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[#50 - Songs That Live -Ed.]
... right now,
Oh Lord, I need You right now,
I want all of my life in Your keeping somehow,
Oh Lord, I need You right now.

[#688 - Songs That Live -Ed.]
For I was born to be
Thy dwelling place,
A home for the Presence of the Lord;
So let my life now be separated unto Thee;
That I might be what I was born to be.

Amen. What a beautiful song. We thank God that we can sing it back unto Him this morning, because that is how we feel in our hearts.

We have a little dedication at this time. We just want to get the parents up and have this little time of dedication. That even as we sang that song, it means it's a dedication for us too because we were born to be His dwelling place; a home for the Presence of the Lord.

What greater opportunity can we have than to have His Holy Spirit living inside of us that we can tabernacle Deity. Amen. It is a blessed privilege given unto us as mortals. And when we think that it took the dying of our Lord Jesus Christ to shed His Own Blood to release His Own Life, amen, to make that possible unto us, how thankful we are. Amen.

The Bible says in... I want to read out of Luke Chapter 2, verse 21. It says:

- ²¹ And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, [who] was so named by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.
- ²² And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord;
- ²³ (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;)
- ²⁴ And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

What an example we have when we think of the Lord Jesus Himself Who had to be brought into the house of God to be offered up; to be presented back unto the Lord. And when He went into His Ministry and they brought children unto Him, He Who was presented unto the Lord, could take them and present them back unto the Lord and bless them also.

And not only that, but have caused it to be written in His Word and be preserved, that down through these years, we could have this written oracle here that we can read It and know that It is given unto us as an example, because all that He did was to be an example for us. He, Who is the Word, had the Word to be written of Him that we can have the written Word today that we can walk in the footsteps of the Word Himself.

And we thank God for our brother and his wife, and they are special to us (amen?) down through the years. And he has dedicated children and now his own is to be dedicated. And we all know Bro. Rojas is one of the Ministers in the Assembly and God has raised him up here amongst us. He didn't just, maybe, come in from somewhere else and sit here but was born and grew right up here amongst us and has been trained in the ways of the Lord right here; been ministered to right here and then even in time, came to take a place and a part in the ministry. And his wife (married right here) came in here and got saved out of the denominations, got married right here and raised up, brought forth her children and have them right here, by the grace of God. And we certainly thank God for their lives and their efforts in His service; their contributions (amen) to His people.

And God has blessed them with a little boy. And our sister, you know, she has children according to the cesarean way and it is always a little difficult for her like that. Remember Sis. Branham had the children the same way but Bro. Branham had to stand there with the Word regardless of all the pressures from the doctors and the voices of people and these things and show that a man could obey God and believe God in the face of what the doctors would say when he knows what God's Word says. Amen.

We don't seek the easy routes here because our life here is for a testimony and to manifest the Word of God. Sometimes it brings great pressures on families.

Remember one time Bro. Branham had to tell his wife... She said, "Well Bill, I want to have Margie with me; she is a nurse."

He said, "Honey, Margie is not our God."

Amen. Amen. He knew how she felt like a wife and like a sister and these things but he had to let her know, "Honey, you know, we are called to walk a certain way and we are going to be tried and we are going to be tested and we have to hold true to God's Word when the time comes." Amen. "How could we stand here and say God's Word said so and then in the

back we run to Margie and we run to this and we run to that one? We have to stand here with the Word because God is our God." Amen.

And I know, you know, sometimes they don't tell me everything and I don't ask them everything, but I know how it is because as Bro. Branham said, "God lets you see and God lets you understand, the road we are walking is a straight road and we have those testing times. And then we have people in the church sometimes, they have their ideas and they have their views but their views don't count when you bring them to God's Word, (amen,) because God didn't call them to speak for Him. Amen.

But nevertheless, what I know of them, is that they put this Word before anybody and anything else. And that is what counts. Because friends, when you stand for Him, He stands for you. Those Hebrews boys stood for Him and He stood for them. The Prophet said, "If you care for God's Word, then God will care for you; then you can cast your cares upon Him."

We quote it many times and say, "Cast your cares upon Him." But when the Prophet preached, *He Cares, Do You Care?* [1963-0721 -Ed.] we know you don't just cast your cares upon Him. When you care for Him and His Word, then you can cast your cares upon Him because then He really cares for you because He knows that you care for His Word. Amen. And he asked them first when they were just trying to cast all kinds of denominational cares and selfish cares on God's Word, the Prophet preached, *He Cares, Do You Care?* Then if you care, cast your cares upon Him.

And I thank God for that because, friends, when we come to even bring our children like this and offer them back unto Him, to think that Joseph and Mary walked forth there but in their arms they carried the Word made flesh, and they were bringing the Word to be dedicated for the service of God. And she, who had

a virgin conception, even had to come with turtle doves for her purification.

So true is God's Word and so God requires every one of us to walk in obedience to that Word. Let me tell you, let us have respect for God's Word. Let us have respect for the institution of God. Let us think it is honorable when we come, following in the statutes and the ordinances that God has shown to us. If we come in it, He is going to receive us. Then let us come with confidence when we come, knowing that we are coming in accordance to God's Word; knowing that God respects His Own Word.

God doesn't respect you, friend, if you don't respect God's Word. Forget it! But if you respect God's Word, let me tell you, God is going to meet you upon the grounds of His Word. God has no respect of persons but God respects His Word. Amen. And when you abide in His Word, you are covered by His Word, He sees His Word.

So, we want to have this dedication; a little boy that they call Noah Daniel. And 'Noah' means 'rest and comfort'. Amen. And 'Daniel', 'the Lord is Judge'. And we so thank God to know that in the midst of all this that is taking place, there is rest, there is peace, there is comfort for the believer. Because our judgment was already in Christ, friends, amen; that is why we are safe this morning.

Let us pray. Let us bow our heads. Amen. [Bro. Vin holds the baby -Ed.] First time I am really seeing him and holding him.

Our gracious Father, we thank You that we can stand in Your Presence this Sunday morning, and God, knowing that as we stand here, we are standing in the Word of God. The Holy Scriptures have been read; the Bible lays open, Lord, upon the very place where You were brought in and held in arms by a just and devout man who was led by the Spirit of God, and he said, "Mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation," and he

pronounced a blessing upon You because that was in accordance with the precept and according to the Word of God.

Father, almost two thousand years after, here, dear God, is Your servant and his wife standing before this sacred desk, bringing their offspring to be dedicated. And Lord, as I'm holding this little boy, Noah Daniel, in my arms to dedicate him unto You for a life of service, I pray, dear God, and ask Your blessing upon the parents. May You bless them, dear God, and may You strengthen them. May You continue to reveal Yourself unto them, Lord. May You continue to lead them and guide them in the paths of service. Oh God, how we thank You for them, Father.

I pray, dear God, as they have, Lord God, been given added responsibility as parents, oh God, what a challenge it is in any Age and to anyone. I pray that You will strengthen them, oh God, even as they continue to raise a family for the glory of God.

And Almighty God, as I hold this little boy, Lord, here screaming, crying out, oh God, giving testimony that he is alive, (hallelujah,) You said, let everything that has breath praise You, Lord. Oh God, little Noah Daniel, may You bless him and may You grant him health and strength, Father. And dear God, I pray, in the Name of Jesus Christ, Lord God, that he will be preserved from all harm and all danger and every attack of the enemy, oh God, for by faith I place him in the only place of safety I know – under the precious Blood of Jesus Christ, asking oh God, that he will be so covered by Thy Blood: body, spirit and soul, dear God.

And may the great Holy Spirit, Lord, so quicken his little mind, and Lord, so influence his little life, Lord Jesus, that he will grow in grace and in knowledge of the Lord, under the tutorship of his godly parents, dear God, and from their lips and, oh God, the expression of their lives, Lord God, it will be an

influence that will cause him to be trained up in the way of the Lord.

Gracious God, may oh God, Father, as he continues to grow until Jesus will come, may dear God, his life be a blessing and testimony for Thee and may he fulfill the purpose for which Thou hast sent him into the earth in this Hour. God, may You grant it.

We pray and we ask this blessing upon little Noah Daniel Rojas, as we dedicate him today for a life of service, in the precious Almighty Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless his family once more, oh God, and bless their home, Lord, in Jesus' Name we pray and ask these mercies and blessings, amen and amen.

Amen. The little boy must be hungry but nevertheless, amen, God bless his gallant heart.

We have a couple of prayer requests; we would like to pray for these before we change the order of the service. How many have a special need this morning? Let me see by uplifted hands. Amen. Surely these requests, we don't just... Sometimes we send in one but we have needs sometimes, we can't even express; it's no use trying to write it on paper. If we could have written, we would have written a letter to God and tacked it on a tree a long time ago, knowing where God passes by.

But when we stand in His Presence and we know that we have something in our hearts... Sometimes there is just a burden, there is just a heaviness there, a desire to walk closer sometimes, and we know that He knows. And when we stand in His Presence, we can reach out by faith and touch Him, we know it can make all the difference.

So, as we bow our heads and close our eyes, as we get all our thoughts upon Him, in Whose Presence we have gathered today to worship, thinking upon Him, asking of Him to meet these needs that we have.

Now a written request: Bro. Trevor Williams is requesting prayer for his wife, who is suffering with headaches.

And: prayer is requested for Bro. Ulric Andrew's mother, who is requesting prayer for severe pains in her head and feet caused by the accumulation of excess fluid, and prayer is also requested for the salvation of her soul.

God, our precious Lord Jesus, Who can we come to or who can we go to when we would have these requests? When our hearts would be heavy with burdens, and when the way seems dark at times, when, oh God, we are in conditions where no one can understand us and we need someone who we can pour out our souls to, when we don't have words that we can express to define or explain our condition properly but we need one who understands us, who can we go to?

But Lord, we thank You, we can come to You. We thank You, dear God, that we have the confidence that You know and care, that You understand, Lord, and that You have dealt with us in the past, and You have touched our lives with Your tender hand, and You have caused us to come to know Your saving grace. And we have seen on Calvary Your great expression of love for us, and we have read in Your Word and our minds are being enlightened of Your great thoughts that You have concerning us, that You think towards us – thoughts of peace and not of evil. And when we seek You with all of our hearts, You will be found of us.

And so, dear God, we are encouraged to come into thy Presence today and even to make our requests known unto You, having confidence in our hearts, dear God, as we cast our cares upon You, You careth for us. And how it is so visible by the hands lifted up, oh God, that there are so many standing here in the need of prayer, and oh God, as the little song says: *Come by*

here, Lord, come by here. Oh Lord, come by here. Someone is praying, Lord; come by here. Not my brother, not my sister but it's me, oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Oh gracious God, Thou Who knows the heart, Thou Who knows the need of every soul this morning, Thou, oh God, Who is more than able, Who is all-sufficient, oh God, to attend to every request that we will have, I pray, dear God, in the Name of Jesus Christ, may dear God, You reach out, Lord, and may You touch the hearts of Your children, and may by the Spirit of the Living God, Father, You deal with them, oh God, that will believe You, them that are standing in Your Presence that love You, them that want to serve You, and them, oh God, that are asking, oh God, that these needs might be met, that they might stand as You will have them to stand in this Hour, and they might live as You will have them to live in this Hour, and they might carry out Your purpose as You Who have called them to serve You according to Your purpose in this Hour, and that we might be Christians fulfilling the godly and sacred responsibility entrusted upon us, oh God.

And Lord, as we have these needs, and as we realize, oh God, these needs grow greater sometimes, and sometimes when they come up right before us, Lord, we see, oh God, if these needs would be met during the course of service for Thee, oh God, we will be able to serve You so much more diligently, oh God. Hallelujah.

I pray, dear God, as these stand here knowing that they have been taught in Your Word and established in Your Word, so they are not asking amiss or they are not asking to consume anything upon the desire of the flesh but they are asking, oh God, Father, that they might fulfill Your Word, that they might be strengthened and become more able servants, oh God, (hallelujah!) to attend to the affairs that You have given unto them.

Bless them, oh God, today. May the Spirit of the Living God minister unto them. May You strengthen them, oh God. May You bring deliverance unto them, oh God, that they will be encouraged, oh God, that they will know their God is more than able, their God cares and their God answers prayer.

In the Name of Jesus Christ, may the great, All-sufficient God Whom we serve, Who is the same yesterday, today and forever, Who stand here ready, oh God, to minister according to the needs of Your people, that You will not let one go back home but that they will find favor in Thy sight, oh God, today and receive a touch from Thy tender hand.

Oh God, whether it is Divine understanding, oh God, whether it is a financial need, a spiritual problem, oh God, whether it might be strength, whether they might be weak, whether it is healing for their bodies, whatever it is, dear God, You are the great Jehovah-Jireh Who promises to supply all our needs even according to Your riches. Now let it be done, oh God, today, Father, for we pray and believe as we ask these things in the precious, worthy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ Who gave the promise. Hallelujah.

We lift our hands and we praise You and we thank You, Father, oh God, believing You are faithful Who promised. Hallelujah. You are not slack concerning Your promises. Blessed be the Name of the Lord. Strengthen the hearts, strengthen the faith of Thy people, oh God, and may You lead us on to a greater faith; to higher heights and deeper depths.

And dear God, as we gather here for Your Word today, may the Spirit of Truth, oh God, that we depend so much upon in this Hour, knowing You said His coming had a Divine purpose, and that was to bring back things to our remembrance, to teach us all

things; to show us things to come. And Lord, especially when we see the modern events being made clear by the vindicated prophecy, how it enlightens us to know the Hour, to read the handwriting on the wall, to see the systems of this world crumbling, oh God.

But Lord, how it gives us great joy and faith as we see Your appearing, as we see Your Kingdom being ushered in, in this Hour, oh God, that we might be so struck in our hearts by the power of Divine Love and the revelation of the Word that we will prepare and make ready, Father, under this Message preparation, as the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, oh God, will move in our hearts, Lord, and cause us to stand and cause us to rise and shine, knowing this is our Light that has been shed abroad in our hearts. It has come unto us and this is the Glory of the Living God (hallelujah) that is being transformed, oh God, that is changing us, Lord, and bringing us into Your very Own image and likeness. Oh God, may You just grant it and have Your way today.

Bless the strangers, the visitors; all them that are within our gates, oh my God. Friends, relatives, different ones, have brought their friends and their relatives, Father. May they be blessed within our gates today with the blessing that has blessed us and strengthened our lives.

The blessed that have paused to testify to them and invite them, may they too feel the power of that mantle like Elisha felt it when Elijah waved that mantle over him and he said, "As the Lord liveth and my soul liveth, I will not leave thee"; oh God, Father, what made Ruth to cry out, (hallelujah,) "Entreat me not to leave thee; where thou goest, will I go, and your people shall be my people and your God shall be my God, and where you die will I die, and where you are buried, will I be buried." Oh God, it's that same message that struck Rebekah's heart and she said, "I will go." Oh, it's that same thing that struck Abraham's heart, Lord,

and it was imputed unto him for righteousness when he believed.

So let it strike these that come in Your Presence. So let it move in their hearts, oh God, this morning, that it will cause them to make a stand and make a clean-cut decision to follow You if they are not a Christian, and if they are a Christian, to serve You with all their hearts and souls and be the true Christian that we ought to be in this Hour. Grant these things, oh God, for we believe and are persuaded that we are living in the last days.

Oh God, as history is running out, as this civilization has come to its climax, coming to its end, oh God, as the Rapture of the Church, oh God, is being revealed and the Church is fixing to be taken off the earth, oh God, so let us live with all that is inside of us for Thee, Father, that by our living we will bring glory and praise unto Your Name. Grant it, oh God.

Let the Word have that kind of effect upon us today as we sit in Thy Presence. We pray and ask these things sincerely, in the precious Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. And could we say amen? [Congregation says, "Amen." -Ed.] Amen.

Praise be His wonderful Name. Amen. Turn in your Bibles to the Book of Daniel, we want to open up Chapter 9. I believe we have been coming through and we've finished up chapter—7 and 8 is what we would get, but we have to be going back and forth, combing it back and forth because these things started from the beginning of the Book and it keeps unfolding right down to the end of the Book. And then we need to drop over into Revelation which we have been trying to begin to tie them together now as we see the need for it, but we just want to get it to blend right, and we need to begin to open up Chapter 9 now.

Bro. Ulric Andrews is giving praise and thanks for delivering him from a skin allergy after prayer was offered.

Also, we have the reminder: I want to remind you, Saturday that's coming... This is the second announcement; I told you I will be giving you three. On Saturday coming at 2:00 p.m., we are to have a meeting at Abel Country. All the members of the local Assembly, that is, (amen,) we need to be there at 2:00 p.m., by the grace of God. Amen?

Also services, seeing that the curfew has been lifted, will be back to normal at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday nights. Amen? 7:00 p.m. back to normal. So all of you who were kind of absent and staying away on Thursday nights and just coming on Sunday mornings, please try and be out. It is very important for us as a Body of believers that we be here because what we do, we try to do for the Body and if we are here, that we can really benefit and really be fully involved, by the grace of God. Amen? God bless you. Amen.

Let's turn to Daniel Chapter 9 now and begin to read a little. And this is one of the most important Scriptures in the Bible, Daniel Chapter 9, because it has to deal with the Jews and it has to deal with prophecy. And the Jews are the timepiece, and so it lets us know the time when the consummation is going to be and these things; when God is going to finish up with this whole thing and the Kingdom of God is going to be established. And that's why all prophecies in this Book, it ties right here to Daniel Chapter 9, so we want to really look at it closely.

And as the Prophet said when he was teaching this, "Now you have to study deep otherwise you are going to miss these things." It's important. We might have been able to miss it down through the Ages. If it was only for nine hundred years and we missed it two hundred years ago or three hundred years ago or even four hundred years ago, but if we are living now and we miss it now, then there is no more coming back because we need to see it now because the time is

running out now. We are at the end now. This was taught on since it was given down through the Ages by Christians and believers of all Ages. But here we are right in that very Hour, friends.

Daniel 9, verse 1:

¹ In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans;

So he was telling us it was in the year in which Babylon fell.

² In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, concerning which the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

³ And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:

You mean, he understood by Books and when his understanding was enlightened by what he read, look how it was reflected in his attitude and look where his revelation drove him – into prayer. Not just prayer, into fasting; not just fasting, into supplications; not just supplications but with sackcloth and ashes.

May our revelation bring similar convictions to us, because if it doesn't, especially seeing what we are seeing in this Hour, then it is not a revelation. Because when he saw it, it was just a natural going out from one county back to a natural county. But when you are seeing it, it's not the end of a kingdom but the end of time; the end of civilization. How much greater is your revelation than Daniel's revelation right back there! Is that right? Think of it.

I want to drop down to verse 20. I could have dealt with the prayer this morning here, but I am going to leave the prayer for the prayer meetings. So when we

get in the prayer meeting, we are going to pick up the prayer and deal with it in the prayer meeting so our prayer will be in relation to the Word, what we are preaching here, at the same time. So I am going to just skip that little portion out and leave it for the prayer meetings. So that is why it is good to be in prayer meetings too. Amen.

Daniel 9, verse 20 now:

- ²⁰ And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;
- ²¹ Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly...

Like those Seven Angels – coming faster than the speed of sound.

... touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

And may He fly in here this morning and touch us (amen) about the time of the Sunday morning service. Amen. Glory.

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

What a visitation!

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

Tell me who is more beloved than the Bride this morning? Amen. Tell me who is more beloved than God's Own Wife this morning, and tell me if the Holy Spirit did not come for the same purpose in the last days?

... therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

²⁴ Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city...

Notice who it is concerning: thy people, Daniel's people and the holy city, Jerusalem – the Jews and Jerusalem.

... to finish the transgression [number 1], and to make an end of sins [number 2], and to make reconciliation for iniquity [number 3], and to bring in everlasting righteousness [number 4], and to seal up the vision and prophecy [number 5], and to anoint the most Holy [number 6].

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

Now we were taking note, that that 'Prince' is capital 'P' because there are two princes here in this Chapter 9, and we must not get them mixed up.

... shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks...

Which is sixty-nine – seven and threescore and two. A 'score' is twenty. Threescore and two is sixty-two. I'm saying all of that because I want all these little boys here to know that too.

Why are those two little boys sitting down there? Let those two little boys stand to their feet for me.

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

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

Not the 'prince that shall come', but 'the people of the prince that shall come'. Because in Chapter 7 and Chapter 8, Daniel was seeing a prince that shall come - a little horn. Is that right? A king of fierce countenance.

So the same Gabriel Who was giving him the understanding in those visions, is the same Gabriel coming to give him further understanding in this vision. And for the past visions and the past visitations of Gabriel, He was communicating to Daniel about the fourth kingdom and its king in the latter times. Is that clear?

So it means that when He came and He told him, "And the prince that shall come," Daniel knew who the 'prince' was that shall come because that was the one that was troubling him all the time, every time he saw him. But here He is placing him now in time. Before He was only telling him, "It is for the latter times; it is for the End Time." But now when He's giving him seventy weeks, He's placing that king in a certain time, so now Daniel will know when the latter time is; he will know when the End Time is. In other words, he could be able to work that out to say, "This is the End Time." And if it is the End Time, that prince must be here. Do you understand what I'm saying? Alright. Exactly.

So, I'm going to read verse 26 again:

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

In other words, Jerusalem and Jerusalem's temple.

... and the end of it shall be with a flood [persecutions] and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

²⁷ And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the

[abomination], and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

That determined. Where is it determined? Right in God's counsel – the determinate counsel. What God determined for that time will be poured out upon the desolate. The righteous are going to walk out on their ashes because that was what was determined upon them. All those Vials are to be poured out upon them at the end of that seventieth week.

So, let us pray one more time.

Our gracious God, as we sit here this morning, praying in our hearts, in meditation in Thy house, we've come to wait upon Thee. Knowing that we did not come to hear a man, we did not come to receive man's understanding, we did not come to look to the ability of a man and we didn't come, Lord, just for a formal church service, but believing that we are in the last days and we should not forsake the assembling of ourselves, and believing, oh God, that this time is going to be taken away from us one of these days and we should capitalize upon every opportunity, we have come into Your house.

And as we have come, Lord, we want to place ourselves in the same attitude that Daniel was in. And Lord, the same way that Gabriel flew in into that room and begin to speak to him and give him skill and understanding, so we are believing, Lord, that You will move in upon this audience in such a way this morning and give us skill and understanding that we might consider the matter and understand the vision.

Oh, how that will help us to really take our position as the Bride of Jesus Christ and to live in the way we ought to live and to carry about the Word of God with godly order and fulfill the responsibility entrusted upon us. Wouldn't it do that for us if we would have that revelation, Father? God, we believe it will. So, we ask sincerely, grant us this grace; not only us but the strangers and visitors likewise. Bless us all in Thy

Presence. In the Name of Jesus Christ, we pray and ask it, amen.

God bless you. You may have your seats. Amen.

So, the rain is kind of falling outside and we are just kind of real cool inside this morning and maybe we will be able to sit a little more comfortably though we are kind of cramped a little bit still, but nevertheless, we should be able to concentrate.

I trust that your minds have been focusing to the Word. We've put in a little more details into the little chart [https://ldrv.ms/b/slAir7FKUWP2VAgZpkWlbEKqILENMd3g -Ed.] we gave you, so you have 'one' and 'two', and we are going to call this one 'two', so in case I refer back to chart 'one' or chart 'two', you will know what I am talking about; the one we gave you last week and this week.

Because last week, we were just trying to get you familiar with the Book of Daniel because we realized, after the months in preaching there, you know, and all these little symbols especially, it can become confusing to a person with a short memory. Because one minute you are hearing about the 'image' and the next minute you are hearing about the 'he-goat', and the next minute you are hearing about the 'leopard' and the 'ram' and these things, and sometimes you say, "Which part was the ram? Which part was the he-goat? Which part was this?" And you get your mind all kind of confused. So we had made this chart and we passed them out to you.

And so many came and was telling me, they said it helped them so much, it made it so much more simpler; it's so easy to relate to it now. And I truly thank God that it could be a help to simplify the Word to you. A little visual aid goes a long way, because once you see it with the natural eye, then the spiritual mind can grasp it and hold a mental picture. So after a while, you would not even need the little aid because you can be walking around and it is right there before

you and you will know exactly how to relate these things.

And to anything that we do... And we had for the little boys because I was hearing some of the little girls, you know, and the little boys, they began to ask for their charts. And, you know, they said, "Daddy, I want mine." And this one wanted their own and this one wanted their own, and they have it there. So we kind of printed a little extra that all of them can have theirs, once they can read and write, I guess, is what it needs because they can look at it and they can read the words and know these things. And I guess this, friends, is like a Sunday school lesson; it's just basically right there.

And in speaking of Sunday school, I want to take this opportunity to express real sincere appreciation for the diligent manner in which the Sunday school teachers have accepted the responsibility to really come up to meet the challenge of what is needed to really bring the Sunday school up to the level where we can see real life. Not just cosmetic, not just form but life beginning to generate. And I really want to thank them for their sacrifice and the diligence in which they approach the task.

And I trust that the parents also have taken time to see them personally and express their appreciation for them, that they can do that. And it takes a lot of work preparing the charts and doing this.

And our Sis. Blesdell and Sis. Ross here and with all the helps that is connected to the Sunday school... You know, ever since we had this new administration, we felt the need to get the little children involved. I had felt in my heart that these two sisters would have been able to be suited for the job.

And you know, even at first, they did not want to, (what should I say?) jump right full into it but now that they have begun to do it, I was amazed at how quickly God began to give them inspiration. Because

the things that sometimes they share with me that they are doing with the children and so on, it's so remarkable that I know even for their own personal lives, having the responsibility and having to search the Scriptures and having to seek topics and having to study the children's ability to learn and grasp and their individual personalities and to relate to them, has caused them to get down into the Word in a way, that maybe in their own personal lives they would not have taken it in that manner, in that depth, and even to see how God is.

You know, you pass and you see the children now, they are so glued; they are so focused. And even the methods that they employed in getting the little teachings across to the children, have been a great asset. I trust that it will grow and grow and we will see it develop into such a place, that not just the bigger ones but the children until the whole Assembly at every level, we can see that type of life moving among the children.

Nothing encourages a teacher more, than when they see the students are really being involved in what is being communicated. In the Bible Paul said, how there's the need for the church to communicate back to him who has taught them. And you'll find that in Galatians where he knew he was teaching these things, teaching these things and he saw the need. And you know, we had them to arrange a syllabus just like they do in school because it's the same principle with teaching anything; any type of teaching.

The Prophet said, "I must first get the Church Ages." He said, "Then I need to get out... After this will come the Seals but I cannot take the Seals because the Church goes up in the 4th Chapter and doesn't come back until the 19th Chapter, so I need to get Daniel's seventy weeks." So he said, "After this, I'll have to take Daniel's seventy weeks, then I'll have to take the Seals." When the Seals were finished, he said, "I'll have

to get the Trumpets because the Trumpets will have to tie in these things here, because I told you on Daniel's seventy weeks, when we get here, we'll need those Trumpets and those things will come in here."

So, what I'm saying that for, is to show you that he had a syllabus too. And the secret of the Message... Why we were able to catch these things was because God laid it out. God had a Divine Syllabus. Because God had a time for the kings, and God had a time for the history, and God had a time for the poets, and God had a time for different things, and then God had a time with the Prophet, and then the Messiah had to come in that time. And then God has a time for the Church and after the time for the Church, then God has the time for the Jews, and after the Jews, then God has a time for the Kingdom coming back. So, God has a great, Divine Syllabus also.

And you find many people, they could not grasp the Word outside of their season. As Paul said, "These things about the Church are now being revealed to prophets and apostles and these things which the Old Testament prophets did not know about." Though they were writing the Bible, they did not know about it, because God was only showing them things that were pertaining to Israel and so on.

Until after Israel rejected the Gospel, then there were things in there, in type, in shadow, that God began to reveal, how, what is the purpose of the Church: how the Church was hidden in Christ, how the Church was a mystery from Genesis coming down but how it's the time for the Church to be coming into expression now, and how the Church is going to have a dispensation and these things. And Paul and they began to teach those things.

And then John came and God gave him the Seven Church Ages and he showed that the Church was going to be divided up into seven definite portions; each Age having its own Elect and its own promise and those things. Well, that's the way it was.

So using the same principle, they made this syllabus. Then we get a roll call that we felt was needed, so we can get the parents involved because we want the parents to know, if the children are absent and we find one, two, three absenteeism and the children are not in Sunday school, then if we can help...

Now this is not controlling you; this is trying to help you; this is trying to help your child. Because if the child is not there for two or three Sundays, maybe there's a problem. Maybe you don't have transportation for the child; maybe we could arrange the transportation; we can arrange the help. Maybe there's a problem that the child, maybe, encountered in Sunday school, so he doesn't want to come back to Sunday school. Do you understand what I am saying?

So sometimes, you know, you do that in a church here, how I said it here, and sometimes somebody with a limited understanding of what all is in your mind and how you have these things being done, they feel, "Why should they call a roll, and if my child is absent for three Sundays, why should you come and tell me?" and they are getting it all wrong. And sometimes people misunderstand things like that.

So they have these things like that in school and we try to keep relating to the parents because the parents are part of the Assembly; the children are part of the Assembly. Then also, the children and the parents make up a home and a family that is represented in the Assembly. Then that family and a home... If you have two or three families and homes that are affected in the Assembly, you have a great part of the Assembly becoming affected now, because the Assembly is made up of families. Is that right? Exactly.

So you see, back and forth, that is why we need to be in touch with one another all the time and we need to have proper relations in dealing with these things, and we need to have a system, and we need to have some form of order if we are to carry it out efficiently.

Because sometimes, though we do not mind what goes or comes, God cares, and we will still have to give an account to Him for the responsibility that He entrusted unto us and the talent that He gave to us and how we use it, whether for His glory or for ourselves. Do you understand what I am saying? We'll all have to give account. Because Jesus taught those things about the man with the talent, and who buried their talents and different things in the Bible. Is that right?

And then the Church is like the Ephesians, how it was divided up into portions and every man had their portion. Is that right? And we went through all of this on *The Inside Life* [1988 series -Ed.], and everybody was knowing their place, by the grace of God. Ephraim was put here, Manasseh was put here, Judah was put here, Reuben was put here, Dan was put here; each one in their place, because the whole body fitly joined and compacted together could work in real harmony because the Church has a purpose to accomplish.

And that's why I said, when you come to church, it's a post of duty; it's a responsibility. You don't just come in here for you and yourself. The parents need to sometimes keep in communication.

The same way you, in the natural school, they think that we need to have a PTA. [Parent Teacher Association -Ed.] Do you know why they want a PTA? They want a PTA because they feel that the teachers are teaching, teaching, teaching and the problem is, it's being made hard for them because something the parents are doing at home, that when the children comes, sometimes, the children, maybe the studying methods and different things they put the children into, and when they question the children, the children say, "Well, mammy does this," or it's this one who caused

that, or this one did not buy the book, or this one said so and so, or this one gets too much of licks [corporal punishment -Ed.] at home. And they say, "No, something is wrong."

And the teacher feels that the best way we can do these things, is if we find—meet the parents and we can talk to them and we can let them know what we are teaching the child at this time and that if they can oversee it for us at home, because we can't be in every home while the children are at home overseeing what they are doing so that we can be able to (what should I say?) monitor their development, (do you understand what I'm saying?) that they can be trained in the way of the Lord – what they are being trained at home and what they are being trained in the house of God.

Because the reason why we have something in church for them, is so that when they come to service, they can look forward to getting something, following something, the same way we look forward to it at our level. Because if we only bring them and put them on the bench and say, "I trained my children; I do not want anybody to train my children for me," well then when they come and all these things are being preached at a certain level and they cannot get it, they're looking around on the bench, they will be doing this; they want to go outside and play. They are being just controlled there.

But when they can come and at their level in their Sunday school class, understanding that it is only being dealt with for them, then, oh, they will want to come to Sunday school the next day to follow up. When they go home, they will want to go a little deeper. When they meet one another, they can fellowship.

And we have some other things that we have in mind for the children also, which I am supposed to make an announcement at the end of the meeting for all the children—the boys between 8 to 12 years old,

we want them to remain back after service. So, let me say it before some of them fall asleep and they end up missing it.

All the boys between 8 to 12 years old, we need to have you remain back after service. So make sure because we want to talk to you all; we have some things in mind for you all and we want to work with you all in the best way that we could. Because as I said in times past, we have... [Bro. Vin speaks to someone -Ed.] You can come too, Isaac. You can come too. It's alright. If you have passed 12, you can come too. It's okay. If you are 13 still come. Amen? If some of the boys are saying they are 14...

Do you know how children are? You ask somebody, "What is your age?"

"13 going on 14."

"What is your age?"

"15 going on 16."

And now today I said 12 alone, and then the 13 will wish they were 12, and then the 14, if they could squeeze back into a 12 or just above 12, they would like to do it. You see? Just at times when we want to be a little older, we like to show that we are a little older. When it's times that we would like to benefit from something the younger ones might have and we might be left out of, we want to get in there too. It's just human nature.

Well anyhow, we want to get together with them because we are trying our best to help them. Because serving the Lord is not just a church thing. And we want them to know that. We want those boys to know you don't serve the Lord—you don't picture yourself just coming to service and going back home with a Bible and just reading. No.

A Christian can do a lot of things. A Christian just needs balance and just needs to know how to set their priorities right. When it's God's time, do not encroach anything on God's time. Put God first in everything. Know the leading of the Holy Spirit. Know the will of God. Then those things are what makes you set your priorities right, those things are what makes you differentiate the difference of things; those are the things that can make you deal with things in a proper manner, and then in doing that, you can be the right kind of representative for Jesus Christ. See?

Outside of that, many times, you know, we see boys and girls and little ones... And don't be frightened girls, we are thinking about you too, so we are going to get into your area soon and be able to talk to you, but right now we just want to see the areas where we can help at this present time, or we could make a little room for, so we can focus some attention there.

So, just on behalf of the Sunday school classes, I just wanted to express that to the Sunday school teachers and the helps and for the parents that they too can keep in touch with them more, so they can know the parents, and in knowing the parents, they may understand certain things about their children that they may not be able to pick up for the forty minutes they are with them there, that the parents can fill them in and then sometimes...

You know, like my little boy, for instance, Jonah, he got up the other morning and was bawling and bawling and bawling, maybe, about 4:00 am. in the morning, all until 7:00 am. And we had to be up with him, and were holding him. We asked him, "Do you have a toothache, boy? Is your belly hurting? Do you have a belly ache?" I laid my hand on the belly, I prayed, because he would not say a word. He wouldn't say if it was a toothache; he wouldn't say... "Is your foot hurting you? What happened? Are you hungry? Do you want tea? Do you want water?" I made two trips for water, twice, and he still would not say.

Then about 7:00 o'clock in the morning, you know, he was lying down by his mother and she just touched

him. She touched him by his head and he pulled away like that and she said, "This boy's ear is hurting him." Then we realized it was an earache he had but he was not saying it was that. Do you understand what I mean?

So you know, sometimes children can be there and you want them to talk. "What is wrong with you? So, and so and so. Hello, cutie." They'll still watch you like that, you know. And sometimes the parents can say, "Oh, this boy, you see, when he gets in a room, he'll be quiet for a little while until he gets settled in and then you cannot stop him afterwards."

They say, "Oh."

So then when they can understand a little bit about the children, it helps them. Do you understand what I mean? Alright. Because sometimes, they may want them to participate in something in school, and when they say, "Stand up and say your memory verse," or, "Stand up and sing," maybe they might be kind of shy to say it. They know it; they can say it at home, but what they need is a little exposure, a little interaction with the rest of the children or something. And then we can say, "Oh, if we can do something to get this boy to let him know, these are his friends here. These are your brothers and sisters.' These are..."

You know, when children are going to school for the first time sometimes, that first day in class, they sit down by themselves, they look at everybody strangely; they scream and cry if the teacher only goes to touch them and put them somewhere else. And we all have our stages.

So I trust that we would be able to give the kind of support that we need with the Sunday school, because especially, like when there are times for them to get the children out to practice, sometimes a little song to sing in church.

Because they have the same thing. That is part of their development. Singing in the house of God, glorifying God, praising God, thinking it is honorable, thinking it is something glorifying to God, are the types of things that we should be ambitious in, in the service, for the Lord. And that kind of attitude is the type of attitude we would like to be cultivated, that our children, in growing up, will never be ashamed of this Gospel, never be ashamed to testify, never be ashamed to do something for the Lord when the opportunity is presented unto them; that it is nothing they must feel inferior about.

Because sometimes, in school they may be made to feel inferior if they cannot say a certain poem. If they can't maybe sing a certain calypso [genre of music -Ed.] around Carnival time like one of the other boys in class and all the teachers and everybody are happy over that calypso and they call him 'the young calypso king' and different things, and our children cannot do that, then they have a complex.

Well, if our children should be made to feel that they cannot sing for the Lord too... They should be saying, "Well, I'm not going to sing a calypso but I would like to sing a song for the Lord here in the school and I would like to see if you all would praise the Lord the same way." I would like to have a little boy, or a little girl who will do that in school. You know what I mean. After all. Sure! They should not be made to feel inferior to do something for God, because this world is going to burn, (sure!) and what is done for Christ is going to stand. Amen. So, we would like to see that, by the grace of God.

And I just... In our little way of letting the parents know, in our efforts to help in every area in the Assembly, at every level, we would like the fullest cooperation of the parents in whatever is being done on behalf of the children, and if it means making a little sacrifice here or there, that we could, in the end, see right here, God gave them their friends that they can be friends. We don't want to go looking for friends

for our children, because when they are in Heaven, I doubt they will get a vacation to go down in Hell to meet some down in Hell. Do you understand what I'm saying? Seriously! No, there are some people like that.

Because we don't want—I don't want to despise God's people. I don't want to think that God's people and God's children are not good enough children that we can't be friendly here with them. Amen. We have no kind of lines here. We are all talking about the Word and what kind of spirit that we would like to cultivate and what kind of development, what will be virtuous, what will be healthy, so that if you have the outside world coming in amongst us, they must not just see two or three strong Christians who are battling the storms of life down through the years and they can say, "Look at the kind of Christians we have in the Assembly." They must be able to look anywhere in the church and be able to see, at any level, Christians.

We don't want, like when the Queen is coming, we are going to drive her down the Priority Bus Route, we are going to bring her down this way, and then we will paint all the fences, clean all the places there and you bring them through a certain route that they will see everything is prepared beforehand just for that drive. You know, those special routes they pass people, we don't want that. We should not have anything to hide.

Wherever we pass, if we have an area that needs working on, we want to start to work on it. If we have an area that needs developing, let us develop it. If we have weaknesses, we want to know how to strengthen them. Is that right? And in that way, we as a people, as a Body of believers, can contribute and help and become involved where we can see the church, (when we speak of the Body as one unit,) become a vibrant body; become a united Body. Amen?

So, in whatever we will have to do on behalf of the Assembly... Because we know that there have been needs that have been neglected over the years, where many areas have been left unattended, but under this new administration, we want to see in every way we can help, that serving the Lord could be one of full joy; full participation. We can be together.

The children right here, can do things, be involved in little exercises, whatever it is that can produce a friendship, a harmony, a unity, that they are boys growing up in the service of the Lord together. They are little scouts in God's army, so to speak, amen, growing up in the way of the Lord.

Can you imagine little Israel, those young boys walking there and they were seeing Joshua and they were passing there and they were seeing Moses and they were walking and they were seeing Aaron and they were walking back there and they were among them? Do you understand what I'm saying? It's the same thing today; it's nothing different.

So, let us look in and see how best... Because more and more as the world pushes us out, and as the world becomes solidified and consolidated and we see it coming into a place, unless you go through certain orders that they have laid out to become part of that system or recognized as part that system, you will be pushed out even to the extent of persecution. We have to face these things and come to terms with it.

And as a parent, you start to think of, so what are your children going to do if you have to take them out of school? What is going to happen if you have to do this? What is going to take place when the time comes? When that time comes, what are you going to do? Do you understand what I'm saying? So in every way that we can... Because friends, we cannot pray that that is not going to happen. That is going to happen. And especially as we study God's Word and we see the Hour that we are in, the time has come for those things. Amen.

So let's just... That was a little word of admonition as I was speaking and mentioning the little chart and

so on, that what we can do to help with the Sunday school, and as parents, what might be needed for us to become a little more involved. Okay.

Now we have been working here over these past couple of months, and we've been down in this Book of Daniel, and we have been trying to bring these things that it might really be a real help to us, and we've tried to simplify many... [Blank spot on tape -Ed.] Daniel... And the second one, I included the Book of Revelation and Leviticus 23 into it. And just to refresh you...

Let me see, is there anyone here that doesn't have one of these charts this morning? Let me see. Sis. Susan here, Sis. Claire, Sis. Christine, Sis. Jucy in the back there. Do you have one? Okay. Give her one there. Bro. Gour in the back there. Look, a couple of sisters over here. Just get somebody else with some more instead of... Do any of the little boys don't have one, all who can read? If you have yours, I want you to open them up and hold them there. Look, our sister there, Marlene. Look, Sis. Marlene Bourns. Okay.

Now as we get ready to kind of get a little quiet and study a little bit and... I'm not going to preach; I'm just going to kind of speak a little bit because I realize now we have kind of settled in. And even the little boys, last week were complaining that they wanted their own, so I'll have to kind of revise a little bit, and then we have some of the strangers here so that we can revise a little bit.

So I will just kind of speak a little bit to let you know why this is important to us and why we are taking this time to look in on these things and why we have tried to bring it to individual attention by way of a chart, so that there will not be one individual who will not be focused to these things because we believe that it is of great necessity.

First of all, because we believe that God does not lie. God's Word cannot fail. And what is happening right now upon the face of the earth has been foretold by God, and here it is coming to pass. And that is why we want to look and see that God has spoken these things, it is coming to pass, and if it is coming to pass, it means that we are at the End Time.

Regardless of what any politician says, it becomes his word against God's Word. Regardless of what any scientist said, it became his word against God's Word. And there was no politician, there was no scientist, there was no school teacher, no high school student, nobody, who, let us say, twenty-six hundred years ago, could have foretold these things accurately as It did. And since God foretold it and history bears record of it, I say, let me listen to what God says. Amen.

So these things we are observing as we have in the chart here, this new chart here, I have on the left: *The Books Of Daniel And Revelation Compared With Leviticus 23*. Why was it important to compare Daniel and Revelation? Why didn't we compare Daniel with Job? Why didn't we compare Daniel with Psalms? Why didn't we compare Daniel with Jeremiah? Why didn't we compare Daniel, maybe, with the Gospels? Why did we choose to compare Daniel with Revelation? Because Daniel is a Book of prophecy and It is called the apocalypse of the Old Testament because Its prophecies were given in symbol form.

And we find out that when God gives prophecy in symbol form, He does that for a purpose. Because we have many other areas in the Bible when the very same God gave prophecy and did not give it in symbol form. If you read Matthew 24, you will see a whole set of prophecies that has nothing to do with symbol form. Why now, did God give it in symbol form? Because of God's intention and God's desire to keep certain things a secret.

If God's Word says, "In the last days, America will be destroyed by Russia," God could have said that. Or God could have said, "In the last days, the Russians will destroy Rome with an atomic bomb." God could

have said that. God could have said, "The Roman church will be destroyed because of how evil it is." God could have said that the same way He said, "There shall be earthquakes in divers places, men's hearts failing for fear." See? The same way He could have said, "Nations will be against nations and the seas are roaring and these things, and fearful sights shall be in the skies, and the sun will turn to darkness," God could have said all these things.

But we find that when He came to certain prophecies, though He was speaking of nations, though He was speaking of churches, though He was speaking of certain events that are to take place, He symbolized the nation.

He said, "A 'woman' seated on seven hills and that 'woman' is drunken with the blood of the saints and the martyrs of Jesus." Well then, it may take the person, who is studying the prophecy, to do a little geography to find out, in the world to begin with, on the planet, how many cities there are that actually are seated on seven hills. And you are going to find that there are only two cities upon the face of the earth that are actually seated on seven or more hills. One is Cincinnati in Ohio and one is Rome. But Cincinnati in Ohio has nothing to do with the saints and martyrs of Jesus, because America was only recognized as a nation in 1776, just a couple of hundred years ago. and the saints and the martyrs of Jesus were way back in the Dark Ages when they were persecuted. Is that right?

Then the Bible tells us of the power, you know, that is going to be in that church, and when God goes to speak of it, He said, "Now this is a Dragon of seven heads and ten horns." But really, a dragon is more a mythical thing.

In the Chinese culture, people have a lot of drawings of dragons but really it doesn't have any historical record of a dragon. And what the Bible really infers to there, is a winged serpent.

But this 'Dragon', as it is called, the Bible says, has seven heads and ten horns and it's a red Dragon. And It tells you this Dragon was in Heaven. And He said, "And this Dragon made war against Michael, and this is the Beast that carrieth that 'woman." So you have to know who Michael is, you have to know what war Michael fought, you have to know who Michael's enemy was, then you will start to find out what power is in that church that is seated on seven hills.

So, God is giving out the identity of this nation, this church, some of the acts that it carried out, but He is keeping it all mysterious because He doesn't intend to give it to anybody. But here and there, here a little and there a little in His Word, He laid out the solution to this mystery. And He gave a promise in His Word that at a particular time, one single man will be endued with the knowledge that only God can give, to tie the whole thing together and reveal what these things are.

And God is so gracious, that before that Beast could do its final acts of terror upon humanity, He sent that man with that knowledge. Because what use will it be to give the man the knowledge and send the man after the Beast destroys everything? So think then, how good it will be if we are living in a world that is fixing to be destroyed...

Let us say, you are in your home and a bomb was going to blow up your home... You know there are a lot of bomb scares these days. They even had a little picture in the newspapers, I saw they had those little babies being attended to out in the rain because of a bomb scare in the hospital somewhere.

Well, let us say that there is a bomb planted in somebody's home to blow up that home and it's going to go up at 12:00 noon. And all 10:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. you are in your home relaxing. You just came out from a hard work, if it was a night shift, and you say,

"Well, you see me, I'm going to take a good sleep and don't wake me up until about 4:00 p.m. I'm going to lie down there and read my newspaper, eat a big plate of food and just kind of relax." And all that is on your mind is sleep afterwards and you are going to get up a little later, and you don't know that house is going to blow up at 12:00 noon.

And then somebody who saw when that bomb was planted and knows that that person wants to destroy you and your family because they want claim to that land and if they could get you out of the way, then they could have access to the property and control the property, so they are trying to get you out of the way...

And you don't have a clue that your life is in danger, so you are all relaxed and you are making other plans, and you are planning to go and shop. And you are telling your wife, "Well, hear this: get the children ready for 4:00 p.m. this evening. When I get up, we'll go down to the park and have a little relaxation, and then we are going to go out and have dinner, maybe at a restaurant, and then I'm going to take you all for a drive, and we'll get some ice cream up by the savannah, and then we will come back home and relax."

And you made a lot of plans and don't realize that those plans are a waste of time. Those plans might mean something if you know the danger and the danger could be removed, then those plans would become feasible. But to consider those plans is just a wild imagination knowing your life is in danger and there is something that is going to cut your plans short.

Well, I think that that is a very rough parallel to draw but at the same time, it could indicate to us, you know, how clear it is that this world is in impending danger and a lot of people, not just on a home scale but on a national scale, on a global scale, is going about making plans, big plans and everything else, ignoring warning signs; ignoring warning signs.

Look right here, we notice it on the island. Just a couple of weeks ago, they had this big Latin American and Caribbean Conference at the Hilton on the environment. You had government representatives of every nation coming up to have it. You have people locally now, calling on strict environmental laws. They said, "We are going to pass in your nation."

And while all of that was going on... And they got alarmed because of what is going on overseas. And when documented facts began to be produced, how the third world is being used as a dumping ground for the super powers, and all these things are coming to light now, then they have to take some form of action and make some new policy.

And then they are trying to bluff themselves, and trying to make it look like they are doing something and: "We are going to try to get cleaner air and we are going to try to do this, and we are going to retard the progress or the advancement of all the environment being destroyed and these things. We are going to try to slow it down and get the people educated."

And they are having seminars and they are printing materials and they are trying to, in different institutions, let this information out at different times on to the public. They are coming across the media to keep the country informed and start to recognize, "There are environmental problems. We need to become more environmentally conscious. We need to attend to these things. We need to start with our individual homes and surroundings and that will contribute on a national level."

Well, they are trying to get the people aware because they see a need; because they are seeing: The environment could be destroyed. The ozone hole is growing and so and so is happening and these things are taking place. We are seeing that so many lives could be in danger."

And it is always good to see when people are aware of danger: danger that could be very destructive, danger to which, if it really hits, there will be no remedy to the situation; irreparable damage. It makes you so much more concerned. It can even get you tense. It can even make you neurotic. It can have such an influence that you will be willing to make such sacrifices because of how immediate the danger could be.

Well, there is not just environmental danger, there's not just social danger, there's not just an epidemic, an AIDS danger; there is a danger of all—the existence of human life now. There's a danger that human life can be destroyed on the planet. Look at the kind of threats that are being made out in the Middle East and all those things.

But something is happening over the past generation. People, in the newspapers, have become a crime report. With the news and everything, people have become so conscious. They've become... They have learned to be so accustomed to crime and danger. It has become so normal to them now, that they are no longer alarmed by it. Because they have all these little programs designed just to know how to cool you off, throw it behind your back and just go on like nothing is happening. And they've trained the people with that mentality.

Look at California: every time it shakes, and yet with documented, scientific proof, they know it is going to fall, it is going to go into the ocean, millions are going to die and within the last few years, the population has increased by one hundred percent. Why? They have trained the people psychologically to see the shaking, laugh at it, come outside and go about your normal business. They use the media to influence them, to control them, to give them that kind of thinking, that

as far as their life is concerned and these things: "No, everything is going to go on as normal."

And it is a deception. Because when they come to a deathbed and they have to leave this body and they are going into a Christ-less grave, they are going into an eternity where there is no God there, where they will face the wrath of God, where they are going to face Judgment, then they panic; then they want salvation right there and then.

And then you have deceived, religious people, coming along, preaching about some dying thief on the Cross and some special prayer you can say on your bed and just change trains, and make them feel: "Okay, just while you are dying there, raise up your hands and say, 'I accept Jesus as my Savior,' and you are going to go to Heaven from there on." And many are deceived into it. So after a while, what do you get? You even get the religious people training the people to think that you could live anyhow, and on your deathbed, make confessions and jump trains. It doesn't work. It's all deception.

And religion has just deformed into another activity: This evening is a jogging evening. This evening is your special walk and exercise. This evening over here, you'll see your movies. This evening over here, you'll go to your PTA meeting. This evening you'll go over here and get your dental check-up. This evening over here you'll do something else – you'll bake your cake and invite your friends at home. And then this evening you'll go to church. So, it's just another one of your activities in your routine.

So then, they don't study whether their thinking has changed, they don't study whether they are under expectation for God, they don't study whether their lives are fulfilling the Scriptures, they don't study whether they have faith and they are pleasing God; they don't study whether they are fulfilling the purpose God put them on the earth for. Because they have

made God, whose servants, whose subjects they are, just another item on their agenda. And they are so blind, they cannot even see that they are insulting the Creator of Heaven and earth by just making Him another item on their agenda.

And it's a lucky thing, because on some people's agenda, He doesn't even get fit in at all. And if He gets fit in, He gets two hours a day or something like that, where they say the rosary with the beads and they go through it very quickly or whatever it is. Sure! And yet they can't see how high they have exalted their own knowledge above the Word. Why? They have been blinded by modern thinking. They have been blinded. The Bible says, "Blinded by the god of this world that they shouldn't see the Truth.

We need God every moment of the day, because when God made man, God made man to be led by God. God made man that he cannot exist without God. God made man that he cannot prosper; he cannot do anything in a right way without God. God made man to reflect Himself. That is why God made man.

God made all the physical creation for man; made all the animals, from a sardine to a whale; from an ant to an elephant. God made the environment, from the hyssop up to the cedar of Lebanon for man, but God made man for Himself. And God made man to lead the animals, but man was to be led by God. You see?

And the man was the only one out of the whole creation who rebelled and said, "I will go my own way." And when God came in flesh, in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ, He said, "I must be about the Father's business. My meat [desire -Ed.] is to do the will of Him that sent Me and to finish His work." His whole life was to obey the Father; was to do the Father's will. Is that right? And He showed that He had no will of His Own: "Not My will but Thy will be done."

His whole life was to live for the glory of God. When they tried to make Him king... He had selfish appetites; He could have chosen what He wanted. He could have become king; they tried to make Him king. He could have opened a big wine industry because He could turn water into wine. He could multiply bread and fish; He could have had the biggest business if He wanted. He could have put every other doctor out of business because He could heal the sick. Is that right?

But He never went into those things. He was obedient to the Word of God spoken, amen, to show us what kind of example; to show us the way. He said, "I am the Way. I am the Truth. Forget your concept. Look at Me, I am the Truth." He said, "I am the Life." Brother, when He said that, He put every other religion to nought; He brought every man's idea and philosophy to nought. And He said, "Man shall not live by bread alone but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God."

So here, when we realize this world is on the brink of destruction, and God in His Bible, in secret, has the information lying here for us: what time that bomb is going to go off, what time the place will be devastated, so that you can wake up out of your sleep and you can get into safety.

That is why we are studying this Book because this Book tells us seventy weeks are determined. Let me tell you, God does not change His Mind about His Word. God does not add to His knowledge and God has shown that there is a determined time. In other words, that clock is ticking, my friend. Every time it ticks and ticks, it is going to run out one day. That is why it is important.

What manner of people are we to be when we know that sixty-nine and a half weeks were finished way back at the Cross! When we know the day God begins that last half of the seventieth week, let me tell you, not another Gentile can be saved. Let me tell you, those are things to consider. You are talking about being serious with God now.

When God said that man who is going to reveal those things will come to the end of the Seventh Age, when he came, we realized that even the Gentiles' time was about finished too. Because "In the days of the Voice of the Seventh Angel," (Revelation 10:7; you can read it,) "when he begins to sound, the Mystery of God will be finished." And then that Angel raised His hand and said, "Time shall be no more."

So here as we look into the Word, we are waking up to realize something – that there are things that God laid out here and said, "When you see such and such is going to take place, that is the time. When you begin to see such and such is going to take place, that is the time."

How did they know Jesus had come? Because the Bible had said, "When you see a virgin conceived, when you see this One going forth healing the sick, when you see this One born out of the house of Abraham, out of the house of David, amen, and all those—out of the tribe of Judah, everything concerning Messiah: what He was to be, where He was to be born; born in Bethlehem, came out of a virgin, be a Seed of Abraham, all those things to identify this Person, when that was being fulfilled, it meant that time had come.

And friends, let me tell you something: because people saw that fulfilled, nobody ever looked for another Messiah after that because they knew Jesus of Nazareth fulfilled those things. Why are we not looking for another Seventh Angel? We know that those things are being fulfilled. That is why when we come to this Book of Daniel and we begin to see, in those seventy weeks when those things are going to be fulfilled, if we can look upon those things and see what is happening, we know that we are at the end of time.

Paul talked about the fullness of the Gentiles. That is why in Daniel, Daniel with this vision in symbol form and God revealing it to him, then we saw that in the New Testament there is another Book like that also, only of symbols: Seven Golden Candlesticks, Seven Stars, Seven Vials, Seven Trumpets, Seven Thunders; all these things. Why? Hardly anybody can understand that Book.

Why would God write a Book, put it down there for almost two thousand years and nobody can preach out of It; nobody can understand It? Why? Does God want to be complicated? No! God has those things sealed up, my friends, that when those things were broken, He was going to point out so conclusively, so clearly, so directly, that the true believer would not have one shadow of a doubt as to the Hour that they are living in. It's going to bring such faith into the hearts of the believers; it is going to get them ready to be taken off the face of the earth. It is going to bring that Church right back to that condition, what it was in the beginning, that you will see men and women in this generation, where it's so beautiful to sin in, where it is so pretty up and so shiny, more sinful than any other generation, yet men and women will walk out of this generation and renounce that thing and take a stand for the Word of God. Hallelujah!

That Word will show that God has kept His promise. That Word will show that there's a people predestined to serve God. That Word will show that the Word of God is still real; the Word of God still does and produces what Jesus said It will do because It's a Seed.

Let me tell you, you take a coconut today and you plant it, you take corn today and you plant it, you get wheat today and you plant it, where did it come from? Where did the original corn, the original wheat, the original coconut come from? When God created them in Genesis: "Let there be." Since then, nobody ever created anything as a seed to plant. God created it in the beginning and it kept multiplying itself, kept coming down, until we have seeds, that were from the original in Genesis, today, that we eat by and live by.

Where did the first cedar tree come from? Where did the first mango tree come from? Did somebody make that? God created that back in Genesis.

Well then, if we can still take that seed today and plant it in the earth and watch it grow and it still brings forth after its kind, what about the Word of God? Jesus said the Word is a Seed. If Jesus walking... He said, "A Sower went forth to sow." He was the Sower. He had the Seed, the Word. He was preaching the Word. He was planting the Seed. Amen.

He talked about the different types of ground: "Some fell on rocks and some fell at the wayside." That represented people's hearts. Do you agree to that? He said, "Some fell on good ground too?" And where It fell on good ground, what happened? The Seed brought forth after Its kind. They did the same works Jesus did, they lived like Jesus; they acted like Jesus. Why? Because they received Jesus' Seed.

If you plant Baptist doctrine, you will make Baptists. If you plant Methodist doctrine, you will make Methodists. Let me tell you, nobody goes to a Seventh-Day Adventist seminary and comes out a Catholic. Nobody goes to a Jehovah's Witnesses college and comes out a Methodist. Why? Because every seed brings forth after its kind. Baptist doctrine will make a Baptist, Methodist doctrine will make a Methodist, Pentecostal doctrine will make a Pentecostal, but the Word of God will produce sons and daughters of God.

You have never seen a dog and a dog go together and make a cow. You have never seen a bull and a cow go together and make a monkey. Why? Because every seed brings forth after its kind. And Jesus said the Word is a Seed.

Because there were Sadducees, there were Pharisees, there were Stoicks and Herodians and these things in Jesus' time. There were different denominations. Is that right? Well, it had all those denominations but He wasn't making more Herodians,

He wasn't making more Sadducees, He wasn't making more Pharisees; He was bringing forth a crop like Himself.

The Bible said, "They took note that they had been with Jesus." When Peter and John, in the Book of Acts, walked up to the Gate Beautiful, the Bible said, "They took note that these men had been with Jesus." Is that right? They started to call them 'Christians' in Antioch because they were like Christ. Amen.

If you go down the road and you see somebody, maybe, in a maxi taxi [local public transport -Ed.], and they take out the rosary and are praying and saying, "Hail Mary, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women," I'm sure you are not going to ask them if they are a Pentecostal. That is not Pentecostal life. If you see someone have their *Watchtower* and *Awake* magazine and they are saying, "Here, get your *Watchtower* this week here, learn about what is happening in the Middle East," you will not say that is a Baptist. No. If you see someone with a bell and all these different things, and their candle out by the road and different things, you will not go and ask them if they are a Methodist. Why? You are seeing Baptist life. Well, Baptist life comes from Baptist seed.

It's the same way you don't see a cat saying, "Meow," and it jumps here and it jumps there and you say, "Whew! I wonder if that is a Doberman or an Alsatian?" Why? It is cat life you are seeing. Well, cat life comes from cat seed, and dog life comes from dog seed. And Methodist life comes from Methodist seed, and Baptist life comes from Baptist seed. Hallelujah. And where you see sons and daughters of God walking like Jesus, talking like Jesus, living like Jesus, (amen,) acting like Jesus, then you are seeing sons and daughters of God who have come by the Word of God.

Friends, that doesn't change. If that is wrong, then... If botany life did not change and animal life did not change, and human life didn't change for six

thousand years, do you want to tell me that spiritual life has changed? And all life begins in seed form; even human life begins in seed form. A man that is sterile cannot have children because he has no seed. Exactly. So, all life begins in seed form.

That's why when Jesus came, He said, "The Word is a Seed and a Sower was sowing the Seed." And He was talking about the Word He was preaching, how It was falling in the hearts of the people and coming up and how that life was going to identify what type of Seed He planted.

If you make a kitchen garden... If you walk into a man's kitchen garden and you see tomatoes and cabbage and melongene [Eggplant -Ed.] there, you wouldn't say, "But that corn you planted the other day, it came up nice." No. Because you can tell by the crop what type of seed was sown. Because when a man plants a seed, he plants for a crop. He is not planting to play around in dirt; he is planting the seed for a purpose. He wants the life in that seed to come up.

And when Jesus was preaching and planting the Seed of the Word, He was not playing church, He was planting Seeds; He was sowing Life. Because out of those people, He wanted to see the real Life come forth. Because He said another sower came afterwards and he sowed another seed (is that right?) and it brought up tares. And what does God do with the tares? Burn it in the lake of fire.

So then we realize then, these things that have come down, these principles that have come down to us and the Hour that we are living in here, and we see how God put that Word out there and left It like that in symbol; nobody could understand it. But then the time came, He began to take It out and make It known to us.

And just the fact that we are seeing and understanding those things, it tells us that we are living in a certain Hour. Just the fact that we've seen that God sent a Prophet, a man raised up there, in a Day when people cannot accept that there are prophets, yet the very Scripture is telling them, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the coming of the Son of Man. As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be."

Those very times... Do you want to know what time we are living in? Do you want to know if it is the time He is Coming? Compare today with the days of Noah. Read about it. Compare today with the days of Sodom. Is that right? And once we compare those days, we will be thoroughly satisfied that history is repeating itself again. Because Solomon said, "There is nothing new under the sun." All those things that was, is, and shall be, (amen,) it comes right back in a cycle again. It's going on right now.

And that is why as we look at the Word of God, it behooves us because we see the judgment at hand; we see the destruction at hand. But we are being forewarned. We are being prepared to escape this coming thing. Amen.

I wonder, in the days of Noah, they might have heard that preached back and forth but did not believe that any man was insane enough to press that button and cause an atomic explosion. They did not believe that maybe that nuclear power would bring the disaster. They thought it was an advancement in science. They thought it was progress. They did not see that that was going to destroy the world.

But look and see what happened. It was only those who had recognized that there was a prophet by the name of Noah – unpopular, unheard of, no cooperation with the churches of the day, but obedient to God's Word, (amen,) showing the people that God had a provided way for that time. Exactly right.

And so it is here. This is when those things began to happen and the Holy Spirit showed to us, "Go into this Book now. Look what is happening there in the Middle

East, look what is happening since the Communist Wall has been torn down. Go into this Book now." And we went in here and we began to read Daniel 1, Daniel 2. We began to take different messages from it. And then we started Daniel 7, Daniel 8, and began to bring these things out, and even brought this little chart here, so that you can see what it was that God was showing Daniel.

God showed Daniel certain prophetic things that will identify to us how late the Hour is, because in those visions which God showed to him, it was showing us when the End Time will be. Many people know that there is going to be an End Time one day, but the Book of Daniel brings you closest to pointing out when that End Time is going to be, because he said, "Seventy weeks are determined until the Kingdom comes back to Israel."

Always remember, with the Gentiles, we are talking about 'The Times of the Gentiles' and 'The Fullness of the Gentiles'. And if you notice on our chart here, after this first column, we have 'The Times Of The Gentiles'. The Times Of The Gentiles'. And we found out that the times for the Gentiles... You'll notice in one corner of 'The Times Of The Gentiles', I have, 'Beginning Of The Gentile Dispensation'. Down in the left bottom corner, I have, 'Ending Of The Gentile Dispensation'. There was a time it began; there is a time it is going to run out.

Does anybody know when it began? With the invasion of Israel; captivity of Israel under Nebuchadnezzar. That was the beginning of the time of the Gentiles. Until that time, God had considered Israel as the world power. Israel was the world power. The glory of God in the time of David and Solomon and them, was among Israel. There was not a nation like Israel. All kings from everywhere came and paid tribute to them because they represented Christ on

that Throne, the Lion of Judah Himself. That's what it represented.

But then we found that Gentile dominion came in. And we found out in Daniel Chapter 2, in that dream... I have it here on this side [Bro. Vin refers to the chart -Ed.]: Daniel 1 - Daniel In Babylon. Daniel 2 - Nebuchadnezzar's Dream Of The Image. Daniel 3 - The Golden Image. Daniel 4 - Nebuchadnezzar's Dream Of The Tree. Daniel 5 - Belshazzar: The Fall Of Babylon. Daniel 6 - Daniel In The Lions' Den.

All of that is history. But the things that we are dealing with are Daniel's visions of the End Time. He was told... He did not think it was the End Time; Gabriel, the Angel, told him, "This is for the end." Amen. But we found out that the first revelation given concerning the time of the Gentiles was the image.

And these little boys, I want them to listen to me here now. They wanted these charts and I want them to follow.

The four... Daniel was showing that there were going to be four world empires; four Gentile world empires. And the first one was what? Does anybody know the first one? These little boys here, do you all know the first one? Who knows the first one? [One of the boys says, "Babylon." -Ed.] Right! Who knows the second one? [The boys say, "Medes and Persians." -Ed.] Medes and Persians. The third? [The boys say "Greece." -Ed.] Greece. And the fourth? [The boys say, "Rome." -Ed.] Alright. They are following. They know it. Alright. It was going to be four.

Now there was something about the fourth one. How many remember what he was told about the fourth one? It was going to be diverse from all the others. One of the things was, it was going to last until Jesus comes back. None lasted that long. We are looking for Jesus to come back and that fourth one is going to be right here on the earth when He returns. Alright.

So we have that image there representing Babylon, the Medes and the Persians, Greece, and Rome. Now if you notice on the leg, I have 'Mystery Babylon'. I have a little dash: one side is Pagan Rome and one side is Papal Rome because that fourth empire, Rome, turned from pagan to Papal; from a political empire to a spiritual empire during its existence. Is that right?

It did not start up with a spiritual empire, it started up with a political empire under those Caesars: Tiberius and Nero and Diocletian and all those different Roman emperors. But then it changed from political kings, Caesars, to Popes: and this Pope, and Pope Gregory and that Pope and this Pope and that Pope, and Pope John the XXIII, and Pope Paul the VI, you know, and now we have John Paul II. Is that right? Brother, they kept coming down from political to spiritual. Okay.

Now right in that next column there, which explains some of it, we have the 'World Empires'; I have 'Gentile Dominion Over Israel'. And I want you to follow that carefully as we go down. You just watch in your sheet as I'm coming down. Under 'World Empires', we have 'Gentile Dominion Over Israel'. That was when it started. That was when the head of gold, Babylon, was the first Gentile dominion over Israel. That was 606 to 536 B.C.

Then it dropped down to the Medes and Persians. They conquered Babylon. That is recorded in which chapter in Daniel? Does anybody know? Which chapter in Daniel is it recorded in? Look it's right here [Bro. Vin points to the chart -Ed.]: Daniel Chapter 5 – 'The Fall Of Babylon'. 'Belshazzar's Feast', that is the fall of Babylon. That is when the Medes and Persians came in the city and Darius, the Mede, took the city. And they lasted from 536 to 330 B.C.

Now let me explain this. You all understand how 'B.C.' means, 'Before Christ', so when you are checking the time before Christ, it is going to be diminishing. It is becoming less and less. Okay? Alright. I know some people didn't understand that. They didn't

understand, how is it that the time is coming down instead of going up. Because before Christ, it was diminishing coming down until Jesus, then the calendar changed; that is why we are in 1990 today.

So if you notice, my time begins in 606 and my last date I have is 1990. The reason I put 1990, is because that is where we are studying it right now, not that the Coming of the Lord is 1990. Amen? So I can keep you abreast with the times. Okay.

Then from there came Greece. Now history will bear record of these things. If you take any history book that is giving you world history and history within, let us say, the past twenty-six hundred years, they will show you definitely there were only four world empires. And think of it: if history shows that there is nothing more than four world empires, there were only four world empires, that was shown to Daniel even before the other three became a world empire. Think of it.

Then from 330 to 323 B.C. Greece lost its great leader who had brought Greece to be a world dominion, a world power, a world empire. And does any of these little boys know who that leader of Greece was? Who was the great king of Greece, that first great king? [One of the boys says, "Alexander." -Ed.] Alexander. That's right, Joseph. You are the smallest one and you have the answer right there at your fingertips. Alexander, the Great. Amen.

And he died at the age of 32, 323 B.C. And the Bible told us something about Alexander's kingdom after he died. It told us it was divided into four divisions: four of his generals, each taking a particular section when they divided up the kingdom. And the last of those divisions was conquered by Rome in 30 B.C. Is that right? And that was Egypt. Egypt was the last one. It was Macedonia, it was Thrace, it was Syria, and Egypt. And the last one, being Egypt, was conquered in 30 B.C.

Then, that Roman power, we found out... Who was the one who tried to kill Jesus when He was born? Who was the one who crucified Him on the Cross? Who was the one who destroyed Jerusalem and the temple? [Congregation answers, "Rome" to the three questions -Ed.] Rome, always. Who was the one who slaughtered the Christians, sixty-eight million? Rome. Alright now, watch that.

Aren't you glad that you are not a Roman Catholic anymore? Aren't you glad that God opened your eyes to show you the Truth? Amen. That is not theology now, alone, that is history. And if you deny history, well then, we don't want to... [Blank spot on tape -Ed.]

Now just... As we notice, under 'Rome', I have AD 30, and I have a little cross – Calvary. Now you are going to find that all through this chart, as you take your finger and you go right through on the other side, you'll meet that cross again – Calvary. As you go right through again, you'll meet those Feasts: Feast of the Passover, Feast of the unleavened bread and you'll see another little cross – Calvary again. If you go right over past the 'Book of Revelation' on the last column, you'll meet AD 30 – Calvary again. The reason I did it like that, is that no matter what section you are in, you can keep the times coming down as we come down to 1990. Alright?

But before we leave this column on 'World Empires', I want you to observe something very carefully, starting with 'Gentile Dominion Over Israel'. So what is actually happening, it means that Israel is in captivity under Gentile dominion. Luke 21:24 says, "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." They will be under Gentile dominion until Jesus comes back to the Jews. Amen. Okay, now this is important for my first part of the message here this morning, so I want to go through it really good.

So Gentile dominion over Israel, that is where it started – with Babylon. And Babylon... Does anybody know where it started, where Babylon started? In Genesis, in the tower of Babel. How many know the river it was built on? The Euphrates River. Why?

Now those things are important because when we get to the Book of Revelation, you are going to find out that there is a Euphrates River there; you are going to find out that there is a mystery Babylon there. And if we don't understand the real Babylon, you will never understand the mystery Babylon. Amen. If you do not understand the leader of the real Babylon, you will not understand the leader of the mystery Babylon. Is that right? If you do not understand the strategy of Babylon, you will not understand the strategy of mystery Babylon. So, it is important. Oh my!

Now think of it: God in His wisdom, (God in His

Now think of it: God in His wisdom, (God in His wisdom,) sealed these things up, that in the last days when the Book is opened, we can sit here and look out there and see how the world is at the mercy, it is being devoured, by this very kingdom, and all the leaders and the scholars and the brains of this 20th century don't even recognize it. And insignificant, unlearned, poor people, common people, have the Secret of God, getting ready to be taken off the face of the earth when Jesus comes. Think about it.

No wonder we'll sing Mary's Magnificat [Luke 1:46-55 - Ed.]: "He raised up His handmaiden of low estate. He brought us out of the dunghill." Hallelujah! "He brought those down who are mighty and He raised up those that are poor." Because the common people heard Him gladly. Hallelujah.

Okay. From Babylon to the Medes and Persians. Now in your line with the 'Medes And Persians', do something with me. In your line with 'Medes and Persians', just take your finger and run it right across to your last column, the extreme right. Above I have 'Israel's Babylonian Captivity Prophesied'. That is

where Israel was prophesied by Isaiah and Jeremiah, how they will be in captivity. Jeremiah said it was going to be for seventy years. He said, then God is going to bring them back out. Is that right? Okay.

Now, I did not mark it in that one, but I jotted it here so you can write it if you want. Right under that I had in line with Babylon on top here, 'Jerusalem Burned And The Temple Destroyed' because that is important. You are going to find that that temple is being burnt and destroyed and rebuilt; burnt and destroyed and rebuilt. Do you understand what I'm saying? Jerusalem has been destroyed so many times but she'll rise up again because of what the Word said about Jerusalem.

Many cities, great cities, are under the dust of the earth today; you cannot find them. Once it existed. Sodom and Gomorrah are in the Dead Sea. Is that right? Pompeii is under the sea; all those places. Great cities of civilizations are gone.

Jerusalem had been captured, burnt, plundered, everything else, and God raised it back up again; raised it back up again. Amen. Why? Because the King Himself is going to come and sit in Jerusalem. "Jerusalem, your King cometh unto you riding, meek and lowly." Even when they didn't even know their King was coming, yet that King is going to come back to Jerusalem again. Glory! Okay.

So then when they came back out under the Medes and Persians, it was when Cyrus gave the decree. Is that right? And what happened? That is where the Books of Ezra and Nehemiah, Haggai and Zechariah, come in, because it tells that the temple and the city, which was burnt and destroyed when Nebuchadnezzar took them into captivity, was being rebuilt. They did not know that it was going to be burned and destroyed again; not by Babylonians anymore but by Romans this time, because Titus was going to come and burn it and destroy it again. And this time they were not going

to go into Babylon into captivity, or Rome into captivity, they were going to be scattered into all nations and then they were going to come back in again. Is that right?

In 1948, they came back in. In 1967, in the six-day war, they recaptured Jerusalem. They took it back from those Arabs. Is that right? Sure. Then they want it again. It's a big issue. They want them to give up that land. The Arabs want back those places but they will not give up Jerusalem; they know that that is the city of their King. Glory.

And in 1973, when Egypt and Syria were coming to destroy them in the Yom Kippur war, it was by a sheer miracle. It is inexplicable... I read the history of it. It is inexplicable... That is the war they saw a great hand in the sky pushing down all those Arab forces. That was where they said, when those Arabs were marching in, undetected, coming right in where they could have demolished the whole land of Palestine there, and when they came right up to the Sea of Tiberias, to Galilee, oh, they were just captivated. They all came out of their tanks and began to look at the sights and that was just the time Israel needed. And they said that was the deciding factor right there. They looked to take a view.

They had areas where they told you where certain men fought under the intensity of enemy bombardment and these things and they had to fight, and the type of ammunition that they had was nowhere to be compared with what Egypt and Syria had, who were attacking them from two different fronts, coming in to smother them. But because of what God had said about Israel, they could not be destroyed. Do you know what happened? Israel turned around and won that war. Pilots testified that they saw the angels flying; Supernatural intervention in the war.

Let me tell you, friends, they came back into their homeland for a purpose. You are talking about eleven or twelve million Jews back there during that time, in the face of almost one hundred and thirty-seven million Arabs, and yet they could not destroy their country there because of the prophecy. Because God told Daniel, "Seventy weeks are determined. You still have three and a half weeks—three and a half years, rather. You still have half of a week there. You have to be alive to get that preached to you. Gentiles will try to trod you down until that time, but the time is going to come, God will lift that yoke."

So notice, on this side I have 'Ezra and Nehemiah, Haggai and Zechariah'. This column here is giving you some Jewish history as to how they came back, rebuilt, only to be scattered again. Now that is important. When I get in here, you will see that Daniel wanted to know, "How is it, if sixty-eight years ran out and it's only two more years, if we go back into our land, will everything be over and we are going to receive the Messiah and all these things, and the Kingdom will be restored to Israel? Uh, uh! [Meaning, "No, no." –Ed.] It was not to be.

That seventy years was only a type of a greater dispersion which was going to be seventy times seven. "Because to every year, there is going to be seven years, and that will be seventy weeks. And so where you went into Babylon, you are going to be scattered into the whole earth before you come back." Are you understanding that? Alright now. This time they came back to rebuild that city and that temple, not to be destroyed by Gentiles.

Look. Let's come down a little bit again. We are coming back down under 'World Empires'. So Greece; after we came down from Greece, we came down to Rome, and in AD 70, we have 'Dispersion Of Israel Into All Nations'. Just like Nebuchadnezzar came and took them out, Titus came and took them out. Amen?

Now Daniel spoke of it: "The sanctuary shall be destroyed with a flood." Did you get that when we read

it in Daniel 9? "From the going forth to rebuild Jerusalem and the commandment going forth," that was when they were going back, to do what? Rebuild Jerusalem, rebuild the temple. But by the time we reach Daniel 9:26, it said, "And the sanctuary shall be destroyed." In other words, what they were leaving Babylon to go and rebuild, it was going to be destroyed. Daniel also said it was going to be destroyed again.

Now remember, there's something Israel does not know up to this day – they do not know who Messiah is. And because they do not know who Messiah is, it is impossible for them to know who the fourth Beast is. They do not know who Rome is. They do not know that the Roman Catholic church today was the same Roman empire that dominated their land from B.C. 30 right on until that Roman empire fell. They don't know that.

Then under there, AD 325, the 'Nicene Council'. You take this line now straight right through, AD 325, and bring it right to the third Church Age right there – Pergamos. That line is going to go straight there to Pergamos, just an imaginary line with your finger. Does everybody see that? Well, it was in Pergamos, which means, (what?) 'married', where Satan's seat is. Alright?

In Pergamos, AD 325, the Nicene Council is when Constantine united church and state. They were married, and the political empire that was falling, was revived as the spiritual empire – from pagan Rome to Papal Rome. And that is why under that line I have 'Papal Rome'. I did not put 'Mystery Babylon' totally below that line because mystery Babylon started with Julius Caesar, who became Pontiff Maximus when Pergamos was willed over to Rome, and the mysteries of Babylon that Attalus, the priest-king, fled with, ended up in Pergamos, and Pergamos ended up in Rome; in the Roman province. And that was before AD

325. So that is why mystery Babylon started to come down there but, in other words, it was still more of a political empire than a spiritual empire. But the political empire, that outward texture was removed, and now it was an ecclesiastical empire; a spiritual empire.

Then we drop down one line further, coming down and we come to 'Israel Gathered From All Nations After World War II' – 1948. So you take 'Israel Gathered From All Nations' and you run that straight, we are going to be passing that, in an imaginary line, right through the 'Seven Church Ages', because it was in the Seventh Church Age, World War I and World War II took place – 1914 to 1918. If you keep drawing that line right through the Seventh Age and keep going to the extreme right, you are going to come to the Fifth Trumpet; you are going to come to the First Woe. You are going to see the Sixth Trumpet and the Second Woe right there because 1914 to 1945 was all locked up in that Seventh Age, and in that Seventh Age, Israel was gathered back from all nations into Jerusalem.

So let us just go right back up to the top of 'World Empires' again and follow what happened to Israel alone, not the Gentiles. Under Gentile dominion, look at Israel's activity: 'Gentile Dominion Over Israel'. Then Israel came back, rebuilt the temple and the city under Nehemiah and Ezra and them, then they dispersed again into all nations, then Israel regathered again.

So while Gentiles were having dominion, Israel went back, rebuilt the temple, saw it destroyed, rejected the Messiah and didn't even know it, were scattered into all the world, had the wars—Gentile nations were having wars, persecuting Jews, ran them back into Israel again; then they are gathered back there. And Jesus said, "The generation that sees that, will not pass away until all these things be fulfilled."

So the next thing that happened to Israel, under there I have 'Salvation Of Israel'. No more dispersion, no more scattered into all nations; salvation of Israel. And then I have 'Kingdom Restored To Israel'. "When will Thou restore the kingdom unto Israel?" After 144,000 are saved, when Christ comes as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Amen? And when the Kingdom is restored to Israel, they'll come right back to where they were before Gentile dominion had started over them. Is that right? Because the time of the Gentiles started with Nebuchadnezzar and they never had the Kingdom until the time when Messiah Himself is going to come and take the Throne; then there will be no more Gentile dominion over them. Amen. Okay.

Now we took Daniel 7, and we can go through that very quickly. Daniel 7, the vision of the four beasts because that is what Daniel 7 deals with. And we run those four beasts parallel to the four metals: the lion with the gold, the bear with the silver, the leopard with the brass, and the monster here with the iron. The four beasts and the four metals correspond together showing the four kingdoms.

Under there, we have Revelation 13:1-8; we have this Beast that John saw come up out of the sea which had the part of a lion, part of a bear, part of a leopard. And it had a head that was wounded unto death but it revived, which was the same Roman empire revived in Pergamos in AD 325. Alright?

And then Daniel Chapter 7 also spoke of another Kingdom – the Kingdom of the Most High which shall not be destroyed, and that had to go together with 'The Stone Kingdom'. And if you notice on 'The Stone Kingdom' here, under the image, I have two sides: one side marked Revelation 10:1 and Matthew 21:42 and 44 – 'A Stone Of Stumbling And A Rock Of Offense' – Romans 9:32-33 and 1st Peter 2:6-8, where It speaks of Christ being that Stone.

Now, how many know that when this vision appeared, the Voice told the Prophet... When he

opened his Bible, It came on Romans 9. And he opened it back again and It came on Romans... He said, "Lord, if this is of You, bring it back," and It opened back on Romans 9 again, and it was the Rock of Offense and the Stone of Stumbling. It was Christ coming, being rejected. But on the other side I have, of the same Headstone, this same Stone, Smiting Stone, I have Revelation 19 and Daniel 2 – The Smiting Stone; The Lion Of Judah'.

Now what am I doing here? I am dealing with His Appearing and His Coming. I am dealing with the spiritual Coming of the Stone and the literal Coming of the Stone. Because that Stone began to come in Revelation 10. Mind you, that Stone is here now, because we are in the toes of iron and clay now. But there will be a literal smiting when the ten nations are destroyed in Armageddon. And Revelation 20, He takes the Kingdom. Alright. So that is why I did it like that.

Then Daniel 8, we went through that. That was dealing with the vision of the ram and the he-goat. And how many remember what we examined that to be? It represented the conquest of the Medes and Persians to become a world power, only to be overthrown by the he-goat, which was Greece, which succeeded the Medes and Persians as becoming the third world power.

So it meant the silver, the bear and the ram, all were the Medes and Persians. The brass, the leopard, and the he-goat, was Greece. And we found that out of the four horns of the he-goat, after Alexander died and the kingdom was divided into four divisions, out of one of those horns came up a little horn and that little horn represented the same little horn which came up after the ten horns of the fourth beast in Daniel 7. Alright?

Now, we are going into Daniel 9 this morning for the next few moments. My goodness, it is past one o'clock already. It's time to dismiss. Okay, just let me strike

one thought and close with that. Daniel... I'm going to strike one thought because I did not even realize that was the time. So you keep looking on these things here.

Now, let me give you this before I close off with the tract. I have a dotted line running right under 1990 going right across. That dotted line signifies the translation of the Church. So I'm showing you 1990, where we are at, and then the dotted line is where the Church is going to be taken off.

In the 'Book Of Revelation', I have from Chapter 1 to Chapter 22. I have all 22 chapters of Revelation coming down here. And then we have the Church Ages, the Seals, the Trumpets, the Thunders; the Vials. Because out of the Ages come the Seals, out of the Seals come the Trumpets, out of the Trumpets come Vials; it's sealed up with those Seven Thunders right there.

So right between those Trumpets and those Vials, right between Son of God and Son of David, right between the Feast of Trumpets and the Feast of the Atonement, right between the Sixth and Seventh Trumpet, is where all this mysterious thing of the Message is taking place right now, in this very Hour. Is that very clear to you right there? Alright. That should be very clear to you right there.

If you want, you can, maybe, do that when you go home – take a marker and put it right through all what is happening right now, where the Message of the Hour is taking place. Shout, Voice and Trumpet, all those... The Three-fold Mystery of His Coming is happening right through there. It's where we are at right now. At the end of the Church Ages, all these things are happening before it goes over to the Jewish Age.

So notice how those feasts run parallel with the Book of Revelation and then those feasts run... Now, let me give you something on the feasts here. It will be good if I put this in before... If I close, I can close with this – Leviticus 23, those feasts here, to show you the accuracy of these things and to show you where we are positioned for it.

Under 'Leviticus 23', we have that little cross right there. Do you see it? Calvary. You draw that line left and you'll come right under 'Rome', 'Calvary AD 30'. You draw that line and you step right over the seven golden candlesticks and we see 'Calvary AD 30', and you go to the extreme right with that, you get Calvary AD 30. Alright? It speaks of the death of Christ.

So Leviticus 23 begins with what? The Feast of the Passover; Feast of the Unleavened Bread. What does that represent? Where the Lamb was slain and where the bread was broken. Both represent the death of Jesus Christ. The last Feast is what? Feast of Tabernacles. It speaks of what? Christ's reign. So from Christ's death, to Christ's reign.

If you notice, I have all these things. Under the image, I have: 'The Kingdom of our Lord and His Christ'. Under the 'World Empires', I have 'The Kingdom Restored To Israel'. Under 'Daniel 7', I have 'The Everlasting Kingdom'. Under Daniel 9, or 'Daniel 10-12', rather, I have 'The Great Trumpet – The Millennial Kingdom'. Under 'Leviticus 23', I have 'The Feast Of Tabernacles'. In the other column, I have 'Son Of David'. In the other column, I have 'Revelation 20'. In the other column, I have 'The Eden Restored'.

Each one is dealing with the same thing, to show you, we've come right back to the Kingdom of the Stone, the Kingdom of our Lord and His Christ. It is the Millennium. It is Christ's Kingdom. It is the Everlasting Kingdom. It's the Throne of David.

So what we are dealing with is from Gentile dominion to Christ's dominion; from 1990, where we stopped, to that time. So notice that.

So let's go back to 'Leviticus 23'. 'Feast Of Passover' and 'Feast Of The Unleavened Bread' – AD 30 – Good

Friday. Also, 'Feast Of The Firstfruits' – Easter Sunday – AD 30. Fifty days after, 'Feast Of Pentecost', still AD 30 – May. Alright? Then that was for seven months which represents the Seven Church Ages right here. Did you get that?

Then the fifth Feast was what? Feast of Trumpets. And what was that for? To regather the scattered people. Where were they scattered? AD 70, by Titus. When was that Second Woe ended? 1945. Then what happened? God sent a Prophet out: "Go, get those eleventh-hour Gentile workers." Amen? Okay.

Then 'Day Of Atonement' – the Jews coming back to recognize Messiah; Joseph, making Himself known to His brothers. At the end of the seventieth week – Armageddon. And then the Feast of Tabernacles – the Millennium – you come back to the Stone Kingdom.

So, do you see how that Feast of Tabernacles is that Rock cut without hands? Do you see that? Do you see that half week is that Day of Atonement where Joseph will make Himself known to His brothers; 144,000 will be called and sealed under Moses and Elijah revealing Christ, where they are going to mourn – Matthew 24:31? Is that right? Okay.

Now watch. Feast of the Passover and Feast of the Unleavened Bread, if we look at it in the life of Joseph... Because in the back here, I have another tract but you all do not have it in yours. It's the one I did with the Seven Trumpets. Because on the Seven Trumpets, I took the Book of Revelation and the seven feasts, I took Genesis, I took the Book of Ruth and different Books and we tied them together. Now if you have that tract, just take this portion right here with it and it will open up a whole new lot to you. But just to go through this with you here before we close.

Feast of the Passover and Feast of the Unleavened Bread, Christ's death, represented Joseph in prison. Feast of the Firstfruits – where Joseph was exalted to the right hand of Pharaoh because Christ was exalted

to the right hand of God when He came out of the grave. When Joseph came out of the prison, a type of the grave, he was exalted to the right hand of Pharaoh. Is that right?

Then, 'Feast of Pentecost', Joseph was choosing a Gentile wife. After he became second in Egypt there, you could not go through Pharaoh except you go through Joseph. He took a Gentile wife. Feast of Pentecost – God was calling a people out of the Gentiles for His Name's sake. Christ, after He was exalted on High, (amen,) then He began to choose a Gentile Bride for Seven Church Ages.

Then Joseph's brothers were regathered but they did not know Joseph. Is that right? Feast of the Trumpets – Joseph's brothers coming back to meet with Joseph. But they didn't know him yet because Joseph's wife was with Joseph, and she had to be dismissed to go into the palace so he could make himself known to his brothers, where they were going to weep and cry. And the Day of Atonement is when they'll weep and cry; not the re-killing of the Sacrifice; they'll weep and cry for the Sacrifice that was killed. Because they are going to weep and Joseph is going to tell them, "What you did to Me had to be done in order to save the world; to save the Gentiles." Is that right?

And then the Feast of Tabernacles, when the whole earth blooms; when Joseph is going to come; when they'll have to bow the knee. Every knee shall bow when He is coming back in that land where it is all going to prosper, the desert is going to bloom; when He has His brothers and His Wife and they, in the same land with Him. Is that right?

We can run the same thing with Naomi and Ruth and them the same way but I do not want to go into too much of that to scatter out too much; it is going to just confuse you.

So notice that right there. So that means right where I have Malachi 4:5, where I have 'Shout' and

Voice' and 'Trump' and so on, in-between there, what is happening, it means Joseph's Wife must be dismissed to the Palace so that He can make Himself known to His brothers.

So look in 1990 where we are at. Look at that Stone coming there. Do you see where all these things are tied at the End Time? Do you see where it shows the Bride must leave now so Israel can get the last half week? Do you see in the last half week, is where Joseph is making Himself known to His brothers? Alright.

One last thing. One last thing right in here. In that vision of seventy weeks... That is what I'm calling that this morning: **"THE VISION OF THE SEVENTY WEEKS PROPHECY"**. Daniel 9, we'll start with it as **PART 1** this morning.

Now in this, Daniel once more was receiving the Word from God as he did in Chapter 7 and Chapter 8. The two outstanding things of Chapter 7 and Chapter 8, was the little horn who came up after the ten horns on the fourth beast, and the little horn which came forth from one of the four horns of the he-goat. But in Daniel Chapter 9, this little horn is called, "The prince that shall come," and his people are the people who are going to destroy Daniel's people.

And as I mentioned to you, nowhere in the Book of Daniel has Daniel been told that the fourth beast was Rome. The first three beasts were pointed out to him. The first three kingdoms were pointed out to him but not the fourth one. But God gave him a clue – that little horn was going to cast down the Word of God; was going to destroy the sanctuary. His people were going to come after Messiah was cut off and destroy the sanctuary with a great flood.

Then that prince, that little horn, was going to make a covenant with Daniel's people. Amen. And Daniel was being told, he shall come one day. And when is he going to come? In that last week. And Daniel was told how much time was going to run out from the going forth of the temple to when Messiah comes – sixtynine. And in the last week, that king, that prince that shall come, is going to make a covenant. So what we are saying is, that man has not risen on the scene as yet who is going to fulfill those things.

But as we close, I want to close with this Scripture and you will be able to read it when you go home in a little deeper detail. 2nd Thessalonians, we can all turn to that. I trust that as much as we refer back and forth, we repeat some of these things back and forth, it will help crystallize it to you, and then some of you who are coming in and getting it for the first time and second time, it is going to help make the picture plain to you also.

I know it is a little tedious going back and forth but I am doing it because I really want you to get it, especially in the light of these things now. Because it is going to take studying, it is going to take deep concentration, it is going to take looking into it and reviewing it even when you go home, but we want to do that, by the grace of God. We want to know. We want to understand.

You should just read *Daniel's Seventy Weeks* [1961-0730M&E and 1961-0806 -Ed.] (I have it here with me this morning,) to see what the Prophet said when he came to it. He said, "For the whole week, I hardly even left that room." He said, "I got every Greek dictionary, this, that, I went down to the library; I went there." He said, "They sent a truckload of encyclopedias back and forth." He said, "I so wanted to find that out, to know what time it is, because if we can see that, we are going to see the End Time."

And when you see the End Time, then tell me what are you going to live for? What about your plans that will conflict with God's Word, will you have the willingness to want to lay it aside? And then if you find your life out of alliance with God and your life is not

influenced by the things of God, would you want to start to surrender yourself?

Because when Daniel began to read and he saw that the time was running out and he realized that he needed to be in consecration, he needed to be waiting on God, he needed to get his life and his sins right and dealt with, and the people's sin and so on, so God could deal with them, he began to do it. And under that consecration, the Angel Gabriel came and then God began to deal with him.

I believe if we meet God on the same basis, under the same kind of conditions having the same kind of need, God is obligated to meet with us the same way because He's the same yesterday and today and forever. And God will be unjust not to come to you to open up the things to you, especially, not when you are in the end of seventy years, but you are coming to the end of the seventy weeks; you are coming to the end of the Gentiles – the Seven Church Ages; you are coming to the end where time should be no more; grace, the day of grace will be over and he that is filthy will be filthy still. Then how much more would God want to reveal to you that you can set your house in order; you can set your own life in order.

Chapter 2, verse 1. Now everybody knows 2nd Thessalonians succeeds 1st Thessalonians; it's just a continuation. 1st Thessalonians was dealing with, what? The Coming of the Lord. Notice how it goes from the Coming of the Lord, right into the last half of the seventieth week.

- ¹ Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,
- ² That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

- ³ Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;
- ⁴ Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

And look how Paul said here:

⁵ Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

He's reminding them: "Remember when I used to be with you, I used to teach you these things. We used to study the Scriptures and I showed you how that man is going to rise on the scene one day, that man will be worshiped as God one day, that man will conquer the whole world one day; all those churches will bow down to that system one day." Amen.

- ⁶ And now ye know what [constraineth; restraineth] that he might be revealed in his time.
- ⁷ For the mystery of iniquity doth already work...

Get what I'm saying. That prince was going to come, that prince that shall come was going to come, when? In the last week. But Paul was saying long before the last week had arrived, he said, "That mystery is already working. He shall come, but that mystery is already working. But he shall come one day."

The Mystery of godliness... There are two mysteries in this New Testament here: the Mystery of godliness, and the mystery of iniquity. The Mystery of godliness is, what? 1st Timothy 3:16 – God manifested in the flesh. What is the mystery of iniquity? Satan manifested in the flesh. This man is going to be Satan incarnate, you watch and see.

- ⁷ For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.
- ⁸ And then shall that Wicked one be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

Now notice here: three names. In verse 3, Paul said, "When that man of sin shall be revealed, the son of perdition." Do you know of anybody else who was called 'the son of perdition' in the Bible? Who was it? Judas Iscariot. Jesus said, "He was born the son of perdition." He said, "Have not I chosen twelve of you and one of them is a devil?" Remember when He took that bread, He said, "He that eateth bread with Me, will lift up his heel against Me"?

And the Bible said, "And from that hour, Satan entered..." Not a demon; "Satan, Lucifer, entered into Judas." And Judas was Satan in flesh and Jesus was God in flesh. Both of them were right there together in flesh. Both of them were up in Heaven as Michael and Lucifer. Both of them reached on earth as Satan and Jesus in flesh right there together. Is that right? And in the last days, Revelation 19, when Christ comes back in flesh, Satan will be in flesh right there, both at war again, because the battle that started in Heaven, will end up on the earth in the form of Armageddon.

In the beginning of the Bible, in the middle of the Bible and at the end of the Bible. The Beast that was in the beginning – Satan incarnate in the Serpent, Satan incarnate in Judas; Satan incarnate in the man of sin. Watch him. Satan in flesh in the beginning, Satan in flesh in the middle of the Bible, Satan in flesh in the end of the Bible.

Why does he want to come in flesh? He wants to be worshiped as God. He wants to be like God. Notice Isaiah 14 says, "How art thou fallen from Heaven, O

Lucifer, son of the morning! For thou hast said in thy heart, 'I will be like God."

So Paul called this person three names: 'man of sin', 'son of perdition', and verse 8, 'that wicked one'. There are many wicked people but he is talking about that wicked one whom the Lord will destroy with the brightness of His Coming. It's an individual; it's a person he is talking about. He's not symbolizing anything. He is talking about somebody.

Because Paul knew in the Old Testament, in the Book of Daniel, it taught of a man coming in the last days who will be as God; will change laws and times and worship and dash down the Word of God, and will be given a great mouth and will rule everything; will hold the world's trade and commerce in a pact; will devour the whole earth. And Paul was teaching that here – that that man is going to come.

Now if Daniel taught it, if Paul taught it, if John taught it in the Book of Revelation, how the whole world, whose names are not in the Lamb's Book of Life, will worship the Beast, (and that is in this Hour, friends,) can't we look and see where these things are happening? Now is not the time to play church, now is the time to know Truth and to walk in Truth. Amen.

So he said in verse 8:

⁸ And then shall that Wicked one be revealed...

Because he is going to be revealed in his own time. That is what he said in verse 6 there: "He will be revealed in his own time."

... whom the Lord shall destroy with the spirit of his mouth...

That's the Word of God.

- ... and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:
- ⁹ Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

This will be Satan's superman. Brother, he'll call down fire from heaven, like Elijah, and confuse the whole world. And only those who know Elijah, by being able to turn the hearts of the children back to the faith of the fathers, by bringing forth the same Word, (amen,) the original apostolic doctrine and these things, will come out and believe that, but the rest will be confused when they see that same man, because Revelation 13 says, "He will make fire come down from heaven." That is why, not even to make fire come down from heaven, is a sign of the Holy Ghost.

Anointed ones in the end time. Anointed ones; the teaching, friends; what the teaching is. Because many will do signs and wonders and deceive many.

And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the...

They receive not the love of the, what? [Congregation says, "Truth." -Ed.] The Truth. They could not take the Truth. When the Truth began to be preached, some people had to change their lives, some people had to stop doing this; some people had to walk out from under false teaching and say, "I was deceived," and were not humble enough to say they were deceived. Some people had to walk away from things that they put confidence in and held on to and thought it was the Word of God for years, until they saw that it was contrary to the Bible. And those who did not have the love for the Truth and held on to the creeds and dogmas and the man-made ideas, (see?) they all perished.

... because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

¹¹ And for this cause God shall send them a strong delusion, that they should believe the lie:

What did It say, that the Devil shall send a strong delusion that they should believe the lie? Who shall send it? [Congregation says, "God." -Ed.] Why? Because they love not the Truth.

God preached to you, the Truth; God told you the Truth over and over and over. And let me tell you, that does not just mean in Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and baptism is false. God told you the Truth about your life and you would not accept it. God told you the truth, how to run your home, and you would not accept it. God told you the truth about decisions to make in your business and do things, and you would not do it. And if you take the lie instead and try to live by the lie, you will perish with the lie. God will make you believe the lie afterwards. God will delude you with the lie afterwards. Sure. Watch and see.

Do not make that just religious business. Truth is a Person – Jesus Christ. "Man shall live by every Word and Thy Word is Truth."

- ¹¹ And for this cause God shall send them a strong delusion, that they should believe the lie:
- ¹² That they all might be [judged or] damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

In other words, they love their religious works that was contrary to the Word of God. That is what Cain did. When God told Cain... The first instance of that in the Bible is when God told Cain, "Sin lieth at the door. Do like your brother and I will receive it." And God showed him the Truth and he did not want the Truth; he still wanted to bring his formal, religious works. Because he did not do that, God had no honor to Cain's sacrifice and God left him under a delusion. And then finally, God marked him and sent him out of His Presence. Is that right? Exactly right.

God does not change, friends. In Genesis to Revelation, God does not change. And it falls right back here in the last days. God said that He will do to this generation the same thing. He brought that Truth and if they did not have the love for the Truth, then He gave them a delusion that they should believe the lie and that they shall be damned by believing the lie, because they had pleasure in unrighteousness and they did not love the Truth; they loved the error, they loved the creed, they loved the dogma, they loved the tradition, they loved their man-made ideas, they loved the novena; they loved all these traditions that were unscriptural.

And when God said, "Repent and be baptized"... When God showed them the formula through little Gospel preachers, they failed to realize that that was the Voice of Many Waters; that was God bringing the Word to them. And when they turned that down, there was no court of appeal. And ignorance was no court of appeal for being in the wrong ranks. They'll have to face the Judgment Throne of God where they will perish for rejecting the Word. Because the only condemnation is rejection of the Word. The only... [Blank spot on tape -Ed.] ... even now is condemned already. Is that right?

God does not condemn you for drinking and smoking and stealing and wearing pants and shaving your eyebrows and all those things. You do that because you are a sinner. You do that because you do not know God and you do not have the Holy Spirit. But God condemns you for His Word – when you turn It down; when He says, "Here is what I want," and you say, "But I cannot live that Word." God says, "You do not have to live it; I will live it through you. That is why I died on the Cross – so the Holy Ghost, My Life, will come back in you. And with My Life you can live it, because with I in you, you can do all things." Then the question comes, "Will you let Me come into your heart? Behold, I stand at the door and knock; I want to come inside. Will you open?"

Like the artist who painted the picture, and it had to go through the hall of critics before it went through the Hall of Fame. And those men with their magnifying glass examined the brush strokes, they examined the contrast of colors, they examined the size of the painting; they examined the dimensions it had. They examined it and they couldn't find anything wrong with it; it was just perfect.

Finally, one man came up with something. He said, "Look, they forgot the lock on the door. He is knocking on the door; how is He going to come in?" And they presented it to the artist and they said, "You painted the picture: it's perfect, it's a masterpiece but you forgot to put in the lock on the door."

And the artist said, "I purposely painted it that way because it was intended for the man who is on the inside to open the door so He can come in. He doesn't have to open it; it is you who have to open the door and let Him in."

What about you this morning, would you open the door and let Him in? Come into my heart, Lord Jesus. Come in today; come in to stay. [#288 - Songs That Live -Ed.] Let us sing that little song as we worship Him. God bless you. Sorry to keep you a little long but the rain never did stop and I think it's still not too heavy for you to get through, so I'm trying to let you out and you'll go quickly, by the grace of God. But we just want to worship Him a little bit while we are in His Presence; His Spirit is dealing with us.

I'm glad to see all these little boys sitting down here so nice this morning with the little charts and trying to follow as best as they could. May God give them understanding. Daniel and they were maybe a couple of years—a little older than them when they took them into captivity, but they prayed and they purposed in their hearts. Did you hear that, boys? Purpose in your hearts.

And you young girls now, and you young boys, do that too – purpose in your heart that you will not defile yourselves with the things of the world. And may God

honor you and bless you all and deal with you just like He did with Daniel, because it's the same God we serve today, not another God. And all the things that Daniel spoke about, we are living in the Hour when it is coming to pass. And may you be obedient.

Because Daniel also talked about tribulations and desolations; it is going to be poured out that are determined. And friends, it's going to have some great, great things that are going to be poured out, some fearful and terrible things that will come upon the face of the earth, and God said, "Let not your eyes spare pity: not for the young, not for the babies, not for anybody; not for the old. Let not your eyes spare pity. Begin at My sanctuary."

So I trust, by the grace of God, that... You have done more than us today. You all have had Sunday school and then you came and you had big Sunday school here. You all have had a double portion; you all put in more time than us. May God bless you all for it.

And to the strangers and the visitors, our Bro. Steve's sister, and our brother's fiancé here and some of the others that have come into our gates; Bro. Lindsay's friend, may God bless you all. May the Holy Spirit so give you peace in your hearts as you get ready to leave the building. It might be a little different in here, we may act a little strange sometimes, but it's not too strange when we look in God's Word.

David said, "My cup runneth over." He was happy when he heard the Word of God. "I was glad," he said, "when they said unto me, 'let us go into the house of the Lord." He was enthused, he was excited because he knew the things that we can be enlightened with, that we can partake of and benefit by, by being in the Presence of our King.

Many of you, for some reason or the other, may not have the opportunity to come back but I want to encourage you, search Scriptures and see whether these things be so or not. And if you see those things

are true, then find a place where they believe the Bible fully; where the Word can prepare the people and get them ready because we are living in the Hour of the Coming of the Lord Jesus.

This world is going to be destroyed, my friends. We've heard that for many, many years but the time has come. And while we close out here this morning, why don't we, as believers, who can sit under the teaching of God's Word, examining the Scriptures to see the Day that we are living in, realize the grace given unto us among five billion people on the Planet Earth, to see and to know clearly the Hour that we are living in.

God has been good to us. We cannot count this in dollars and cents; this can have a changing effect in our lives. We should let It have it. We should not resist that Word. Sometimes the Word comes in and It has to throw a lot of things out, rearrange a lot of things in your life, and we get scared for that because we get accustomed to being one way. But sometimes we need to trust Him and say, "Lord, have Thine Own way, Lord. Take my hand, precious Lord, and lead me on; let me stand." Sometimes the way may seem dark and you do not understand: "I don't understand it in my mind, Lord, but in my heart, I'm asking You this morning, You lead me on. Show me what is right."

And I want to be honest with You. I don't want to be a deceiver. I don't want to have to face God as being a deceiver. I don't want to have to face God as being a false teacher. When I see the lake of fire involved, I would rather go and sell bottles or something; try to make a living and feed my children or something. I am not here to make a living. And anybody who sits down here, after two services knows I'm not preaching to make a living here. Surely, know that! That's why I say God takes care of His Own.

What I am talking about is, it's a serious thing to face God as a false teacher because that is the lake of fire. So I want you to say, "Lord, if that man is talking the Truth, if that man standing there is of God making those statements and saying it with that kind of boldness and kind of putting it upon our laps, and that man is not misinterpreting the Bible or giving his own private interpretation, if those things are true, give me a witness, that man is of You and that Word that he is speaking is of the Truth. This Prophet whom he is talking about in the last days, this William Branham and these strange kinds of things, if that is true, Lord, give me witness that I might know because I do not want to be confused. But Lord, if it is of You, give me the courage to accept it and walk in it and to live true according to Your Word."

If we can find that kind of sincerity this morning, if we can meet God upon those grounds with a clean-cut decision, really meaning those things in our hearts, I guarantee you, as there is a God in Heaven Who is even hearing me right now, in Whose Presence we are gathered here this morning, He can speak back to your heart, whether it's by a dream, whether it's by a revelation, whether it's a witness in your spirit, in many ways God can bear witness to you and say, "My child, this is of Me. This is the Truth. Don't you fear this"

Remember Paul one time in the Bible, God said, "Don't fear, Paul. I have many people in this city right here. No harm will come to you. You stay right here; I will be with you." One time he wanted to go somewhere and God said, "Don't go, Paul. Don't go that way, go this way; I have many people who are there who are going to hear your words." Friends, God answers.

One time Cornelius was praying, seeking God and the Angel said, "Go down there and you are going to find a man. Ask for a man named Simon. Let that man come here and let that man preach to you." The Angel could have told Cornelius those things. Read it in your Bible – Acts 9 and 10. The Angel could have told

Cornelius himself but He said, "Go down to a certain place and you'll find a man. Ask for a man named Simon Peter there. The man whom you are going to ask for, the house is of a man named Simon, the tanner. Ask the tanner for—he has a guest in his house right now. Let that man come with you."

And they went down there. When they went down there, Peter was on the rooftop. And Peter was praying and God gave him a vision, and after he came out of the vision, God said, "Now there are three men at the door downstairs. Go down there and go with those men and don't doubt." And Peter went with those men, and he did not know where he was going; he didn't understand what was happening.

He came into the house; he saw them. It struck Cornelius when he saw that there was a man really coming. It really had a man in that house. "Like the vision is true after all. Something is happening." He bowed down. Peter said, "Rise up. Do not worship me." Supposedly the first Pope. They said the first Pope was Peter. Well, he did not want any man to bow down to him. He raised him back up. He said, "I am a man just like you." And the Bible said, "While Peter began to speak those words, the Holy Ghost fell on them." Is that the Bible? Amen. That's the Bible.

What was it? God works on both ends. You ask God, "God, is this of You?" God will answer, if you are sincere, by the grace of God. "Is this Your Presence? Is this Your people here, God?" You say, "How do you know?"

I remember when I came out of the world, stoned with drugs, life tied up and knotted up in sin, and sat down under that tape that first day and heard that first message, *Looking To The Unseen* [1958-1003 - Looking At The Unseen -Ed.], I was loosed. My mind was clear. When the Spirit of God said, "Time to leave here and go back to San Fernando now, this is what you were looking

for," and I went back there, I did not know what was going to happen.

I came back right there. My two brothers here, two of the deacons today in the house of God, I went straight to them. The first two people I talked to that evening were the two of them. And then the others: one of the song leaders and Bro. Joe and they right there, came afterwards too. And here, seventeen years after, we are standing here; went around the world and preached this same Message, standing here; coming under here in 1979 with a little tray for a pulpit with some planks of wood and some bricks with gazette paper [newspaper -Ed.] for benches. And since then, people from around the world have gone past there and preached the Gospel also.

Why? God doesn't lie. God's Word is true. God watches over His Word. God, right there at that moment, could have spoken to my heart and told me that was the Truth, and all these years, it is still the Truth, and for many others, it is still the Truth. I'm saying this morning, if we say, "Come into my heart, Lord Jesus; come in today, come in to stay," something could happen before we leave this service, as we worship Him.

[#288 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

Into my heart...

Come into my heart, into my heart,

Come into my heart, Lord Jesus,

Come in today,

Come in to stay,

Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

Oh, sing it again; worship Him. Right where you are sitting this morning, He knows your heart. He can flutter right down. Like Gabriel flew in, He can fly right in, right in that little space – in the inside of the inside; take up His abode.

... Lord Jesus, Come in today, Yes, Lord. Come in to stay, Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

I know the Lord has made a way for me I know the Lord has made a way for me I will live a holy life,
Shun the wrong and do the right I know the Lord has made a way for me.

Every head bowed, every eye closed, as we pray. Think of that experience when Elijah was getting ready to be taken away from the face of the earth, and Elisha who had followed faithfully with the desire to see the same Spirit that was upon the prophet in his life and he had asked for a double portion of the Holy Spirit. He did not ask for riches or fame or popularity, he did not ask for material goods, he asked for a double portion of the Spirit that was upon that prophet. And the prophet said, "You ask a hard thing, but if you see me go, you can have what you ask for."

The Bible said when the chariot of fire came down to take Elijah away and Elisha had seen it, Elijah threw back that mantle, the same mantle that was waved over him some years before, when he had come under the power of the blessing of what moved that prophet.

What has moved us over these years, friends? This Word, this Word that has touched our hearts; this Word that has been waved over us this morning. But before Elisha could take it and put it on, he got ahold of his own garment and he ripped it into pieces and laid it aside and then he wrapped himself in the mantle of Elijah. Jesus said, "No man taketh a new garment and patch it to an old garment; no man putteth new wine in old bottles."

Maybe that is why the tear has been so great in the lives of many. We tried to just join something, we tried just to be reformed a little bit, but God wanted us, friends, to tear up that old garment that we might be

covered with this Garment. Like Ruth was covered with Boaz's garment; like God wants to cover us with the Holy Spirit, that Garment, the Robe without seam, the Holy Spirit, this great Blanket of His Love that is spread over us right now.

And are we willing, this morning as we pray, to take our garment of our self-righteousness... Because the Bible says, our self-righteousness is like filthy rags. That's our old garment. Brother, we could have His Raiment, White Raiment that glistens like the sun in its full strength; become white like snow. Oh, that we might be covered with that Holy Spirit, friends! It will make all the difference. You will not have to struggle anymore. You will not have to find yourself disappointed and disenchanted anymore, but you can rise and shine then.

Oh, gracious Father, we stand in Your Presence this morning, God, realizing the blessed opportunity presented to us, as mortals, this very moment. As these, Your children, seated here in the house of God, under the Ministry of the Word and the Presence of God overshadowing them, they have had some hours here, Lord, to consider the things which they have heard today, whether it be of God or not.

Remembering the words of Your Prophet, "Whenever we hear the Gospel, It either draws us closer to God or sends us further away." It depends on whatever attitude we take upon the Word. But recounting the experiences of some in the pages of the Bible, oh God, what attitude they took when they heard the Word and seeing the results that followed them, God, that is the way we want to walk.

And even though what we hear might be a little strange to us, I pray that Your Holy Spirit, Lord, will cause Your children, them that know You and them that You have brought that You might reveal Yourself to them through Your Word, that they might consider these things, dear Father, and the Spirit of God will

deal with them in such a way that will cause them to see it and know what Thy perfect will is. For You said, "Redeeming the time," oh God, "knowing that the days are evil" and "be not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is." How we should awake out of our sleep, for it is high time.

Oh my God, may Your Spirit that is present, oh God, as I have asked these to ask You, Father, Lord God, if these things are true, if I be Your servant, if these are Your people that are gathered here, if this is of You, Lord, that they might be assisted, Lord God, in having the right attitude to Your Word and that they might recognize that they are in Your Presence that, Lord God, in this Age that is so deceiving and there are so many voices, that the Spirit of the Living God will bring them to know the Voice of their Creator.

As the song says, "I have recognized that Voice, I have understood the call; I have seen the beauty of the One I love." Oh God, You said, "My sheep will know My Voice and a stranger they will not follow." Oh God, Your Word has been proclaimed; Your Voice has been sounded, Lord. The sheep are here; them, oh God, that don't know You will respond. Hallelujah! Let it be, Father.

For we realize, Lord, it is not many more days. Soon it will all be over. The Bibles will be stacked, the last sermon will be preached, the Bride will be taken off the face of the earth, and then the wrath of God will be poured out. Oh God, he that is filthy will be filthy still. But today if we will hear Your Voice, may we harden not our hearts. May, oh God, there will be a passion to know Your Word, a cry for reaching out in the Spirit and a fervent desire to please You. Grant it, dear God.

I commit this service into Your hands, Lord, and this people that have gathered here and have heard Your Word. As we leave this place to go to our homes, God, considering what we have heard today, taking inventory of our lives and searching the Scriptures to see whether these things be so, oh God, may the Spirit of God continue to work in every heart, especially the believers, oh God, those, oh God, who have been sitting here night after night, day after day coming to hear these Truths, oh God. And Lord, You are trying to help us, oh God, bring it down to a closer place where it could be more visible.

Even down to the little ones, how they sat and listened attentively. I pray You bless them, Lord. I pray You bless our Sunday School teachers. What a gallant and noble job that they are doing. I pray You bless the parents that we'll see a greater involvement and greater support.

Oh God, Lord, even the building project, I thank You Father, Lord God, for them who have borne and shouldered the responsibilities so gallantly, oh God. Father, such an ox anointing, to labor, upon them. How we thank You, Lord. May You bless them.

Bless the trustees. Bless the deacons, Lord. Bless the librarians, Lord. Bless, oh God, those that help in the prayer services, oh God, in every way: the song leaders, Lord, the singers, everyone doing their part, Lord, that we might see the work of God, the people of God, established, and the worship of God coming before You, acceptable in Thy sight, a sweet-smelling savor in Thy nostrils, where You are so pleased that You can inhabit our praise; You can dwell amongst us. Oh God, we so desire to see that.

Dear God, may, when the strangers and the visitors come in and go out, they will know, oh God, that surely the Presence of the Lord is in this place. Like Jacob they will say, "This is none other than the house of God. Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this place." Oh God, "This is none other than the Gate to Heaven" Oh God, may You grant it, Lord. May You grant it.

May Your Presence go with us this evening. Watch over us and protect us. Bring us back another time

should You tarry and allow us life. We thank You, Lord, for being here today. We thank You for the blessing which we have received.

If there be those, oh God, that desire to make a real stand for this Gospel, I pray, dear God, that they will come forward to be truly identified, and not be ashamed of Your Truth that they might be, Lord, assisted in the way to go and how to come into true identification, that they can become part of Your Body, this Mystical Body upon the face of the earth.

Thank You, Jesus. We love You. We appreciate You. Oh God, as the day draws closer and Your Presence comes down amongst us, Lord, and the Word becomes so much more real and inspired to our hearts, God, we could never cease to give You glory and honor because we have seen Your tender hand of Love.

Oh God, I pray You strengthen the weak, Lord. I pray You lift them up who are cast down, Lord. I pray that You restore the backsliders, Lord. I pray that You make us fervent in spirit, dear God. Oh God, may there be no spectators, only participators, Lord. Take away all differences, Lord, and may there be such a Love to unite every heart, such a brotherly kindness, a honey that will cause us to stick together. Oh God, may You grant it. In the Name of Jesus Christ, we pray and we ask it, for Thy honor and for Thy glory, amen.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God. And turn around and greet your brother and sister and tell them you love them; God bless them.

[#261 - Songs That Live -Ed.]
Beloved, let us love one another;
For love is of God
And everyone that loveth is borned
of God and knoweth God.
He that loveth not knoweth not
God, for God is love;
Beloved, let us love one another

with Jesus' Love.

Amen. I didn't mean just shake one person's hand; put a smile and shake your brother and sister's hand.

... let us love...

Tell them you'll be praying for them. Amen. Tell them that you love them; you appreciate them.

He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love;
Beloved, let us love one another with Jesus' Love.
Oh, one more time.
Beloved, let us love one another;
For love is of God
And everyone that loveth is borned of God and knoweth God.
He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love;
Beloved, let us love one another with Jesus' Love.

[#453 - Songs That Live -Ed.]

I love the family of God,
Oh, let us sing it.

