off here. "Learn Spanish. Get close to Venezuela." Now they are setting up new economic ties. Why? You have now... If you want to prosper, work within your region. See? It is being set up.

Now I am saying, what you are seeing there, the thing is happening. You are seeing the woman mixing the flour, putting in the butter, beating it, throwing in the baking powder, putting in the salt, the dough is already mixed, and she puts it in the oven. That is the Fourth Seal. The Sixth Seal – you see the cake on the table, the world state here. What are you seeing? You are seeing the thing in process, being formed before

your eyes. When you look at it and you see where it has reached...

Remember the Bride goes before the man of sin is revealed. Somewhere between the binding of the tares and the revealing of the antichrist, the Church goes in the Rapture. The Church will not see Rome and the Jews make that covenant, but we are looking and seeing the courtship taking place already. We wouldn't see the marriage but we are seeing the courtship.

I was making a statement to some of the brothers, I said, "Long ago, people used to see things, and sometimes they said they saw something happening in Israel, something happening in Rome, something happening in Russia, something happening in America that is a point of prophecy. Boy, they would talk about it." I said, "It is happening all around them and you almost have to try to convince them: Look, something has happened to people." People's attention has been diverted somewhere else, that the fulfilling of the Word that was supposed to anoint their faith, to show them the Hour, to redeem the time, to capitalize on the opportunity, to finish the work, something has happened to them.

The Prophet said, "People will go around saying, "Wasn't there a Rapture that's supposed to take place?" when they find themselves in the Tribulation period. Like a snare it will come on the whole world. People who knew about the Rapture, were supposed to go before the Tribulation, understood all of that, but with all of that knowledge, didn't have the faith for the Rapture. They have knowledge of a Rapture but not the faith for the Rapture.

Herein is revealed an exact account ... from the Daniel until Jesus would come and reign as the Son of David. It is known as "The Times of the Gentiles." It had within it four historical divisions which were known by the dominating empire in each division: Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Grecian, [and] Roman.

Then he goes on, "The greatest of all these," you know, how it is Rome and so on, and then he said:

... mineral and soil just don't mix and produce constancy and strength. But not only is this so, but most amazing, this last empire (Roman) would endure in its peculiar 'mixed state' right up until Jesus returns.

This Roman Empire of iron (iron signifying power and great destructive force against opposition) was to be made of two main divisions. And it certainly was for the empire literally split into two — East and West. Both were very powerful, crushing all before them.

But as the glory and power of all empires fail, so this empire began to fall also. Thus Rome fell. Pagan Imperial Rome was no longer iron. She crumbled. She was wounded to death. Rome could not now rule. It was all over. So thought the world. But how wrong the world was, for that head (Rome) though wounded was not wounded unto death.

And then he called: (Wuest, translation of Revelation 13:3...

That's one of the translators, and he had this translation, and the Prophet was so impressed with it, he said:

... "And one of his heads appeared to have been mortally wounded, the throat having been slashed. And his death stroke was healed. And the whole earth followed after the Wild Beast in amazement.")

People look at Rome. They look at the nation of Italy. And as they look they do not realize that Rome with her strict confines where the pope has an actual area as his domain is literally a nation within a nation, and she has ambassadors and receives ambassadors. PAPAL FALSE CHRISTIAN ROME (she is even called the eternal city — how blasphemous) NOW CONTROLS BY RELIGION EVEN MORE ABLY THAN WHEN PAGAN IMPERIAL ROME CONTROLLED BY THE PURE IRON OF FORCE. Rome took on a new lease of life when Constantine joined church and state and backed the

union by force. The spirit that motivated pagan Rome is the same spirit that now motivates false Christian Rome. You can see that is so because you now know that the fourth empire never went out of existence; it just changed in its [outward] texture.

As I told you, look at the things that characterized the fourth empire. What characterized Pagan Rome? The sports and the arenas, I said, "Look what it has become – the Olympics." Long ago, they had some slaves that they put there to fight against one another in the arena – sport entertainment. Look at the entertainment industry today. Look what the theater has become – Hollywood. They had slavery; today look how sophisticated it is.

Orphanages... Did you see the picture in the newspapers recently, right here too, of all those boys in the Belmont's [place in Trinidad -Ed.] orphanage there that burnt down recently; as drunk as the acolytes and everything else? That is how they get there.

And remember the man in Ivory Coast who became President and built the replica of St. Peter's Basilica inside there to put up a whole big bulwark against Islam in Africa; hundreds and hundreds of millions of dollars? And the boy—when he was a little boy, he was raised in a Catholic orphanage, engineered into power; became the President, and then built that before he died and came out of the presidency, and then gave it over to the Catholic church, to serve in the New World Order. They took him off the street but look what he became.

"Who fed you? Who picked you up off the street? Who did this for you?" See? "What are you all doing for the poor people in your society? Do you have a home for unwed mothers? We have one. Do you have a home for the poor on the streets? We have one." See? And they have all these things out there and they control the politicians.

But what makes it an abomination before God is her false doctrine, her evil intent. The very power that carries her is in that Dragon that came down from Heaven; all the power to deceive. And how she is manipulating the whole world system today that the people don't even know this power; all the slave trade and all the things that are taking place. The very media wars have been fought, until now she controls the whole world by information. And she is doing that for years; she just brings it through technology and science now. Through the confessional box for all these years, they have information on every individual; knows everything that goes on.

Let me tell you, friends, apart from that being exposed, you need real spiritual power to deal with that because that is real demon power. That is real demon power.

Look at Jimmy Swaggart [American televangelist -Ed.] and all these people who rose up there and were always blasting Rome left and right. Do you hear the voice today? Why? There is more than one way to skin a cat. Brother, the only thing that could overcome that is Michael. They prevailed until the Ancient of Days is come. Think of it, friends.

Maybe the saints could get ready to sing that. Give us skill and wisdom to understand. May you stand in the ranks of a great army today. May you realize that the battle, friends, is getting hot and heavy. May you realize that the warfare is against the lust of the flesh, the pride of life, and the lust of the eyes. That is the warfare. That is the three temptations that they lost in the Garden of Eden. That is the three temptations of every individual, every church, every Minister – those three temptations. And that is what it is going to take to overcome in the last days. The Hour that is coming to try the whole world – all them that dwell upon the face of the earth.

As the Holy Spirit gives you another bulletin of the progress of the storm, as you see the channel that the storm is coming through, as you see the kind of devastation that is locked up and is going to be unleashed when the storm hits, is your house on the Rock? Have you dug deep enough, or are you on the sand? Where is your house built? The difference is where the house is built. All Hell is against this Truth. That is the reason he is howling – because his scheme has been uncovered. Think of it, friends.

To be in the empire is not to be a Roman Catholic inside the Roman Catholic church. That is not the deception, because not even the Protestants will become Catholics. We are not trying to tell you, "I am afraid I might become a Catholic." I am not talking about that. I am saying, Revelation 17 never touched you, but Revelation 18, have you overcome it? To overcome Revelation 18, you have to overcome yourself. Do you understand that? To overcome Revelation 18, you have to overcome yourself.

Because Babylon – idolatry: fashion idol, music idol, sport idol – satanic religion. Nimrod, the first one who came with warfare: conquest, ambition – Babylon. Medes and Persians: Mathematics, science, education; higher learning. Greece, the Olympics – sport. Rome: art and entertainment, the orgies, sex; aristocrats, politics; architecture. People build their little Babylon and say, "Look at the Babylon that I have built." Little Nimrods, little Nebuchadnezzars with their little Babylon's. Do you understand me?

You see, the little seed has all the potential. The little unit has the characteristic of the big, big unit. The little cell has all the characteristics of the whole big body, inside of it. That is what we are talking about.

Come my brother; come my sisters. Amen. So this week, this coming week, you have Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, take a little time off; wait before the Lord.

Whether you are on the job, just keep in meditation and prayer. Offer up a little incense, say, "Lord, Your services coming up this week, help Your Church, Lord. The things that the Holy Spirit wants to draw attention to, help us to get under the effects of it, by God's grace." Let us look forward, in this coming season here, that God gives us a lift. Hallelujah. Do you love Him? Amen. Praise His wonderful Name. Hallelujah.

[Bro. Anthony Glaude sings: The Ancient Of Days - #535 - Songs That Live – Ed.]

Hallelujah. Thank You, Lord. Hallelujah. Oh, thank You, Jesus. Amen. This is the hour for Dragon slayers. Amen. It's time to draw your sword and take a real stand for the Word. Amen. Let us stand to our feet.

I just want to acknowledge the presence of Bro. Lester and Sis. Esther Brown who has been away for a little while. God gave them a long-deserved vacation, after about fifteen years, that they were able to go on. And they were testifying of some of the things yesterday, how God is so good and worked so many things out for them. And we are certainly glad to have them back in the house of God, and I really want them to feel really welcomed back home, (amen?) to know that we certainly missed them for the time that they had been away, and we rejoice with them in the things that God has done for them.

And we are certainly looking forward for great times. May it begin this coming week. May that Word come to our hearts with a greater strength, a strength that we had never been known to have; something that will push us on to the Coming of Jesus Christ, something that you want to see in your life; to be bolted down and be anchored in such a way, friends, especially as we see these things rising up all around us.

What a time it should be for us and could cause us to cry out, "Even so, come Lord Jesus." That was all John could cry out when he saw the reality of the vision, he saw the horrors that were coming upon the face of the earth; he saw the demonic powers that were going to be let loose. Because they had not the love for the Truth, a strong delusion was given them to believe the lie and to be damned by it," the Bible says.

This is an Hour, you better love God's Word; you better have a love for the Truth, friends, because the Bible says, "A delusion." The darkness that covers them is a delusion because they didn't have the love for the Truth. They had pleasure in unrighteousness, which is their religious works contrary to the revealed Word, is what that means. Like with Cain, God said, "Do like your brother and I will accept it." He didn't want that. He wanted God to meet him on his own terms; couldn't humble himself under the mighty hand of God.

I pray that even the strangers and the visitors here today, somehow in His great Supernatural way, the great Holy Spirit strikes home with force in their hearts that it is not some cold, organized, form of religion but it is still an experience that God gives every man and woman – the baptism of the Holy Ghost, bringing a New Birth, quickening them and raising them up, changing them, giving them a new nature, is what Christianity is all about.

A handshake, church joining, engagements in religious programs, will never replace the New Birth. Putting your name on a church book is not what God is talking about. Your name might be in that church's book but if it is not in the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world, you will worship that Beast. But where that name is in that Book, they are part of the Word, and when that Angel of Light comes in the last days and the Light begins to spread, there will be a quickening, there will be a waking up, there will be a realization; people will come to the true identity. And that is what is happening, my friends.

As we bow our heads and close our eyes, I would like to invite Bro. Collin Wellington to come and pray:

ask God's blessings of dismissal; remembering the services this coming week, by God's grace. Hallelujah. Thank You, Jesus. Hallelujah.

[Bro. Collin Wellington prays -Ed.]

You may have your seats. Signs of the time are everywhere: let us just sing it. Sing the chorus.

[#429 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

... your eyes...

... there is a brand new feeling in the air, Keep your eyes upon the Eastern skies,

Lift up your head,

Your Redemption draweth nigh.

Oh, sing it again: Signs of the time are everywhere. There is a brand new feeling... God bless you. You are dismissed.

... are everywhere,

Hallelujah. Oh thank You, Lord.

... new feeling in the air,

Keep your eyes upon the Eastern skies,

Lift up your head today,

... Redemption draweth nigh.

Let us try the first verse: Years and time have come and gone. We are dismissed; you can leave if you have to.

Years of time have come and gone,

Since I have first heard it told,

How that Jesus Christ would come

back to earth again;

Oh, if back then it seemed so real,

Oh, then I just can't help but feel,

... can't help but feel,

How much closer His Coming is today.

But the Angel came fifty years ago, he said, "Jesus is coming soon." Think of it, friends. Hallelujah.

Signs of the times...

I want to go. Don't you? Read the handwriting on the wall. Amen. Babylon, Babylon is fallen, is fallen.

... in the air,

Keep your eyes upon the Eastern skies, Lift up your head in faith, Your Redemption draweth nigh.

Wars and strife on every hand,
And violence fills our land,
Wars and strife on every hand,
And violence fills our land,
Still some people doubt
He is coming back again;
But the Word of God is true, friend,
He redeemed you chosen few;
Oh, my brother, my sister:
Don't lose hope,
Soon Christ Jesus will descend.

Signs of the times are everywhere,
Oh, break into that sphere.
There's a brand new feeling...
Thank You, Lord.
Keep your eyes upon the Eastern skies,
Lift up your head,
Oh, your Redemption draweth nigh.

Oh, once more: Signs of the times are everywhere. You be a sign in this Hour – a Super Sign. ... of the times...

Hallelujah.

Oh, there's a brand new feeling in the air,

May the Holy Ghost anoint that faith in your heart to believe His Word today; make you a real Christian in this Hour. Let us all stand for It in this Hour; stand for His Word.

... upon the Eastern skies, Lift up your head, Your Redemption draweth nigh.

That's nothing but the Truth – your Redemption draweth nigh. We are called to gather for the sounding

of the Last Trumpet. This mortal shall soon put on immortality.

Oh, see the bright Light, it is just about Home time. I can see my Father standing at the door. This world is a wilderness, I am waiting for deliverance. [#691 - Songs That Live -Ed.] Oh, let us sing that this morning. Amen. Come Bro. Bishop.

