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THE MARK OF THE BEAST

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If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God. Revelation 14:10-11.

A growing number of Bible readers who are watching the unfolding of the prophetic countdown to the Coming of the Lord, now believe that World Government and the imposition by force of “The Mark of the Beast” is close at hand and that this will finally usher in a bitter religious persecution against all who will not submit. This summary of Brother William Branham’s teaching on the subject of “The Mark of the Beast”, is offered in the hope that by the Grace of God, it will heighten your awareness and readiness for the deliverance and resurrection* he assured us from the Scriptures, would take place before the Great Tribulation sets in.

May we each examine ourselves by the Holy Ghost to see whether we “be in the faith” (II Cor. Chpt.13:5) because it is lamp trimming time: a time which for the believer whose life is hid in Christ, brings great expectation that not only shall we escape the persecution to come, but that we shall soon look upon the One who is the focus of our love and adoration, the Lord Jesus Christ: for He alone is worthy.

Please take time to review the summary which follows, particularly having regard to the admonition Brother Branham gave when dealing with the subject:

“Now if I do not see it do not let this Word ever depart from your ears and your heart. See? Just remember, I speak in the Name of the Lord.”

God bless you,

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** For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

I Thessalonians 4:16-18

Brother William Branham

Brother William Branham (along with many other Protestant scholars and Christian believers down through the ages) identified the Roman Catholic hierarchy as being the Beast of Revelation Chpt.17 and went on to make many outstanding and sobering statements concerning the “Mark” (or the identifying characteristics) of this Beast. He explains that the sign in the forehead or hand to be received by all people then dwelling on the earth (with the exception those who have received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost), is not a physical sign because the word “forehead” simply speaks of those who will agree with the Beast, and the “hand” denotes those who do his will.

Brother Branham tells us that the first appearance of the “Mark” took place just after mankind lost their rights to the Garden of Eden. He also discusses it’s manifestation around the time of the crucifixion, as well as describing how the spiritual condition denoted by the “Mark”, will finally result in a global, organised religion, so apostate¹ that before the Rapture or “catching away” and deliverance (I Thess. 4:13-18) of Christ’s Bride, it will boycott and oust the living, end time Bride from society, and enter into a bitter religious persecution of all who will not submit to the Beast.

Definition

With the help of the Holy Ghost, an examination of the Scriptures and the many references and statements that Brother Branham made upon the subject, causes us to define the essence of the phrase “The Mark of the Beast” as follows;

The Mark of the Beast, (i.e., the identifying characteristic of individuals and organisations under the influence of the Roman Catholic hierarchy) is that of irreversible spiritual blindness to the true Word of God, akin to the blindness that envelops a person upon rejecting the Light of the Holy Ghost for the final time.

¹ Apostasy: The state of having rejected your religious beliefs for your political party or a cause (often in favour of opposing beliefs or causes). WordWeb dictionary.

SERMON HIGHLIGHTS

The sermon highlights which follow relate directly to "The Mark of the Beast" and have been extracted from sermons delivered throughout the span of Brother Branham's personal Ministry. They are intended to be representative of what he taught and have been grouped to provide some general continuity as to each aspect of the subject being dealt with.

The bold type face (within this section and elsewhere) has been arbitrarily added to draw attention to certain material that we believe to be particularly important at this time.

And remember, that we found without one mistake, that **the mark of the beast is a mark of apostasy**, that is, church members hanging to their church instead of walking in the Light. They reject Light, and there's nothing left by darkness (That's right.), both Catholic and Protestant.

the mark of the beast? Is to reject the Holy Ghost, a mark of apostasy.

"Where'd you say the mark of the beast begin?" In the garden of Eden. Mark of the beast and the Seal of God was performed in the garden of Eden.

Now, we find out that the first marking of a human being started in Genesis, Genesis 4:15. God marked Cain. That's where the first mark of the beast was ever put on, was put on Cain; he is the beginning of it. Now, you say, "Cain having the mark of the beast?" All right, let's notice. Now, he said, "Thy seed shall bruise the serpent's head, and his head shall bruise thy heel." Watch the lineage of Cain. As Cain come down, become scientist, smart men, great men, on down like that. But the seed of Seth as it come down, become peasants, shepherders, farmers. So you see, there is...

Notice, he (Cain Ed.) went out from the Presence of God when he was marked,

Two classes, one will have the mark of the beast, the other one have the Seal of God. Just like Cain and Seth in the Garden of Eden, comes to that thing.

Many people has placed it way over into a day that's yet to come. Some place it in this day. But for myself, **I believe that it begin at the same time the Holy Spirit fell.**

That's what the Bible said. **"Men of old, foreordained to this condemnation, to turn the grace of our Lord into lasciviousness."** That's exactly right. In Jude the 3rd--the 3rd verse of--of Jude, you can find it. That's right. **Notice, all those things proving that there is the mark of the beast.** There's where it's at.

Ever who sees the Holy Ghost, that you're supposed to receive It, and don't do it, automatically you take the mark of the beast; because there's only two classes to exist: all that didn't have the Seal of God had the mark of the beast.

But the mark of the beast is the wayward, the outcast that refused to take and come God's provided way.

Ephesians 4:30, says, "**Grieve not the Holy Spirit,**" that's that Angel that come forth sealing upon their forehead. Now, that doesn't mean you... He takes and puts a spot up there. **Your forehead is your revelation (See?), and your hand is the thing you do about it. See, it's a spiritual mark.** See? He don't take a big stamp and stamp you like that. Oh, no.

But He marked the sealed. See? Now, how was the--how was the first seal, what did it look like? They were filled with the Holy Ghost (That's right.), and their works was the works of Christ. They laid hands on the sick and they recovered; they done all kinds of signs and miracles and wonders. **And in their forehead, was sealed by the revelation that He was the Son of God,** and they wer--they were working with Him (the--the Deity of Christ), there's the mark.

You say, "What about the mark of the beast?" That's to come in the tribulation. The Church will be gone then. Won't have to mark these; these done gone. See? The marking's going on now. The marking is the showing forth, the brand.

If the Seal of God is the Holy Ghost, then without the Holy Ghost is the mark of the beast.

Without the Seal of God, which is the baptism of the Holy Ghost, **confederation of apostasy is the mark of the beast. That's THUS SAITH THE LORD**

Oh, the mark of the beast, remember, is a religious mark. Certainly it is.

the mark of the beast is of--is a religious nature, very religious, so cunning and sly, until it'll deceive the very elected if it was possible, just so close till it would deceive the elected if it was possible.

The mark of the beast is a carnal Esau to reject that birthright.

The mark of the beast was those who rejected the right; they were bored in the ear to be wrong the rest of their days.

Then if you got your ears so bored that you've listened to the devil, and you can never no more hear the Gospel truth and walk in the Light, that's the mark of the beast. That's the Scripture...

What is the mark of the beast? Unbelief.

Denominationalism absolutely (I can prove it by the Bible) is the mark of the beast.

To wear the brand of a denomination is the mark of the beast.

Your whole organizational system's of the Devil. It's the mark of the beast, in the Bible.

Now, you can see why I'm against denomination religion because it is the mark of the beast. Rome is the head of it, the first one. That's exactly right. And it causes all to take it by joining the daughters; that is the image. The mother of it made the same thing.

Put theirself--their names on them books yonder and they're finished. That is the mark of the beast. In the Name of the Lord I speak. I held that for a long time; that's true. That's exactly. What is the beast? **What is the beast? It's the Roman hierarchy, the first organization. What is the mark of it? The same thing. Exactly.**

Now, here's to him that has wisdom, draw, write that out: VICARIUS FILII DEI. And then when you draw a line under here and add the numbers, and you got exactly what God said the mark of the beast was: six hundred and sixty-six. See, Vicarius Filii...

Remember what the mark of the beast is: not communism. **The mark of the beast comes from Rome, throughout the world: Catholicism with Protestantism joined into it, organized religion.**

I ain't saying nothing against your--about you or about your members. I'm saying about headquarters, back there when they organized the thing and made it, "We're going to do this. We're going to do that." And they set that ironclad rule.

"And whosoever takes the mark of the beast, or the letter of his name..." Wish we had time to go into that; my time's up. **What's the letter of his name? Protestantism. "Let us make an image likened unto it. Let us make an organization. Our church is just as big as the Catholic church."** They took all these things.

the seal of the Devil is, the mark of the beast. "Whosoever speaks against the Holy Ghost, will never be forgiven him in this world or the world to come.

when the mark of the beast comes..." be careful that you haven't already got it. And those who have so, will be punished in fire and brimstone, poured out of the cup of God's indignation, to be tormented day and night, forever and forever. It's a serious thing. Now, how is your escape? There is going to be a time, which is coming right now.

the antichrist, which is the mark of the beast... The antichrist, anyone knows that. The antichrist there, that's his mark, is the--of his power. And, see, a beast is a power. There's a power of the Catholic Church.

because the mark of the beast has to come by union, we know. So we--we... 'Cause it's a boycott, "no man can buy or sell, save him that have the mark of the beast."

It all has to go through some union of some sort, and that union is the very thing that brings the mark of the beast. See?

Brother Branham, speaking on the mark of the beast, don't you believe they'll tattoo a number in your head, or tattoo something on your hand? No, sir. Don't never look for that. It'll be a boycott, certainly. No man could buy or sell 'less he belongs to the confederation of churches. That's true. That'll come like a union, unionizing the thing, bringing it down, unionized religion.

Certainly, nobody's going to stop her now, because what they couldn't get in the religious circles they cut it--cut it all into politics, and there they done it. Uh-huh, that's exactly what they done. Which the political will be a boycott just exactly back to the mark of the beast, as sure as I'm standing here. See?

And they're going to unionize the churches, till every church will have to bow to that thing, or interdenominations are kicked on the sideline. That's right. Revelations the 9th chapter now.

I want you to notice that the beginning of the Gentiles, when God dealt with them, they got haughty in their heart and forced every man to worship the image of a holy man. And the Gentile age was issued in with that; it will go out in the same way. **The same way a--a boycott of the mark of the beast that will force people to worship images and to do the things that we've been taught that was contrary to the Word of God.** And, brother,

Now if I do not see it, do not let this Word ever depart from your ears and your heart. See? Just remember, I speak in the Name of the Lord. Now, I believe with all my heart, that's the way it'll wind up. There will be like a union, a boycott. All such places as this here will be closed down. And you'll not be able to speak unless you got a permission or a license from this federation of churches to hold a service. It's almost... it shows it does that now even in the denomination. It shows where it's at. Yes, sir, you have to have it. And that's where it'll wind up at. That's my prediction, as a servant of Christ through the understanding that I have of the Word and the inspiration; that's where it'll come.

They just make fun of you now. But there'll be a time where there'll be a boycott. For the mark of the beast must come. You'll either belong to the confederation of the churches, the beast like it is in Rome, or you won't worship at all. That's what the Scripture says. That's when you'll have to cry out like Isaiah did.

Now, when he gets the money all under control, then he'll break this covenant with the Jews, as Daniel here said he would do it, in the midst of the last half of the seventy weeks of Daniel. And then, brother, what will he do? He will have all of the world trade and the commerce, a pact with the world, 'cause he'll hold the wealth of the world completely. And during that time, them two prophets will rise on the scene and call that hundred and forty-four thousand. Then what'll take place? **Then the mark of the beast of Revelations 13 will set in, 'cause he holds all the commerce, trade and everything of the world. And what will take place then? The mark of the beast will come in that no man can buy or sell except him that has the mark of the beast.** Thank God, the Church will be enjoying a great three

and a half years in glory. Don't have to go through that. Now, notice, at the end time--at the end of the church ages, now, he is called--he and his children are called the antichrist, 'cause anything that's against Christ is antichrist. And anything that's against the Word is against Christ, 'cause Christ is the Word. Now, he's antichrist. Then in Revelations 12:7-9, when Satan is cast out, the accuser... You want to put that down, 'cause I want to read it; we haven't got time now, 'cause it's twent--fifteen till ten. See? But in Revelations 12:7-9, Satan the spirit, the devil, which is up there now, accuser of our brethren, all right; the Church is taken up, and Satan is cast out. **When the Church goes up, Satan comes down.**

it'll be so slick and sly until it will deceive the very elect if possible. **So you better purpose in your heart tonight and be filled with God's Holy Spirit, that you'll be able to discern the right and wrong thing when the proclamation is issued.** Hallelujah. When we see all the eastern and middle eastern powers, when we see the eastern and western world again uniting, see them two feet in Daniel's vision. See?

It come to a head; and Jesus predicted it would come to a head again in the last days, and it would be by this: the Seal of God, and the mark of the beast; two spiritual powers working together.

It's heading up in two great things, coming to the end time: the mark of the beast, and the seal of God.

And you see it as well as I see it, that right now it's going to be forced, that all that's not in that already set in order, the big machine setting there; the mechanics is there waiting for Satan to get into it with the dynamics. See?

And the hour is going to come when they'll have to come or stay out, and at the time, when that force come, you've already identified yourself with the mark of the beast

You've got to do it. It's a forcing, the mark of the beast. That's what it is, exactly.

Now, I'm going to say something. National force put Israel in her homeland. National force will put the church in the World Council of Churches. But the power of God will put the people in the Bride.

Before this great onslaught coming on to bring the mark of the beast, and to fulfill the Scriptures by forcing the people after the hold is gotten, just like it is in other countries, force them into things that they do not accept, to cause the persecution and the boycott to come. Can't you see America has fell for the glamor and the goddess, and this. It's paid the devil in the realm of flesh, making a way for this to present itself. Amen. I hope you understand this. Stay clear from it.

There'll come a mark of the beast soon. There'll come a confederation of churches, and they'll put out a sign that--a unionized church that no man can buy or sell. And Your Church, it won't bother them; for Your Holy Spirit shall lead them and feed them as You did Israel in the wilderness.

And the interdenominations who stand out for the truth, and get away from that dogma that they've got, will be persecuted. The mark of the beast, the Seal of God, the showdown will soon come.

And if they blaspheme the Holy Ghost, they take the mark of the beast, and there's nothing but destruction left. Those Jews, when they seen trouble coming, they said, "Now, we will gather into the city, into the house of the Lord and pray." Doesn't that sound very religious, very sweet. Oh, Satan can make it look just so real. Sure.

When that hour comes some of them's... Like Thomas, he was about the last one to see the Lord, but he had to see Him to believe Him. See? When they see it happen, oh, Thomas come in, but he was a little late. **Now, when they see the things that's predicted and saying THUS SAITH THE LORD happens, then they say, "Give us some of your oil." See?**

But I don't know how many will get it, but there'll be some of them will trim their lamps, that's all there is to it, for lamp trimming time is on. And when the--**when the sleeping virgin went out, which already received the mark of the beast... You say, "Mark of the beast, that?" Yes, indeedy. So did Cain receive the mark and went out.** What was it? When the Baptist church, when the Pentecostal church, when the Presbyterian church, took on the mark of the beast instead of receiving the Holy Ghost, they went out from God and made them an organization.

Now, now you see how it was represented in Ezekiel the 9th chapter at Jerusalem. Now, we come to Revelation. And now I'd like you that's got your pencils to write this down. I'd like you to write down Revelations 14:6 to 12. That's the three last angels, three angels, after the seven last angels there were three special angels come forth, did you notice that? **And now, I want you to notice, them three last angels... The first angel, (that's Revelation 14:6 to 12), the first angel had sounded the trumpet of the Gospel, and had the everlasting Gospel to preach to all the world. The second angel kinda preached a holiness Gospel (See?), because he said that the church had committed fornication. And the third angel roared out to escape the mark of the beast.**

Watch. The first angel, at the reformation, Luther preached the Gospel. Second angel, Wesley, sanctification. The fornication, he straightened up of the church. **But the third message, the Pentecostal message should be, the true messenger warning them to escape the mark of the beast, saying, "Whosoever receives the mark of the beast, the same will drink the wrath of God poured out without mixture into the cup of indignation, be poured out upon the people." That's the very message today, the third angel, the third message, the last message.** The Lutheran message of justification, the Wesleyan message of sanctification, and the Pentecostal message of the Seal of God: escape the mark of the beast; come out of them big walls of Babylon; be sealed into the Kingdom of God.

Brother, you're going to find out, if you take the mark of the beast, where you're going to be standing. And you're absolutely helpless and hopeless when you do it. There's no remission for it. You can never get out of it. That's right. You can do it by the wink of your eye nearly. See? But be careful

I remember as a young minister that people wouldn't put the little NRA in their windows, said that was the mark of the beast.

[National Recovery Administration](#) (NRA) was the primary New Deal agency established by U.S. president Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR) in 1933. The goal was to eliminate "cut-throat competition" by bringing industry, labor and government together to create codes of "fair practices" and set prices. The NRA was created by the National Industrial Recovery Act (NIRA) and allowed industries to get together and write "codes of fair competition."



BIBLE REFERENCES TO “THE MARK OF THE BEAST”

Revelation 9

1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; **but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.**

5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.

6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.

8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as *the teeth* of lions.

9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.

10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

11 And they had a king over them, *which is* the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue *is* Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath *his* name Apollyon. ;

12 One woe is past; *and* , behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,

14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.

15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.

16 And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.

17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.

18 By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.

19 For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.

20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

Revelation 13

11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

Revelation 14

6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, **If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand,**

10 **The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented**

with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

12 Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Revelation 16

1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had **the mark of the beast**, and upon them which worshipped his image.

Revelation 19

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received **the mark of the beast**, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Please note that the Bible quotations above have been restricted to just the direct references made within Scripture to the Mark of the Beast. Many indirect references exist which will become readily apparent from a review of Brother Branham's Message.

OTHER REFERENCES TO “THE MARK OF THE BEAST”

Beneath you will find the names of the sermons and much (but not all) of the context from where we have drawn the preceding sermon highlights. You are encouraged to refer to the entire sermons for a better understanding of the matter at hand, particularly those sermons dealing specifically with “The Mark of the Beast”.

Please note that we have used the free Malachi 4 Message Search (M4MS) program to find and extract the relevant quotations so the paragraph numbers below will not match other commonly available transcriptions of the Message. The use of the digital search function you use to read the sermon text will however make it a simple matter to find the quotations with the transcription you are using.

To obtain the M4MS program, the authors requires that you write them a letter requesting a copy at their address which is provided within the “Introduction and Guide” file found on DVD 1 of the William Branham Storehouse Collection. At the authors’ request, the address may not to be disclosed on or over the Internet.

7 A missionary here in Miami the other day was talking to me. He walked down the streets of London, England, where we're going to there at the London Hall. He said, "I had six hundred pounds in my pocket," which was dollars. And said, "My little girl wanted a little cookie. And those six hundred dollars would not buy that little cookie. I had to have a stamp first. It's rationed." **Mark of the beast... No man can buy or sell except he that had the mark. And it's coming right here.** You listen to it. You'll probably be seeing it 'fore I get back here again. It's right at the door, and we're near the end. So don't think of money.

8 Don't think of homes and land. Think of Christ Who is coming. There's nobody can put hopes in anything else but Christ now. That's right. Everything, our whole future is on the coming of the Lord. That's right. That's the hope of those who are asleep, and of we who are alive. Now, notice this. Now, in--in that meeting there that this minister had spoke to them, upon... miraculous God; how that God came down in the beginning and created the heavens and earth; how that He come upon a brazen serpent. And then somebody, of course, when those claims was made, they said the... "Why, who ever heard of such." You couldn't prove it by the Bible. But God told Moses to make a serpent.

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25 But after is lamb, freedom of religion and so forth. But after while, he spake like a beast, like the dragon, and exercised all the power the dragon did before him, a bitter religious persecution. We're nearing that time. You remember, Church, that you're living in the best day that you've ever will live in, right now, until Jesus comes. It shall gradually... Not gradually, but rapidly get worse and worse. When Russia goes down there to get that oil, look out. That's all she needs. That's what the prophet said it would do. And we're

ready for it then. So Church, get ready to meet Christ. He's sending great revivals and meetings, and stirring the full Gospel people. Signs and wonders appearing everywhere, Great wonders to draw His people together. And one day He shall come, the deliverer.

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20 "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby you're sealed until the day of your redemption." **And in the last days, there's going to be two classes of people: them that has the seal, and the others will have the mark of the beast. That's right. So the Seal of the God is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 4:30. Is that right? The Seal of God...** All right. Now, we're... Most everybody here has seen the discernments of the spirits, of how that the Holy Spirit does these things. And I've tried to keep myself from it tonight, to see if we could keep from having that, if possible. But God knows all about your heart. He knows every one of you, and He... Only difference it does, when you call the people up here, it gives them a present contact.

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78 Then Joseph was sold for almost thirty pieces of silver by his brothers. The Jewish church betrayed Joseph. Today what is it in this church? A betrayal. They getting documents; they're going to try to have a... Well now, you just keep this on your mind. They're going to have a confederation of churches. The churches of Christ of America has already confederating with all their churches, and they're going to have a band here someday that'll shut out to fight Communism, which will hook up with Catholicism, with the Protestant church and the Catholic church together. **And the interdenominations who stand out for the truth, and get away from that dogma that they've got, will be persecuted. The mark of the beast, the Seal of God, the showdown will soon come. And, brother, if That's not in there, you'll be deceived as sure as the world, 'cause it'll look so nice.**

ISRAEL IN EGYPT JEFF IN 03-25-53

21 Said, "She's a great church that sets over many, on seven hills, and rules over the earth, and so forth, how she drank the blood of the martyrs of Christ." Oh, mercy. People, we're living in the end time. **How many of you people has heard years ago down here when they was going to have me arrested down here for preaching on that mark of the beast? When I said that Mussolini, when he first come in power twenty-some-odd years ago, I said, "If Mussolini ever goes towards Ethiopia, mark this down, there'll never be peace till Jesus Christ comes." And I said, "There'll be three great isms, Communism, Fascism, and Nazism." And I said, "They'll wind up in one ism, and that one ism will dominate the world and will burn the Vatican City." You remember me saying that years and years and years ago. And just exactly that way.**

ISRAEL AT THE RED SEA NO1 JEFF IN 03-26-53

54 Now, let me just settle this for you and show you what day we're to keep. Now, is there a Scripture? I'll ask this for your benefit.

Is there a Scripture, Brother Branham, telling us and authorizing us to keep Sunday just like the Jews kept Saturday?

The Mark of the Beast

No, sir, there's not, not a Scripture in the Bible, for in the New Testament, for us to keep either Saturday or Sunday. But the reason we keep Sunday, is a memorial of the resurrection, Nothing... Now, you're going to say, "The Roman Catholic did that." They claim they did it, but if they did, Saint Paul was a Roman Catholic, and so was Peter, John, and James, and the rest of them, for they met on the first day of the week for their worship. And according to historians, the only way they could tell between a Christian Jew and an orthodox Jew (They both went to synagogues.), but one went on Saturday which denied the resurrection of Jesus, and the other one went on Sunday which believed that Jesus rose from the dead. And that was a mark. And it'll be; it's a mark yet, and it might come out in being the **mark of the beast**. Now, I know that the... I've heard Seventh-day Adventist brethren think that that's the seal of God. They said, "You're sealed by keeping the sabbath." There's not a Scripture in the Bible says that. And here's a Scripture in the Bible that says that--that you're sealed, Ephesians 4:30 says, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby you're sealed unto the day of your redemption," the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Now, I'll prove to you that God's Seal is the baptism of the Holy Ghost. See? That's the baptism of the Spirit is the Seal of God. Now, Isaiah 28 he said, "Precept must be upon precept, line upon line, here a little and there a little."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS GENESIS JEFF IN 07-29-53

78 Then the winds was let loose again. Now, notice, and since the First World War there has constantly been a persecution against the Jew. Up raised Hitler for the Second World War, and when he did, he begin to... What? He was going to tear the whole world right around. Is that right? He was going to tear it up, and right around. Yes, he was. **Everything had to be Communism. Do you remember when they was going to put me in this jail down here? I was a-preaching this same thing down here at the...?... Hall that night (Yes, sir.), saying, "There'll be three isms. And they'd all heap up in one ism, and that ism will bring forth a persecution that would send Jesus Christ to the earth again." That's exactly so.**

79 That was Communism, and--and Hitler and--and Nazi, and so forth; and how that Fascism of Mussolini, and Hitler, and Stalin. I said, "One of them will take the place of it. I don't know which one it'll be, but I believe it'll be the king of the north." Surely you remember those things and how those has been taught in here; and Brother Mahoney, you all from way back there though... And they said, "If you preach that..." **And on this N.R.A. thing, I said, "That's not no mark of the beast, certainly not. It's a religious boycott, not that."** I said, "That's just a forerunner to get the people ready, and knowing that it's just beginning. Right here is the beginning of sorrow; right here's where we start in. Right here is when the--when the time begins to set close. Now, notice, there at that time..." Now, the persecution come upon the Jews, and they begin to persecute them from every nation and drive them right into Jerusalem. Is that right?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS NO1 JEFF IN 01-03-54 Morning

19 When we see the times come for things to take place, the very wickedness of the enemy, the very powers... We look at these snowstorms and everything a happening, all these pestilences, all different things, that's all caused by these interruptions of firing these bombs and things. They're getting things all mixed up

here. And they're messing around in God's big laboratory to fulfill His Word. It's going to happen. So "the man of sin" rising up, power, so deceitful... **My. I heard a minister this morning, a Spirit-filled man, taking the mark of the beast and saying that the antichrist was Russia. What an error. Huh. Russia has nothing to do with it. No, sir.** That's Scripturally. Now, but notice in this great time that we're living, a warning. Now, this Jehoshaphat, feeling kind of good because the great king of Israel said, "Come, visit me." and he went down there. And they took ox and sheep, and so forth, done sacrifice.

INVASION OF THE UNITED STATES JEFF IN 05-09-54

2 And I thought, "Well, I can take all that in one night, in an hour." So I didn't know what the Holy Spirit would have us to do. We--we don't try to set anything. It's just, "If it be Thy will, Lord." See? That's the best. And then, if it be the will of the Lord, I'd like to teach tonight on the Church Ages, and tomorrow night on "The **Mark of the beast**, and the next night on "The Seal Of God," and that. And then, Saturday, as my brother, janitor, was just telling me, today; he said, "If they had it Saturday night and Sunday morning, usually, when the strangers come in to our midst, why, the church would be very dirty, and so forth." So they suggested just have Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and Sunday morning, Sunday night. And I said, "Well, that would be perfectly all right, as far as I was concerned." So then we'll try, if the Lord willing, have it Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Sunday morning, and Sunday night. And perhaps Sunday night we may have a baptismal service, as people has already been asking about being baptized. And so now... And we'll try, every night to begin just on time at seven-thirty.

3 And I get to the platform by eight o'clock we ought to be evacuated from the tabernacle by nine-thirty, the Lord willing. So that you... I know you work, and we have respects to that. And now, these little messages out of the Book of Revelations are directed to the Church. And I wish everyone would bear this in mind, that they're not directed towards anybody's religion, or any other motive; only just to my best of my knowledge, to the reading and explaining of the Word of God. See? It's not pushed through any selfish motive, or it's not directed towards anybody, any individual, or anybody's church, anybody's religion. And the reason that I like to teach on this revelation here at the tabernacle, being my own church, why, I just feel like I'm home. And--and I just, you know, kind of give my sheep the kind of diet that I thought they needed, you know. Some far... People sometime have to put a little salt in when the--the--the alfalfa is a little moldy, you know. It might hurt the sheep if you don't. So once in a while, when maybe the alfalfa gets a little moldy around this church, and--and a little differences come up, so I think a little salt, kind of, is a savour. Don't you think so?

4 It kind of keeps them from getting sick. So now we pray that--that God will bless us in these efforts. And how many just feeling, just as men and women, like we are, I would like to look into that tomorrow night, on "**What is the mark of the beast?**" **There's so much about it in the Bible. "Who has it? And who will have it?" And then, the next, there's coming a time where that's going to be. And I don't know, it may be now. We'll look and see. Yes. That there's going to be only two classes of people on the earth, and one's going to be marked with the Devil, and the other one the mark of God. And I think, that if we're nearing into that time, we better kind of go to looking around, find out what that thing is.**

Because it certainly isn't going to come in only as some great big something. The Bible said it would slip in so easy that it would deceive the very elect if it was possible.

14 I tell you; that's a very good thing to preach on. "Little children, love one another." As I get older in the ministry now, and my... about in my twenty-first year. I think, all the time as I go along, that this... The more I think of the Lord Jesus, the more I begin to find out that it's love that covers the whole thing, the love of God, shed abroad in our heart by the Holy Spirit. Now, we'll just read a few verses here to be--get started, and then we'll go right into the teaching of the Church. And then try to bring it to a place, if God willing, in this much time that I have, to get it over to where we can get in to where we can pick up **The Mark of the beast**, for tomorrow night. Now, this is to the church. Now, I'm going to try to get, at least, the church of Ephesus, the first church, and the last church that we're living in now, the church of the Laodicean, now.

41 What you need is some good old fashion Holy-Spirit Water rained down upon you, soften up that old hard heart. Amen. I'm not--I'm not trying to clown. **I'm trying to get this to you. Brother, you're going to find out, if you take the mark of the beast, where you're going to be standing. And you're absolutely helpless and hopeless when you do it. There's no remission for it. You can never get out of it. That's right. You can do it by the wink of your eye nearly. See? But be careful.** Now, here it is. Will give unto him... Notice the desert... I said, the--the waters, how that the waters kept them soft. That's what we do today, get in the Spirit. John said, "I was in the Spirit." When Elijah out there on the desert, they come down. Jehoshaphat said, "Let's go down and consult the prophet." They went down in front of the prophet. Well, now, he got up his righteous indignation. He looks over to that fellow, and he said, "Why don't you go to your mother's god? Why don't you go back to your own, old, cold, formal church? Why'd you come to me for when you got in trouble?"

73 Write these things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and these things which shall be hereafter; (All right.)

And the mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, are... hand... and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are seven angels of the seven churches:...

Um, hold that. "Seven angels are seven ministers of the seven churches." There was a church of the leader of Ephesus. Now, if God would permit, and we'd continue on with this, and not take **The Mark of the beast**, I can show you every one of them, right down to this last age, which--which they was; show you the Philadelphian Church, which was the Methodists, John Wesley; show you the--the Church Thyatira, immediately after Pergamos; which was Martin Luther, and go right on down the age, and show each one of them that come and brought the message, established the message in the earth.

74 And right down to the last Message today, that's right, where God sent an Angel from heaven, a vindicated His servant, and sent a Message forth to everyone. This will not be a church. It'll not be an organization in this last days. 'Cause God has laid the organization on the shelf, and all of you're aware of that. **And wait till we get through tomorrow night, on The Mark of the beast, and see where your church is at (See?), and your organization.** Now, watch.

... the churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

They are the churches. And the stars, which He's holding each star... Now, look. Could we just stop a minute? I know I've got about twelve minutes to go here. And I want to get to this chapter right here, and read it through, if nothing else. I want to get this to you. A star was the minister, and a minister anointed with a Spirit from above. Do you realize that you represent a star in heaven, and every star in heaven represents you?

77 I mean, to the Laodicean, and then we'll close. Tomorrow night we'll pick up from here, on **The Mark of the beast**.

Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus... (the first)

Now, watch, when Jesus was standing with His hands out... Here's a little thing I don't want to leave out, to you. Hear it. Watch Him. He's standing in the midst, that's the middle, of the Seven Golden Candlesticks. Now, if I was standing here, and the candlesticks arched around, here on my one hand is where I got it out, and here is another one, in the sign of the cross, 'cause it's through the cross that brought the Church. Here He is standing; and a rainbow over His head, as a covenant. "I've made My covenant with the Church, through Abraham through his Seed, all that's called." My brother, the other night receiving Christ, he said, "Don't ever push me, Bill." Said, "When God speaks to me..." I said, "You can't come until He calls you."

THE SEVEN CHURCH AGES JEFF IN 05-12-54

1 Now, tomorrow night... We are always featuring one thing: the Lord Jesus Christ; that's all, and whatever His Divine will is for us to do. But if it be His Divine will tomorrow night, on "The Seal Of God," we're going to speak, if the Lord willing. And tonight, we give out, if He--it be His privilege for us to do it, or our privilege for us to do for Him, rather, tonight, we want to speak on one of the most vital subjects of the hour: "The **Mark of the beast**." And last night we was in the church ages, "The Seven Church Ages." And the--beginning with the Ephesian Church Age of Ephesus, and ended up at the Laodicean Church Age, the last church age. And may the Lord add His blessings now to the Word as we speak. Now, shall we just bow our heads in a moment of prayer, just before we open this Divine Word. Kind heavenly Father, we are grateful for this privilege that we have tonight to be alive and to be here on earth tonight, and have health and strength, and can sit in the building where the Word of God is being read.

6 I'm willing to sacrifice my life at any moment for what **THUS SAITH THE LORD** is here. Now, now, then just having these few nights. And by the way, we're going to have Saturday night service, going right on just the same, of having a... Some of the folks of the church said they would... The being dirty, to come into church Sunday morning, that some of them said they would stay Saturday night after the service and help clean up the church, so that the people wouldn't have to come in Sunday morning, or the--or they wouldn't have to work on Sunday to--to get--to fix the church up. We don't--we won't... I'm not a Sabbatarian, but yet I like to respect the--the worship just as close as I can. And now, then I think I'll announce tomorrow night, maybe, if the Lord willing, what we'll talk on for Saturday night. Now, tonight is "The **Mark of the beast**," And tomorrow night, "The Seal Of God." They're the two most of, I guess, most vital subjects to be spoke on in this day; for I truly believe that we're living in the time of this investigating judgment of God. I believe we're

right in the day of it. And we don't want to be radical. We don't want to be fanatically. We just want to approach it just as sane as the Bible will speak it here, and that's perfect, of course.

7 And now, in doing this we hear so many people today talk about the **mark of the beast**. You've heard it for a long time, "What is it? Who does it? Where? Who's going to have it? And if they do have it, what--what's it going to do to them? What? What? Could it harm you? Is there--is there any harm to it?" Well now, that's what we--we want to find out from the Word of God. First thing, "If there is a **mark of the beast** spoke of in the Bible?" And the next thing, "What age will it pertain to? And who will be the people that'll have it? And what would you do? Could you have it and not know it?" And so forth, that, just those questions like that... **So to the best of my knowledge that--that this would be the one of the most vital two subjects that I could think of in the Bible: "The Mark of the beast," and "The Seal Of God."** Now, the first I got a Scripture here to show whether--or just wrote out just so I could turn to It, and that is Saint...

8 To begin with, let's just see what the **mark of the beast** is, and, "Is it dangerous to have this mark? Is it?" Now, in Revelations, the 14th chapter and the 9th verse, it's the third angel's message. Now, any Bible scholar... I see Brother Stanley here, and two or three more ministers setting present. And last evening there was some brethren here from the Baptist seminary in Louisville, and perhaps there's some tonight. I do not know. And there's probably Methodists, Baptists, Catholic, and might be Orthodox Jew. I don't know. But it's not... This is not to hurt anybody's feelings, not at all. And it's just for... Just the way the Bible is wrote, to read It and let you look at It yourself, and let's approach It just as sanely as we know how in the fear of God, knowing that He will judge us for our words. Our words will either bless us or condemn us at the day of the judgment.

14 Yeah. Listen to the next verse, while I'm looking at it. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus Christ. Now, the 15th chapter, and the 2nd verse. And the...

Listen now, in the 15th chapter and the 2nd verse. Now, we was reading then from the 14th, and the 9th verse. Now, the 15th, and the 2nd verse.

And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisy... grievous sores upon men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worship his image.

15 The 16th chapter and the 2nd verse.

And with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of the wrath of the fornication.

Just a minute. I beg your pardon. I turned, must turned two of them at once. All right. Now, the 20th chapter and the 4th verse. All right, here we are.

And I saw thrones, and them that sat thereupon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them which were beheaded for the witness of Jesus Christ, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received the mark upon their foreheads, or in their hand; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

16 Can't receive the mark of the beast and then worship Christ or be with Him.

"But whosoever shall worship the beast or the image of the beast, will be tormented in the Presence of God and in the presence of the holy angels." That's what the Lord says about it. Now, we're going to begin. Turn in your Bible now to the 13th chapter of Revelations, and we will start just in a few moments. Now, this is very essential. And listen closely now. First, we want to pick up our subject from last night. Last night we taken on the church ages, that how that we saw Jesus standing in His Church, "Speaking as the voice of many waters and He had hair like wool, eyes like flames of fire." Remember, all the--the Revelation is a vision and symbolic. All of it has a meaning, so you have to watch closely, read the prophets, see what the symbols meant, then compare it over here so that you'll know what the symbols really mean. "Had eyes like flames of fire," running to and fro through the earth.

59 "You promised it to me, the seed of Abraham." God called you, you'll come to It; but if you're not, I don't care how religious you are, you're gone; that's all. You can't come, no man can, except He called you. And He's not willing that any should perish, but a lot of you will because you're too unconcerned about it. And you'll go around and see something looks a little fanatically, a little shadowed, "Well, Dr. So-and-so said so-and-so, and so forth." And then you walk around and blaspheme the Holy Ghost. You know that's right, and it's never to be forgiven. **You're going to find out in a few minutes what the mark of the Devil is, what the--what the seal of the Devil is, the mark of the beast.** "Whosoever speaks against the Holy Ghost, will never be forgiven him in this world or the world to come." Watch that first church, what they done. Watch out about this second church. You could seal yourself out of the Kingdom of God and into the Devil; out into where there's no forgiveness in this world nor the one to come. Truly. So be careful, walk reverently. Be careful what you do, for you don't know what will take place. Now, we see all this now heaping down. I got twenty minutes.

74 Then--then the Lutheran church organized after her. Then the Methodist church organized after her. Then the Baptist church organized. And now there's six hundred and ninety-six different organizations. And Pentecost did the same thing. Glory. What is the matter? God's proving that He's not in a organization. He's in the Spirit, the Holy Spirit. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Yes, sir. He don't care what your organization is. It's nonsense. It's connected with Catholicism, and gone back in it, and stay in it, and you receive that same mark that she is. Didn't the Angel say, "Come out of her, My people, and be not partakers of her sins, and I'll receive you?" "Touch not her unclean thing, and I'll receive you," the Holy Spirit speaking. **"And whosoever takes the mark of the beast, or the letter of his name..." Wish we had time to go into that; my time's up. What's the letter of his name? Protestantism. "Let us make an image likened unto it. Let us make an organization. Our church is just as big as the Catholic church." They took all these things.** "They had the big churches, and we do too. We got just as much of the class of the city in our church as they have in theirs. Let us make an image unto the beast."

77 Maybe you'll think I'm crazy. Brother, I'll tell you; I love this good old-time religion. Yes, sir, anchors you in Christ. **Now, you see what the mark of the beast is? It's the mark of apostasy. It's a person who is a--just thinks that, "Well, I belong to church, and I'm just as good as the next fellow. Am not I belonging to this**

church?" And you realize where your church organization that you're depending on, where it come from? Do your realize? The Bible said, "He that worships the beast, receives his mark, or the letter of his name (Now, watch.) in forehead or hand." That's knowledge or deed. That don't mean you got a big tattoo on your face. It don't have to be that. It's not talking of the outward. It's talking of spiritual. You watch him and see what he knows about the Scripture. Listen to him and see where he goes to. "If any man don't have this doctrine, there's no Light in him," the Bible said. See? See? Watch where it goes to. Watch what he does. You say, "Well, I--I belong. I'm Protestant. Yes, sir.

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5 So then you have to be very careful and weigh it in the light of the Word all the time. And in that, if I make a mistake, I pray God forgive me, 'cause I don't mean to. And I... And any time in teaching, and especially in these deep subjects that we're in now, and last night on "The **Mark of the beast**," and subjects like that, and tonight of "The Seal of God," the Mark of God, and so forth like that... I feel that, maybe, I might've many would kind of disagree with this, with what I teach on that. But I try to do it just as... not directing It to any church, any denomination, or any persons, not at all. God knows that. Just in the Light that I see if in, that's the way I speak it. And there's not a church that names the Name of the Lord Jesus but what I love. That's not a person that could His Name, or have any respect for Him, but what I'd go to my death to do anything for them. That's right. No matter what brand of religion they're wearing, whether it's Methodist, Baptist, Catholic, whatever it may be, that wouldn't matter a ounce to me. That's right.

9 And now on these messages, like "The **Mark of the beast**," and today when there is such a confusion... Did you understand it last night. If you did, say, "Amen." Now, we're going to speak tonight on the Mark of God, or "The Seal of God." Now, we realize... Now, I just not trying to preach out of two Bibles; one is plenty. But I got one of them here for a purpose of little footnotes, and so forth, of reference, if someone should ask a question. And now, tomorrow night, if the Lord willing... After preaching the first night on "The Seven Church Ages," seeing where we were--we're at, positionally, in the day that we're living... **Last night, on the greatest criminal there is in the world, The Mark of the beast, and tonight, on the greatest blessing there is in the world, The Seal of God...** Tomorrow night, I'm going to give you a chance to shoot at me, now. Tomorrow night is the questions, and things that you don't understand concerning what's been preached. You've been gentlemen and lady enough, or Christian enough, I'd say, to hold your peace in the time of the services. I want you to write out, tomorrow night when you come to church, and come just as early as you can, 'cause I'll have to come early to read and kind of answer it back, of what your question is concerning the Scripture.

13 Father, we pray, Lord, knowing that this little group of people that's gathered here, if I should mislead them, I'll give an account for it at the day of judgment. And last evening, on, The **Mark of the beast**, O Father, we pray that You guide and direct those words. May It not return void, but may It accomplish that which It was purposed for when It was written in the Book. And now, come, Holy One, take the Word of God right out of the Bible, speak It through mortal lips, unto mortal ears, and circumcise both the speaking and hearing, that we might accomplish something by this gathering together tonight, knowing that there may be some here, if the

world stands another year, will not be mortals on earth. And now, we're at the house of correction, at the house of God, where we're to stand for correction. And may the Holy Spirit correct me and close my mouth, as You did the lions' mouth, with Daniel. And Thou knowest my heart, if one word I should speak contrary or within myself, may the Holy Spirit unctonize every Word. Just stand as a empty vessel, and may He speak the Word of God tonight; for our hungry hearts are longing to hear from Him. And may He, Who wrote the Bible, come and interpret It to Your humble servants here. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen. Now, for just a little background to start off tonight with The Seal of God... Don't forget, tomorrow night, we want you to get your questions. And write it out plainly, and lay it up on the platform, early, or on the pulpit, early as you can.

20 Got to come right here, from Genesis to Revelations. Not just in one place, it's got to come through the Bible and tie It exactly together. Yes, sir. It's got to dovetail with the rest of It, and hook It all together. If you don't, you could take one thing and say that that's purgatory and preach Catholicism out of the Bible. But it's got to dovetail completely from Genesis to Revelations, make the picture clear. That's right. And the Holy Ghost is the One Who develops this picture for you, if you'll just let Him do it. He will lead you into all Light. The Bible said so. Jesus said He would do it. Now notice, as... Again... Now, we find what they did there. Then after while they got a doctrine. They got the persecution and went out. **And then we come to find out, that in this day now, that the Bible predicted that there would be a time when men would receive a mark, and a mark of the beast. Every time there's a little something flies up in the country, everybody said, "That's the mark of the beast." When the old... I'd just got ordained in the Baptist church, when I heard about the N.R.A. Well, everybody said, "That's the mark of the beast." And then everything starts along, "It's the mark of the beast." And now the say, "Here comes Russia down, communism; it's the mark of the beast." But it's a lie.**

21 **It isn't the mark of the beast. The Bible tells what the mark of the beast is. The mark of the beast is not no great anti-religious anti-country raise up like that. Communism is not Russia;** communism is a spirit. It's all... We don't--don't have to worry about Russia. Our own rottenness is what's killing us. Communism moving right among our churches and everything else...?... in our schools, in our homes, everywhere, in our nation. The whole thing is just worm-eaten. The robin pecking on the apple doesn't hurt it; it's the worm at the core that ruins the apple. That's what it is: it's just the rottenness among ourselves, going, calling ourself Christians, and acting like that world, and dressing like the world, and partaking of the world, and calling ourself... The world's sick and tired of such. And now only the world, a lot of the Christians are, too. Yes. I've often said, "God help the day when men will be what they ought to be. If I was against Him, I'd say I was against Him; I'd be against Him in everything I could be."

35 Now, I know this may be ruffling a lot of feathers, and it--it--it seems hard. But it--it'll straighten out if we just, we give God a little chance. I--I don't mean to be rude, but I--I'm just trying to state facts with all my heart. When Jesus Christ seen that Protestant church fall from that Catholic church yonder, and come out and go right straight back, and turning back again just the way it did, He said, "The spirit will be so close, till it'd deceive the very elect..." **Did you realize, Christian friends, that the antichrist, which is the mark of the beast... The antichrist, anyone knows**

that. The antichrist there, that's his mark, is the--of his power. And, see, a beast is a power. There's a power of the Catholic church. There is a power of the Methodist church. I went, here not long ago, to a very fine gentleman. If I'm not mistaken, he is setting right here in the church tonight. And little Edith Wright and them come to the meeting right up here, not twenty miles from this place. And, we... the people... I was just preaching the Gospel of salvation.

36 He had to climb over cars to get to the place. And that night, the pastor called me out rectory, said, "I'm sorry to tell you, Rev. Branham. But they told me they had some sick people come in there, and our district man come in and said, 'No Divine healing in the Methodist church.' So you'll have to go to the platform, dismiss yourself, and leave the congregation." That's right. Why? The power of the Methodist church. That's the beast's power. The Baptist church the same; Campbellite, and Lutheran, and all the rest of them, and the Pentecostal, as bad. That's right. I've had Pentecostal people... And the Assemblies of God has gone into the council of churches, which is a--the... They just hooked theirselves right up yonder with the old mother harlot. So every church organization comes from Rome. There's the mother of it. And I'm not a Latter-Day saint, or Latter-Day Rain, or ever what you call it. I don't want... I'm none of that. But I mean this, that men and women should be free in Christ Jesus, to walk in Light. And every church should be the same thing. That's true.

37 Now, notice this, how the Bible... Get that. That organization, remember, there's where it lays, right there. And we find out, that when the Catholic church started back there, they got a phony baptism they come out with, sprinkling instead of baptizing. There's not one Scripture in the Bible for that. And just not only that, but the Holy Ghost, and water baptism in forms, and titles, and everything else, just making a mock out of the real. And there's not a minister in the land, that can show me one place where that was ever done in the early church. That's right. It's--it's not in the Bible. But they come out with it, and we bow right down to it. You see where we're going right back to? And today you're wondering why we haven't got a revival. There's what it is, brother. What we need today is a good, old-time, Saint Paul's revival, and the Bible Holy Ghost back in the land again. That's what we need. Now... **And they've took "the mark of the beast," or "the letter of his name," that they made a image to. The image was the organization just like the Catholic church.** They organized it and made an image of the Catholic church.

38 Is the Methodist church an image of it, the Baptist church, the Presbyterian church, the Pentecostal church, the Holiness church, the Pilgrim Holiness, and United Brethren? Every one that organized, patterned off of there. It never was in God's Bible. That's right. Organizations organizing... God's the Leader. Take it on back as far as you want to. Look at Israel, coming up out of Egypt. And all those Moabs standing up there, fundamental, offering the sacrifices; seven altars, seven go... seven sheep, speaking of the coming of Christ; seven ox, a clean offering. Right there, his great prophet standing out there, Balaam, to curse Israel. And there was Israel... There was Moab, a great nation. There was the Amorites and all, great nation, organized together as a nation. And Israel was scattered out there on the prairies with a bunch of tents. They were pilgrims and strangers, seeking a City to come, strictly interdenominational.

39 And what did they do? They had signs and wonders following them. These didn't; and they were jealous of those. Them were spirits. God takes His man, but never His Spirit. He taken Elijah, and His Spirit come upon Elisha; several hundred years later, it come upon John the Baptist; predicted again in the last day. The Devil takes his character, but never his spirit. **That same religious teacher that condemned Jesus Christ because of His miracles and signs and wonders, and differed with Him on the Scripture, was flat enough to come and tell Him about it. That same spirit lives right down in ecclesiastical teachers today, for it's foreordained of God to come into that condemnation. That's what the Bible said. "Men of old, foreordained to this condemnation, to turn the grace of our Lord into lasciviousness." That's exactly right. In Jude the 3rd--the 3rd verse of--of Jude, you can find it. That's right. Notice, all those things proving that there is the mark of the beast. There's where it's at.**

40 **So when you're running around here saying, "Well, I sure when the mark of the beast comes..." be careful that you haven't already got it. And those who have so, will be punished in fire and brimstone, poured out of the cup of God's indignation, to be tormented day and night, forever and forever. It's a serious thing.** Now, how is your escape? There is going to be a time, which is coming right now. Notice, and in that organization moving out... Let me give you a little hint here. In that organization moving down like that, **it's coming a time to where you'll have to belong into that organization or you can't buy or sell; or have that mark of apostasy, church mark. You have to belong to some organization or you can't buy or sell. And listen, to you people who knows what's Truth. I'm not saying get away from your church. I ain't saying nothing against your--about you or about your members. I'm saying about headquarters, back there when they organized the thing and made it, "We're going to do this. We're going to do that." And they set that ironclad rule.**

41 And God tears it to pieces, and takes His Church right out of it; always did it. Look in the journey of the children of Israel. They built a fire. They stayed every night. The Pillar of Fire hung over them. And I don't care what time of day or night it was, when that Pillar of Fire left, trumpets blowed, and Israel packed camp and left. If it was midnight, two o'clock in the afternoon, whenever it was, they packed camp and followed the Pillar of Fire. Is that right? They followed the Fire. Well, when Martin Luther saw the Fire of God move out, Martin Luther come out, following the Fire out of Catholicism. But he built under there, and organized his church; and he couldn't move. The Fire moved right on out, and Wesley saw It, and away he went after It. That's right. The Fire of God left Luther setting. Then the first thing you know, Wesley built under It, the Wesleyan Methodist church. And then come Alexander Campbell, John Smith with the Baptist, and so forth like that, and Moody, and all that.

45 **There's the sounding of jubilee, when they heard the sound. And that's the Gospel, the jubilee, that you're free from sin. You're free from all these filthy habits and things that the world had produced here in the name of religion, under both Protestant and Catholicism, under the mark of the beast. That's right. You're free. You don't have to be. But then if that man refused to receive that, then that man was taken from there to the post of the altar of the church, and had a mark put on him, bored a hole in his ear. And he was a servant to that master as long as he lived. And you refuse to accept Gospel Light when**

It's preached in the power of the Holy Ghost by the Bible, you can seal yourself to your eternal destination. Amen. Now look, one more little thing, if you'll excuse me for making that remark a few moments ago, about--about the men. But, looky here, "Deceive the very elect..." Now, we've been hitting Lutheran, Baptist, and so forth, and the Catholics, now let me get down to you holiness people just a minute. See?

50 But you see how that spirit moved right up here. And Jesus looked and foresaw that through that Catholic church, coming out. Said "Don't call no man father. Don't use vain repetitions, all these things." Come out and said, "Now, be careful, the antichrist will be so close, till it'll deceive the very Elect if possible." Look, brother, how many virgins went to meet the Lord? Ten. All of them were virgin. What does sanctity mean? "Pure, holy, virgin." Ten of them were virgins. Five had no Oil in their lamp. Five had Oil in their lamp. These five were just as holy and virgin as these was. But what does Oil represent in the Bible, where we taken it last night, night before? The Spirit, the Holy Spirit. They cleaned themselves up and set there, but they was afraid and stood back from the Fountain that poured in the Oil. See, organized themselves and settled down, and there they are, lukewarm. That's where the church age went. Now, now, we're coming to the Mark of God. I got thirty minutes, the Lord willing. Now, I want you to turn with me, first, and find out how essential, this Mark of God... **Remember what the mark of the beast is: not communism. The mark of the beast comes from Rome, throughout the world: Catholicism with Protestantism joined into it, organized religion.**

51 **And they're going to unionize the churches, till every church will have to bow to that thing, or interdenominations are kicked on the sideline. That's right. Revelations the 9th chapter now.** Let's read real close here for a few moments, if God willing, and see what He said in His Word. Now... of--of Revelations, and the 4th verse. Listen to this.

And it was commanded them... (when they seen the plagues being poured)... that they should not hurt the grass or the trees... neither any green thing, neither any tree; but... those men which have not the seal of God in their forehead.

When the plagues was coming, only thing was protected was those who were sealed away in the Kingdom of God. This is the investigating judgment, when men...

71 "You know not that you're the temples of the living God?" Amen. **Build a temple, build a church; all your faith is built around your temple or your church, or a wooden idol, taking the mark of the beast and don't know it. That's right.** Hovering out and spending all your time, preachers, to support your organization, and going just as straight to hell with it as they can go. I tell you, brother, it's time men woke up and preached the gospel with the power of the Holy Ghost, when everywhere, let's call Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Catholic, and all, to the cross of Jesus Christ. I used to say, the old shepherd carried honey, put it on the rock. When the sick sheep licked, it got well. Brother, I got a whole scrip bag full of it here tonight. And I'll put it on the Rock, Christ Jesus, and sick sheep can lick and get well. That's right. Brother, listen, not going to put it on any church.

87 **Mark of the beast, confederation of churches, Catholicism, all bound together, go into chaos.** The remnant, the Holy Ghost Bride... And the people today that are laughing at speaking in tongues, that are laughing at Divine healing, that are laughing at prophecy, that are laughing at the manifestation of the Spirit;

and the same spirit that dominated those Jews back here, that blasphemed the Holy Ghost back there, and died under Divine judgment... This United States is bound for Divine judgment under the power of the Holy Ghost. They've condemned, and make fun, and turned out, and call us "holy-rollers" and everything else. But the hour is here when God will pour out His divine judgment. Amen. Get ready. ...?... The only safe place there is today is in Christ Jesus. God bless you. If you're not in, press till you get in. "Those that are in Christ Jesus will God bring with Him in the second coming." **Without the Seal of God, which is the baptism of the Holy Ghost, confederation of apostasy is the mark of the beast.**

88 That's THUS SAITH THE LORD. See what I mean? **But these religious teachers are trying to put it on communism, when they don't realize it's working right in their own midst.** He said, "They'll be blind leaders of the blind," He said, "will have eyes, and can't see." Said, "You do in your traditions, speaks the doctrine of men, make commandments of men, making the commandments of God of non effect." You'll laugh at the Catholic for setting up their catechism, and your men goes right up here to some conference or something, and decide whether they can receive Divine healing, or the baptism of the Spirit, and these things. And they condemn It and turn It down. And you laugh at the Catholic. You ain't got no right to laugh at the Catholic. 'Cause if she was a whore, the Bible said you're a harlot in the same confederation. "Come out from among it, My people! Be ye separated," saith God, "and I will receive you unto Myself." That's right. Oh, why can't this Branham Tabernacle come out of our wrinkle?

93 Your boyfriend stood in your way. Your girlfriend stood in the way. Your church stood in the way.

What then? What then?

When the great Book is opened, what then?

When the ones that's rejecting this Message tonight,

You're going to... asked to give a reason--What then?

What are you going to do about it? You know what the mark of the beast is. You know what the Seal of the God is. It's up to you. May the Lord bless you, while we stand.

THE SEAL OF GOD JEFF IN 05-14-54

3 Just... Why, everybody's welcome; sure we want you to come. But it's just in this church. And I thought, "If I'll teach on the first night, what the church the day and the age, geographically in the Bible, where we're positionally setting, then the church surely will wake up on that, and then speak on 'The **Mark of the beast**,' and let them see what that is, and then 'The Seal of God.' That's the pro and con now; that's the dark and Light now; that's either in or out now; and that's the most essential thing to be taught of now." And I tell you, friends; I say this with my heart before God, humbly: I have never felt the anointing of the Holy Spirit to speak the words that I have in the last three nights. That's right. But it's just carried me away till I'd go home, couldn't even sleep after I got home, just such anointing. Now, I threw these out here in hopes that I would find something somewhere (See?), get the--the feeling of the people all on a piece of paper here. If I don't find this this way, and the Lord don't reveal it to me, I'll keep on till I do find it. God will grant it to me. That's right. And so then when we find it, it may be just a little, old wedge buried over somewhere. But Achan had one too.

10 What connection did you mean about the Protestant church having with the Catholic church?

What does the image of the beast mean?

Now, that was one of the questions from last--probably was on the people's... Now, I'll try my best, by God's help, to answer them the best of my knowledge. Now, if He will give me knowledge, 'cause God knows that I--I just picked them up here on the platform.

Now, what connection did you mean about the Protestant church having with the Catholic church?

Now, I'll answer that one first, God helping. I said that the Catholic church was the... **We find out that the mark of the beast (night before last) had to come out of Rome. Is that right? It can't come out of no other country but Rome. There's where it's seated; that's where it's placed. And I said I have nothing against Catholic people, nothing against anyone; we're all mortals trying to get to heaven.** The pope is one fellow who teaches, the archbishop of Canterbury is another, and another, and another, and another; and I'm just one of the teachers; that's all.

25 **Brother Branham, speaking on the mark of the beast, don't you believe they'll tattoo a number in your head, or tattoo something on your hand?**

No, sir. Don't never look for that. It'll be a boycott, certainly. No man could buy or sell 'less he belongs to the confederation of churches. That's true. That'll come like a union, unionizing the thing, bringing it down, unionized religion. Mark my word; it ain't far off. And you'll see it, she's just around the corner.

The reason you don't know these things; you're here at home all the time. Follow me over these countries where Catholicism has the upper hand one time, and see what takes place. Brother, they tell them all what to do and what not to. And here the Bible speaks that the United States (We picked it up in prophecy.) come up like a lamb, freedom of religion, and directly they united those things together, and he spake like a dragon and exercised the same power the dragon had before him. That's the U.S.A. That's right. A minister said to me not long ago, a friend of mine, said, "Brother Branham, God will never let the United States fall, because of the basis of its forefathers, founded on religion." I said, "He let the Jews, sure, carried away, and they had a lot better standing than we had." That's right.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS JEFF IN 05-15-54

27 It may be the last night that you'll ever have the opportunity to become a Christian believer. It may be from tonight on, that you've turned down the Message of God for the last time. Then you'll be, in the sight of God, marked off in apostasy. There's only going to be two classes of people in the last day. Both of them is going to wear a mark. The mark of God is the baptism of the Holy Spirit, without a shadow of doubt. I preached that not long ago right here. By the Holy Spirit's help, and the Word of God, proved it, that the seal of God is the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Ephesians 4:30 says, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you're sealed until the day of your redemption." Without the Holy Spirit you are not sealed. But the Holy Spirit is God's Seal. And then, that, all that was not sealed by the Holy Spirit, was took on the **mark of the beast. And the mark of the beast is a mark of apostasy, which is rejecting the Holy Spirit.** See what I mean?

31 **Some day, THUS SAITH THE HOLY SPIRIT out of the Word of God, that, "America, there had been whole turning God down, and will receive the mark of the beast according to Revelations the 13th chapter." And we're moving into it.** God cannot let any nation... God is not a respect of nations. He's not a respect of people. He wants whosoever will. And if one nation will bloom and do all this and stand, that empire would last forever. But every world empire will be broken down at the coming of the Rock hewed out of the mountain without hands, that'll break all the world's kingdoms into pieces. And Christ will rule and reign, and of His reign shall be no end. "His Name shall be called Counsellor, Prince of Peace, mighty God, the everlasting Father. And the government shall be upon his shoulders, and of the Kingdom there shall be no end." That's the Kingdom of God that shall come with power and demonstrations, and all the rest of the world will be broke and shot to pieces. They are going to reject It.

JUBILEE YEAR JEFF IN 10-03-54 Evening

28 So is Christ so much more powerful than all the evil in the world. Now, we're taught by scientists, as the light begins to come it condenses the darkness and the darkness gathers all of it's host together to fight against the light. But the light prevails and comes on. **And the Bible said in the last days that Satan would go about like a roaring lion. He's gathering together all of his enemies, all of his friends, our enemies, and congregating them together, heaping up under a big head, the mark of the beast: in the ecclesiastical realms, the confederation of churches, all in uniting and making themselves a great organization, the same as Catholicism.** And the world empires are uniting themselves together and forming up a big head over there in the political realms called communism. And the life of God is pressing on. What's happening this same time to make it? The Christian Church, the Church of the living God is being anointed. Power is coming to her. She's receiving the Holy Spirit. Last year in the Full Gospel realms was a million five hundred thousand conversions, the greatest that's swept the land for years after years.

BEGINNING AND ENDING OF THE GENTILE DISPENSATION JEFF IN 01-09-55
Evening

11 **We're taught in the Scriptures in the Book of Revelations, "If any man receives his seal or his mark, or the letter of his name (and so forth) is doomed," is sealed out the Kingdom of God. And the Spirit of Christ, when once sealed with That, is sealed in the Kingdom of God. And just as sure as you can be sealed out with one, you can be sealed in with the other.** And tonight, we're going to talk about the sealing out, and tomorrow night, about the sealing in. And you draw your opinion, as I try to keep it strictly on the Word, not opinions, but at the Word. Now, we find out that over in the Book... Many peoples has set up different things and said... I had a man to come to me not long ago; he said, "Brother Branham, I want to show you something." Said, "What do you think the **mark of the beast** is?" And I said, "I don't know." And he said, "Well, let me show you something." The poor boy was course in a elusion. And he pulled out of his pocket, a great long piece of paper that had the Statue of Liberty, on it. He said, "There's the **mark of the beast**, the Statue of Liberty."

The Mark of the Beast

12 Well, we've heard all kind of things and rumors, but what does the Word of God say it is? That's the next thing. That's what we want to know: What is this apostate seal, and how will it be placed on people? I was listening to a radio broadcast in my country, here not long ago, and a man said, "It won't be long until the people's going to get a great tattooing machine. And they're going to tattoo it across the forehead of a man, the picture of the beast. And going to mark it in his hand here, the **mark of the beast**. And all that receives that mark, will be doomed forever." Here not long ago, when the NRA came out in my country, I suppose it was in this, too. In my country they said... All the religious people began to say, "That is the **mark of the beast**. Don't receive it; my, that's horrible. Ever who joins the NRA, is sure to receive the **mark of the beast**." Well, we found out, that wasn't so. So, there's got to be some basic truth.

13 It's got to come then from, THUS SAITH THE LORD. It's got to come. **Many people has placed it way over into a day that's yet to come. Some place it in this day. But for myself, I believe that it begin at the same time the Holy Spirit fell.** If you'll notice, just about the time that Jesus came on the scene, Judas came on the scene, the antichrist, the one was against Christ. I want you to notice the natures of these spirits now. Judas, was a religious man. He was not an infidel. And all of us know that he was the antichrist. He worked the very closest hand to Christ, His right hand man. Did you know that in heaven, that the Devil was God's right hand man in the beginning, that Lucifer, the son of the morning, was given power? And the reason that he brought sin into the world, he was able to take something that God had created, and pervert it back into an evil thing, which started all this trouble in the beginning. Then God, back before the foundation of the world was ever laid, when He seen what Satan done...

THE SEAL OF THE ANTICHRIST LA CA 03-11-55

9 Moses right down when he found out that he was going to be born, why, he killed all the children along, trying to cut off God's servant that was to be a chosen vessel. How he did the same thing by Abel, when he seen how the line of Abel was going to come the righteous Seed. And then God, of course, brought Seth in to take his place. And then, in the Royal Seed in Chronicles, and also over in the Book of Matthew, Jesus, how he killed all the children trying to cut off, or to stop God's program. But there's no way at all of ever stopping God's program. **Here not long ago they made a proclamation that you couldn't shout no more, and all these things, was going to try to pass it in Congress, said they'd stop all the doors, and every people that didn't belong to a certain denomination, when the confederation of churches united, and going in now to form the mark of the beast for this nation, this world... When they all confederated themselves together, they were going to pull every door and shut every door. And they will do it sometime. And everybody that don't belong to a certain denomination that's in this confederation of churches, will have to take the mark.** And doing so, well, then, they think then that they'll stop all of this stuff, like Divine healing and all these things that the--that the churches don't accept. But they'll never do it; you can't do it.

EXODUS THE PILLAR OF FIRE CHICAGO IL 10-06-55 Evening

76 Which you're sealed outside of the Kingdom forever, with no, no way they'll ever be forgiven. He that speaks against the Holy Ghost will never be forgiven in this world or the world to come. There's your mark of the beast and the seal of God in one little handful. The seal of God is the baptism of the Holy Ghost. And the mark of the antichrist is to deny it. Now, you're marked one way or the other. Don't you want to have the Holy Ghost today? If you people here would just only believe with, oh, a few moments of prayer, signs and wonders would take place in this church this afternoon. Anything could happen. But we're at the junction time. This is the seventh junction. What's the next, Brother Branham? We're going into the millennium. That's right. Time will cease at this junction, and eternity will begin for us. And never no more... And if they have been through all of these things, when all the world history is climaxing in this great drama... What's the matter? What makes people so nervous? Why is it even psychiatrist are coming to be prayed for? Why is it the world's in a nervous age, a neurotic age. When people can't wait. "Thrrrrp ," down the street ninety miles an hour, stop at the beer joint, two hours 'fore they go home, run over people. What's the matter? What's everybody in such a hurry, you can't visit your neighbor?

FIVE JUNCTIONS OF TIME STURGIS MI 01-22-56

36 Notice. Don't get scared when I say, "Amen." It means "So be it." That's right. Now, I know I get a little excited once in a while. You think I'm excited, but I'm not; I know where I'm at. I know just exactly what I...?... know what I'm talking about. I know Who I'm talking about, the Lord Jesus Christ. Notice, how beautiful. And they begin to murmur and complain, and finally they were brought to Kadesh. And when they come to Kadesh, this judgment seat, judgment... And then all the whole thing was gathered together. And some glorious day, and I believe that day is at hand right now, when there will be a separation between the right and the wrong. And I believe I could sufficiently prove by the Scripture authority that the **mark of the beast** and the Seal of God of the people of God is soon to take place, and even now taking place. **The mark of the beast is the mark of apostasy. The mark of the beast was those who rejected the right; they were bored in the ear to be wrong the rest of their days. Those who receive the Seal of God is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 4:30 said, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby you're sealed until the day of your redemption."** It's come to a place where a person can't stand mediocre anymore. That's right. Just like a fellow was trying to go to heaven. He had a handful of tickets. The man asked him when he boarded the train, said, "What's there so many tickets for?" One of them was Methodist, one was Baptist, one was Christian Science, one was Seventh Day Adventist, one was everything.

ISRAEL AT KADESH BARNEA JEFF IN 05-27-56

37 And you don't know just what time... Oh, brother, let this go way down deep. You don't know what time, that you that's on the borderline today is going to make your final decision. That's right. You can't totter too long. "My Spirit will not always strive with man." So you may toddle along for a while, but, "My Spirit will not always strive with men being on the borderline." **Notice, the mark of the beast is the mark of an apostasy, the devil, the works of the devil.** Jesus said, "By their church membership, by their theology, by their seminary experience? By their fruit you shall know them." Now, so the fruit of the Holy Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering,

goodness, gentleness, patience, meekness. That's the fruit of the Spirit. And the fruit, that's the mark of the Holy Spirit, showing that Divine love has anchored in the heart and the things of the world is dead. Now, the mark of the devil is impersonation: works, not grace.

THE LAMBS BOOK OF LIFE JEFF IN 06-03-56

3 Sometimes I can't understand those things, but knowing His Word, that He promised that it was all for good, then it's all right; that just settles it forever. Now, today, announced the subject that I was to teach on: "The **Mark of the beast**," which is a very vital subject. And it would maybe try and approach it today from a--a standpoint... Why, that subject would probably take... I could stay on it three or four months every day and still be in the Scriptures on that great subject. But I thought today, being that we were going to pray for the sick people after this morning's Sunday school session... Many of the people gather in here for healing, and they wait around in motels and hotels, and wait for this morning, till when they can come in to be prayed for. And we certainly wouldn't want to take their space of time. So if I start on the subject, and then continue on in a few days when I get back again, maybe between the two meetings, then back again after that... I'll try to continue on, the Lord willing, on the **mark of the beast**. And you... **Teaching the mark of the beast, you have to have the Seal of God to run with it, 'cause they run right side by side**. Now, in this great vital subject, before we approach it, let's talk to the Author of the Word, the Lord Jesus, just in a moment of prayer if we'll bow our heads.

4 Our kind heavenly Father, we now come to Thee humbly in the Name of the Lord Jesus Thy Son, and asking for Divine mercy and guidance in the Scripture, realizing myself, that here before me sets the purchase of His Blood. And one Word misrepresented might cause some soul to be turned away. But the right Word, represented at the right time and in the right place, might cause a wayward sinner to come to Christ. So help us, dear God, and seal our lips to anything that would be contrary to Thy Divine will. You know every heart, and You know the need of every heart. And we pray that You'll let the Holy Spirit take the Word of God and direct It to every heart just as we have need, for we ask it in Christ's Name, Thy Son. Amen.

5 Now, in the 13th chapter of--of the Revelations of Jesus Christ, we want to read a portion from there, and also from the 14th chapter of the Book of Revelation. Now, there is a--a seat setting over here, a little bench, if Brother Fleeman, if you'd want to get it for some of them in the back. It's right extremely against the wall over here. Why, you'd be more than welcome. Our little church is not adequate maybe for size of the--the people, but we... People come and can't get the seats, and then they go back. But we started here, and it's a sacred little spot, and we love it dearly with all of our heart. And we--we just like to stay in these little old walls, because God has come down many times and blessed us in these walls.

6 Now, in the 13th chapter, and beginning with the... Let's see; we began about the 11th verse of the 13th chapter of the Revelation. And I beheld a beast coming up out of the earth;... he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

And he exercised all the power of the first beast before him, and caused the earth and them that dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

And he does great wonders, so as to make fire come down from heaven on... earth in the sight of men,

And deceived them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image unto the beast, which had the wound by the sword, and did live.

And he had power to give life to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause... as many as would... worship the image of the beast should be killed.

And he caused all, both small... great, rich... poor, free... bound, to receive a mark in their right hand, and in their forehead:

And... no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Here is wisdom. Let him that has understanding count the numbers of the beast: for it's the number of a man;... his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

In the 14th chapter we read this:

And I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to them that dwelled on the earth, and to every nation,... kindred,... tongue, and people.

Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment has come: and worship him that made heavens, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of water.

And there followed him another angel, saying, Babylon is falling, is falling, the great city, because it made all nations to drink from the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast or his image, or receive his mark in their forehead or... hand,

The same shall drink... of the wrath of God, which is poured out, without mixture into the cup of... indignation; and... shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

7 Now, this great subject that we are approaching has certainly caused some great controversy and some pro and con on the--on the subject. And I for myself believe that it's such a great, vital part of the Scripture, that all the Scripture should be taught: all of it. We should not leave any of it out. **God has spoke through the Scriptures about the mark of the beast and how that it was to appear in the last days.** And as a minister of the Gospel, believing that we're living in the last days. I believe that it's a timely message that should be approached reverently in this day. Now, there has been many thoughts projected to the peoples concerning this vital, God sent message, warning to the church. It's been many things has been thought and given to the people what this **mark of the beast** was. And of coarse, like all other Scripture, it causes cults to rise, and... But surely, if there is such a thing fixing to befall the people of the earth, there should be some Gospel sensible answer to the question. If God so placed it, that those who received this would be tormented in the Presence of the Lamb, and of the Angels, in fire and brimstone, and will be an eternal, everlasting judgment to those who receive this great mark,

we ought to have some conception of what it is. And then, it ought not to be approached by some mental theology. It should be approached by the Scripture. Scripture must answer to Scripture.

8 We realize that reading the Bible... You do not read It like you would a newspaper, because It's been the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to hide many things from the eyes of the wise and prudent, and would reveal it to babes such as would learn. God wants somebody who's hungry, so He can just take them over to one side and set them down and say, "Here it is child of Mine; this is it. The world don't understand this, but ye shall understand." See, see? Let it be this way. Then all Scripture given by inspiration, then It must be interpreted by inspiration. And then Scripture must compare with Scripture. And I thought perhaps maybe today, that realizing that through the grace of God and the ministry that He has 'lotted me, to bring to the people... How people fasten to the words and hold on to them, I always try to approach it just as reverently unselfishly as I know how, because--and by the Scripture. And if it doesn't compare with the Scripture then I just leave it alone. Now, this has been said many times; it's been projected here some years ago. **I remember as a young minister that people wouldn't put the little NRA in their windows, said that was the mark of the beast.** It's been projected many times that the Vatican hierarchy, pope of Rome, and many times the different characters that's raised like Adolf Hitler, Mussolini, and many of those being the beast and so forth.

9 Now, as uneducated person, I try to use the Scriptures of the Old Testament as a type or shadow of the New. God always foreshadows everything before it happens, all ages, never without one time failing: all ages. Now, I thought this morning that it would be a good time to go back and get the **mark of the beast** in its amateur or and in its primitive, where it begin. And it's true that there is to be a certain person, a man, that it is to wind up in in the last days. But it's foreshadowed back in the beginning and also foreshadowed down into your life, and foreshadowed through every church age, and then comes to a positive place in a man in the last days. **Now, to go into this, which I say would take weeks of Bible teaching, but being today we just have a short, limited time, we will take it in it's amateur. Or not... I don't mean that. I mean in it's primitive, the origin of it, and bring it what is the beginning of the mark of the beast.** How do you receive it? I'm sure there's none of us ever wants it. Because those that are wearing it will certainly never stand in the Presence of God. And it's to be in the last day when it's to be manifested. And we certainly ought to know some reason or what is it.

14 **Now, a mark, the Bible speaks that the mark of the beast would be known by the hand or the head.** I've heard it predicted by many different ways, that the tattoo a sign in your hand, a sign on your head. Now, I do not believe that that's correct with Scripture. **And there's going to be a group of people that's going to be marked for destiny in hell. And there's going to be people marked for their eternal destiny in heaven. And these two marks run side by side. And it's going to get so great (Listen.), so pinching, that just before the coming of the Lord, that you'll have to have one mark or the other one, or there'll be a boycott: you can't buy nor sell. Notice, now how does this begin? Now, these two great things has been working in the churches for years.** Now, look. Judas was the antichrist. We know that. He was the one. He was not seemingly against Christ, seemingly he was for Christ. And the Bible said that in the last days them

two spirits will be so close to each other, that it would deceive the very elect if possible. And as the Spirit of God from the beginning finally works down, down through Moses...

26 But you Pentecostal women are getting just as rotten as the rest of them (That's right.), chopping off your hair. And the Bible said, any woman that cuts her hair, her husband has the right to give her divorce and leave her: I Corinthians the 11th chapter. See if that's not right. She even dishonors her husband. Why do you want to wear clothes like that? Now, I'm talking to you women, 'cause I see you letting your kids on the street act like that, and you yourself are. What in the world do you want to wear clothes like that for? It's... I don't care how much religion you are supposed to have; that shows in your heart what's coming out. That shows exactly what you're made out of. Why? You've deafened your ear to the real Gospel of liberation. That's right. You are marked by the antichrist, acting like him. The fruits of your life prove what you are. And you men, because you let her do it, it shows who your God is and shows what you done. That's Gospel. That's the Word. **Now, who's got the mark of the beast? So close that would deceive the very elect, if possible.** Can't you see, friends, that apple trees bear apples, pear trees bear pears? What in the world does a woman that's supposed to be a child of God want to dress like that? You say, "Well, they don't make blouses and clothes." Oh, they don't? You go a sewing machine, some of you have. It's because that down in your heart, trying to hold it over with a religious crust, you've listened to the devil. That's right.

27 And maybe your pastor's guilty for not telling you the truth. That's right. You are a peculiar people, a separated people, a holy people, a royal priesthood, altogether different from the world. You don't act like them, dress like them, talk like them; you are a called out, separated. That's right. Now, you see what I mean? If you refuse, now you'll go away and say, "That preacher is just popping off." Am I? It's the Scripture. Then it's the Scripture popping off. **Then if you got your ears so bored that you've listened to the devil, and you can never no more hear the Gospel truth and walk in the Light, that's the mark of the beast. That's the Scripture... You refuse to hear truth, liberation, that Christ has made you free from those things.** And you men, you poor little boneless back thing you, that'll let a woman, your wife walk around and blow cigarette smoke through her nose, and wear shorts, and act like that around your house, and you're not man enough... You are a poor substitute as a son of God. I don't say mine will never do it. If she ever lets down, the devil gets a hold of her, she'll do it; but that's the day she ain't Mrs. Branham no more. That's right. That's the truth. Stand up. God don't put wishbones in men. He puts backbones in men, Gospel bones, that'll stand for the truth. Oh, my, what a horrible time we're living. Look around and see sin. Look at it. Oh, yes. You couldn't go to prayer meeting.

30 Your ears are sealed. They said the same thing about Peter and John. Said, "They're ignorant and unlearned men." But they had power (Hallelujah.) to make a lame man leap like a hart. They opened the eyes of the blind. They unstopped the ears of the deaf, because they were preaching the jubilee year. Thanks be to God for the same Holy Spirit. **That's just the first step: rejecting Christ, rejecting the message. No matter how much you try to pretend, that don't do nothing to you. That only takes you deeper in hell. Your life proves what you are. Jesus said, "By their fruits you shall know them," not by their church, not be their**

affiliations, but by their fruit. There you are. That's the beginning of the mark of the beast. Then the next thing you know, you go out to some great, fine church where they got a lot of theology, Dr. Ph.D. John Doe. "Oh, well, you see, those fellows are unlearned. You see, they don't understand. We know in the seminary these things are a little different from that." I'm so glad that there's still a living Christ to bear record of His Word. And then they see all the signs and wonders. They can't hide that. They can't put it down. God is just so, made it so real until they can't keep from seeing it. They're trying to battle it with everything they can, but they'll beat their brains out and never do it.

37 Eighty percent of your body's made of water. The first thing God ever moved on, the Spirit of God ever moved on was the waters. And you can't go without water. And if your soul is hungering to worship... Listen, mister, Pentecost, and Pilgrim Holiness, and Presbyterian, Baptist, whoever you are (See?), if you're hungering and you're thirsting, satisfy your thirst with Christ. And make Christ your God. Don't turn around and drink from these old stagnated cisterns. The first thing you know, you may act ever so religious, but your ears are sealed to the truth. And do you remember, they would be so close till it deceive the very elect? **And to reject the Gospel is to be sealed with the mark of the beast. God marks you. And now, what does it mean it was in? In your head. Your ear's on your head too. What is it? Your head is your knowledge.**

38 Faith cometh by hearing, hearing not some church rule, but the Word of God. Then if you reject that, what happens? You're sealed...?... no more. "Oh, that's nonsense." And you're marked. And then the fountain that's in your life will produce just what you really are. Do you see what I mean? Come out of it, folks. You men, you men and you women, shame on you. "How can I escape it, Brother Branham?" Now, here you are. Just for the next few minutes, let me tell you. In Revelations the 7th chapter, the Angel went forth to destroy (four of them), and was to bring the whole world to destruction. God said, "Just a minute. Hold the four winds till we seal the servants of our God in their forehead." And He carried the Seal of the living God. The Seal of the living God is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 4:30 said, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you're sealed until the day of your redemption." Is that right? "Grieve not..." Don't try to act like the world. Don't wear those... I've got inside scales.

46 And if you reject to hear it and just keep... "Well, my preacher said this, that, or the other." And you refuse to have life, you become sterile. Then you come to a place where you can't have no more children. You're sterile. You're in reproach. You can't have children. **And if you grieve the Spirit of God too many times, you are sealed. You don't hear It no more.** First time you hear it, oh, my, you let your hair grow out. You act like ladies. You didn't wear these things. You act like a lady; you act like a man. You kept your house in order; you done those things. But then all at once It begin to move around. What was it? You never let the life come in and go to work. You died prematurely. That's right. Now, let the Spirit of God come in, come through the hearing of the Word. You heard it. That's the Bible. **If you receive the mark of the beast, you're lost forever. If you receive the Seal of God you're sealed forever. And there's the two spirits is working.** Maybe Sunday a week, or as soon as I can get back, we'll finish it up, and get on down, and see what they are. Will you receive it this morning while we bow our heads in a word of prayer?

Our sister will come to the piano at the time, if she will, while you're making your mind up.

53 All right, all together.

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains,
Lose all their guilty...

Now, you either wear today what? **No middle ground, either the mark of the beast of the world, apostate church, or the Seal of God.** Holy...?... Now, while... Just a moment. Remember today that every person leaving this door, either leaves with the mark of God or the mark of the enemy, the apostate church. Oh, you say, "Brother Branham, I go..." That don't have one thing to do with it. The devil goes to church; he's very religious. The Bible said so.

56 Now, tonight is the service at the Tabernacle. Our most dearly, honored and beloved Brother Neville will be speaking, I suppose, tonight. I aim to be here myself, the Lord willing. Junie, I'm going to try get to your place Thursday night if I can, if--if any way's possible. And down in New Albany... I think that's your service night, is it? And I been trying to get to the little churches. And now, dear friends, next... Listen at Brother Neville's broadcast. I want to pick this **mark of the beast** up and show you just exactly where it's setting today, show you where every tribe of Israel is setting, show that everything is right exactly waiting for the Word to be issued from heaven. "Behold, He cometh." See? That's right. Been studying and watching and waiting and praying... Now, my service this morning, and now is to pray for the sick. There's some who's comes in here from different parts of the country to be prayed for, and we sure want to pray for them. And I want to assure you that God is a Healer, that He heals all kinds. How many in here has been healed, let's see your hands go up? Now, you can see. And if I'd ask if cancer, blindness, deaf, dumb, crippled... Just think what will be on that day. Someone said, "I don't believe in healing." I said, "You just come a little to late (That's right.), just a little late. The Holy Spirit beat you here."

THE MARK OF THE BEAST JEFF IN 07-15-56

29 He made an image. And it's believed by scholars and which, I do believe that a Spirit-filled person would see it that that... He worshipped Daniel is what he did. And he made an image to Daniel. And he called it Belteshazzar. He called Daniel, Belteshazzar, which was the name of his god. And he made an image and forced every person to worship that image. **I want you to notice that the beginning of the Gentiles, when God dealt with them, they got haughty in their heart and forced every man to worship the image of a holy man. And the Gentile age was issued in with that; it will go out in the same way. The same way a--a boycott of the mark of the beast that will force people to worship images and to do the things that we've been taught that was contrary to the Word of God. And, brother, it'll be so slick and sly until it will deceive the very elect if possible. So you better purpose in your heart tonight and be filled with God's Holy Spirit, that you'll be able to discern the right and wrong thing when the proclamation is issued. Hallelujah. When we see all the eastern and middle**

eastern powers, when we see the eastern and western world again uniting, see them two feet in Daniel's vision. See?

THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL JEFF IN 09-02-56

5 Now, today it may not ... take an awl, bore the ear, which would mark them to serve this master forever. And how typical that is of today. And how typical it was of fifty years ago when the Holy Spirit first fell in that barn down here where I'm taught that it was a cow barn. When Jesus first come to earth in the form of flesh, God, He was born in a manger. And when He come to Los Angeles He still come to a barn. That's the humility of God, bringing yourself down in order to redeem us from sin. Then this person that was--did not want to go free could--had to be sealed, a beautiful type today of the sealing of God or the marking of the beast, which has been so much disputed, what it was. "Now, faith cometh by hearing, hearing of the Word of God." And when we hear that we are free and refuse to act upon our freedom, then we will be sealed. **To my opinion, to be sealed away from God is to receive the mark of the beast. For to hear is to receive. And when we hear that we are free, then we can accept it and be free. Now, when the hearer heard the jubilee sound, and if he didn't want to be free, then he had to be sealed.**

AZUSA JUBILEE LA CA 09-16-56

19 That's men and women of tomorrow. No wonder Jesus said, "Except these days be shortened, no flesh would be saved." Therefore, I'm basing my thoughts here: That we're at the end time. The Lord Jesus shall come soon. But the spirit of the day... Oh, can you see? Take on your thinking. Can you see what's happened? **Before this great onslaught coming on to bring the mark of the beast, and to fulfill the Scriptures by forcing the people after the hold is gotten, just like it is in other countries, force them into things that they do not accept, to cause the persecution and the boycott to come. Can't you see America has fell for the glamor and the goddess, and this. It's paid the devil in the realm of flesh, making a way for this to present itself. Amen. I hope you understand this. Stay clear from it.**

GOD KEEPS HIS WORD JEFF IN 01-20-57 Evening

24 Jesus is here, but they don't know it. They don't realize it. **And in this great hour that we're now living, in the day that when the nominal world is all bringing themselves together to form the mark of the beast, when the confederation of churches has swallowed them up, all denominations,** and in the time that when even our full Gospel brethren are differing, and fussing, and fighting, and pulling, and stewing over little bitty Scriptural differences, and each one separating themselves and--and getting different, and calling disciples, I begin to think it's more for a meal ticket than it is to get souls saved. But, you know what? **Right in this darkest of hours, right when they're making a--a order in the courts today that all these little preachers outside of the confederation of churches is not going to be able to broadcast anymore on the radio, and they're not going to have any television, they won't let them on there... What is it? Nothing but petty jealousy. They are trying to stop the message of God. They're trying to keep this from the people. They are ignorant that they're**

trying to it. They don't realize what they're doing. But Jesus said it would be a time that they would even kill you, thinking they was doing God service. But, brother, the thankful part of it is, right in this darkest of hour, Jesus is come along, and He's proving Hissself alive. And I believe that He is here tonight.

AND THEN JESUS CAME PHOENIX AZ 03-02-57

36 And it's got to a place that you have to belong to this league of churches before you can even have a radio. You're gone from the radio, boy, don't you never worry about that, and the rest of them are too, and all the television programs. You'll have to belong to the league of churches before you can do it. And when you do that, you're forming nothing in the world but the mark of the beast, of the Bible. There you are. See how it's all leagued together? Oh, thanks be to God, there is truly a living God. There's truly a true Lord. There's truly a true Word. There's truly a true healing. There's truly of all these things. But, brother, don't you never base your faith upon some little sensation, upon a church order, upon taking communion, upon eating from the spiritual Rock. You say, "I know this, brother, that I tasted God." That may be just exactly true. But what kind of a place has it fallen in? That's the next thing. What kind of a bucket did it come into? Just and unjust.

CORINTHIANS BOOK OF CORRECTION JEFF IN 04-14-57

32 Here His body was in the grave, and his soul was in hell, preaching, alive. What about that? He was in His Theophany again. His soul was down there with those people that were in...?... theophany also, and was witnessing to them that they repented not in the long-suffering. He... In other words, He'd knocked at the door. And when the door swung open, and all those souls that repented, He said, "I'm the Seed of the woman. I'm the One that Enoch here..." Over in paradise, another place... **Don't never lose them three places, now: the place of the wicked, the place of the righteous, and hell itself (See?), just like a trinity of heaven: like Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Like the trinity of the beast: the false prophet, the beast, and the--and the mark of the beast... And all that, remember, it's all in trinity. Trinity makes one, perfected. One is perfected.** You're perfected, one in three: soul, body, and spirit: water, blood, and nerves. See, whatever you was, you have to take three to make a perfected one. Take a three cornered piece of glass and put the sun on it, you got a perfected rainbow. See, everything, you have to have three to make a perfect one.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON HEBREWS NO2 JEFF IN 10-02-57

39 Good, all right, now with your heads bowed let's pray for God to fill you with the Holy Ghost right where you are. "Brother Branham, you want to come down and lay your hands on me for the Holy Ghost?" I don't have to. While Peter spake these words at the house of Cornelius, the Holy Ghost fell on them that heard the Word. Faith cometh by hearing, not laying on of hands, but by hearing. Hearing what? The Word of God. And I've tried in my humble way to show you the towers that's being built, the Babylon towers that's got to fall. And I'm pointing you to a tower, and there's only one road up it. That's through the Holy Spirit. You can't set neutral. **The Bible said in this day that every man that wasn't sealed with the Holy Ghost would have the mark of the beast. What is the mark of the beast? Unbelief.**

Don't you know what your... If your pastors has taught you, in the Old Testament **when the trumpet sounded, if the man wanted to go free, he could go free. If he didn't, he walked to the post and had an awl bored through his ear, because he refused to go free. And if you refuse to go free, then you'll serve that taskmaster the rest of your days. And you're lost.**

THE ONENESS OF UNITY WATERLOO IA 01-28-58

29 You've got to be filled with something to survive. Notice, you might be filled with one thing over another. You say, "Brother Branham, I'm kind of on the fence." No, you're not. **The Bible plainly says that all that was not sealed with the Holy Ghost received the mark of the beast. All that didn't have the seal of God in their forehead, had the mark of the beast. You've got one of it now. I'd like to test it just a little bit and see where we're standing. Oh, the mark of the beast, remember, is a religious mark. Certainly it is.** And you might be filled with religion. You could have all kinds of religion. That doesn't save you at all. You can just be a religious fanatic, if you want to be. Touch not, taste not, handle not, smell not. That don't have one thing to do with the Holy Ghost. You might be filled with a bunch of malice. You might be filled with a bunch of prejudice, so full that you can't even set and hear one sermon preached. You might be filled with a lot of hatred. You despise everybody that don't agree with you. You might be filled with a lot of nonsense too. You might be filled with a lot of Arthur Godfrey's dirty jokes, so much that you think, too much--so much of that, you won't go to church on Wednesday night or something. You might be filled with Elvis Presley's rock-and-roll. That's true. But you're filled with something. And your own life bears you record of what you're filled with. "By their fruits you shall know them." You're filled with something.

UNITED UNDER ONE HEAD MIDDLETOWN OH 03-26-58

36 That's what America has done: turned their heads. That's what the church has done. You could set down on the corners and have the great fine buildings and the millions of dollars for--placed into it, and everything just as easy as it could be, no wonder you haven't got time to hear God's voice. But wait till the hour comes when that's took away. Then you'll long to hear it. Everything's fine now, but the hour is coming when it won't be that way. So Isaiah, he could lean upon the king's arm and he was a young man, a favored fine spirit in this young man, so the king loved him. And one day the props was knocked out from under him. The king died. And when the king died, then Isaiah had to go alone. And then he begin to look around, and he found out that everybody wasn't like the king. You'll be kicked out some of these days from these interdenominationalists like this. It'll come a time when you'll have to belong to an organization or you can't worship. As you know, the Scripture says it will be. **They just make fun of you now. But there'll be a time where there'll be a boycott. For the mark of the beast must come. You'll either belong to the confederation of the churches, the beast like it is in Rome, or you won't worship at all. That's what the Scripture says. That's when you'll have to cry out like Isaiah did.**

37 And he got down in the temple, and he realized that; he raised his hands, and he said, "Oh, Lord, I am a man of unclean lips." You think you're good, but wait till that time comes. "I dwell among peoples of unclean lips." What did he? Got desperate. And when you get desperate about this thing, something will take place. You're not

desperate enough. "Oh, well, I join church that settles it." But you have to be desperate about it. You have to really need God. Jesus said, "Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." But as long as you're satisfied with the things of the world, how can God ever speak to you? You say, "God never spoke to me." Why? He wants to. But you're too filled up with the things of the world. That's what's the matter with us today. We put all of our time on things of the world and the pleasures of the world, and give no time to God. It's true. Now, we find out that Isaiah got desperate. And he screamed out, and confessed his sins, and confessed the sins of the people. And when he got through confessing, he heard a noise up above him. And when he looked up, there was the Cherubims flying back and forth through the building, wings over their faces and wings over their feet, and flying with wings, crying, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty." Something was taking place. Isaiah got desperate. God come on the job.

HEAR HIS VOICE JEFF IN 10-05-58 Morning

23 The time has come where you're forced to make a decision, and that's now; because it's forced all over the earth. **I've heard ministers get up with charts and try to explain what the mark of the beast was by some kind of a chart. It doesn't take a chart. The Scripture says, "All that didn't receive the Seal of God had the mark of the beast." There's only two classes on the earth. One's got the Mark of God, the other one's got the mark of the Devil. And all that didn't receive the Mark of God had the mark of the Devil. That's what the Scripture said. So you're forced to make a decision. And let me grind it into you, not to be rude or--or mean, but to tell you the truth and warn you. Man's got to do something about it. It's your... It's forced onto you. You must make a decision.** Then if I can show you by God's Word what the Seal of the living God is, then you'll know. The Bible said, in Ephesians 4:30 once, many places throughout the Scripture, that the Holy Spirit is the Seal of God.

24 Then without the Holy Spirit, you're marked off the other side; no matter how intellectual, how many of the denominations that you belong to, how pious and religious you are, Satan was the same thing. Satan's not some big brute with a forked tail and forked hoofs; he's a spirit, and the Bible said, so cunning that he would deceive the very elected if possible. He's religious. Was not Cain just as religious as Abel was? Did not Cain offer an offering just the same as Abel did? Did not Cain build a church unto the Lord the same as Abel did? Did not Cain get down and worship just the same as Abel did? Did not Cain sacrifice just the same as Abel did? But one come by intellectual conception; he brought the flowers and the fruits of the field and made his altar beautiful: intellectual. But Abel, by faith, chose a lamb, for it was blood and life that taken it, and he drug him to a rock and hammered his little throat until he bled to death. God said, "That's righteous Abel." That's right. How did It come to him? By revelation, not by intellectual.

UNITY OF ONE GOD IN THE ONE CHURCH JEFF IN 12-21-58 Evening

57 The hour is at hand. Every sensible person that's got reasoning, knows that something's fixing to happen. There's not a person in this building that's got its right mind, but knows that this world cannot stand under these conditions. We can't stand, friends. There's not one thing; as your pastor and your brother, there is not one thing that I can guide you towards this morning but to Jesus Christ. There isn't

a thing that I know. Just think of the things that's prophesied to come before the rapture takes place, everything that I know of is done fulfilled. **You say, "What about the mark of the beast?" That's to come in the tribulation. The Church will be gone then. Won't have to mark these; these done gone. See? The marking's going on now. The marking is the showing forth, the brand.** Flee to God; flee to Him quickly. I wonder this morning, while we're waiting here just a minute. And I feel like you do.

STRAIT IS THE GATE JEFF IN 03-01-59 Morning

32 Now, tonight Christ is present. You're looking for something way into the future, and I'm afraid you're going to pass over the top of it, just like it's been in all ages. Let me give you just a thought now to go with the word that I just spoke. Do you realize that's the way it's happened in all ages? You Catholic people call Saint Patrick a Catholic. Just about as much as I am. I'm the old fashion Catholic, as I told you. But after he was dead, his ministry was finished, then he was canonized a Catholic. Saint Francis of Assisi, the walking preacher with a Bible under his arm, who...The birds was hollering. And he said, "Be still, my little sisters, while I preach the Gospel." Then after he was dead, you made him a Catholic. How about Joan of Arc? Any you school children would've knowed of her, how that lady saw visions, performed miracles. And what did the Catholic church do? Burn her at the stake as a witch, as a Beelzebub. For she was anointed with the Spirit of God, and she performed miracles. And the church world didn't recognize her until she was gone. Be careful that we don't do the same thing. The Holy Spirit's here now in Its Fullness, in Its power. Be careful, if you don't wait till... **All that didn't receive the Seal of God got the mark of the beast. You know what the mark of the beast was--was to reject the Seal of God.**

33 In the Old Testament when the trumpet sounded, the Priest sounded the trumpet, if a slave did not want to go free, he had to be sealed, bored in his ear with an awl. Then he was a slave the rest of his days. "Faith cometh by hearing." If you don't hear it and receive it, then you're marked on the other side. Then you can't come in. Let's start tonight in a revival and open our hearts to the Holy Spirit while the hour is here. If Jesus Christ, God's Son, will come to this audience now, and you setting out there, if He will come and perform from the platform here, just as He did in the days of His flesh, how many in here will receive Him? Raise up your hands when you're just setting out here, whoever you are. If it can thoroughly be proven one time that it's truth... Moses had a sign to perform to the people, and he performed it. Israel followed him. He didn't have to keep performing that sign over and over and over again; they started following, and other miracles taken place. Jesus had a sign to perform. Those true ones believed Him when He could perceive their thoughts. The others said He was Beelzebub because He did it.

MARYS BELIEF LA CA 04-09-59

22 And the Bible said in the last days, there would be two marks. And every person on the earth would have one or the other. You just can't get out of it. One's the mark of the beast, the other one was a Seal of God. And the Seal of God is the Holy Spirit, God's provided way for His Church. Ephesians 4:30 said, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you're sealed unto the day of your redemption." And to reject that Holy Spirit is to take on the mark of the

beast. All that didn't have the Mark of God had the mark of the devil. So, you're marked. You're either marked a bond slave in the love of God, or you're marked a slave to the things of the world of the devil. That's hard. But we are slaves, and we want to serve Him all the days of our life. A slave is a servant. In order to be a servant of Jesus Christ, you have to be a slave to yourself, to crucify... Oh, God, let it sink in. Crucify yourself, and your flesh, and your desires, that God might take hold in your heart to move you and motivate you. That's the slave of Christ, the bond slave called--Paul called it. He said he was a slave to the Lord Jesus, a bond slave in service for the Lord Jesus, going about daily, crucifying the flesh to be a slave for Jesus Christ, rejoicing because he was a slave. That's it. We try to stand by the church. The church, the church, that's all you hear. The church... There's only one Church, and that Church, you don't join it. It has no creeds. You're borned into that Church by the Holy Spirit. Your birth brings you into that Church into the fellowship of that Church.

ALL THE DAYS OF OUR LIFE CHICAGO IL 06-12-59

46 But what have we done? We've broke every Constitutional law that they can break, and soon the Federation of Churches, which all the churches and denominations are invited into, and the Devil's got in and making worldliness and everything in local church members and so forth like that, and great congregations, and class, and society, when the little old church is still down yonder being borned again in a mess like any birth is, still paying the price, still getting down and dying out, acting the same way they did when they first got born at the day of Pentecost, same kind of a church down there... They'll be closed and shut out under the Federation of Churches. **It'll be a boycott like a union or something. You'll either come in or you'll go out. The mark of the beast is on today, and the--the Seal of God is the Holy Spirit. To reject It is the mark of the beast. Ever who sees the Holy Ghost, that you're supposed to receive It, and don't do it, automatically you take the mark of the beast; because there's only two classes to exist: all that didn't have the Seal of God had the mark of the beast.**

47 **So to receive the Seal of God is to receive the Holy Ghost. To reject It is to have the mark of the beast. There's the whole thing. That's exactly right. Now, the Bride went up, the remnant left here.** And she is the one who come in the second resurrection. "Blessed and holy is he that has part in the first resurrection, on which the second death has no power." That's right. The second resurrection will be the white throne judgment, then the church... "Don't you know," said Paul, "go amongst the unbelievers and the lawyers and so forth when the saints shall judge the earth." These matters should be judged before the church, not before the unjust magistrates and so forth, but before the church our matters should. There you take one another to the law. And God pity a man that'll take a Christian to law. That's right. Paul even dared them to do it. Now, that's the Bride, and there goes the sleeping virgin, a left on earth. The wise virgin goes into heaven with oil in her lamp. I know we could spend a lot of time on that, but I got--I'm going to hurry to get through this.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS JEFF IN 06-28-59 Evening

52 Heavenly Father, as this day is growing near to the midday, and I've been at length here this morning on this story of Thy Divine grace, according to Your Word...

The Mark of the Beast

It is written in the Scriptures that Jesus, our Lord, said, "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do, shall he also." And we know that those works are true. You could discern the thoughts of the people. You told Peter who he was, what his name was, what his father was. You told Philip when he brought Nathanael--or told Nathanael, rather, that You saw him under the tree before he come. You told the woman at the well how many husbands she had. Oh, there is nothing hid from You. You knew all things. And that was Your works. Then we see You say to that fig tree... **O Lord, I believe the hour is soon coming that when the loaves and fishes will be multiplied. There'll come a mark of the beast soon. There'll come a confederation of churches, and they'll put out a sign that--a unionized church that no man can buy or sell. And Your Church, it won't bother them; for Your Holy Spirit shall lead them and feed them as You did Israel in the wilderness.** You are God. Don't let us miss that, Lord. Let us remain faithfully. Let us be true. Now, I don't know just when this will take place again, Lord, maybe this morning again.

NEW MINISTRY JEFF IN 11-15-59

38 All the spirits and moves today go back to Genesis. That's what we done to prove to you these things that you're seeing, friends. Don't forget that. Don't let it go over top of your head. Let it soak into you. That's the things of God. **It come to a head; and Jesus predicted it would come to a head again in the last days, and it would be by this: the Seal of God, and the mark of the beast; two spiritual powers working together. Now, anyone knows that the Seal of God is the birthright, the baptism of the Holy Ghost.** Ephesians 4:30, says, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you're sealed till the day of your redemption." When they were borned again, they were filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the new birth, we know that. You're--you're begotten of the Spirit; I'll admit that. But until you're borned... There's a baby is begotten in its mother's womb, that's got one kind of life; that's (See?) a life in its little--the little cells in its body is twisting and kicking and jumping like that. But when it's born, it has a like that, and then he squeals out and becomes a living soul.

42 O God. People come up and say, "I got the Holy Ghost too." Look the way they live; it don't last from one revival to another, from one meeting to another. It's made manifest; they haven't got it. If a man's borned of the Spirit of God, or a woman, they have the fruit of the Spirit; they walk godly; they live that life. See? They keep away from the things of the world. God moves in them and makes Hissself manifest, and proves that He's God working in there. The other is impersonating. See? Impersonations, that's what's been all the way down, impersonating. Look at Ishmael, and Isaac; and all down (See?) impersonating. Look at the prophet Moses, and look at the prophet Balaam. See? See how they come down? Look at Judas, and look at Jesus. **And Jesus predicts that this Holy Spirit in the last days, would be the Seal of God. Now, what would be the mark of the beast? Would be to reject the Seal of God. For all that didn't have the Seal of God had the mark of the beast. And if it's two spiritual marks, one of them will be a true mark of God, the other one will be apostasy.** Can you see it? Look at the mark in the Old Testament. When the trumpet blowed, the jubilee, every so many years, the--the slaves went free because the trumpet sounded. Well, everyone that wanted to be free, could go. But some of them, they loved to be slaves, so they took them

to the altar and in the post of the church, and bored their ear with an awl. And they were marked forever; they always served that master.

43 And today you'll hear a Gospel message on truth. "Now, you can be free if you want to," God speaks to you. But when you get up to that borderline here and look over, and have a knowledge of Truth, and then turn away, He bores you in the ear and you'll always be an intellectual believer. You'll be religious and go to church, but never receive the Holy Ghost. See, then you serve that the rest of your days. Now, the mark of the beast, or the Seal of God... And we're getting so close. Now, look, the Word has to be inspired; hearing It, recognizing It, and acting upon It. Many people will hear, but won't recognize it. God will say, "This is the hour for you."

"I wouldn't be a holy-roller. I--I don't want none of that. See, they don't recognize it. We'll go to meetings; the great Holy Spirit will move down. I was sitting there the other day when a vision came forth and predicted just exactly what. I said, "Here comes a young man."

"Come here," motioned to that waiter, "you have heart trouble and you're looking for..."

"Yeah, that's exactly right."

"See that woman coming there?"

"Come here. You got tumor on the breast, and it's on the left breast, and you're in a very bad shape. And you're a sinner and don't..."

"Exactly right." Those men setting there, looked around, preachers and all, say, "My..."

HEARING RECOGNIZING ACTING ON THE WORD OF GOD JEFF IN 02-21-60

51 God sent the Holy Spirit down, and He positionally put the church in order, each man, filling him with His Presence of His Being. You see what I mean? All in Christ Jesus, how God predestinated this to the calling of this Gospel. Paul, Galatians 1:8, said, "If an Angel come preach anything else, let him be accursed." The Truth, the Gospel... Now, listen close as we read on, finishing the verse.

... the Gospel of your salvation: in whom also... (Listen closely)... after that ye believed, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

In the last days, the Bible said... Now, watch. In the last days there's going to be two classes of people. One of them's going to have the Seal of God, the other one the mark of the beast. Is that right? How many knows that? Well, if the Seal of God is the Seal of...

52 If the Seal of God is the Holy Ghost, then without the Holy Ghost is the **mark of the beast**. And the Bible said that the two spirits would be so close together, it would deceive the very Elected if it was possible. It'll never do it, because they were elected to Eternal Life. See? Church going just as an ordinary... **Ten virgins went out to meet the Lord, all sanctified, all holy, every one of them sanctified. Five were dilatory and let their lights go out.** Five had oil in their lamps. "And, behold the Bridegroom cometh." And the five that had oil in their lamps went into the wedding supper. And the others was left outside, where they were weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth. Be ready, for you don't know what minute the Lord comes. Have... What is the Oil represented in the Bible? Holy Spirit. Now, if you today are Seventh-day Adventist brethren who said the seventh day is God's seal,

produce one Scripture to prove it. The Bible said that the Seal of God is the Holy Ghost. Watch this.

ADOPTION JEFF IN 05-22-60 Evening

54 Other powers... Look at educational powers. Look at science. Science has got down till they've broke up atoms and molecules and whatmore (See?), until they got to a place until national relationship is at the head. Now nothing--now---between the nations, there's a disturbance. That's what the Bible said there'd be, "distress between the nations." Every little nation's afraid. Russia'd push that bomb over here right now if they wasn't afraid we'd push one back. That's right. Now they don't know what to do. They're at the end of the road. Science is at the end of the road. Oh, moralization is at the end of the road. Motherhood and womanhood's at the end of the road. The church is at the end of the road. **The carnal church is heading right towards a federation of churches. That's exactly right. And the spiritual Church is at the end of the road. It's heading toward it's Head, the coming of the Lord Jesus. It's all heading up (That's right.), heading up in the coming of the Lord. The Lord Jesus, the Headship of the Church is coming. What's He going to do? Resurrect all the saints and give them a glorified body. Hallelujah. I'm glad to know that she's heading up. It's heading up in two great things, coming to the end time: the mark of the beast, and the seal of God.**

55 And the Seal of God--any minister knows--that the Seal of God is the baptism of the Holy Ghost. It's exactly right. Ephesians 4:30 says, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed until the day of your redemption." Amen. Oh, I know you think I act funny, but maybe I--I feel good. Oh, my, coming towards the end... **Now, remember what is the mark of the beast? The mark of the beast is a carnal Esau to reject that birthright. Didn't Esau weep bitterly, trying to restore that birthright again, but there was no place of repentance? When you reject the Holy Ghost you seal yourself outside of God's mercy. Amen.** Now, you say, "Now, Brother Branham, you--you--you... If you'd tell us our diseases and so forth, you'd be a prophet, but now you're..." Well, I'm--I'm still the same person. That's right. That's right. I still got what the Scripture said. It's exactly right. Amen. It's still the truth. **And it's heading up to the mark of the beast. And people say, "Oh, there'll be a mark." And it's already a marked; just reject the Holy Ghost, and you're marked. Receive the Holy Ghost and you're marked. Amen. That's right.** Receive it once and see what takes place. Receive it once. That's the Mark of God, and you're sealed to your eternal destination.

HEARING RECEIVING AND ACTING CHAUTAUQUA OH 06-07-60

75 How many in the building has not received the Holy Ghost? If Jesus would come tonight, you know you'll have to have the Holy Ghost, "for grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed," the Seal of God. People different. People say, "Keep a day, or do a certain thing, or a certain thing's the seal of God." That is not Scriptural. Ephesians 4:30 says, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed until the day of your redemption." How many knows that? God's Words says the Seal of God is the Holy Ghost. **Now, and then what is the mark of the beast? Is to reject the Holy Ghost, a mark of apostasy.** Remember, in the old days when the trumpet, the jubilee year come, and the trumpet sounded, and every slave had a right to go free? But if he didn't choose to go free, he was taken to the

temple, and they took a awl and bored a hole in his ear, and he was marked out for the rest of his days. And what is it? On the ear, when God calls you to receive the Holy Ghost, **and you refuse It, then God marks your ear to where you'll never want to try it anymore. See? Then that's the mark of apostasy.**

76 And in the Bible it said, that these last days that there'd be two classes of people: One with the Mark of God, the Seal of God, the other one was the mark of the beast. Is that right? Now, you're wearing one of those marks tonight. If it's a question, lay it up on the platform, I'll get to that subject to you. Now, if you haven't received the Holy Ghost, just joined the church, would you come and stand here? This would be the night that many of you, no doubt, would receive the Holy Ghost. Fine ministers and people here, workers, are all organized just as key to work. And we're here...?... you, and surely God has found grace in your sight. Surely, if you could just find grace in His sight. Come on now, He wants you. He wants to come. All without the Holy Ghost, come now while we sing, "Almost Persuaded." All right, brother here...?...

"Almost persuaded" now to be believe;

"Almost persuaded" Christ...

Now, you want the same Holy Spirit that discerns the heart, the same One was in the Bible doing here, doing the same works. He's here to fill you like He did in the Bible. Will you come?

... invites you here,

Angels are lingering near,

Prayers rise from hearts so dear,

O wanderer, come.

EL SHADDAI YAKIMA WA 08-02-60

46 And gradually we see them withering and dying like Jesus said of the vine. Now, all the Holy Ghost signs and wonders was placed back in a day past. And they have gotten rich like she did. So she caused all the whole world to sin, because she has gone to every nation, her and her daughters. That's right. Now, watch Him call her in another church age now. Watch Him call for her. Watch Him plead down here at the end and take out His remnant, the Elect's sake, just a few, that no flesh would be saved if--other not. As it is written in Revelations 13:6 (You'd like to get to that just a minute?), that He said **He--that "This woman caused all to receive a mark (this beast did), caused all to receive a mark (both poor, great, whoever they was), a mark of the beast," which was the Roman Catholic church. Either that or they made an image... Revelations 13:14, they made a image unto the beast. You--you...**

47 I guess you all reading that. If you haven't, why, we'll turn right back and read it. Revelations 13:14.

And he deceived them that dwell upon the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast;... (that's this confederation of church)... and to do in the sight of the beast; saying unto them that dwell upon the earth, that they should make a image unto the beast, which had the deadly wound... (paganism)... and was by the sword, and did live... (through papacy, pagan Rome to papal Rome See?)

Make an image to her, what would it be? Just what they're doing right now, just exactly, moving up in this confederation of churches: all the churches belong to this

organization, all go into one group. Now, they're getting a Bible. And Pope John has invited them all back. The archbishop of Canterbury, all going around...

THYATIREAN CHURCH AGE JEFF IN 12-08-60

17 He was called then a bishop. And they put him upon this throne. Boniface III was throned. Not only did he walk around with clothes on like the--the peasant did, but they made him a--a great fine robes and dressed him up like a god, and set him up there, and called him "The Vicar." Vicar, or the "Vicarius Filii Dei," it means "instead of the Son of God." **Now, here's to him that has wisdom, draw, write that out: VICARIUS FILII DEI. And then when you draw a line under here and add the numbers, and you got exactly what God said the mark of the beast was: six hundred and sixty-six. See, Vicarius Filii...** Now, I've been in Rome and been in the Vatican. And the triple crown: jurisdiction of hell, heaven, and purgatory... See? Seen the crown, seen the vest, seen right there... Actually, on a Thursday afternoon at three o'clock I was supposed to meet the last pope that was there. Baron Von Blomberg had the... And he said, "Now, when you go, Brother Branham, the first thing you have to do is bow down on your right knee and kiss that ring." I said, "That's out. That's out. Just forget it." I said, "I give... I have nothing against the man, he...?..." But I said, "There's one thing, I'll give a man his title. If he's "Reverend," that's all right, a "Bishop, Elder, Doctor," whatever, I'll gladly salute a man, but do a worship to a man? I owe my homage to one Man Jesus Christ. That's the only Man I'd bow--bow before." I said, "Just forget it. Just cancel it out." I wouldn't take it. And so I...

SARDISEAN CHURCH AGE JEFF IN 12-09-60

78 ... make them... the synagogue of Satan,... (All right.)... And they shall know... come to your feet, and... know that I... loved you.

Because thou hast kept the words of my patience, I also will keep thee in the hour of temptation,...

Watch now, to show this is not the Methodist age I'm talking about, yet it's the lapover. Look. Are you ready to listen? Everybody? Listen close now.

Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee... (that little remnant)... from the hour of temptation, when...

The church is going to come to a place where you're going to have to get in this organization or--or be... You're going to--you're going to have it, brother. That's all. You're either going to be organized or take the **mark of the beast**, or take... **You're either going to organize it, or go in the denomination (which is actually coming the mark of the beast), 'cause it's a boycott. See?**

79 ... come upon... that shall come upon the whole world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Behold, I come quickly: hold fast to that which thou has, that no man take away Thy crown.

Now, this great temptation, the hour of temptation that shall come to try the whole world, goes into the tribulation (Just in a few minutes we'll see it.), goes on into the tribulation, and the tribulation did not come in the days of Wesley. So what age are we in? What's this Door set before? It's between the Wesley and the--where the church is headed right now, and already into, the Laodicean age. But this little place right in here, that's been the last thirty-five, forty years, has been an open door

setting right before the people to come in, and God will take the remnant and seal it off. And they'll go on into a lukewarm, and He'll spurt them out of His mouth. The work will be cut short, up goes the church, and here comes the antichrist moving in for destruction. Just perfect, fits with the whole Bible right on around. All right. Now. And here's the appearing of the sleeping virgin. Also here proves that the last of the church ages moves to the first part of Pentecost, for they go on into the great tribulation which shall come in the--which did not come in the Wesley age. 11th verse, all right, "a crown of Life." The--the 11th verse said.

PHILADELPHIAN CHURCH AGE JEFF IN 12-10-60

83 Eve was deceived; she...?... part of the Word. Moab was deceived. **The sleeping virgin was deceived. The church is deceived. The denominations are deceived. See? Stay with the Word. That's the only way. Stay right with It, don't move from any of It. Stay right with It; go right on like God said do.** No matter what anybody else says, keep God's line. **Now, the sleeping virgin, she lost her place; we know that. She comes up in the judgment. And if she's ever heard the truth, she's condemned. That's right.** You'll never find Jesus any place but where you leave Him at. Judas could come up... **Remember "The sleeping virgins," you say, "could be inspired by the Devil?" Absolutely. "Still living clean?" Yes, sir, Judas did: saved, sanctified, preached Divine healing, cast out devils. Why, he was just right straight up, almost the same thing that the rest of them was. But when it come to Pentecost, that's where he showed his colors. He did not receive the Holy Ghost, and turned his heels up and denied the Lord Jesus.** That's exactly what the churches did. When it come to the Pentecostal blessing, they got away from it. Oh, don't you see it, class? Oh, now tonight the great capstone. But just a moment, I think we got a little bit more time here; I'd like to get to some other thing. I want to...?... you the--the **mark of the beast.**

84 The **mark of the beast**, let's take Revelations 13 just a minute. Revelations 13:15, and just read what the--what he's going to do. Revelation 13:15.

And he had power to give life unto the image... (Now, that is, unto the Protestant churches, the Protestant churches.)...

He had power, because they made a image. The Protestant churches through the--the Council of Churches, is making a place where that all Protestant fellowship will have to be united. How many knows or read of the great united building they got for the churches of the world? Sure. See? Up in--up there now, just like the U.N. nations... And all of them are there, every one of them, even to the Assemblies of God. They're there. They're there. See? It's dog-eat-dog. "As a hog goes to its wallow, and a dog to its vomit," right back the same thing (Absolutely.), almost denying their evangelical stand. And there you are, want to be big, want to act like the rest of the world, like Israel did when they seen the kings and said, "Make us a king." See?

85 And he... made a image unto the beast, and the image of the beast should both speak, and cause...

as many as would not worship the image of the beast...

The image of the beast, the Protestant denomination, not the Catholic. This is America He's speaking of here (See?), 'cause this 13th chapter is on the American, the beast that come up out of the... See, all the other beasts come up out of water,

which means "thickness and multitudes of people." But the beast here, it come up like a lamb, out of the ground where there was no people: had two horns, and then it spoke like a dragon. **And they made a image of the beast that was in Europe, and made this over here a image to it. A consol... Uniting the churches together and making this Protestant fellowship, and then they forced all the other churches, that they couldn't even buy or sell or anything else without they got this image of the beast. Now, watch what takes place here.**

86 And he caused all, both... great, rich... poor, free... bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their forehead:

And that no man might buy or sell, till he...

had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Here is wisdom. Let him that has understanding count the numbers of the beast: for it is... number of a man; and his number is six hundred three score and six... (Which we know who that is, it's the hierarchy at Rome, pope.)

I been right there and seen it myself, would know, up over his place (his throne, as it was) like they set the first Boniface up, the III, up at the beginning of the Catholic age here. And up over there is VICARIUS FILII DEI, which means "a vicar of the Son of God." Dei, Dei, "Deity." See, see? "The vicar of the Son of God." In other words, "Just like the Son of God setting here on earth." See? All powers to change the Bible, change anything he wants to... Therefore, say, "Hail Mary." What does the pope say? "We'll have 'Hail Mary.'" That settles it. Uh-huh. "Well, we'll do so-and-so."

87 What the pope says, that's it; that's it. "A vicar instead of the Son of God." Just recently they had that dogma out that "Mary was not buried," (And they got her grave and everything marked where she's buried.), said, "No, she rose again and resurrected." The pope said, "That's it." and that's just it. It's infallible (See?); the pope said so. See, "Vicar of the Son of God..." And said, "Now, anybody that wants to know who the beast is, where this power comes from," It said, "count the numbers and let them that has wisdom..." There that's one of the gifts of the Holy Ghost is wisdom. See? "Let he that has wisdom count the numbers of the man, for it--count the numbers of the beast, for it's the number of man, and his number is six hundred and sixty-six. **Now, you take the--and spell that name out, V-I-C... Oh, and--and just according to the words, and draw a line down here and--or add up the Roman numerals, and you'll find here you got six hundred and sixty-six. See? That's right. And now, let's make a image unto that beast.**" And over in this country they made a image: a confederation of denominations together, the Nicolaitanes getting together and denominated themselves; and finally will unite this brotherhood, not come in as Catholics, but they'll be united as a brotherhood to try to stamp out Communism.

88 And the Bible said that God raised up Communism to get revenge upon the nations for what they've done to the children of God. Exactly right. He said, "And they--they--they give their power and everything to the beast for one hour, and to revenge the people, the... of the blood that they had shed." And when that atomic bomb or whatever it is will strike that Vatican City, and the Roman hierarchy will be no more, it said, "And in her was found the blood of every martyr that ever was killed in the world." There she is. And here's the image to it, a confederation of churches. Won't be long till we'll have to close them doors out yonder, that's right, or either take a denominational mark. And we'll close the doors. That's right. We'll...

We know better than that. Now, now I want, just for the squeezing down part, before we leave in the next few minutes. Now, the Seal of God is the Holy Spirit. All know that, don't you? All right, we all know that, that the Seal of God is the Holy Spirit. Now, that's found... You take Revelation 9--9:1 to 4, you'll find that they all had the seal in their forehead. I Corinthians 1:22, Paul said, "Whereby He has sealed us by His Holy Spirit until the day..."

89 Ephesians 4:30, says, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit," that's that Angel that come forth sealing upon their forehead. Now, that doesn't mean you... He takes and puts a spot up there. Your forehead is your revelation (See?), and your hand is the thing you do about it. See, it's a spiritual mark. See? He don't take a big stamp and stamp you like that. Oh, no. Like here a few years ago they said, when the N.R.A. come out, it was this, that. Don't look for that; it's already. The Bible said it begin plumb back there; it's about run out now. See? That's right. But He marked the sealed. See? Now, how was the--how was the first seal, what did it look like? They were filled with the Holy Ghost (That's right.), and their works was the works of Christ. They laid hands on the sick and they recovered; they done all kinds of signs and miracles and wonders. And in their forehead, was sealed by the revelation that He was the Son of God, and they wer--they were working with Him (the--the Deity of Christ), there's the mark. You say, "Well, now, He's the third person, or the second per..." You ain't got no seal yet, so just--just leave it alone. See, you done out, done off the paper there; so then there's no such a thing as that in the Bible. "We bless... We believe in the holy trinity." You're way... You're not even over on the paper now (See?), 'cause there's no such a thing as trinity ever mentioned in the Bible.

90 Find the word "trinity" in the Bible and come... ... into the Son, called the sonship; now He's in you, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, the same God. The Holy Ghost was the Father of Jesus Christ. "A little while and the world won't see Me no more," said Jesus. "I come from God, and I go back to God (the Holy Spirit again). And I'll be with you, even in you, to the end (at the consummation). Through all the way down, I'll be right on through you right like that...?... And the very works that I do shall you do also. The things that I been doing will be right along; that'll be the sign of the believer always. Go and preach, and baptize them in the Name of the Lord Jesus. And they'd be filled with My Spirit; and if they are, these signs will follow them that believe to the end of the world. I'm with you always, even to the end of the world." He was received up into glory. That's it, and we're expecting Him to come someday.

91 Now, that's the Seal of God. We know that. And now, remember, there's only one hundred and forty-four thousand of the Jews sealed, which was the remnant of the Jews left over. But in this, in the Gentile Bride--in the Gentile Bride there was tens of thousands times thousands of those that's sealed in there, 'cause that's them martyrs and things that come down through the ages there; they'll rise in the day of the judgment. What do you think will happen when that brassy judgment feet stands there at that day, and them martyrs stand up there before them Romans (perhaps Nicolaitanes back there that had them burnt to stakes and throwed to lions' dens and things like that), and they stand there as their attorney in the judg--in the jury box here? And the Judge setting there on the seat, "Did you preach the Gospel to them?"

"I sealed my life away yonder in a lion's mouth for them." Oooh, brother, talk about "depart from Me," hell will be too good for them. That's exactly right. "Hold fast. I

know them which call themselves... Nicolaitanes, and call themselves Spirit-filled and they're not." There see, there you are.

98 And not only me, but all those who love His appearing." Amen. "Chop now if you want to." Huh. Oh, that's--that's it. That's the way, brother. That's--that's the real Christian Spirit. Now--now, if you receive the opportunity, how do you get the **mark of the beast**? I'd just like to say this just because I thought I'd close in saying this. How do you get the **mark of the beast**? Would you like to know? What is the results? What is the **mark of the beast**? We know what the Seal of God is. What is the Seal of God? Why, let's just turn over to Ephesians 4:30, and then--then you get it; then you read it yourself there. Or--or either some of you can get Revelations--Revelations 9:1 to 4. And the other, II Corinthians 1:22. There's many places. I marked off a few there. But let's get Ephesians 4:30, and then you can see what the seal of God is; and these others, or anywhere. You just take the word seal in your concordance and run it everywhere you want to.

106 I'm not going to... I--I--I know my time's gone. Excuse me, Brother Neville, but I--I got to sink this in, brother. Look here. It ain't what your mother is, what your father is; it's you, not your wife. See, his wife didn't count; his children didn't count. It's him. No matter... Your mother might've been a saint; your father might've been a saint; so was Esau's father and mother, but he was a roustabout. See? But... See? But it's an individual affair with you. Say, "My father's a preacher." That don't have nothing to do with you. "My mother's a godly woman. Oh, she's in heaven." That might be right, but what about you? It's you.

And if the servant...

Now, here's where he... Now, watch this **mark of the beast** now. Now, I--I haven't got time to go back in order, 'cause it's twenty minutes till. But I want to tell you... Now, there come a time that was called every seventh year. That was six years, on the seventh year... Bible students, ministers, and things setting around here, knows this to be true, was called... The seventh year was called the jubilee year, everything rested. There's no crops planted on the seventh year; the land rested, everything. They just gleaned. See? Everything rested on the seventh year. And on the seventh year there was a--a priest that sounded a trumpet. And if a man had been a slave, I don't care what his debts was; he was free.

107 Now, that's a type of the Gospel Trumpet. You might've served the Devil all these years, in chains, with drinking, smoking, gambling, and sin, dirty things, no matter what you've done; but when you hear the Gospel Trumpet sound, it's a sign that you can go free. You can go. "Faith cometh by hearing of the Word of God." Now, you've heard the full Gospel, you don't have to stay bound any longer. Now, if you just set and say, "Oh, I listened to it, but I didn't hear it." See? All right, then it ain't for you. Uh-huh. It's for those who hear it. All right, if you can hear... Now, watch what He said here. Now, to prove this... Now watch real close and keep your thinking on now for the next two or three minutes.

And if the servant... (That's the man that was to--to be set free)... shall plainly say, I love my master,...

"Oh, I like to go to dances. I ain't giving up my dances for nobody. I ain't giving up this, that, or the other, for nobody; my wife, my children, the things of this earth that I love... Now, looky here, Brother Branham. I'm going to tell you, do you mean I have to..." You don't have to stop nothing. You just come in; it stops itself. But--but you say, "Well, I wouldn't do that. I don't have to do that. I belong to church and I'm

just as good as you or anybody else." All right, brother. That's all right; you hear what's the truth.

108 "Well, now, listen here, ain't Father, Son, Holy Ghost..." Well, if you want to keep it that way, just go right ahead. You've heard what the Trumpet sounded; you heard the note it give. And the Bible said... (O God, look at that. Wouldn't that make me a text right now for the next hour?) "If the trumpet gives an uncertain sound..." If your denomination says "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost," that don't sound like the Trumpet. "If the trumpet gives an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself for war?"

...the servant shall plainly say, I love my master,...

"I--I love the Devil that--that's making me do these things; that's all right. And I don't think... I think you're just too narrow-minded up there--that... I just think you're too narrow." All right. "I love the things. I--I think we ought to have these big things like this, and do this, world... And we have dances; we have bunco in our church, and things like that, and we all have a good time, and they're just as good as any of that bunch you got up there." Okay, all right. All right.

109 ... and I will not go out... (in this freedom of the Spirit you talk about)

Then his master... (the Devil)... shall bring him to the judges; and shall also bring him to the door,.... (Um.

The what? **Who is the Door?...** "I set before you a Door." **When did that mark of the beast come? In this age where the Door was set, this final marking of the beast.)... bring him to the door, or to the... post;... (that's the--by Calvary, all right?)... and his master shall bore his ear... will bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him forever.**

"What do you mean, Brother Branham?" If you hear the Gospel truth and you refuse to walk in it, then God marks your ear where you'll never hear it no more. You've crossed the line between Life and death. Then you'll go on with your organization, denomination, the rest of your days forever.

110 Walk in the Light, children. That's right. You'll serve that master forever. Let it... You don't want to... See, the trumpet sounded, and he can go free; it's God's grace. It's the year of jubilee, the completion. The day of sin is over, brother. I tell every one of you serving sin, tape, or visible audience, you're... Everyone that's serving sin, the day of sin is over. Jesus died; you don't have to serve sin no more. You don't have to be bowed down to creeds and denominations. "He who the Son has made free is free indeed." If you want to go free and be free in the Son, cut loose from all things and serve Him. Come on. Amen. But if you don't want to, then your organization, your master, whoever you're serving, will put a mark on your ear and you won't be able to hear it anymore. If God ever speaks to your heart to "Come, this is the time," and you refuse it, then you receive his mark, hardened from the truth. **There's the seal of the Devil, mark of the beast. You see? What does the mark of the beast do? It'll put you right back to Romanism, denominationalism, and you'll never come in and be free: serve that forever. There's the mark of the beast.** That's hard, friends; that's cutting, but that's what the... I'm not responsible for... just what the Bible says. Now, that was a type in the Old Testament that foreshadowed the hearing of the Gospel of good news that you are free. You don't have to be bound down anymore; you are absolutely free in Christ Jesus. No more sins and things. You don't...

111 You that love the world, the Bible said, "If you love the world or the things of the world, the love of God is not even in you." That true? If you love the world or the things of the world, the love of God's not in you. Then what about all these big things that's going on in the world today under the name of religion? The things of the world. And people just gulp it right down like a pig in a pigpen (See?), "Oh, this is fine. Nothing about that." See, they're sealed and marked away. See? Now, do you understand what the remnant of the Jews is, and the hundred and forty-four thousand, where they're setting, waiting, right at the hour? Can you see now that the foolish virgin that won't take the--wouldn't take the Oil, and will have to rise and be separated, the rights and wrongs at the day of the judgment? Do you understand that when the--the foolish virgin begin to receive, just like now, that she needed this, she went after it, it was that very minute that the Bridegroom came? Then how close are we? Right now. We have now just a short time. I don't know how much longer it might be. I couldn't say when; I--I don't know. Might be another year; it might be another ten years, forty years, might be forty minutes. I--I don't know; I can't say. But I know it's near; it's real near. And the Spirit of the Lord... Now, it'll come a time where, first thing you know, the church will just start cooling. Now, how many people that--that's noticed the cooling off of the church in the last few years? Sure.

112 What's it going into? Laodicea. Where we'll pick up tonight and bring the angel of the Laodicean church out, bring it out there so you can see it, and see his message, and what it'll be, and at the end of the Laodicean church age when she laps over in and spreads out into eternity then. Oh, I just love Him. Don't you? Yes, sir. Oh, the... **What is the--what is the Seal of God? Holy Ghost. What is the mark of the beast? Reject It. That's the two. One is to see, and... Well, they're... And how many was on earth that didn't get it? All that was not sealed took the mark of the beast. All that had not the Spirit of God had the mark of the beast. The Seal of God is the Holy Spirit. The Bible said so. Every place in the Scripture speaks of it, says it's the mark of God, the Seal of God. And all that did not have it, was the one who reject it. And how did they reject it? By refusing to hear it. Is that right? Now, remember, how do you get faith? Hearing. Where was it marked? In the hand? No. In the head? No. In the ear. See? In the ear, hearing. What did it do? Scarred over the hearing. "And no more," you say, "no more of that for me. I want nothing else to do with it. I'm... don't want nothing to do with that."** It's just like them... Brother Neville, I--I--I'll--I'll just let that go till some... I was going to tell you about that "impossible for them which were once enlightened (You see?) to get to come into the Kingdom." You see? It's like them borderline believers. Look.

113 It is impossible for those which were once enlightened... been made partakers of the Holy Ghost.

... tasted the power of the world--world to come,

If they should fall away, to renew themselves again to repentance; seeing that they would crucify to themselves the Son of God... and bring him to an open shame.

... and count the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified with, an unholy thing,...

See, for the Elect to do that, it's absolutely, totally impossible. He could not do it. See? Because what would he do? See? "But counting the Blood of the covenant..." Now, you see, if he's elected and in the group, he cannot do it. It's impossible for him to do it. Now, we've taken and brought it right on down.

114 ...for the rain cometh oft upon the earth, to dress it...

...and thorns and thistles which is nigh unto rejection; whose end is to be burned...
(The Wheat's to be taken home to the garner.)

But this life giving rain falls on both weeds and wheat. Both of them rejoice and feel the same way about it when the--glad to see the rain come. But by their fruits you shall know them, whether they got their fruits of a weed or the fruits of the grain, now, or the wheat. Now, here's what to make it. Now, to show where this borderline, where this... I'm trying to bring this virgin up to you (You see?), so you'll--you'll understand. Now, in the borderline believer, watch what taken place when they come to Kadesh-barnea, the children of Israel. I just took it back and forth in Genesis, and back and forth to Exodus, and everywhere else, trying to type it for you (You see?), so that the class won't miss it. Now, when these people in--in this in the exodus, when they come to Kadesh-barnea... Kadesh-barnea was the judgment seat of the world at that time. There's where Israel received her judgment seat. That they had just...

THE TEN VIRGINS AND THE 144000 JEFF IN 12-11-60 Morning

5 We don't have the old line of Pentecostals that used to die out and really come through with God, that real genuine faith. They just asked God, and they anointed them with oil, and went on and got healed. Today God can come down and show Himself miraculously, right among the people and everything, and just say, "Well, I guess that was very well." You've had too much teaching, looking for new light. That's what Eve was looking for when she got her eyes put out. See, just go back to the Bible and stay right with the old trend. **Don't leave that old pathway of the first love, and the first thing that come to you. Live with the Holy Spirit. Don't get off on to some other tantrum. Stay right with God, right in His Word, and the Holy Spirit will never make you do anything that's contrary to this Word. It'll stay right in the Word, 'cause the Word is God.** Last night I was talking on the subject of "Expectations." Tonight I was going to pray for the sick. Now, in the coming part, next--tomorrow night beginning, we want to start on the evangelistic type of Message, maybe The Coming Of The Lord, The **Mark of the beast**, The Seal Of God, The One Hundred And Forty-Four Thousand, The Four Horse Riders Of Revelations.

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25 And God told Abraham, "Whoever blesses you I will bless them, and whoever curses you I will curse them." Now, a little later on in the week now, I'm going to get the seal of God, and the **mark of the beast**, and di--divide two nights on that. I want you to be sure to get it if you can. You hear so many charts and things. But watch how simple it is when the Bible brings it out, just how easy it is to see it...?... The pro and con of it. Now, if you'll notice, He said that He would bless who Abraham--who blessed Abraham and his seed would be blessed, and He would curse ever who cursed Abraham. Now, you just watch that in the Jewish people, see what's happened. Watch that amongst Christians, see what's happened. Always that way. So you see, he will possess the gate of the enemy. Let's go back and find some of the man of Abraham's seed under the Jewish covenant, then bring it down into the Gentiles when we were drafted over from the Jewish age to the Gentile age, to take a people for His Name. Now, let's take some of the man who was the seed of

Abraham, and see if they possessed the gate of the enemy. Let's take for instance...

THY SEED SHALL POSSESS THE GATE OF HIS ENEMY LONG BEACH CA 02-12-61 Evening

11 Now, I want to take a text out of that, the Lord willing. Now, if God is willing, tomorrow night I promised, I want to preach on "The Seal Of God." You all like the teaching lessons like that? "The Seal Of God," and then "The **Mark of the beast**" the following night. And tonight I want to take a text out of this or--for a subject, out of where he's read here, Saint Luke the--the 18th chapter. And he read from the 35th to the 43rd verse, inclusive. Now, I want to take the 38th verse for a text. "Thou Son Of David, Have Mercy On Me." And let's take it more like a little drama tonight. I'm tired a little bit in my throat, and let's just have a little drama of it for a few moments. Our--our scene opens on a cold, spring morning, and it's at the walls, the old tore down walls of Jericho. And there is a--a man setting there which we know to be a beggar called blind Bartimaeus, or Bartimaeus. It would be either one, be pronounced all right.

THOU SON OF DAVID HAVE MERCY ON ME LONG BEACH CA 02-15-61

11 Now, if the same person, another person, approaches on that same basis, He's got to do the same thing. Or, if it didn't, then He did wrong. He did wrong then when He healed that--that one woman, and healed her that way, then He did wrong when He--when He healed her, if He--if He did--if He didn't do the... If He--if He did--healed her, then if He doesn't heal you, He acted wrong then when He healed the first one, if you'll meet the same requirements of faith that she did. It's only based on one thing, "I can if ye believe." That's all. So, see, then it all lays back, no matter how much strain or what we put on it, it's not that; it's relax and believe. See, I'm... There I go again, Brother Roy. See? Did you read the Scripture for me? I've been asked to speak on the subject, or I said myself that I would, rather, upon the subject of the "**Mark of the beast**" and the "Seal of God." Now, it's a great subject. And I think that we may not get through it tonight, maybe have to carry it over until tomorrow night. And those that's got interviews now, I believe Mr. Mercier said we was to begin at eight o'clock in the morning.

12 Now, I have private interviews where the people wants to see for the visions and things. That's where you all don't get it (You see?), here. It's through the day also. See? And then on these private interviews... So now remember, I--ever who's first in the morning, it starts at eight. Now, he just told me a few minutes ago. **Now, on this great subject of the mark of the beast and the seal of God. We've heard so much about it. It's been... I've seen charts that'd reach across this platform here about mark of the beast and the seal of God. But to me, it's so simple, it's just such a--a simple thing to look in the Word and see it,** till I don't think... Well, I've got about three or four pages of different Scriptures I want to--wrote out here, that I want to refer to for you tonight. While I was thinking on it this afternoon, I put down Scriptures here, and different pages, so I could find out and you could write it down if you want to. Now, it's a great subject, and I think that it is a--and one of a--an essential subject that should be taught on.

13 Now, we've had Gospel sermons; we've had Divine healing. And now, this ought to be the--on based like, the second coming of Christ, on His second coming. Brother Smith, is that your wife? Well I... how do you do, Sister Smith? I--I... No wonder he's a--he's a fine man. You're such a fine looking, godly looking little lady as a wife. I--I may have met you before. They say behind every good man there's a good wife. That--that's very fine. I know my wife is... If there's any credit to go to Branham family, give it to her, because she's the one that... But she's ten years younger than I am and snow white headed, and she's just because that she's stood between me and the public, and I don't know what I would do without her. God certainly gave me a wonderful wife. They're a wonderful thing, Brother Smith. Just... Why, if He could give a man anything better, He would've done it. That's right. Right. That's right. That's the truth. "He who has found a wife, has found a good thing," says the wisest man we've ever had. I--I think that a wife is the best thing a man can have outside of salvation. That's right. That's right; she's lovely. Now, I'm going to base the Scripture... First I'm going to tell you what I think the **mark of the beast** is and what the--I think the Scripture supports the **mark of the beast** to be. Then I'm going to tell you what I think the Scripture supports the seal of God.

14 Now, we know that these two great things are ending up soon into two great, great grips; the world is gripped by these two things right now: the mark of the beast or the seal of God. Some of them places it way over in the future; some says its already been in the past. But I believe that there's just two answers to it. And that is that the seal of God is the baptism of the Holy Ghost; the mark of the beast is rejecting it. Now, that's the only two things. I going give you Scripture why now as we go through. Now, one of them is remember, all the peoples on earth in the last days is either going to be sealed by the seal of God or marked by the mark of the beast. And he calls all, both poor, great, bond, free, all upon the earth to receive this mark who did not have the seal, and whose names are not written in the Lamb's Book of Life since the foundation of the world, from the foundation of the world when the Lamb was slain and when their names were put on the Lamb's Book of Life. Now, those two great things.

15 Now, we're going to start first upon "The Seal Of God." Now, what is a seal? The first place, a seal in the Bible, back in days before people had--educated like they are now, they usually--their seal was their signature just like we use today as our name. Sometimes the Romans, and on back in Jewish, and way back in the early eastern countries, they'd have a ring, that had their seal, and stamp it on something. If they couldn't sign their name, that seal. A seal was a bonafide statement, that it was sealed by this seal. And to--to try to copy this, was a capital fine, just like it would be now to try to forge a check, somebody's name on a check. It was a--a great fine to try to copy this seal. And usually the man wore it, had his seal, wore it on his back of his wrist, or--or either on his ring. And he would seal it instead of signing his name. That was to show that--that it was--he had sealed it. Now. Now, Jesus said that in the last days, according to Saint Matthew the 24th chapter and the 24th verse, that these two spirits, this--the ones that was sealed with God, and the ones that would be marked by the beast, the antichrist, would be so close together till it was deceive the very elected if it was possible. See? Now, they're going to be so much alike.

16 Now, some people says, "Well, communism is the mark of the beast." You're wrong. Communism is not the mark of the beast, yet it is, but it isn't heading up. The--the mark of the beast is of--is a religious nature, very religious, so cunning and sly, until it'll deceive the very elected if it was possible, just so close till it would deceive the elected if it was possible. Of course, they...Billy Graham said not long ago; I was hearing him a few Sundays ago on my radio coming down here. And he was preaching; he said, "You hear so much about cigarettes and Viceroy," or ever what it was, and "ta--tips at this end and fire at this end, and everything like that." Said, "A man would smoke them at all was a fool." And I think he's about right. Said that even they got so much publicity on things like that until the devil had deceived the elected. Now, I--I don't believe Brother Graham meant it just like that, because the elected will not be deceived. No, sir, they will not be deceived. They were foreordained of God, and they will not be deceived. So but Jesus said it would be very close together. So close alike.

17 Now, remember, that it'd be so close that the very elected could be deceived if it would be possible. Now, we want to find out where they come from. Where did this all start? As I've told you that every cult and every religion began in Genesis, everything we have. The Assemblies of God began in Genesis. The Baptist began in Genesis. I can prove it. Yes, sir. Every cult, even we have, I can prove it, it begin in Genesis. That's right. Just search Genesis, and then you got the rest of it you see what kind of seed it is, you see where it's going to. See? And just watch it, and it'll just vine it's way right through the Bible. Just exactly. Both of them begin in Genesis. And we find out that Genesis is the seed chapter. Now, we find out that the first marking of a human being started in Genesis, Genesis 4:15. God marked Cain. That's where the first mark of the beast was ever put on, was put on Cain; he is the beginning of it. Now, you say, "Cain having the mark of the beast?" All right, let's notice. Now, he said, "Thy seed shall bruise the serpent's head, and his head shall bruise thy heel." Watch the lineage of Cain. As Cain come down, become scientist, smart men, great men, on down like that. But the seed of Seth as it come down, become peasants, shepherders, farmers. So you see, there is...

23 Notice, he went out from the Presence of God when he was marked, went to the land of Nod and got him a wife. Very type of the church: goes out from God, gets a wife of the world. See? Watch it. Glorious. Now, we have to change quickly now, that we don't take too much time. Now, we find out that then Abel, Cain's brother, Cain slew Abel. And God gave Adam another son instead of Abel, whose name was Seth. And it was a sign, and a sign from God of death and resurrection. So Seth never went to the land of Nod to get his wife; God gave him a wife. But Cain, with the mark of the beast on him, went out and got him a wife from the land of Nod, and Seth took God's choice. Perfect type of the denominational church today, going out, taking in anything. But the true church of the living God, Christ's body, only takes what the Holy Ghost seals: perfect. God has set in the church.

24 What did the sign come by? What did the churches mark by? What was the sign? We know Cain had the mark. Then what was the sign of the resurrection? That's what the church is signed by today, the sign of the Holy Spirit that Christ is not dead but He raised from the dead and taken in the

church. **See, sealing His church, there it begins right them two--two boys right there in the garden of Eden, right outside the garden. The mark of the beast... A wanderer, a fugitive, don't know where he's going, don't know where he's--where he--what he knows, don't know what he does want. He's a fugitive. But Seth stayed at home. And he was with his father. And God gave him a wife. There starts in the lineage.** And if you'd want to chase that down one time... I better leave it alone. I just like to prove it to you over and over and over and over. Yes, sir. That's right, there's where it began. Some people thinks that they taken apples in the garden of Eden, eat some apples. And the first thing you know, that was the first sin. Oh, brother. Let me tell you; I don't say this for a joke; it's no place to joke: But if eating apples will cause women to realize they're naked, we better pass the apples again. I think so. I think we ought to do it. It wasn't apples; we all know that. No, we realize, in a mixed audience, what it was. And we see what it did.

25 Now, we find out then that this was... A mark is a distinction. It makes a difference; it separates something. But like... You say, you got one mark against you, a mark. But you never said you had one seal against you; you got one mark against you. And a seal is a sign of ownership. A mark is a distinction. And the church is sealed by the Holy Spirit, showing as ownership; God owns the church. **But the mark of the beast is the wayward, the outcast that refused to take and come God's provided way.** Cain, as soon as he was marked was sent away. We get that. Abel died, and Seth raised to take his place, was a sign of resurrection. All right. We find out that these two mark, mark and seal begin in Genesis, and it comes down through the Bible and ends up in Revelation. We also have a Scripture here about that where it started in Genesis, ends up in Revelations; it's always been in one form or the other, coming up.

50 They were warned, said, "Let them that's in Jerusalem, flee unto Judaea." Judaea was snowbound in the wintertime. "Pray that your flight be not in the wintertime, neither on the Sabbath day." But when Titus came up, and they seen... Jesus told them, "When you see Jerusalem compassed about with armies, let him that's in the field, don't return to get his coat. But hit for the hills of Judaea just as hard as you can go. Get out of there." 'Cause they're going to blaspheme the Holy Ghost. **And if they blaspheme the Holy Ghost, they take the mark of the beast, and there's nothing but destruction left. Those Jews, when they seen trouble coming, they said, "Now, we will gather into the city, into the house of the Lord and pray." Doesn't that sound very religious, very sweet. Oh, Satan can make it look just so real. Sure.**

51 But remember, Josephus said that those people that were cannibals, said, "there's a bunch that follow Jesus of Nazareth who went around healing the sick." Said, "Pilate killed Him, and they stole His body away, and set it out somewhere, and cut it up and eat it." They were cannibals. What they were doing, were taking communion, the body of the Lord. See? And he said, "None of them is lost, because they hit out for Judaea just as the Scripture told them to do, like Jesus had told them to do it." But those Jews, they all went into Jerusalem, and they said, "Now, we'll gather to the house of the Lord, and great Jehovah Who's always been with us, will come down, and He will drive away the armies of Titus; that's what He will do." But that did they do? They had sinned against the Holy Ghost. They'd make fun of the power of the Holy Ghost in operation. They called Jesus Christ, Who was performing and showing them that He was their Messiah, they called Him

Beelzebub, called Him a devil, told Him it was some kind of a telepathy, said He was a devil, the works that He was doing was the works of the devil. They had it coming to them.

52 Now, brother, you just wait; we won't get time tonight, but tomorrow night I want to take you over and show you that the United States has done the same thing exactly. I'll prove it to you by the Scriptures. Tomorrow night, the Lord willing, that how the United States has done the same thing exactly in these last forty years. They've made fun and called them holy-rollers, Pentecostal fanatics, and everything in the world. And God working with them in signs and wonders, and the big churches just set off like this and made fun. And now in the last days, what's happened? Let me bring the Scriptures to you. Are you ready? I differ with my precious Brother David duPlessis, going up there with Dr. McKee and all these big churches. And now what are they going to... now.

53 Oh, the Presbyterians are saying, "We need speakers in tongues. We need them to get the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We need Divine healers," and all like that. Why didn't they accept it forty years ago when it come out, instead of making fun of it? They'll never do it. They are dead. They're denominations, and every denomination's dead. Exactly right. It'll never rise again. No denomination will never rise. Assemblies, you've had your day. Oneness, you had your day. Foursquare, you had your day, time of Mrs. McPherson. The old school assemblies had their day. Well, what have you done? You've denominated yourself and separated yourself. You'll never take a denomination in, because it was a Catholic order in the first place that God condemned in the beginning; it'll never go in, no Baptist, Presbyterian, or nothing else. **But God will pull a hungry heart from every denomination that He can, for that's His body that He will take in, and that are sealed by the Holy Spirit. They've done took the mark of the beast.**

54 Look at it now, the Pentecostal church has done showed its colors. Now, it's spewed out. Jesus on the outside, knocking , trying to come in. What's He knocking? The very Messiahic knock, and everything else, and they still turn Him out. Certainly, they do. But what is happened? What day are we living in? Oh, my brother, what day we living in? Don't think I'm crazy. I hope I'm not. If I'm crazy, just let me alone; I feel better this way than I did the other way. But listen. Listen. I tell you, my brother and sister, what's it the sign of it? It's the sign we're at the end time. What did Jesus say about the sleeping virgins? Oh, you call them churches virgin? Just like Cain was, exactly the same thing. They worship. **But the sleeping virgin had no oil in her lamp. Is that right? So when she found out she was later than what she thought, communism slipping up on her, she said, "Oh, give us some of the oil. How do you get this Holy Ghost?"**

"You go buy it from one that sells it." And remember, the very time that the sleeping virgin went to buy the oil, that's when the Bridegroom came. Glory. Don't you see it? If the Presbyterians and the Episcopalians and those others, are come seeking for the Holy Ghost, you'd better get your lamp trimmed. Trimmed, trimmed, yes, it needs trimming.

55 Pentecost, better be trimming some lamps. Amen. Get a lot of this world cut away from you. You done got corroded over. The wicks got in bad shape. You know that wick is a great thing. I used to watch. What a real wick of God is a--a believer, is a wick. Look, he's got a fire on one end, up here, and the other end's dipped into

oil, drawing oil and making fire. What a--what a church, what a power. What a place to be. Hallelujah. Shining that same Gospel light that shines in the east, is shining in the west. It shall be light in the evening time. Rise, trim your lamp, Pentecost. Trim off the world; trim off the fashions of the world; trim off the things of the world. Get ready; the hour is at hand. And right when they went to get this, what happened? What taken place? Then the Bridegroom went in. See, America has blasphemed the Holy Ghost. She's made fun of it ever since she come on the scene of existence forty or fifty years ago. She's constantly made fun. The other churches has made fun. They've showed themselves.

56 Now, they begin to stick their head out and saying, "We'd like to have a little of this." But just as when they go to doing that it's a sign that we should go to trimming our lamp. God raise up some preachers that'll go to trimming lamps. I'm telling you what we need today is something that'll trim our lamp, show the true Pentecostal fire. You get an old little lamp all--where the--the carbon gets on the lamp wick, it'll smoke your lamp all up. That's what's the matter with us; we got too much carbon on the lamp, too much carbon. The fire can't draw right. It at--can't get enough air from the bottom. What we need is a good breathing spell, a good breath, fresh breath from heaven of the baptism of the Holy Ghost over again, and the Holy Spirit working in the church with signs and wonders following, the true Seal of God. "I tell you what. I'll go to the Assemblies, if they don't treat me right I'll go to the Foursquare." Oh, you carboned up, you're smoking your light. Trim your lamp. Get ready; we're at the end time. But they will, somebody will preach it. Somebody will tell it. Somewhere there'll be some of them that'll get it. That's right.

57 I don't know how many, 'cause it says, "As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the coming of the Son of man," wherein eight souls was saved. **But I don't know how many will get it, but there'll be some of them will trim their lamps, that's all there is to it, for lamp trimming time is on. And when the--when the sleeping virgin went out, which already received the mark of the beast... You say, "Mark of the beast, that?" Yes, indeedy. So did Cain receive the mark and went out. What was it? When the Baptist church, when the Pentecostal church, when the Presbyterian church, took on the mark of the beast instead of receiving the Holy Ghost, they went out from God and made them an organization.** What'd they do? Took them a false wife, a false wife of the world, brought in painted up Jezebels and everything else, with short hair and wearing shorts and skirts and of a Hollywood fashion. And preachers got out to taking them in with--deacons with two or three wives and... And a man... You say, "You're always talking on our women, about our women." All right, men, I'll comb you down once then.

73 Oh, the half has never yet been told. What more can the kind, gracious, precious, heavenly Father do to--to warn us, and to get us right? What more can He do? Do you love Him? Do you love Him with all your heart, all your soul, and with all your mind? How many sinners is in here now as we bow our heads just a moment. Raise up your hand and say, "God, put fire in my lamp tonight, Lord. Light my little candle and let me burn for Christ till I die." Say, "I now take my way with the Lord's despised few." Let me see your hand. Sinner friend, would you raise your hand and accept Christ as your Saviour? Would you just raise your hand, balcony or bottom floor? We've combed through and through each night. There perhaps was another one or two in here tonight, raise up your hand, will you do it? Anywhere, sinner?

Say, "I--I want to receive the Holy Ghost." **Now, remember, you'll either have the Holy Ghost or take the mark of the beast. There's just two classes.** We'll get to it tomorrow night. I just kinda threw it out and made a big foundation to cap it off on tomorrow night. You raise your hand, say, "I want it, Brother Branham." God bless you, young man; the Lord bless you; that's very good. God give you the desire of your heart, son.

76 Will another one raise their hand before we have prayer? God bless you, honey. Would be another one, raise your hand, say, "I--I upon the basis of the shed Blood, what Jesus did for me... And Brother Branham, what I've heard you say tonight, I don't believe that you'd tell us anything wrong. I certainly believe that you're God's servant. And upon the message that your faith cometh by hearing, hearing the Word of God..." We get into that so sweetly tomorrow night, on finishing up the baptism of the Holy Ghost and the **mark of the beast**. Will you raise your hand, say, "Upon the basis of the shed Blood of Christ, I raise my hand to Him saying, 'I want you to be my Saviour right now.'" Is there any more before we pray? God bless you, young lady, back there. That's very fine. God be with you, my sister. Would there be another? God bless you, my sister, setting right here. That's very fine. Would there be another? Way back in the back, God bless you, my brother. That just makes the difference between death and life.

79 Now, everybody with your head bowed. A lukewarm church member, just, you've professed you knowed Christ, but really down in your heart you haven't, but you want to know Him; raise your hand, a church member. God bless you, sir. Some other? God bless you, brother. God bless you. Someone else, just a church member, say, "I want to know Christ. I--I belong to church, and I--I can say nothing evil against that. I'd sure rather you be on--belong to the church than out on the street without anything." You go on to church, but I want you please come and receive the Seal of God. 'Cause, if you haven't got it, well the Bible says there's only two classes. Wait till tomorrow night and you'll see. **Two classes, one will have the mark of the beast, the other one have the Seal of God. Just like Cain and Seth in the garden of Eden, comes to that thing.** Will you--will you raise your hand? One more now, 'fore we pray. God bless you, lady.

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5 Now, last night we were in the Book of Revelation and speaking on the seal of God and the **mark of the beast**, and I put them both together. And by the way, I had some Scriptures wrote, out and I left them laying on the hotel table, and Billy went back after them. And I--I hurried out; I heard him blowing, calling me. And so I thought while he was gone down to get my Scriptures, I'd like to kinda review a little from last night, and also make some announcements. Now, I got three messages to preach tomorrow, so... And I... Your smog really doesn't do my throat too good. It really gets bad. And tomorrow morning I'm supposed to have the broadcast at the Full Gospel Business Men's Breakfast at Clifton's Cafeteria, I believe it's on Broadway, Broadway Street. There's two of them there; this is 7th and Broadway, where the usual breakfast is held. And I--I speak at the--on the broadcast, and then immediately after the broadcast, I have--I want to address the--the body of believers there. That's tomorrow morning. And then tomorrow night, back here at the--the tabernacle, or the church rather. And tomorrow night I think we should have, closing

here in the church, it'd be nice if we had a prayer line tomorrow night. Do you think so?

THE MARK OF THE BEAST LONG BEACH CA 02-17-61

13 Now, last night we started teaching on the two subjects, that I thought was very essential. And I wouldn't say nothing about these unless I thought it was necessary. See? First thing is to warn the church. That's what the watchman stands on the tower for. When he sees the enemy coming, then warn those that are in the city. And then if the watchman doesn't warn, then God will require the blood of the city upon his hand. That's right. But if he does warn, and the people doesn't take heed, then their own blood's upon them. And that's the reason I just--just lay it out the way it's wrote here. See? And then it's up to you, and at the day of judgment I want--when I pass away from this world, if I'm still conscious and going, I want to be able to say like Paul, "There's no man's blood upon my hands, for I've not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God, as I know it," just the way it is. Thank you for your letters of--of commenting and things, I certainly appreciate them very much. Now, the **Mark of the beast**, the Seal of God. Now, how many was here last night? Let's see, was been in the class. Oh, about everybody, I suppose. All right.

14 Now, therefore to get a little background where we're going tonight with it... Now, I had to take both of the subjects and put them together, because they run parallel one to the other. And we find out... I announced what I thought they were at the beginning, and now using the Scripture to prove that I think that this is right. I think that the Seal of God is the Holy Spirit. The Bible supports that. **The mark of the beast is to reject the Holy Spirit. There's only two classes of people.** And on the side of salvation and rejecting begin in Genesis like everything else begin. Say, I got a note today, said, "Could you prove that the Assemblies of God started in--in--in Genesis?" I don't know about the organization, but the spirit that's in the Assemblies of God started in Genesis. That's exactly right. And all the other borned again churches started in Genesis and all the supposed to be churches, just nominal churches, they started in Genesis. And they both was represented in the first two sons, both Cain and Abel. **Cain received the mark of the beast and was sent away.** We realize that the serpent, which was the one who had deceived his--his mother, was a beast and not a reptile. He was the most subtil of all the beast of the field. And Genesis 14, or Genesis 4:15, rather, that God sent--marked Cain. And as soon as Cain was marked, he went out of the Presence of the Lord.

15 Did you get it last night now? Did you read it? As soon as the mark came he went out of the Presence of the Lord and took him a wife from the land of Nod. Now, you get it? See how that is? The church... Now, God... Cain was just like a--the ordinary man. He come up. He was just like Esau and Jacob; we could pattern them there again. And all through the Bible we see that spirit moving up, coming up, coming up, and finally it's coming to a head right here in this age that we're living in now, I believe. Now, if you'll notice, Cain was a man, a natural man of the world like Esau. And--and he was religiously inclined. So he knowed there was a God; he believed it. And he went up... Now, see, that's where I different with the churches that say, "The only thing you can do is just believe and God recognizes that as righteousness." Well, that--that is true in one sense of the word; it's part of the truth but not all the truth. Fine Baptist brother came to me not long ago, said, "Brother Branham, what could Abraham do any more then believe? Abraham believed and it

was imputed unto him for righteousness." I said, "That's right. But God give him a sign, the seal of circumcision that He'd recognized his belief."

40 Now, now you see how it was represented in Ezekiel the 9th chapter at Jerusalem. Now, we come to Revelation. And now I'd like you that's got your pencils to write this down. I'd like you to write down Revelations 14:6 to 12. That's the three last angels, three angels, after the seven last angels there were three special angels come forth, did you notice that? And now, I want you to notice, them three last angels... The first angel, (that's Revelation 14:6 to 12), the first angel had sounded the trumpet of the Gospel, and had the everlasting Gospel to preach to all the world. The second angel kinda preached a holiness Gospel (See?), because he said that the church had committed fornication. And the third angel roared out to escape the mark of the beast. 61

41 Watch. The first angel, at the reformation, Luther preached the Gospel. Second angel, Wesley, sanctification. The fornication, he straightened up of the church. But the third message, the Pentecostal message should be, the true messenger warning them to escape the mark of the beast, saying, "Whosoever receives the mark of the beast, the same will drink the wrath of God poured out without mixture into the cup of indignation, be poured out upon the people." That's the very message today, the third angel, the third message, the last message. The Lutheran message of justification, the Wesleyan message of sanctification, and the Pentecostal message of the Seal of God: escape the mark of the beast; come out of them big walls of Babylon; be sealed into the Kingdom of God.

70 What is sin? Unbelief. I want somebody to tell me one definition of sin besides unbelief. "He that believeth not is condemned already." That's right. "He that..." You don't even get the first... What if... Committing adultery is not a sin. Smoking cigarettes and drinking is not a sin; that's the attributes of unbelief. If you was a believer you wouldn't do that. See? That's right. That's exactly right. See, there it is, unbelief. What is it? "If we disbelieve willfully," that's you out here tonight Presbyterian, Methodist, or you without the Holy Ghost. "If we disbelieve willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin." **You turn your back on God; what do you do then? Seal yourself away, and take the mark of the beast, and go off like Cain did, from the Presence of God. That's shaking, isn't it. Come right up to the borderline, and then don't believe it... You believe it, but you're scared to take it. "He that sins willfully (disbelieves willfully) after he's received the knowledge of the truth..."** Re... Quote that with me, "He that sins willfully after he has received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin. But a fearful looking for the ju--fiery judgment and--and 'I will repay,' saith the Lord."

71 It's a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. **After it's brought right up to you and showed you that is the seal of God, and just because of prestige, you'd have to give up something, or quit your denomination, or--or something to receive it, and then walk away from it, you know what you do? You seal yourself out of the Kingdom: mark of the beast. When God told Abel, or told Cain, said, "Just go over and worship like your brother. Bring a lamb,**

come down here and worship like your brother," said, "you'll do all right. Do as your brother does, you'd be all right." But he wouldn't do it, said, "This is the best I can offer. You can take it or leave it." And he was marked and went out of the Presence of God. Now, this may hurt, but, brother, when I get there on that great stormy morning, fire falling everywhere, and people screaming and crying, and I hear the old lifeboat blow, I want to be sure my ticket's right, brother. Like the old colored man said, "Lord, I--I--I talked it over with You a long time ago; I don't want no trouble at the river." That's right. I want no trouble at the river, no, sir. You better fix it up now.

75 Take your choice. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be filled with the Holy Ghost. Be filled with His Spirit, your lamps trimmed and clear. It shall be light in the evening time. That's right. While evening lights are shining, why don't you receive it? Why don't you come to it? Don't be sealed away. Don't set dead. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be sealed into the Kingdom. **What is the mark of the beast? To reject the Holy Ghost. See? The borderline... See? After he once come to the knowledge of the truth... "For it is impossible for those which were once enlightened..." See? Coming up to the knowledge of the truth, and seeing that they see the truth, and see the knowledge of it, and see it's here, see it working, see it's right, and have a knowledge of the truth and then turn away again, "There remaineth no more sacrifice for sin." Just like Cain at the beginning, so will it be at the end. That's Hebrews the 10th chapter. And will be marked away from the Presence of God and be a Baptist, Presbyterian, or a Pentecostal, by denomination only, the rest of their days.**

Seal of God is the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The mark of the beast is to reject it. Receive ye the Holy Ghost. How many wants the baptism of the Holy Ghost, stand on your feet. How many wants to be sealed in the Kingdom of God by the Holy Ghost, stand on your feet. Stand up and receive it. That's right. Up in the balcony, don't turn away. Stand on your feet; receive the Holy Ghost. Amen. Stand up, and believe it. Now, all you that has got the Holy Ghost, look who's standing there, stand up and lay your hands on them. Stand up and lay your hands on them that's seeking the Holy Ghost. Let the ministers, stretch out their hands up this way. "And they sent and got Peter and John, and he laid his hands upon them, and the Holy Ghost came on them." Lord Jesus, I commit this service to You. Fill them with the Holy Ghost, Lord. Heal them in the Name of Jesus Christ. You are here.

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13 I've got a little subject here that I have preached on it. But I wanted to take it in a prophetic way, tonight. Found in Genesis 22:14. I want to begin.

And Abraham called the name of the place Jehovah-Jireh: as it's said to this day, In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen.

"Jehovah-jireh, the Lord will provide for Himself a sacrifice." Now, this is on the life of Abraham, which is the father of us all. Now how many know that we have to be Abraham's seed or we'll never get to heaven? We have to. Is it possible that we become Abraham's seed? How? Only one way in the world for ever to become Abraham's seed, that's receive the Holy Spirit. Now, we just went through that in California, back and forth and back and forth through the **Mark of the beast** and the Seal of God. The only way you'll ever become Abraham's seed, 'cause that gives us Abraham's faith... And Abraham never received this promise while he was in

circumcision, under the law, but when he was under grace, before circumcision was ever issued. Therefore, it's not nothing that we could do to merit; it's God's grace that gives it to us. By faith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed to him for righteousness.

ABRAHAM'S GRACE COVENANT MIDDLETOWN OH 03-17-61

49 You think you're dying for a good spiritual revival; you wait till after a bit. You just wait, long and cry to hear the Word of God. The Bible said so. "There'll be a famine in the last days," said the prophet, "and not for bread and water alone, but for hearing the true Word of God." But that voice will be quiet in the wilderness somewhere, hid away. He ordained the ravens, His servants. Bless them birds, His servants, that kept the voice of--of Elijah alive during the time of his--his isolation from the church. The ravens brought him flesh and bread at morning, and flesh and bread in the evening, and he drank from the little fountain while the rest of them down there were doing without any spiritual food and water. Then one day after sin had took its toll, and God has brought His people to their knees... **Jezebel took everything; she wiped it all up; and she'll do it again. That's THUS SAITH GOD'S HOLY BIBLE. She'll do it again. She's right on the throne now, behind the figurehead, twisting it anyway she wants to; and nobody's going to stop her.** 61

50 **Certainly, nobody's going to stop her now, because what they couldn't get in the religious circles they cut it--cut it all into politics, and there they done it. Uh-huh, that's exactly what they done. Which the political will be a boycott just exactly back to the mark of the beast, as sure as I'm standing here. See?** And the Bible said it. I know we're getting late; I'll hurry. I got to get this last word in, if the Lord will let me. Watch. Elijah stayed up there until God moved him. He had no revivals. He preached not against it or nothing. He just stood up there with God alone out in the wilderness, 'cause he was a wilderness man. He was raised in the wilderness. So was John raised in the wilderness. He went out in the wilderness alone with God, took away from the church after he give his message. And the church turned it down, turned it down. And finally the organizations wouldn't do nothing, so he just had to move out.

JEZEBEL RELIGION MIDDLETOWN OH 03-19-61

69 **There's no middles of ground. And Satan's sons will be sealed in this last days. There's a time now, that the Bible spoke of, that all that did not have the Seal of God took the mark of the beast. And we know that the mark of the beast is disbelief. The first time... "Where'd you say the mark of the beast begin?" In the garden of Eden. Mark of the beast and the Seal of God was performed in the garden of Eden. Exactly. It's performed through Easter, for the death of Abel brought forth Seth. That's right. Notice. Cain was the son of Satan. He was the son of the beast which beguiled Eve.** You can call it whatever you want to. He was the son of Satan. And what did he do? God put a mark on him and sent him out from the Presence of God. Is that right? And he got him a wife, not out of the heritage of God, but got him a wife from the land of Nod, another land. And what did the organization do? It left the true Pentecostal belief when it organized and got a wife out of the organization. That's exactly right. Now, what's he done? Look how--look how the Pentecostal wife's begin to do, and what she's

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saying and what she's doing; look at her action. And standing right back around, and trying to cut down now, the very Thing that she stood for at first, she's trying to cut it down, smother it out, 'cause it's against her creeds. Like it was there.

THE TRUE EASTER SEAL JEFF IN 04-02-61

57 Now, there was Lot, and Sodom, and Abraham was the three classes of people on earth at that day. Now, please listen close. That's the same way it sets today with the seed of Abraham. See? There was Sodom, the Sodomites, the world, sinners. There was the organized lukewarm church setting down there, Lot, the sins of the people vexing his righteous soul. That's exactly what the Bible said. There you are: many righteous, good people down in there, which will be called out. But I'm not speaking of that right now. Now, they sent a Man down there to deliver them people, and He went down and preached to them. Watch. To the church that was in Sodom in the world... **Now, sometime this week, we're going to take the mark of the beast and the Seal of God. And watch how that started right in Eden, and come right out where Cain went out from the Presence of God to get his wife; how Seth stayed in the Presence of God and got his wife. How the churches different way, went out with their organizations to--going out with their organizations of system and got themselves a--a church, a bride. And when the real true church stayed with God, perfectly...**

ABRAHAM AND HIS SEED AFTER HIM CHICAGO IL 04-23-61

16 But you that wants to look in the Scripture, if you'll get into I Kings, the 22nd chapter, the 14th verse, that one verse for a little text to make the context from, if the Lord helps us to speak just a few moments.

And Micaiah said, As the Lord liveth, what the Lord saith unto me, that I will speak. Now, we got a great story here ahead of us, but not time to approach it in the right way. And tomorrow night, if I can, the Lord willing, or one night, I'd like to go back into the Old Testament here and pick up an article on prophets and bring them out, if He's willing. Then it seems like He's been dealing me--with me to take Thursday and Friday night and preach "**The Mark of the beast**" and "**The Seal of God,**" and **it's a timely thing I think the church should know.** And now, in this we find that there was a king in Israel at this time by the name of Ahab. He was king of Israel, and at this same time Jehoshaphat was king of Judah. And Jehoshaphat was a righteous man, a God-fearing man. And his father, Asa, before him, was a God-fearing man.

MICAHIAH THE PROPHET CHICAGO IL 04-26-61

4 You can't find anywhere hardly but what's been sowed. And it's went out through radio, television, tapes, word, everything; it's sowed the country down. It's planted seeds. Now, what seeds was planted, you cannot get nothing else from it but what seeds that was planted. Can you understand now? It'll be the seed that's planted. Now, the Spirit will fall, but It'll bring a harvest of the seed that It falls on. Now, remember. **All right, I predict that the two denominational groups, Pentecostal and the Evangelical groups, will work together in a denomination, will unite themselves together, and will become a member (all of them) of the Federation of the Council of Churches or the Council of Churches. They already belong to it--all of them. And there will come through them a forcing**

or a boycott, that'll stop everything but what belongs to that union of churches. That's what a... The Bible said that there would be a boycott, even to such a way it would cause people to not buy or sell unless they had received this, the mark of the beast, which is Romanism, and the image of the beast, which is Protestantism, that the image... The beast had power, authority to give the image life to speak, and it did. And that's the Confederation of Churches, when they confederate themselves together. Now, there's many young people here.

5 I don't know; Jesus may come this afternoon; He may come next year. I don't know when He will be coming. But remember, if I do not live to see that day of His coming--which I hope that I will, and somehow believe I will... Now if I do not see it, do not let this Word ever depart from your ears and your heart. See? Just remember, I speak in the Name of the Lord. Now, I believe with all my heart, that's the way it'll wind up. There will be like a union, a boycott. All such places as this here will be closed down. And you'll not be able to speak unless you got a permission or a license from this federation of churches to hold a service. It's almost... it shows it does that now even in the denomination. It shows where it's at. Yes, sir, you have to have it. And that's where it'll wind up at. That's my prediction, as a servant of Christ through the understanding that I have of the Word and the inspiration; that's where it'll come. The... All signs are pointing to the end. I just got through speaking on that. And it's even to the--the unwise virgin has beginning to cry out for oil. Now, remember, she was a virgin, and if she's a virgin, she's a church. See, we'll get to that this afternoon in Revelation 17. If she's a virgin, she's a church; 'cause the church is a virgin. Paul said, "I espouse you to Christ as a chaste virgin."

THE SPOKEN WORD IS THE ORIGINAL SEED JEFF IN 03-18-62 Evening

89 We need a prophet. We need a man who the right interpretation of the Word comes to, that God speaks through him and vindicates the Word to make It true. That's what we need, and, brother, we are promised one according to Malachi 4, to restore what? The faith of the people back to the Bible. We're promised one; he'll do it. Amos knew (Yes, sir.)--Amos knew Israel, her ungodly lovers would soon destroy them. And their ungodly lovers of today will soon destroy them. **The very denominational creeds and things, that they've bound themselves into (you Pentecostals), that's the thing's going to destroy you: your creed and denomination. You're binding yourself right up yonder to take the mark of the beast and don't even know it, holding it right over your eyes. Sure it is, a boycott. What are you trying to do? You belong to this or you don't belong. See? You just wait. Just get a little--just a little bit longer. Then you say, "I'll get out of it then." No, you won't; you're already in it; you're already marked; you're caught with the mark on you. No matter, Esau wept bitterly when he knowed better; but he wept bitterly, trying to find a place to repent and couldn't find it. You'll stay there then.**

THE WAY OF A TRUE PROPHET JEFF IN 05-13-62 Morning

11 And so, that's the way I think we all should feel. You see? Sometimes God does things that we--might not just seem just right in our eyes. But yet, if it's God doing it, let's just say "Amen" to it. God does it anyhow. See? And we are--are looking

forward to a time that... **I was setting in Brother Bethany's service last Sunday night, preaching on the mark of the beast, and the man struck a keynote there that sent my soul thrilling. He said that just down the road there's something greater waiting, something on that order there, something that God's fixing to do. I believe it too, to wind this thing up and send the church into glory. How marvelous.** Now let's not just be so slothful now, that we'll... Remember, God never changes His ways. He remains, because His Word... He is the Word, and His Word cannot fail. He's infinite. Therefore if God makes a decision on something, it must ever remain that way. He can't go back and say, "I was wrong." See, I can do that. You can do it. But God can't, because He's infinite. See? His first decision is eternal. When God gave man the best fortification He could have for His... To bind him in, to close him in, God gave man His Word in the garden of Eden, His Word. And Eve made that rashal, final, great--one of the most rashal things she ever did, or ever could've done, was to reason with God's Word. We don't reason; we just believe it.

A DOOR IN A DOOR TUCSON AZ 02-23-63

94 Now, when he gets the money all under control, then he'll break this covenant with the Jews, as Daniel here said he would do it, in the midst of the last half of the seventy weeks of Daniel. And then, brother, what will he do? He will have all of the world trade and the commerce, a pact with the world, 'cause he'll hold the wealth of the world completely. And during that time, them two prophets will rise on the scene and call that hundred and forty-four thousand. Then what'll take place? Then the mark of the beast of Revelations 13 will set in, 'cause he holds all the commerce, trade and everything of the world. And what will take place then? The mark of the beast will come in that no man can buy or sell except him that has the mark of the beast. Thank God, the Church will be enjoying a great three and a half years in glory. Don't have to go through that. Now, notice, at the end time--at the end of the church ages, now, he is called--he and his children are called the antichrist, 'cause anything that's against Christ is antichrist. And anything that's against the Word is against Christ, 'cause Christ is the Word. Now, he's antichrist. Then in Revelations 12:7-9, when Satan is cast out, the accuser... You want to put that down, 'cause I want to read it; we haven't got time now, 'cause it's twent--fifteen till ten. See? But in Revelations 12:7-9, Satan the spirit, the devil, which is up there now, accuser of our brethren, all right; the Church is taken up, and Satan is cast out. **When the Church goes up, Satan comes down.**

THE FIRST SEAL JEFF IN 03-18-63

50 But we know, the church knows, and God knows that it's the truth. And then while I was praying on this subject, a wondering what would happen to me, and you know where I was at? North of Tucson, east of Flagstaff, just exactly, positionally, where I told you months before it happened I'd be standing. And exactly, according to this paper here and the papers--or this magazine, and our own testimony, exactly where it taken place. God is perfect and cannot lie. And it will come to pass. See? You remember on the tape, "Sirs, What Time Is It?" I quoted over it, "Remember, something's fixing to take place major." And now it's made the whole nation testify to it. Every newspaper on the Associated Press, and one of our leading magazines, and everything else testifying about it, it ain't all over yet. But what a privileged

people, a--a privileged people that's Christian, to know that in this dark hour when there's no hopes according to science there's an atomic bomb waiting for us. **And no hopes in our organizations ever getting together; they're consolidating with the mark of the beast...** And when all of our hopes that way is gone in our economy, of our Christian fellowship amongst the organizations...

51 It's heading up into Catholicism, which will be a mark of the beast in the confederation of church. But it's those who love God and are looking for a reality that... The very God Who made the promise in the Bible, spreads it before our face and makes the church, and the people, and science, and magazines, and everything recognize that He's still God and can fill the promise. What a time. Then in Sabino Canyon that morning, praying and wondering what would happen, holding my hands out to God upon top that mountain, that Sword dropped into my hand with a pearl handle, and its guard over it, and a long blade about three foot long, and glisten like pot metal or--or like chrome, razor sharp; and I didn't know what it was. And I said, "I'm afraid of these things." And just then a Voice spoke that shook the canyon, said, "This is the Sword of the Lord." And the Sword of the Lord is the Word of the Lord. For the Word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword. Then coming back to that... Then during that time a gallant little brother here in the church, and he's a--was a soldier and got blowed all to pieces in the army almost, and laid out for dead; and said, he'd... They didn't... The medics didn't think he'd live and wasn't even worth fooling with, he was so far gone. The main nerves in his leg burst, and his little arm almost blowed completely off, his leg--one leg off and everything.

STANDING IN THE GAP JEFF IN 06-23-63 Morning

44 Can't you see these popes and things coming in now; one's raising that don't know Joseph. And the first thing you know, we are right now asking the Protestant church to consolidate with it, and every organization will go right into the federation of churches, and there you're trapped. We are living off of tax money that'll be paid in forty years from today. The nation's broke. Where's it at? Who's got the money? We haven't got it. Our--our bonds are no good. We've got to have gold. Who's got it? The Catholic church. What will they do? Before these whiskey men and all these great holders and stockholders will ever give it up, they'll absolutely sell out, and the church will loan the nation the money. And what it will do, it'll sell its birthrights right straight into Catholicism. Then what are you going to do? Amen. That's the gold of the world, them and the Jews, and that's the covenant that he makes with Israel. See, you Bible readers can teach that in your church. You see, I'm just showing you I believe the same thing. That's how it'll have to come to pass, and we got it right there now. **And here we are, organizations, with the mark of the beast upon us, just exactly like the first beast, an image unto it, a federation of churches joining of power. And they made a image unto the beast, that he could both speak, and it done the same thing the first beast did before it.** Right in our clutches...

O LORD JUST ONCE MORE HOT SPRINGS AR 06-28-63 Afternoon

33 Then tell me it's not prophesied of this nation. The Amorite condition is just about ripe, 'cause they're already working in it. And even our new pope, his main purpose is to unite the brethren together. And to the natural eye, it's the thing to do. But in the eyes of God, it's contrary to the Holy Spirit. We can't mix up with that. **And**

every church will be caught into that federation. Get out of that thing as quick as you can. And you'll take the mark of the beast, not knowing what you're doing. Get out of it. I hope the spiritual mind can catch it. I'm sure you do, but I wonder out there. Anyhow, you can't visit every nation; you can send tapes to it. God will have some way to catch that mind out there where that seed's sowed. That's right. And as soon as the Light strikes it, it's gone, takes Life. Like the little woman at the well, she said, "There it is." She caught it. Get out of that thing; it's cursed. Cursed? Tell me where one ever fell and rose again. Tell me one ever raised that didn't fall. So you can see that the thing is wrong. All right, the iniquity wasn't full yet of the Amorites, so they had to linger and wait before the exodus. But when the Amorites got their iniquity filled, then there come a spiritual exodus or natural exodus, to lead the people to a natural land, where a natural Amorite had once dwelt--called that their land. And the iniquity of the Amorite denomination, that's called themselves the church so long, till their iniquity is about fulfilled.

80 Now, remember, Moses was not the Pillar of Fire. He was the anointed leader under that Pillar of Fire, and the Pillar of Fire only vindicated his message with signs and wonders. And that Pillar of Fire led them to the land that God promised them, where He, Himself, would be made flesh among them someday. Is that right? What did they do? Murmured and squirmed and everything else to show it was under the blood of an ordinary lamb. But this time (Glory to God.) the Pillar that we see among us, the Pillar of Fire will lead us to the millennium, where He will return to His people in that great millennium reign after this exodus, where we'll live eternally with Him. He always has the Word of the Father, always proves that It's right. **We are in an exodus, and in leaving and turning the tapes off in a moment, oh, my friends, my brothers, both present and that will hear the tapes, let me as your brother and citizen of the Kingdom of God, come out in this exodus. For all that's left behind will bear the mark of the beast. Come out of Babylon; come out of this confusion; come out of these systems and serve the living God.** And let this great Angel of the Covenant, Jesus Christ in the form of God, thought it not robbery to become equal with God... Now, He's a Pillar of Fire in the same form that He was back there bringing that first exodus, bringing the second exodus, and here He is with the third exodus.

THE THIRD EXODUS JEFF IN 06-30-63 Morning

23 **And tonight that's the reason this nation stays... She's doomed; there's no hope for it at all. She's crossed the line between judgment and mercy. And she's elected in what she has here to control the nation; and she's rotten to the core. Her politics is rotten. The morals of this nation is lower than anything I could think of. And the religious system is rottener than the morals. She becomes... In doing this she has now joined herself, all these churches and of the nation, into the federation of churches and has taken the mark of the beast.** What a thing. Why? Christ give them the opportunity, "Come to My feast," the Feast of Pentecost which means "fifty." When the Holy Spirit poured out on Russia, they was called to a Feast of Pentecost, Spiritual feast, and they turned It down. England, the Holy Ghost was poured out upon them, and they turned It down. America the Holy Ghost was poured out upon them, and they've turned It down. He bid three times. Three times He sent out, and they did not listen to the

feast. Then He sent again, and He said, "Go and compel those people to come." The table's got to be set. The table's ready; there's still room.

28 And in the Old Testament, they had what they called the Jubilee year. That was when all the people that was slaves could go free, when the Jubilee sounded. And then if the man did not go out, if there was some excuse that he could give that he didn't want to return to his land, then he had to be marked in the ear with an awl by the post in the temple. And then no matter how many Jubilees come along, that man was sold out. He could never no more come back as a citizen in Israel no more. What did he do? He rejected his invitation. He didn't have to pay nothing. The debt of his slavery was over. His family was free. He could go right back to his homeland and get his own possession. But if he refused to do it, then he wasn't allotted no more with Israel, and his possession was give to another. **Now, the same thing in the natural applies to the spiritual, that if we as inheritants of Eternal Life, and we hear the Gospel, and know that it's true, and we reject it, and refuse to do it or to listen to it, we take on the mark of the beast. Now, somebody said, "Now, there's going to be a--a mark of the beast; it's going to come someday."**

29 **Let me tell you; it's already come. See? As soon as the Holy Ghost begin to fall, the mark of the beast begin to take place. See, you only have two things: One of them is, accept It, takes the Seal of God; to reject It, takes the mark of the beast. To reject the Seal of God is to take the mark of the beast. Everybody understand? To reject the Seal of God is to take the mark of the beast, for the Bible said all that was not sealed by the Seal of God took the mark of the beast. When the trumpet sounded and all wanted to go free could go, them that didn't was marked. Now, you see, the mark of the beast, if we talk about it in the future, is when it's going to be made manifest, when you realize it's what you've already done. See? And so is the Holy Spirit; It's to be manifested when we see the Lord Jesus coming in glory, and feel that transforming power, and see the dead rising out of the grave, and know that in a second longer we'll be changed and have a body like His. It'll be made manifest. Then to see those who rejected it, will be left down--out--out. Didn't Jesus said the virgins went out to meet Christ?**

30 Some of them fell asleep the first watch, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, to the seventh watch. But in the seventh watch, then came forth the sound, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet Him." And the ones that was sleeping, awakened; all the age back to Pentecost woke up. See, from the seventh age, the seventh church age, all the way back through woke up; and these that were in this church age a-living, they were changed, and they went in. And at the very time they went in, the sleeping virgin come and said, "We want to buy some of your oil." But they said, "We just got enough for ourself. Go to them that sell it." And while they were trying to receive this oil, the Bridegroom came. There has never been a time in the history of the world that the Episcopalians, Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians... The papers are full; the religious papers are praising God that those sleeping virgins are now trying to receive Pentecost, trying to receive the Holy Ghost. And don't the people realize that it will not happen, according to the Word of God? While they were trying to come back, the Bridegroom come and took away the Bride, and they were cast into outer darkness for judgment because they rejected their invitation. All

peoples are bidden to come. God in every age has sent out His Light, and It's been rejected.

31 And now, today is no different from any other day. To reject the day of the visitation... When God is making a visit to the church and to the people, receive it then. Don't put it off till next year or the next revival; that's the hour: "Today is the day of salvation." And remember, God has never sent a message in any day but what He vindicated it with the supernatural. Jesus said Hissself, "If I do not the works of My Father, then believe Me not. But if I do the works, you believe the works if you can't believe Me." **And when you see it clearly cut and--and made manifest... Now, the time has come that she rejects it, then she's bored in the ear with an awl, then she'll never hear it. Now, she takes herself to the confederation of churches to go right in to take the mark of the beast.** One of the great ambitions (Somebody give me the paper in just now.) the--this new pope has said, is to unite the churches together. They'll do it just as certain as I'm standing here, and the Protestants fall for it (See?), because the church...

109 He said, "Suffer it to be so, John, but remember, it behooveth us to fulfill all that God has promised, and I am the Sacrifice. I've got to be washed before presented." Oh, my, my. And today when the evening Lights are shining, when there's not a man in his right mind but what can't say... Any Bible scholar look in the Bible knows this is the last day. **Then it behooves us to fall from these big walls or get away from these things and to get into the righteousness of Jesus Christ in this last days and take on the Seal of God before the devil gives us the mark of the beast.** Oh, my. Yes. Pray God to let the Light of this day raise in you to be an obedient servant to God, and then let the fruit of the Spirit ever remain in your life. And that is a life is worthy of the Gospel. Let me say this in closing. The only way--the only way that you can live a life that's worthy of the Gospel is let the Gospel itself, every bit of the Gospel, come into you and reflect His promises back, make them vindicated. Let God live in you to vindicate the promises of this day. Just as John--and Jesus said to John, "Suffer it to be so, John, that's right, but we are the Messengers of this day, and We've got to fulfill all righteousness."

IS YOUR LIFE WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL JEFF IN 06-30-63 Evening

47 That's exactly in the writings today by the Lutheran; I forget his name. See? That's right. "Your church cannot be worshipped in; it'll be made a storeroom." See, the mark of the beast already coming in effect, and we're looking at it. The time... Oh, it ought to put the church in action. Certainly, it ought to. Watch the effects of the vision now, what it did to the prophet. It caused him, after watching that man, and see it fail... He saw God angry with the man, and withdrew from him, and smote him with leprosy. Then he went down to the temple to say, "Lord God, I know You're God. And I've been looking at the wrong thing." And then God showed him a vision, and not only a vision, but the vision was vindicated; because in their midst was the Seraphims flying back and forth, and even their voice rocked the building when it come together, the posts of it. And then (See?) he saw something real. And, yet, he was a prophet. He was a... The--the prophet's who the Word comes to. But he had never went out into a sphere no more than what he'd been looking at, his hero, Uzziah, looking at the pastor, the--the big fellow. And when he seen the failure there of the Word, and seen the Word rebuke the man because he was usurping an office that he had no business to be, then

what happened? He looked up, and he saw the Lord. Can you read between the line? Can you see what I'm saying now?

INFLUENCE CHICAGO IL 08-03-63 Evening

28 Oh, what a trap I could speak on here, that Satan set for the church. Just get your eyes blinded from the Truth, and that's what--they got you then. **And if you only knew it, one of these days God is going to prove it to you what the mark of the beast is. Uh-huh.** Notice, but when once blinded, there she stands. And there he stood. And he begin to remember the things of his errors, where he had left the straight, narrow road, where he'd got away from God's promise. And he cried out, "Lord, revenge my eyes." Why did he do this? He knew there was a possibility. Now's where I want you to listen. Samson must've thought of all where he had left the path. He saw it then; it's too late now. He saw it, where he'd left the path, and he thought, "There must be a possibility that God would answer." He knew if he could repent and get God to see that he was sorry for his error, there was a possibility that God would still achieve His promise. God will do it. He's going to do it. Same now, God's going to have that Church. Don't you worry, She is going to be there. The Holy Spirit will be moving so in the Church till the Church and Christ will be the same Spirit. Luther stood down on the feet in justification; Wesley stood in the heartbeat of love, of sanctification; but this is raised up to the head now (See?), more than that.

ONCE MORE CHICAGO IL 08-04-63 Afternoon

26 There's a Lutheran minister over it. **That if there comes a disaster would happen in this neighborhood here; if we are not united with that ecumenical move, then our church can no more be church, and they can use it for a storeroom. Or if one of the brothers would see somebody dying or hurt, and try to minister to him any spiritual blessing, we could be shot for it; exactly right. We can be given ten years in the federal prison for ministering anything, because we're not a member of this ecumenical move. Don't you see the mark of the beast? See? Now, we see this uniting time coming. See? Now, watch. And then the church has united itself against the Message; and then when it does that, the nations are uniting themselves in Communism to destroy the church again; just exactly what it did in the first place.** See? It repeats itself right back again. Israel had to turn down the Message first. And when they turned down the Message, then the military, the national life united itself together of other nations, and come in and destroyed the church.

30 Now, we see it coming to pass. We see in the church what He promised to do; we see it coming to pass. We see the nations uniting together. We see the isms uniting together. We see the churches uniting together. It's uniting time. It's the hour of uniting. That's the spirit of the age: "We've got to unite." **Everything you talk about has got to be organized; even the government will receive it. You know as a citizen... I...?... as a citizen, as a citizen of the United States, yet I--I... You'd give me a check for five dollars, I'd be daresn't to put my name on it. See? See, I couldn't do it. See, it's a uniting time. It all has to go through some union of some sort, and that union is the very thing that brings the mark of the beast. See?** It's a uniting time, and it's working right on up into that. You can see it just with your plain eyes if you'd look at it. It's a uniting time, where everything

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is uniting together. The Jew--Jews united themselves against Jesus, as their--as their Messiah. Therefore, we see what happened.

THE UNITING TIME AND SIGN JEFF IN 08-18-63

65 Now, look, I've waited for this for a long, long time, for this Message to you (See?), and you've seen the end time signs. And I've preached it to you and showed it to you by everything that Christ said. Is that right? You'll admit that. **At the end time, I don't see nothing left. You say, "What about the mark of the beast?" Those who reject the Holy Spirit, is already marked by the beast. The punishment will come later. See?** In Israel, when the trumpet sounded in the jubilee year, every man... Did you notice Christ a reading that? He just read half of it, 'cause just half of it was applied to that time. See? "He sent Me to bind up the broken hearted, preach deliverance (and so forth See?), and the acceptable year of the Lord." The rest of it, He never--He never read that; He laid the Scroll down, for that's for this day. See? He just read part of it: part was His day. Now, this is what He's going to do today. This is what He's speaking through His anointed Spirit to the church today. Now, is the hour. Now, is the time. Receive it, people; receive it. Watch. We see the great end times, the flashing red lights everywhere; upon nature, we see nature flashing the light. The time is at hand. We see it upon the church: flashing light; she's condemned. The time is at hand. She's in the world. We see it upon--upon the skies, upon the sea, upon the nation, upon everywhere, in the sun, moon, stars, signs.

TOKEN JEFF IN 09-01-63 Morning

64 Why, don't you realize that's Satan uniting together? The Bible says that. And just after a bit, just a little while, as soon as they become one, then the interdenominational is finished. See? There'll be your **mark of the beast** rise. See? Just it... I ain't got time to go on this, but... It's nearly a quarter of twelve. See? I want to finish this up, get this point. I'm just laying these Scriptures in here where you can see the possibility of where we're at. Then we'll close just in a few minutes. Now, notice just what taken place. The--the prophets rebuked those women in them days and was called woman haters. That's right. History proves it was so. Now, wait just a minute. You, that's writing down Scriptures, you want to put down I Timothy 5:6. The Bible said, "The woman that lives in--in worldly pleasure..." (Can't be the pleasures of God, so it'd have to be...) "The woman that lives in worldly pleasure is dead while she is living." That's what the prophet said: St. Paul. The woman that lives in this worldly condition is dead while she is living. And if she rejects mercy, she can cross the separating line where there's no place for her no more. And then where's she at with her painted eyes, her cut hair? And she's across the line with no way to come back, and there's got to be a ministry preached to her. But remember, at that time, it's all over. It's done--just a haunting...

71 First the Word said it, then the Spirit of the Lord said, in 1933, that told all these other things about the nations going to war and how the machines would be and everything like that said, that's exactly what would happen at the end. And here it is. It's never failed. And here we see it shaping up. **You remember my sermon on Jezebel religion not long ago? You remember Elisha coming down the road that morning to tell them that... I preached on that. See? And how I predicted then that the time would come when this Ecumenical Council would finally**

become the mark of the beast, because it would unite with the beast. It's doing it. In my age I've lived to see it. And hear the Protestants by the millions fall for it. Why? That's what they're looking for. They're blind. Jesus told those Pharisees, "You blind, leaders of the blind. If the blind leads the blind," He said, "won't they all fall in the ditch?" And that's where they fall. How could I ever believe that a man that stood with me and talked with me could ever set and make a remark like that? See? It's hid, the eyes--from the wise and prudent, and revealed it to babes such as will learn. I know someday that's going to cost me my life. That's right. It's going to, but here the truth is being knowed.

96 Same as it is today, just the same thing. Wrath is kindling; atomic bombs are hanging. Everything's at the end. It's the same now. Look, people. Listen. Did you know... You say, "Brother Branham, oh, what about all of it?" You know, people can go right on preaching the Gospel like they always did: what they call the Gospel. It could be over. They did in the days of Noah. They did in the days of Lot. They did in the days of Jesus. That right? Even the Jews, after Jesus told them that the wrath... "You're done; you're finished. There's no more. You're finished." Oh, they said, "That holy-roller. What school did he come from? Where did he come..." That... You remember, He was ready then for His Third Pull. That's right. He said, "How oft would I have hovered you." Lot made his last call; I mean, the angel did, the messenger, ever who he was: God, represented for this day. God represented in human flesh made the last sign, performed the last duty. It was all over then. Noah preached his last sermon. The door closed behind him. That was all. They laughed at it and made fun of it. **Think. The people can go right on preaching. The Ecumenical Council can join up with the Catholic church just as they promised to. All the organizations can come on. But the mark of the beast is already there.**

SOULS THAT ARE IN PRISON NOW JEFF IN 11-10-63 Morning

59 Instead of trying to criticize It, it ought to be in action, everywhere, with humility and love, trying to show It to a lost and dying people. We should respect It. We should love Him, humble ourselves, make ourselves reverent, and be in action like these Seraphims was, with reverence and humility. Vindicated clearly, promised to us in the last days, and here it is. We see it. Jesus said so, said it would happen. Here it is, just before it'll be burnt up. That sign of His coming proves that the coming is right at hand now. It could come at any time. **I don't see nothing to hinder the rapture of the Church right now. Well, the marking... Well, the mark of the beast is on the other side, remember. See, The apostasy, it comes in then after the church.** Now, wait, I, maybe I might've said something. That's my way of seeing it. See? And watch. Word by word, it's already fulfilled. It should put us in action. That's exactly right. We should be getting every lost soul to the Kingdom of God that we can. Because one of these days you're going to bring them and it won't do no good. The door will be closed; there will be no more. Oh, they may be mentally worked up, and excited, and shout, and jump up-and-down, and claim this, you know.

INFLUENCE NEW YORK NY 11-14-63

44 And the Lights would break forth in the evening time. And how that Malachi 4, He would send forth these things and prove them. And it's been brought to the place of

a decision. And the churches has turned it down. And what have the churches desired? A murderer of the Word; one who takes a system. If the system is contrary to the Word, then it's a murderer to the Word. And they desired a denomination tradition in the stead of the true Word being manifested, and proved that It's God amongst the people: by science, through pictures, a Light, the same Angel of the Lord, the Pillar of Fire; the same One that lived on earth in the--in the body of Jesus Christ is come upon His people in the last day, where science has took the picture of It. **The church has seen Its works. It's thoroughly identified by tapes and everything, around and around the world, and personally ministered. And still in all of that their systems are desiring a council of churches to condemn the Truth, desiring a murderer that would shut off, or stop, or sell out; and it'll do it. They'll stop such a thing, and the council of churches will have to do it. There's the mark of the beast: antichrist--against the Word, which is Christ. But not their...**

45 They think it's tradition. They think that their traditions is of God. See? But it won't stand up with the Word and neither does God vindicate it to be right. Jesus stood up with the Word, but not with their council, but with the Word; and the Word proved that He was God. **And It proves today that It's God, because It lives the same Life, It does the same thing among us that It did back there and predicted. So what do they do? They accept something that... They have accepted already the very system that'll crucify that. And the crucifixion of free interdenominational is at hand. That's right. Now, that doesn't contrary to Scriptures. It's with the Scriptures. "And they formed a image unto the beast." Uniting the world denominations in one Protestant, forming the mark of the beast, the image of the beast according to Revelations 13:8. "And they made an image unto the beast." The beast is Rome. We all know that. But always it's been Rome for all... How can it be... How can it be Russia when the Bible says Rome? See? The people just get the wrong impression. See? How can it be some other thing, when it's predicted it has to come out of Rome? Go back to Daniel again, the iron and clay in the feet. The iron never ceased from the knees down to the end. And anyone knows that Russia wasn't even known of then. It was Rome.**

49 The second two thousand years, the system come back to where our text calls this morning. And He sent again His Word. He sent His Word by a prophet: Noah's time--prophet Noah. And the people rejected It for their system. He sent His Word again in the time of Jesus, the Word manifested in the Fullness. The people rejected It. And now, it's 1964, leaving thirty-six years until, the even two thousand more years; and the Word's been brought forth and the system has rejected It. How close are we? Maybe later than we think. See? At anytime it could happen. Maybe it's already happened for all we know, as I spoke the last Sunday being here. The last name might've been on that Book; when it is, there's no more coming in. The world will move on just as it was, but the church is sealed. Notice now, as we go on here. Their names... Now, he will not deceive those whose names are written on... What is it? It's got to be a system. See? And just think. **To belong to that denomination in that system, what do you do then? Where have you done? You're sealed away (See?) from the Word to a murderous system that takes away... Of having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof. It's the mark of the beast. Exactly.**

58 I seen there was something there of darkness. As I seen them women the way they wore that stuff on their face, as I told you last Sunday, I knowed there was something coming. Why was I always against that stuff? I didn't know it; I know it now. **Why was I always against organized religion? It was because I see it now. It's the mark of the beast. See? I never said that till just the last--last couple weeks. See? Now, after the church politics, then what happens, after the Word's been truly vindicated? Now, look, it's finally got to a place there's got to be a settlement. Their next move now was... What was the Jews' next move after the church turned It down? (church turned the Word down) They wanted nothing to do with It. "It was a evil spirit." It knowed the thoughts that was in their heart. "It was evil." Yet, It was the Word. The works that He did testified of Him, vindicated Who He was. They didn't want nothing to do with It. Then the next thing, comes to a government. And this is a church government because the whole nations is involved. There was a heathen nation controlling over a religious nation. Now, it's a all thing is religion. So it has to come to a world religion. Oh, my. A blind man could see that.**

59 **And what does a blind man say when he sees this? When he sees it, he'll come out of his blindness. Notice, there when this world council comes together... What will we do with this Jesus called Christ? They certainly don't want nothing to do with It. So there's only one thing to do then: exactly what they did then. They'll crucify It. Certainly. Shut it up; it can't be no more; it won't be allowed to do it. The force of the religion of the nations won't let them do it no more. Such ministry that goes on here and things like that will be absolutely closed out. You can't do it without a sanction from the headquarters, the head of the church. See? A image unto the beast. All right, we're here. That's all. We--we--we've arrived, and truly vindicated. Next move is to crucify. Same as now, causing all who don't join with them, will be shut out and not be allowed to preach. You see? That crucifies afresh the vindicated Word of promise. Stops it. You're not allowed to have it no more. "No more healing services. No more prayer for the sick." No, sir. You can't do it. No matter... "This other..." No, sir. You'll come through the Council of Churches or you don't have it at all.**

60 **Now, you can see why I'm against denomination religion because it is the mark of the beast. Rome is the head of it, the first one.** That's exactly right. And it causes all to take it by joining the daughters; that is the image. The mother of it made the same thing. Where was Rome first organized? What was the first organized religion in the world? The Roman Catholic. Anybody got a word that says it isn't so, just let me hear it. It's not here. The first organization, the first church was ever organized was at Nicaea, Rome. Yes, sir. And that's exactly what they did. And what did Luther do after his death? They did the same thing they done at Nicaea, Rome. What did they do after Wesley? What did they do after all the great moves that's come up? They did the same thing: made daughters, unto the harlot. Just exactly, perfect... Like by the same, we find out here... I had a little Scripture wrote down here. Maybe I'd better omit that. But... And--and watch, they had to... The organizing of the church has got the same system together today.

61 Only thing they need is the dynamics of it. Just something to set it in force and it's coming to a showdown right away. The Catholic church and the Protestant churches will become friends. I've told you that all--every--every since--for the last

thirty something years; they will unite together. And you see exactly what they're doing now. **The--the Protestant will never become Catholic, but they'll be associated brotherhood: a mark of the beast; likened unto the beast. Like by the same means that the mother Eve corrupted the whole world to a physical death, the mother Eve... (Listen.) Mother Eve corrupted the whole human race by physical death. How? By rejecting the Word and accepting something almost like It. She caused all physical death because she left the true Word, and believed the true Word all but just a little bit. One little disagreement with the full Word of God caused every heartache, every death, and everything that's ever been on the earth. Eve done it, the mother of death.**

WHAT SHALL I DO WITH JESUS CALLED CHRIST JEFF IN 11-24-63 Morning

56 We so hear so much about this new system going to bring the religious system, you know, going to bring peace upon the earth, when the Catholic and all the Protestants unite together. Some of them believe in Divine healing, some don't believe, and some believe this, and some believe that. And you have to forfeit your big fuss you been fussing about all the time, your evangelical belief, to get into the World Council. And every denomination will have to come in there. **So if denomination is cursed, and to belong into it, what does it do? It throws you right back. If Rome is the mother of denominations, and she is the beast and the mark of the beast, then they made an image unto it, council, the churches all together make an image to the beast, so right straight back to the mark of the beast again. The system of the world, denominationalism, has brought up a system to bring the mark of the beast. And you see it as well as I see it, that right now it's going to be forced, that all that's not in that already set in order, the big machine setting there; the mechanics is there waiting for Satan to get into it with the dynamics. See? And when it does, no man can preach the Gospel, no man, without belonging to this system. There's the mark of the beast. And remember, at that time the Bride's gone, so you see how close it is.**

57 All right, so you see where we're at. You can see what this great slump this thing's going on about. "Awake, ye saints of the Lord, why slumber when the end is nearing?" Why do you do it? Sometime you sin away your day of grace. Don't you never do that. Yes, sir. Now, this system will not bring about a world peace. If that'll bring about a world peace, what happened to the Prince of Peace that was the Word? It's antichrist; in its teaching it's against exactly what God stood for, what He told us. "These signs shall follow them that believe." They believe that's nonsense. Acts 2:38 is another thing to them they know nothing about. All the Word, and so forth, they know nothing about That, and they deny It. Fulfills exactly what the prophet said in II Timothy the 3rd chapter, "They'd be heady, high-minded, having a form of godliness, and would deny the power thereof in the last days." **That denominational system is the mark of the beast. You've knowed it. You never heard me say it before; that's the reason I've racked it so hard. Because now I think the time's just about finished, so might as well let it come forth and tell the Truth about it. There she is. That's the marking of the beast, exactly. Rome was the beast, and she was denomination, the first organization.**

THE WORLD IS AGAIN FALLING APART SHREVEPORT LA 11-27-63

41 She was a harlot, and she wanted to know if there could be any mercy could be granted to her. God gives mercy to those who call for mercy. All that call for mercy shall receive mercy. Notice this harlot, she said, "I'll show kindness." Watch, she didn't have to see Joshua. She didn't know the way he combed his hair, or the clothes he wore. She said, "I have heard that God is with you." That's all she wanted to know. And I tell you today, brother, it ain't how you comb your hair, or what you do, or what kind of clothes you wear, what kind of a Ph.D. you got. "I hear that God is among you"; that's the main thing. We want to know where God is among this. Watch the organizations. Look where they're going to. **Is God among the organizations? If it is, then He's leading them straight to the Council of Churches, and back to the mark of the beast. God's not in that. God is in His Word, for He is the Word. That's exactly. "I have heard." And faith cometh not by hearing the council, but the Word, hearing the Word. They seen this, and they knowed.** She knowed it was the truth. She asked for mercy (Watch.) for both her and her family. She asked for her and her family, just like they did in Egypt. And notice, there was given to her a token, a red token. That the scarlet string that she let the peep--the spies down out of the window was to be a token. God would not... Destroying angel...

THE TOKEN SHREVEPORT LA 11-28-63 Evening

29 **Before you join that thing, you better seek God first. You better find out 'fore you throw your church in such a Babylon as that. You'll have to do it, or either take the mark of the beast.** But go ahead. They said... Ahab said, "Certainly, I ought to have thought of that." Said, "I've got four hundred down here at the seminary, Hebrew prophets, the best there is in the country. There's no better anywhere. We'll go get them." And up come the prophets, and they all prophesied. Sure, they was exactly with the--the right idea, they thought. They said, "Certainly, that belongs to Israel. If God gave that to Israel, it belongs to Israel." But God only gives you these things on conditions. That's what I think about the gifts of the Spirit in the Church today. So many says it needs to be in there. But it'll only come in there under conditions. A noted minister said to me not long ago, "Why don't you quit picking on them women and men about this, that, or the other? They'd regard you as a seer, a prophet." Said, "Why don't you teach them how to receive the Holy Ghost and great gifts?" I said, "What would they do with them?" Said, "You--you ought to teach them better things than trying to tell them how to cut their hair and wear their clothes, and so forth like that. You shouldn't do that." I said, "How am I going to teach them algebra when they won't even listen to their abc's?" See? How you going to do that? They got the...

SUPER SIGN SHREVEPORT LA 11-29-63

21 **They're going to force you into it. That's why I've been against this organizational system. That's it. I had to keep it quiet about it being the mark of the beast, but it's late enough now till you can know it's the truth. Uh-huh. See? It is. It's exactly that. Now, what has it done? It's brought the church, stripped of its power, nothing but name; it pictures it exactly in Revelation 3, the Laodicea church age, rejected Christ, and on the outside. It's exactly. Why? It did just exactly like its mother did, went back to the denominational. Pentecost, born out of denominational, born out of that, and as soon as they got a bunch of kids come in from some school, and they had to have**

seminaries and things to, instead of upper rooms... And now, many of the big churches, a man has to pass a psychiatrist's test before he's permitted to be an overseas missionary. The first church didn't have to test, a psychiatrist's test, but they had to go through the test of the Blood of Jesus Christ, what made the difference. Notice. Samson give away his secret to Delilah. She finally loved him, and patted him, and told him he was a nice man, how she loved him, until she found where the secret was, then she bobbed off the secret. And that's exactly the way old mother Jezebel has done the Protestant church, has cropped in. And now they're compromising on a few little doctrines they said they have, so they can have unity over the world.

50 Brother, sister, I don't know in my Bible of any other thing God promised to do before the rapture of the Church. I don't. You're thinking of a mark of the beast coming; I've told you, it's--they done got it. See? The next thing left is for the rapture of the Church. It could come at any time and not disrupt any Scripture in the Bible, as far as I know it. God knows that's true. Yes, sir. The time is at hand. It's later than we think. Let's just close our eyes, and sing, "I Love Him." Maybe, if we'll worship and praise Him, maybe He'll do something. I've prayed all this week to see a breaking forth in this tabernacle. I prayed before I come here. I got people praying for this. Oh, there--there's prayer going up for this. I'm trying to believe with all my heart. Let's wake up right quick. Let's just worship Him and praise Him, as we sing it now with our eyes closed and our hands to God.

JUST ONCE MORE LORD SHREVEPORT LA 12-01-63 Evening

5 And you must be soldiers, not just fresh recruits. You're aged soldiers now, and been trained to fight. And Satan will come among you, cause you to dispute with one another if he can. Turn him down just immediately; you're brethren; and it's the enemy. **And we're here to hold a standard in this evening Light time, that when the world is darkened and the whole church kingdom is going into the Council of Churches... And pretty soon they'll try to tack a sign on this door here, "Closed!" And then we're going to have to meet other places, 'cause they'll certainly close these churches one of these days if we don't take the mark of the beast. And we're depending on staying true to God till death sets us free, and that's what we intend to do.** Now, straight to the... And I would ask, that if ever a time that any of these things come into question, that this tape may be played before the members of this church (See?) at your meetings, or prior the meeting, just before the meeting start. Turn this tape on and play it. And may the congregation here understand that these men are duty bound to God, as their oath in this church, to help hold these principles. You may disagree with them; and if I let you run it, then I'll disagree with you. We've got to have some source somewhere where there's got to be a--an ultimate. And the best that I know, I'm giving it under the Holy Spirit, letting Him be my Ultimate. And let this tape be your ultimate on these questions.

CHURCH ORDER JEFF IN 12-26-63

90 **When they form that image of the beast, that's the final slaughter.** And these glares that you got now, look what it's doing: leading the people. It's a goat. A goat always leads the sheep to the slaughter. You've seen that in the slaughter pens. That goat will run right up there and lead the sheep, then he'll jump out and

let the sheep go on in. See? That's what he does. He always does. **It was the goats that led Jesus, the Lamb, to the slaughter, the Roman goats. That's right. It's the--it's the denominational goats today that's leading the innocent sheep to the slaughter. Put theirself--their names on them books yonder and they're finished. That is the mark of the beast. In the Name of the Lord I speak. I held that for a long time; that's true. That's exactly. What is the beast? What is the beast? It's the Roman hierarchy, the first organization. What is the mark of it? The same thing. Exactly. The same thing exactly that that was.** The slaughter... To the glare... But in the face of the present darkness we still have seen the Light of God shine through. How thankful we are for that. Listen close. We have seen the Light, His Word that He promised for this day proven and vindicated it's the Truth, the Light of the hour. Oh, my. I'm so glad. There's nothing wrong. There's...

THERE IS A MAN THAT CAN TURN ON THE LIGHT JEFF IN 12-29-63 Morning

14 The Holy Spirit first moved by inspiration; I drew them on the platform. Then He came down Himself and made His vindication of it, as the moon and the Light going out, going out, and to this Laodicea age going into total darkness again. And here He comes down and vindicates it on the moon, just at the time that all the churches are going together in a consolidation of the federation of churches. No wonder, as Isaiah said, "Gross darkness is upon the earth, upon this people." **I know it's unpopular, speak against organization, but that's the mark of the beast. That's the thing that's carrying us right into that. It's making an image unto the beast. I don't say that for to be angry. I say that because it's truth, brethren. The day will come when Phoenix will raise up, and maybe I'm gone on, but you'll know that that was THUS SAITH THE LORD. It is true. And how that the great Holy Spirit has a-vindicated those messages and foretold the things, never to fail one time. And why do we grope on in darkness? Why don't people wake up before it's too late?**

SHALOM PHOENIX AZ 01-19-64

17 May I say this with reverence and respect, but to bring Light, because as our brother said awhile ago, we're living later than you think we are. **One of these days something's going to happen; it's going to be too late. The people will take on the mark of the beast, not even knowing what they're doing. "Blind lead the blind, they all fall in the ditch," Jesus said.** And we're living later than we think. Many honest people follow that, not even knowing what they're doing. But the hour is at hand now when the Light is shining, the Gospel Light in Its power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, manifesting Itself that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He lotted that for this day. The things that He promised for this day must happen in this day. If the church won't accept It, God's able of these stones to rise children unto Abraham. He'll get His Message over, because He's always done it. He always will do it.

26 We've passed around sixty years; the Pentecostals has organized, "We are this; we are that," and God's walked right away from it, out in yonder, and bringing forth a Bride, a elect, out of that group. **Which there'll never be another church age. The Philadelphian church age was Wesley. And the Laodicea church age is the Pentecostal organization, which all goes right straight into the mark of the**

beast. That's the Bible, as this brother was saying a few moments ago. That is true. Right. They're... All them organizations, because they refused to walk in further Light. They organize themselves and say, "We believe this." When God does something, check it with the Scripture. The Pharisees said, "We have it." The Sadducees said, "We have it." But God had It. God has turned on the key and showed the Light. It was rejected like It's always been. The Catholic church rejected Luther. Wesley rejected Luther. And so also the Pentecostal rejected Wesley. And the Holy Spirit today is rejecting the Pentecostals. You're getting just as formal and cold as the rest of them. Everybody can see that. I love you. You're the closest thing there is to the Bible that I know of; that's why I'm with you.

45 How can we hear it? It throws right back in our lap again. Don't condemn the Lutherans, because they condemned Catholic. **Don't condemn Wesley, 'cause he condemned Lutheran. See, like that, when you condemn the thing that's happening today and turn from it when you see your churches go into this great ecumenical move, and so forth that, leading you, every one, into the mark of the beast, and you've got it. Many honest-hearted people walk right straight into it. You say, "They're good people, holy people." So was those priests.** If I had to take the holiness of Jesus Christ, or the fruits of the Spirit, many of you have went on this... Now, no disregard to it. I believe every Word of it. Many will say, "Oh, I spoke in tongues. I got It." That ain't it. No, sir. Many of them say, "The fruit of the Spirit, that's It." Is It? Let's put Jesus on trial (God, forgive me) for a moment. Let's bring you up, and I'll be the priest. I'll say to you, "This young fellow, come into the city, called Jesus of Nazareth. Don't you listen to him. We believe the fruit of the Spirit. Now looky here, your kind old priest. He--his grandfather, great-grandfather, all were priests. He sacrificed all his young life. He stayed right in this seminary. He watched; he believed; he--he done everything they would--taught him. He knows the Scripture, from A to Z.

TURN ON THE LIGHT PHOENIX AZ 01-25-64

17 Many who's read the history there, knows many old prophets come there with animal skin wrapped around them, eating only herbs and things, and they tried to hold out for that Word, hold for the Word of God. But what did they do that fifteen days of bloody politics? They finally decided to make a universal church, and graft some paganism with Christianity, and sent it out as a universal church. And today the Protestants are throwing themselves together in the Ecumenical Council, doing the same thing, grafting in tradition of men, and instead of taking the Word of God which is thoroughly identified by the Holy Ghost, that He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. The church stands in the balance, today and is found wanting. You're back in Pilate's judgment hall. Yes, sir. What does it do? It's making an image unto the beast. It's a satellite unto Rome, when the Ecumenical council is forcing, and will force every Protestant denomination into it; and it practically all is there now, Full Gospel and all. **And the hour is going to come when they'll have to come or stay out, and at the time, when that force come, you've already identified yourself with the mark of the beast.** Now, that's exactly. What is it? A Protestant harlots with the old mother Rome, the whore.

WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH JESUS CALLED CHRIST PHOENIX AZ 01-26-64

The Mark of the Beast

14 That's the reason Jesus said, "Search the Scriptures." See where we're at. I believe we're at the coming of the Son of God right now. I believe we're at the age of the--the very hour that He might appear at any time. **I believe the Scriptures declare that, that we're in the last hours of the history of this world. I can see things as they're shaping, see this Ecumenical council leading all the churches into it, into the mark of the beast, and see the Roman Empire and what it's doing, and all the rest of them, see them getting together, shutting out the Light, shutting off the Gospel.** Everybody have to belong to it and walk in their lights or you won't walk at all. See, we're at the end time. There's nothing left for us but to hold on to God and believe His Word. The Word is always right. In the Laodicea church age, that was the only church age, of all of them, that Christ was put on the outside of the church. He was on the outside, knocking. What's happened? This ecumenical council is what's going to put Him out.

GOD IS HIS OWN INTERPRETER BAKERSFIELD CA 02-05-64

15 **There were those sealed by the Kingdom of God, and those marked by the mark of the beast. And the ones that was marked by the mark of the beast could not take the seal of God. The same thing's coming in today, and we see it right before our own eyes. No matter how good you are, how much you say you're a believer, God requires the Token. He required it in Egypt; He requires it tonight. He requires it tonight. Still, the Token is just as much required in this age as it was in that age.** I don't care if you was a Bible student, how well you can explain the Scripture. Satan can do the same thing. But remember, that has nothing to do with it. God requires one thing; that's the Token. The Token shows that you are identified with your sacrifice that you claim that you worship. Amen. That's it. "When I see the blood, or the token... The blood shall be a token, and I see the blood, I'll pass over you." Death was ready to strike Egypt then at any time. It was a great tremendous time. God had showed them grace by showing His power, signs.

THE TOKEN BAKERSFIELD CA 02-08-64

42 But when them persons reach in and pull that, that's what does it. That's what does it. The people today, the Laodicea church age, the last countdown, did you see the other night, just before the pope of Rome made his first visit in all history to Jerusalem? There never has been a pope in Jerusalem, sent before. See? He went from Rome to Jerusalem. The church, the moon represents the church, reflecting the light of the sun in its absence. God does the signs in the heavens before He declares it on earth. Did you notice, the moon went to a complete blackout? Jerusalem is the oldest church in the world. See? **And when this ecumenical council and these things that... Man, I hope, if you're here, that this really goes through you. When you're joining yourself, don't you know you're taking the mark of the beast, my friend? "Oh," you say, "if I see it happening..." It's too late then. You've done done it.** See? It's too late at that time. Remember, they come to buy Oil, but there was--couldn't do it. Did you notice, what happened, what made that moon black out? The world got in the way of it. So has the world got in the Light of the Scripture, amongst the Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Pentecostals, and all of us. That's what the blackout's for.

COUNTDOWN BAKERSFIELD CA 02-09-64

43 You know what, friends? Soon He will come for those in this last days. Now, isn't it strange that the church has got in this dark hour again? Now, I'm going to say something here. I... It's not a doctrine; I'm just prophesying. You know what's happened? **It's going to come to a place soon, mark my word, that all denominations are going to have to join the ecumenical council. If they don't, they can't have the support of the council. Therefore, there'll be a boycott that nobody can go to these churches or go to any churches. Unless you have a mark from your own church you cannot buy or sell. You see it. Just as it was, so is it going to be again, a mark unto the beast.** And the church shall realize, and that's spiritual people. And you Pentecostal people anyhow, are recognizing it. You begin to feel it. When your churches... Many of your organizations of the Pentecost, and I don't have to call your name, but you know right now they're--they're coming into it. They've done witnessed that they were. And when you do that, what are you going to have to be? You're going to have to forfeit your evangelical teaching of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. You going to have to forfeit your doctrine of the Bible. And the members is not going to stand for it. **Real borned again Christians will die first. They're warned by the Word. They know this thing's coming. Yes, sir.**

THEN_JESUS_CAME_AND_CALLED TULARE_CA 02-13-64

31 We've went off and made ourself a homemade fire, as it was. And our communism, now we're so scared, communism has set in, "What's it going to happen?" But, you know, the great thing ain't communism. Let me tell you that now; I ain't afraid of communism. **But what I'm afraid of, you Pentecostals, this ecumenical council's going to take you. That's the thing. It's going to form the mark of the beast,** and you're going to have to go into it. Because you're an organization, you have to get in or get out. That's the thing. And any good sensible, spiritual person knows that. We need another upon-the-sea testimony. We find it now. And our Pentecostal just swallowing it, hook, line, and sinker, "What a great thing it'll be." When, Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Church of Christ, and Pentecostals, you'll have to deny--deny your great apostolic doctrine to be in there. They'll have to do the same. You won't have nothing to do into it.

32 It's all consolidating with Rome, just exactly what's been proven. The Scripture said so. What's the matter with the preachers that let these things get in this condition, without warning the people? God will require at their hands. Right in this time of trouble, they were in trouble; they were. **Communism not setting in; it's the ecumenical council going to swallow up the whole bunch. And remember, when you say, "Well, when it happens..." Then it's too late; you've done took the mark of the beast. You belong to it then.** You--you better get where you can get away from it now (Yes, sir.), be sealed in the Kingdom of God. The Body of Christ is the mystical Body of Christ, that's baptized into It by the Holy Spirit; not joined into It took into It, talked into It, spoke-in-tongues into It, shouted into It. You are born into It by the Holy Ghost. That's right. Certainly. Now, we notice these things, trouble comes up all at once. Oh, the Devil looked over and said, "Uh-huh, they've gone off on a tantrum; they're just out there jumping up-and-down, shouting, having a big time. You know what? Right now is my time to sink them. I'll get even with them now." So he raised up over the hill and begin to blow his poison breath, whew, "Days of miracles is passed. After all, I believe these people are just

nervous. I think they ought to have a--a--a mental test before they take the foreign fields." Pentecostals... Uh-huh.

A TESTIMONY ON THE SEA DALLAS TX 03-07-64

20 That's the reason that Christ can't reveal Himself to the people. Why, the church ought to be the most... Why, it ought to be in its glorious stage now, in the power of His resurrection, great signs and wonders. And instead of that, **they have fooled around so much at this till they're walking blindly into the ecumenical council, to take on the mark of the beast and know it not. Exactly. Know His Words saying that it would do that; and they think it's real good, it's nice, makes a good offer. And so they'll do it. How can two walk together? What are you Pentecostals going to do? You're going to have to sacrifice your fundamental doctrine of the baptism of the Holy Ghost to do it. Certainly, you are. And there you are. What are you going to do when that time comes? Just foolishly walking right into it. Some of the leaders of Pentecostal people, full Gospel people, stand in these councils and set before the Vatican, and in the hierarchies, and so forth, and say it's the most spiritual feeling. A man that's that numb to the Spirit of God that would call such as that...**

WHEN THEIR EYES WERE OPENED BEAUMONT TX 03-12-64

49 You say, "That... If He was here tonight, I'd do the same thing." If He walked down through this building tonight, you believe if you touched Him you could be made whole? Well, let me tell you, in the book of Hebrews the 3rd chapter, It says that He is right now a High Priest that can be touched by the feeling of our infirmities. How many believe that to be the truth? Well, if He's the same yesterday, today, and forever, how would He act today? The same as He did yesterday. Is that right? Now, you don't have to be up here. You just believe, and you say this, "Now, Lord, I--I... This is all strange, but the man tells it out of the Bible." It sounds--it sounds strange in every age. But search it and see if the Scriptures... Jesus said, "Search the Scriptures; they testify of Me." Now, search the Scriptures. That's true. We're in the last days. All nature's proving it's the last days. **The church in its conglomeration, you're all going to the great big ecumenical slaughter pretty soon up here (See?), just the--the mother harlot and all of her daughters, just as--as the Bible said, taking the mark of the beast and don't know it. See? All...** Get to that later. He's a High Priest. How you do it? With your faith. Touch His garment, and see if He don't turn and do the same thing that He did then.

IDENTIFIED CHRIST OF ALL AGES LOUISVILLE MS 04-01-64

50 And of different people like Marilyn Monroe, way 'fore she was--died. They said that she committed suicide. She did not do it. She died with a heart attack. Absolutely. This man, this fighter, the Maginot Line in Germany, all those things, just thousands of things perfectly on the dot every time. It can't be nothing else but the Holy Spirit. See? He promised it. He give seven things in 1933 would happen and now every one of them has come to pass but two things. Perfectly, just exactly. How that even President Kennedy would be taken in; it's right here on my books right now, told thirty-three years ago. It's exactly. How that the Maginot Line would be built, eleven years before it built, how that Hitler would rise up, and--and Fascism, and--and Nazism would and all to bind in Communism, and Communism would

destroy Catholicism. And it will, no matter what they do. **It showed, said there'd be an ecumenical council, and how that all the churches would come together, and would form the image called the mark of the beast. You see them right on the road right now. That's exactly right. It's got to happen, 'cause it's never failed to be...**

JEHOVAH JIREH 2 LOUISVILLE MS 04-03-64

57 They'd had all kinds of messages, and all kinds of things Abraham had seen. But just before the promised son, the last sign before the Gentile world was destroyed, was this God manifested in the flesh that knew the secrets of the heart. Now, that's the last sign that the church in the spiritual church gets. That's the last sign that the natural church gets, and the Gentile world will be destroyed. **And she's ready for it right now, the earth shaking all over with earthquakes. Why? The first time the earthquake ever shook the whole earth was on Good Friday. The last time it shook it was another Good Friday. What did it shake for? Because they had rejected their Messiah. Why did it shake again? They've done the same thing. See? Laodicea church age, any scholar knows that He was on the outside knocking, try, "Lo, I stand at the door and knock." The only church age that ever completely put Him out. And the ecumenical council, that's just exactly what you've done to form the mark of the beast, and taking in there... Well, what's... How can two walk together unless they be agreed? And by doing that, they've rejected the Word again. It's on the outside. Can't even get cooperation nowhere. That's exactly right. O God, have mercy, Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever. Let us bow our heads.**

IDENTIFIED CHRIST OF ALL AGES BIRMINGHAM AL 04-09-64

58 If God has give me favor before you, believe me in the Name of the Lord: there's nothing else left in the Bible to be done but take on the mark of the beast; and you have the Seal of God. Pray for that person laying there--setting next to you. Put your hand upon them. I did--I was looking for cripples; I don't see none. But that cot, I believe, has already been, oh... All right, put your hands on one another and pray. Dear Jesus, great immaculate Son of the living God, Who is here tonight in the form of the Holy Spirit, changed His form and came down and revealed His Word right in human flesh; men, women of all walks of life, showing that He still lives. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Lord Jesus, we are here in this great city of Topeka; we're here gathered with Your children. And we pray, that if You have been so identified among us, that now You will confirm Your Word, the last commission, saying, "They shall lay hands upon the sick; they shall recover."

IDENTIFIED CHRIST OF ALL AGES TOPEKA KS 06-17-64

38 And it's absolutely almost public adultery everywhere, and the people so blind they don't see it. That's right. Everything's in a Sodom condition, Sodomite everywhere, as the Bible said. So many things, look in this days, what He said would take place. Look at the promises that He made would take place this day. And then examine it of what is going on, and see where we're at, then you see whether He's still in His Word or not. They wanted to see the sign of Moses, the sign of David. That was not for their age; it was promised for Moses' age and them

age. The promise for this age has to come to pass. He had clearly showed them, He, by the Scripture, and invited them to search the Scripture to see what day they were living in. He's doing the same thing right now. Search the Scripture, you who believe the Bible. What is supposed to take place right here before His coming? Look at the world in the position; now, that's the world. Look at the church, where it is. **Look where it's at: falling away, lukewarm, Laodicea, putting out the Word, the whole thing going into the big council of churches, the World Council of Churches, forming the mark of the beast; which the Bible proclaims is wrong, and all those things, and yet the Protestants driving right into it headlong, not knowing the Scripture. Their tradition...**

THE PRESENCE OF GOD UNRECOGNIZED TOPEKA KS 06-18-64

56 They--they--they were blinded for our sake. Here now the Church that knows nothing but the Bible; regardless of the ecclesiastical system, denomination, they know nothing about it; it's all foreign to them. They know Him and Him alone. People today are somewhat like Peter and them was up on the Mount Transfiguration. They got all enthused when they seen the supernatural did, and one said, "We'll make one church of--of the prophets, and one to Moses." And that's the way the people, the Pentecostals did. They said, "We'll make one, Assembly of God; and one, Church of God; and one, Oneness; and one, "Twoness"; and so forth, like that. But while he was yet speaking, Jehovah cried out, "This is My beloved Son, Who is the Word; hear ye Him; He is the Word." The hour that we're living, the ecclesiasticals, the spirits uniting together now and bringing them all to this big one slaughter to blot out; it's already in writing here in this nation now. **And these churches has to be closed, unless you're with the organization. It's a union; it's a boycott, just like the mark of the beast. And now you see what the beast is, don't you? It's a power. And a power, a ecclesiastical power, Jesus said it'd be so close like the real thing, it'd deceive the very elected, if it was possible.**

80 How are they going to agree in that? **So they take another mark of the beast, a image unto the beast. Remember, the Bible said there was a image made unto the beast.** And this United States has always been number thirteen. It started with thirteen states, thirteen colonies, thirteen stars, thirteen stripes; number thirteen and always a woman. She appears in the thirteenth chapter of Revelations. At first he was a lamb: meekness, freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and so forth; and then he received power and spoke with all the power the dragon had before it. What is it? **What was the dragon? Rome. See, had a mark, a image of the beast to raise up against the real Church of God; under them denominations will plague this thing, but when they start to do it...**

The Lamb shall take His bride

To be ever at His side,

All the host of heaven will assembled be;

O 'twill be a glorious sight,

All the saints in spotless white;

And with Jesus they shall feast eternally. (Amen.)

"Come and dine," the Master calleth, "Come and dine;"... (Amen.)

FEAST OF THE TRUMPETS JEFF IN 07-19-64 Morning

73 Be not partakers of her sin. Flee your life, or you'll be caught with the mark of the beast, and can't do nothing else about it. Let him that's filthy be filthy still. Let him that's holy, not will be holy--holy now... Let him that's holy, not a bobbed-haired woman; she can't be. Now, that sounds very flat, but that's the Scripture. The Bible says she dishonors her head. And her head is her husband. His Head is Christ; so she dishonors Christ. How can she be dishonorable and not be filthy? Let she that's got bobbed hair keep it. Let he--she that wears shorts keep on wearing them. Let he that denies the Word keep on denying It. But let him that's holy be holy still. Let him that's righteous be righteous still, the righteous Word of God, the Son of God made manifest. Be holy still, righteous still. Recognize... Yes, sir. Days... Not... The church has not recognized her day, like Israel back in her promised land. She don't know how she got back there. She was just automatically put back there. Why? National force put her in her place. **Now, I'm going to say something. National force put Israel in her homeland. National force will put the church in the World Council of Churches. But the power of God will put the people in the Bride.**

RECOGNIZING YOUR DAY JEFF IN 07-26-64 Morning

16 And because it's stagnated, it draws the animal there that likes stagnated things. That's a whole lot like our churches today. I think that we have left... One of the great sins that the church has done today, just like Israel then, it left Him, the Fountain of living Water, and has hewed themselves out manmade cisterns. And it become a habitation of everything that loves that kind of water. Lizards, frogs, and all kinds of unclean germs live in it, because it's a manmade tank; and in this tank these things stay. A perfect example of our denominationalists today. **"Now," you say, "Brother Branham, why do you strike at those people so hard?" It ought to be struck at. It's got to be struck at. Flee it, because it will finally form the mark of the beast. Remember, that is the Truth. It will be the mark of the beast; denomination will lead right to it. It's on its road right there now to force by power...**

17 **Look, in the old Roman empire that's exactly what led them to that mark of an apostasy. You found out that no man could buy or sell without the mark of the beast. He had to have it. There's only two classes of people will be on the earth; those with the Seal of God, and those with the mark of the beast, only two classes. So you'll have to have one or the other. And it'll be an apostasy, a--a mark of--of religion, apostate religion. And it's going to have a image unto the beast. As we study we find out that Rome was, is, and always will be the--or the beast. Exactly. There's no way to get anything else. Rome... And what did Rome do? Was converted from pagan Rome unto papal Rome and organized a system, a universal system, that forced everybody to that one religion or be put to death.** And it's a strange thing that this United States appears on the scene, and it's a--like a lamb.

18 And a lamb has two small horns, civil and ecclesiastical rites. And after while when that was a lamb, we found out that it spoke then like a dragon and exercised all the power the dragon had before it. **And the Bible tells us that they said, "Let us make a image unto the beast." A image is something like something else. And we can see it right now that in its apostate condition the church is forming the World Council of Churches, which is the image to the power of**

Rome, and will force upon the people the same thing that pagan Rome done-- or papal Rome did. So there's no other way, no other thing, but that is the Truth. And that's why I'm striking it in my age, in my time, is because it's got to be struck at. The call come to "Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins." Now, I'm liking that to these dirty, filthy cisterns. He is the Fountain of Life; He is the living Waters. And men leave that and dig for themselves cisterns which can only catch the filth. That's the only thing it can catch. And that's what denominationalism does; it catches everything that comes along, that wants to join. They're willing to take it in if it's got some money or can dress in a certain way.

19 No matter who they are, where they come from, they take them anyhow. **Now, we find again that this mark of the beast that was formed here... America is number 13; it was born with 13 colonies; it had a flag that had 13 stars, 13 stripes; and it even appears in Revelations the 13th chapter.** And America has always been a woman, represented on our coins. Even the Indian head on a penny is a woman's profile. We know that, know the history of it. Everything, the Liberty Bell and everything else, the Liberty--Statue of Liberty is... Everything a woman, a woman's number 13. See? Now, it's--it's beautiful to see those things. And now, I have predicted by revelation from God or a vision in 1933, that seven things would happen before the end time. And that one of them, that Mussolini, who was then becoming dictator, he would become dictator; and also he'd make an invasion, and go down to Ethiopia, and would take Ethiopia. And the Spirit had said, "He shall fall at his step." I wonder if there's any of the old-timers still left in the tabernacle remember me saying that in the Redman's Hall down here when we preached many, many years ago.

20 Is there one in the building tonight that was left from down there at the old Redman's Hall when I preached that, when they had the N.R.A. out, way back in time of Roosevelt's first term? I guess there's not a one in here. Is there one? Yeah, yeah, one. There's one, yes, Mrs. Wilson, I remember her. My wife, setting in the back. Two left out of the--the old generation of those in that day. **That when they said this N.R.A. was the mark of the beast, I said, "Nothing to it. Not at all. The mark of the beast don't come here; it comes out of Rome, and it can't be the mark of the beast."** And now, remember that these things was said. Said Adolph Hitler would come to a mysterious end; and he would declare war on the United States; and they'd build a great--a--a great concrete thing, that they'd even live in it, and right there the Americans would take a horrible beating at this. And it was the Siegfried line--eleven years before it was ever started to be built.

BROKEN CISTERNS JEFF IN 07-26-64 Evening

81 And they said... Jesus said, "You garnish the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers put them in there." And they're doing the very same thing under the blindness of Satan's seminary. See? And now, Pentecost, keep your nose out of that World Council of churches. Now, you ministers here, you'll write into headquarters to--to these people. Now, you won't have to write to--to the Assemblies and many of them, 'cause they done set the thing out; they want nothing to do with it. And you Baptist brethren too, keep your head out of there. **Don't you see that's exactly the mark of the beast coming up? You know who's going to gulp it all up, if you know anything about the Scripture. If the Words reflect itself in you, stay away from that thing.** Your denomination will run

into that. And you're going to have to do it or excommunicate your denomination. You can't be a denomination and stay there, because you've got to come in or stay out. Then, you're no more organization, then you've showed yourself. Exactly. God bless you, if you do it. Hard to tell how many will do it. But some will, no doubt. Yes, sir. Deceived, and Jesus called them devils.

THE HARVEST TIME PHOENIX AZ 12-12-64

38 Because righteousness is the--the right thing, and sin is the perversion of righteousness. In other words, a truth is a truth. A lie can't be a lie until there's a truth first to pervert that truth into a lie. So all sin is nothing but righteousness perverted. Therefore, there is a system in the world: two systems, and one of them is the right system, and the other is a perverted system. And one of them is God's Word, which is right; and every man's word is a lie. **And this denominational system we got today, forming a World Council of Churches to make a mark of the beast to emerge them together is the wrong thing. And men are blindly walking into it. God's done put the thing on earth for them to be delivered by. But they think it's a bunch of fanaticism. They don't want it. They turn it off. They think they've got to do something about it. They got to make their own system. God's got the system already here: His Word. But we don't want That.** So we find ourselves today, just like they was then. Now, seeing that people are designed to be that way... Notice, you say...

65 What'd they do the other day in Missouri? You read your papers, surely. See? You won't? No, not you Pentecostals, you people; but it's not you; it's that government up there that's moving you. That's the head that's turning you. That's right. Don't you go with it. You stay away from that thing; that's the **mark of the beast**. You get free of that as quick as you can. See? That's an ecclesia... It's that governmental head that does the moving. We'd have never went over and had war with Germany or any of the rest of this, hadn't been some of these big politicians setting up here to make new guns and start... I don't want money out of--blood money out of my own child, that has to get out there and die for it. See? But that's what it is; it's politics that does it. And the whole world's controlled by the Devil. That's exactly what Jesus said. And it'll never be right until the millennium, when Jesus comes and takes over. But now we're having these troubles. (Hurry up so we can get through. Now, watch.) Just what has been looking for, just the thing, that's just what they wanted: Satan's victory at the Moabite feast. He's got another one coming too. He's getting them all in the same way. Wait... All at once...

WHO DO YOU SAY THIS IS PHOENIX AZ 12-27-64

34 He predicted judgment upon that generation and said, "The very God that you claim to serve will destroy you." You put this, it's on tape, and you remember. The very God that... **These people now that's gathering all this great big harvest of--of World Council of Churches... And you're going to have to go into it. You can't stay out of it. You're either going to be individually get out of it, or you're going into it. There ain't going to be no middle ground. It'll be the mark of the beast. No man could buy or sell, except he that has the mark, or has got the discrepancy. Now, stay out of it. Get out of it. Flee it. Stay away from it. The God that they claim they're serving will destroy them.** The great God of love Who won't... Said, "Well, Jesus prayed that we should all be one." Then He also

said, "How can you walk together, two walk together, 'less they be agreed?" He said One like He and the Father are One. And the Father was the Word, and He was the Word made manifest. He was One with the Father, because He was the manifestation of God's promised Word. And so is it today, or any other day. Yes, sir. That God is One, He wants us to be one. How can this be one, this one denying the virgin birth, and this don't, deny Divine healing, and this, that, all of them in a mess like that?

SEED OF DISCREPANCY PHOENIX AZ 01-18-65

30 When we was up there in Finland, that little boy was raised from the dead, there stood them Russian soldiers at attention, and they said, "We will receive a God that can raise up the dead." We have made denominations, and schools, and--and buildings, and failed to do what Jesus told us to do, was preach the Gospel. We've tried to educate the world. He never said, "Educate the world; he that's educated shall be saved." You've got to be borned again, filled with the Spirit. That's the reason we have so miserably failed everywhere. See, we got the wealth, we got the thing. Now, what will happen? And when this church, World Council of churches goes together, can't you see who is going to do the leading? Can't you Methodists and Presbyterians understand that, the rest of you, even to Pentecostals? You say you're not going in. You'll either go in or you'll bust up the denomination. You'll do one or the other. It's right before you. **You've got to do it. It's a forcing, the mark of the beast. That's what it is, exactly.**

31 **Denominationalism absolutely (I can prove it by the Bible) is the mark of the beast. "She was a whore; she had prostitute daughters." And we know that that is the Truth. Organized religion, it's contrary to the Word, and it's antichrist in its principles. Not everything in there is antichrist; but in its principles, its system is antichrist, because it's against the Word of God. Every organized system is that way.** There you are (See?) and you lean to somebody else's own under--their understanding, instead of leaning to God's understanding, by what God said about it. That's the reason it's wrong. Boys go off to seminaries who has good education, off to these Bible schools, so-called. And maybe they got a--got a call of God in their heart. And they get out there and they're so indocumated with one view, that, "So-and-so said it, Bishop So-and-so. This one said it. That one said it. The council of men agreed, this way it should be." Don't care what anybody says. Jesus said, "Let every man's word be a lie, and Mine be the Truth. No matter whose it is, Mine be the Truth." Now, how do we know what's Truth? When the Bible declares that something will happen, that something's going to take place, and it happens that way. Now, the Bible said in her was the--the wealth of the world: gold, silver.

LEAN NOT UNTO THY OWN UNDERSTANDING PHOENIX AZ 01-20-65

76 Now, brother, sister, we've went through a cold spell in the church. And, that's right, a lot of religious draft has come through; everybody's caught cold. **And a lot of people has got their eyes all closed up, and there's a big World Council of churches coming up, up here, is going to force every one of you into it.** They're getting away from that Word, our own groups are. I am duty bound to a Message; not to be different, but because of love... Love is corrective. **Come back. Stay away from that thing. You ministering brothers, I don't care what your**

groups does, stay away from it. Stay out of it. It's the mark of the beast; stay away from it. See, Jesus is knocking in this Laodicea age. See where they put Him out? He's trying to get to individuals, not--not organizations and groups of people. He's trying to get one here, and one there, and one there, trying. "All that I love, I chasten." As the little brother had the vision here, and said he had the vision. And he said, "This same Light that you receive, cause your death too." See? "As many as I love, I chasten; be zealous, and return. I'm standing at the door and knocking." Now, look, coon grease won't do this any good.

DOORS IN DOOR FLAGSTAFF AZ 02-06-65

18 Years later we don't believe that; we would die for the purpose to say that He was a virgin born Son. And it'll come to pass someday that the very things that we see Jehovah doing today, **men in the ages to come, if there is, will die for the thing that we're talking about today. You'll have to do it when the mark of the beast comes on, and they're not allowed to preach the Gospel this way. When the great union of churches comes together, which is in order right now for the world church, you'll have to seal your testimony with your own life to this.** You must believe it now. If those priests could rise up that condemned Him, would not condemn Him. But you say, "If I'd have been there, I would've done so-and-so." Well, that wasn't in your age, but this is your age. This is the time. You say, "Well, if He was here..." The Bible says He's the same yesterday, today, and forever the same; so He is here. But He's here... As the world has civilized and become greater and educated more, He's here in the Spirit form, which they cannot kill or put to death. He died once; He cannot die again. He had to be made flesh in order for God to be put to death in the flesh for sin. But this time He can never die; It's the Holy Spirit. Now, how to think that they had them things against Him. Another thing, that He would not join any of their ranks. Then you see, that still made Him a bad person.

THIS DAY THIS SCRIPTURE IS FULFILLED JEFF IN 02-19-65

27 They had just slew some kings and had routed the enemy, killed off everything, possessed the land, and moved up by Moab. Now, Moab was by no means a heathen nation. Moab was a nation that served the same God that Israel served. And the land of Moab was originally started with Lot's son by his own daughter. And he, being the founder of this nation, and had organized and celebrities and so forth, and made a great nation out of it, and they had multiplied and went on... And now, Israel was of the seed of Abraham, not of Lot. Israel come out of Isaac, Jacob. And Israel sprung out of those twelve tribes from Jacob, which was later called Israel, because he wrestled with the Lord. And Moab here...Now, in this... And you people out in the--on the telephones, I want to first say that I--I do not wish to be critical, and I hope I'm not; but the Message that's been given to me, I must be faithful to that Message or I'll be a hypocrite. See? I--I can't say no more than what I am sent to say. **And I--I am thinking that the great enemy of the Christian society today is the organized churches.**

28 I do believe with all my heart that it'll finally form into the mark of the beast (which I can--think I can prove that by the Bible with God's help. I have already done it.)--that it will form into the mark of the beast in the federation of the churches. Because God never did at any time ever recognize a ordained

church--organized church, never. He never did do it, and every time that man made an organization, the Spirit of God left it and never did return again. Ask any historian, or you may be a reader yourself. Never. When they organized, God laid it on the shelf; and that's where it went; it stayed from then on. They grewed in members, but never awakening of the Spirit: never, no more. Moab here is a type of such, because they were a--a organized nation in their own land, like in their denomination. And they had their own religions. And their religion was the same religion that Israel had. They were Moabites and believed in Jehovah God, but they was a organized group of people. And now, as they represent the natural church, Israel represents the spiritual church in its journey. Now, Israel was not an organized nation. As long as they followed God, they were independent. They come up, sojourners, no place to go; wherever the Pillar of Fire went, they went with It.

DOES GOD EVER CHANGE HIS MIND JEFF IN 04-18-65 Evening

50 One of them, a denominational birth is going to be give one of day--these days at the World Council of Churches, which will produce to the world the antichrist through a denomination. That's exactly the truth. I may not live to see it. I believe I will. But you young people remember that you heard a minister say that, that it'll finally wind up that that is the mark of the beast. When she forms that World Council of Churches, and she'll give birth to her son the antichrist. The other is pregnated by the Word of God and will bring forth the Body, the finished Body of Jesus Christ, which is the Bride. The Body of Christ isn't finished yet. How many knows that? A man and woman is one. And Christ is one Body, the Word. The Bride will have to be the rest of that body, and the two together makes the one body again, like Adam was at the beginning. Man and his wife are one. Now, She, the true Bride, so sold out to Him that She use no mind of Her own. His mind, of course, is His will, and His will is His Word.

THE CHOOSING OF A BRIDE LA CA 04-29-65 Evening

6 For five nights, straight, it would make it hard. And I want to get with the trustees and the elders here, while I'm here. This is becoming everywhere. **We're living in these last days, to where the Gospel does not have the--the preeminences as It should have. It don't have the rights that It should have. It's all sewed up in politics and things, and just like a union. And that's what it's finally coming to, because the mark of the beast has to come by union, we know. So we--we... 'Cause it's a boycott, "no man can buy or sell, save him that have the mark of the beast."** And now I want to find out, through the elders. I feel led. I've never had such a hunger in my heart for God in all my life, than--than I have now. See? For... And I--I want to get my own tent and my--my stuff, like the Lord gave me a vision to, and I believe the time is just now at hand. And I want to see while I'm here, why we can't get the tent. And--and then when we go, like come here to Jeffersonville, instead of having just a day or two, or three or four days, we can go out here and put up this tent, and have two or three weeks (You see?), it... Nobody can say nothing about it. We can either take a ball park, or, if they won't let us have that, there's farmer out here will let us have a farm. We'll rent the farm and--and put it up.

46 That one old drunk said, "What'd I tell you?" Said, "She's a Christian." See, they was only trying her. And sometimes the world, I've found out, try you. So I never thought this would happen, but last Saturday night, I believe it was, or Sunday night,

the great speaker, I don't subject to calling people's names, but he's trying, working exactly contrary. I'm trying to keep them churches out of that ecumenical move, and this man's trying to put them in there. So he was speaking for the Christian Business Men, which I was supposed to have had the meeting in Chicago, and I thought I'd be in Africa at that time, so I couldn't take it. **This man said, got up there and said, "The greatest move, the greatest thing is in the earth now that's ever been; all the churches are returning back to the Catholic church in the ecumenical move, and the Catholics will receive the Holy Ghost." What a trap of the Devil. And this leader, Brother Shakarian, the president of the International Business Men, stood up and said, after the man sat down, said, "That's not the way we've heard it." Said, "Brother Branham has told us that this ecumenical move will move them all to the mark of the beast," and the man setting on the platform.**

47 Said, **"It'll move it to the mark of the beast." And said, "We're inclined to believe what he says is the Truth."** And he said, "How many of you would like to hear Brother Branham come and give you the true side of it? Raise." And there was five thousand something people, they screamed and cried, just to come for one day (See?), one day. Brother Carl Williams called me up, said, "Brother Branham, boy, I went out through that crowd," said, "they had piles of hundred-dollar bills laying in my hands to get you a airplane ticket up here and back." See, just for one day... See, those people, that Word is sinking in where sometimes we don't know it. See? but, see, when you're really... No matter how much the world is against it, how much the denominations are against it, God is proving it to be the truth. **When the great hour finally strikes, things will happen maybe that we didn't think about.** Yes, it shows you're not sure, if you're embarrassed, so you would, or rather not discuss the subject.

ASHAMED OF HIM JEFF IN 07-11-65

38 When a great teacher, one of Pentecostal's greatest stood before the religious group the other night in Chicago... I was supposed to have that meeting with the Business Men, but I thought I'd be in Africa that time; but just got back the day before it started. And they chose a great Pentecostal intellectual, and he got up and told them that this ecumenical move was a thing of God, and said that all of them's coming back; even the Catholic church is going to come back to its original condition, all speaking in tongues for the evidence and so forth. And not knowing that's a trap of the devil. And a man that I didn't know... Sometimes you plant seed. You don't know what's going to happen. **But the president of the Full Gospel Business Men, as soon as the great speaker set down, he said, "I am prone not to say things against our speakers, but that ain't the way Brother Branham said would happen. But he said that would lead to the mark of the beast." He said, "But Brother Branham don't know what he's talking about. Said, "We are--believe he does."** See? And in Chicago they said how many here would like for me to come up and give my version of it?

39 They begin screaming and shouting. See, you're planting seeds. You don't know what's going to happen. Just keep laying out the Seed. **When that hour comes some of them's... Like Thomas, he was about the last one to see the Lord, but he had to see Him to believe Him. See? When they see it happen, oh, Thomas come in, but he was a little late. Now, when they see the things that's**

predicted and saying THUS SAITH THE LORD happens, then they say, "Give us some of your oil." See? But now, notice influence. Sometimes great guys get together. You hear them say great So-and-so and great So-and-so, our great... Don't never do that. There's no great ones among us. There's only one great One, and that's God. We are brothers, sisters. I don't care if you're a pastor of a church that's got five people in it, that don't make you little; that makes you a brother (See?), if you're true to God's Word. I don't care what, how, you don't get little. God don't have little children and big children. He just has children, and they're all the same. Notice, God Himself come from the ivory palaces of glory to become one of us. Now, who's the big one? Took... Not come down here to take the form of a priest, but a servant and wash the very clay that He created, the feet of His apostles in the... Now, who's great? But influenced, these men were.

TRYING TO DO GOD A SERVICE WITHOUT HIS WILL JEFF IN 07-18-65
Morning

40 Now's a time of coming out and going in, getting out of those organizations and getting into Christ, a coming-out and going-in time for all true believers. Then he was called and stayed in there. Remember, he never left that brook until God called him. **And after the drought was about over, He called him out of there, down to a widow's house. Notice, He called to this widow, and this widow had not associated herself with the unbelievers (took the mark of the beast during the drought), so He called he--her out to--called Elijah to sustain this widow.** They just had one little cake, one little thing she was holding on to. And Elijah said, "Give that to me first. For THUS SAITH THE LORD, that barrel will not go empty; neither will the cruse run dry until the day that the Lord God sends rain upon the earth," putting God first, His Word first. Notice, there was meal in the barrel. Every time she went after meal, there was meal in the barrel. There was oil in the cruse, every time she went for it. Why? Meal represented Christ in the meal-offering. The burrs had to be set just right to grind every one of them. Every burr of this meal exactly the same, showing that He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. That was the Word, the Bread of Life following the message, to vindicate the Word.

SPIRITUAL FOOD IN DUE SEASON JEFF IN 07-18-65 Evening

19 And then the wheat comes up and gets thirsty. And because it was in the same field, the same garden, the same place, under the same spout, there come up wheat and there come up tares by the very same thing. Notice. The same anointing water brings forth the wheat, brings forth the weed. The same Holy Spirit that anoints the church, that gives them desire to save souls, that gives them power to perform miracles, It falls on the unjust the same as the just: the very same Spirit. Now, you can't make it another way and understand Matthew 24:24. He said, "There shall rise false christs," false anointed ones, anointed with the genuine thing, but be false prophets of it, false teachers of it. What would make a man want to be a false teacher of something that's Truth? **Now, and we'll get down to the mark of the beast in a few minutes, you'll see it's denomination. See, see?** False teachers, false anointed, anointed christs, but false teachers. It's the only way you can see it. Just like here some time ago. I've quoted this...

43 **But here it's written; so shall it be. That's the mark of the beast, so close it would deceive the elected if it were possible.** Every sign, every wonder, anointed

men, prophecy, all kind of things going forth, all kinds of signs, all kinds of wonders, how you going to tell the difference? Watch the Word for this hour. That's how you take... Watch Moses, how he could've told Balaam; watch Micaiah here how do we know he was right? The Word before him had prophesied that for Ahab. And the Word before has prophesied these organizations for this day and this curse upon them, and the things that would take place by His truly anointed church--will have the Word, a Word Bride. Here we are. Here it is today just as it was then. The Bible said, "In the mouth of two or three witnesses let every word be established." I spoke of Balaam. I spoke of Balaam and of Moses. And I've spoke now of Micaiah and Zedekiah. Now, I'm going to give one more, which there's hundreds of them, but one more to make three witnesses. I got a whole string of them wrote down here. But to preserve time... Jeremiah who was a vindicated, outcast, but a vindicated prophet of God, they hated the man. They threw unripe--overripe fruit at him and every thing else, and he put the curse upon them. And the things that he done... And laid out there on his sides and things, and give signs that Israel was wrong.

ANOINTED ONES AT THE END TIME JEFF IN 07-25-65 Morning

52 And notice, Eve in the natural that believed it and plunged the whole human race to death. The natural bride... Adam the natural man of the earth, his bride, before he got to her to be wife, plunged the whole human race into death. Whether it's scientific or not, we die just the same, 'cause God said we would. Whether you're in holy Eden, or holy church, or holy denomination, or whatever it might be, you'll die the day you disbelieve one word of God's Word to be the Truth when It's vindicated and proved to you. That's the day you separate yourself from God. Not just the whole sentence: one word. Whosoever shall add one word or take one away, that's the day you die. **Notice. Adam's bride caused natural death to her race, the human race, and the Second Adam's bride, Christ's engaged bride, has plunged the whole church to a denominational death, to take the mark of the beast by the scientific, intellectual, big denominations. "We're Baptists"; "We're Presbyterian."**

"We're Pentecostals," and so forth. "We got this, and we own more property. We-we're noted by the government; we're all around the world," and all such things.

60 **That shows who's the head of it. It's Satan in the form of a superman person of knowledge, a super knowledge. He knows more than all the rest of them. No matter what the Word says, he--he's got his own interpretation to It (See?), the interpretation for this evil age. Notice his plans to build a super denominational church, the World Council of Churches (See?), a super denomination, so that all the world will worship him, the beast, under the name of united Christianity. Would you like to read that in the Bible? Revelations 13:6 and 8. It's a modern tower of Babel. Don't you remember how that Nimrod, that hypocrite, built this big tower and made all the other little cities pay tribute to it? Babble and Babel is the same thing. It just changes it's names and--as it comes on up. It's--Rome now is Babylon. And the whole world's brought to Babylon, and it's brought in by the World Council of Churches, which will make every one of them bow to her. And you took the mark of the beast not knowing what you were doing, because...**

65 You say, "Well, look how we're progressing." Sure, the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full. It'll come one of these days, let them destroy themselves. Civilization,

knowledge perverts God's Word to suit their own taste. Every denomination does the same thing. Satan then preaches his own gospel of knowledge in his own church. **There's only two classes of people spoke of in the New Testament: the children of God and the children of the devil. Did you know that? You want to put a Scripture down for it? I John 3:10, if you want the Scripture. I'm reading it right here, got it wrote out. All right. All right. In Ephesians 2:2 they are called the children of disobedience, like Eve was, disobedient to God's Word. The children of obedience and disobedience have nothing in common. Then how can the Bride of Christ associate in a denomination when one's disobedient and the other obedient? How can one be the Word and the other one perverted word? How can a prostitute and a clean woman walk together in agreement? They can't do it. They have no fellowship at all. Come out from amongst it. It's of the devil; it's the mark of the beast, heading right into it now, all denominations; I don't care whose it is. God's taking, not a denomination, a people for His Name.**

70 Jesus said, "They're every one dead." That's eternally separated. They're all gone, never was forgiven. It's a unpardonable sin, never forgiven them. Oh, my, flee it, children of the Evening Light. See now who is the leader of this modern, religious, evil age? It's the devil taking that tree of good and evil and placing it out there (Notice.), bringing his beautiful church bride to the ecumenical council for a wedding (That's a...), his beautiful scientific church with all the--the--the degrees that can be gotten, the Ph.D's., out of the Church of Christ, the Ph.D's., out of the Baptist, Presbyterian, Pentecostals, and all, bringing them all with their decorated fineries and big churches, all to the ecumenical council, "We are one." It'll never be forgiven them. A denomination... **To wear the brand of a denomination is the mark of the beast. We've done been through it on here to do it.**

THE GOD OF THIS EVIL AGE JEFF IN 08-01-65 Morning

33 The whole thing winds up in Satan being worshipped. Here it is right here in the Bible. That's right. And in this intellectual, theological seminary that's brought out an intellectual person that's been trained how to speak, what to do, how to make their emotion, and everything like psychology, three and four years to know how to deal with a man's mind... See, it's... **The Spirit of God is not something that you--is schooled into you. It's something that's predestinated into you by the hand of Almighty God. Your experiences cannot be schooled or taught into you; it's predestinated by God's hand and God's foreknowledge into you. That's right. Now, he brought forth this great Eden that they now live in--a church world's Eden. They're all uniting together now at the great Ecumenical Council, and going to have the world church, all coming under one head where Satan will be throned, just exactly. And the last call's going out to catch the Bride before She gets into that. For once in that, she's took the mark of the beast, and doomed. She'll never come out of it. That's the reason it said, "Come out from among them, My people, before it goes into him. See? Come out from among them, and be ye separated."** Now, hatred, and death, and eternal separation from God in this Eden, lust, filth, perversion. How? By sowing the wrong seed.

SATANS EDEN JEFF IN 08-29-65

60 Every one of them perished and rotted, right straight in church in the line of duty following God, and let Satan spray that intellectual spray over them, educational, intellectual conception, saying, "Why, we're all the same; we're all children of God." You're not. But he let that false teacher there spray them with that intellectual conception that he had of it. And just like the Ecumenical Council's doing right now (See?), same thing, "Why, we'll all join together in one great organization." **Your whole organizational system's of the Devil. It's the mark of the beast, in the Bible.** I'll have the book on it pretty soon, the Lord willing. Notice, in Noah's time, seeing the Word being erected to float... Now, let me make a little remark here. The Word is being put together for to be transformed from the ground to the skies. Seeing the structure of the thing; but with their intellectual conceptions, laughed in the face of the prophet, Noah, when he was prophesying of the end time. But what did... That structure was made of the Word of God, pitched inside and out with prayer and faith.

GODS POWER TO TRANSFORM PHOENIX AZ 09-11-65

46 It's a Pentecostal move. It's so much like the real thing, till it would deceive the very elected if it was possible. And a little later on, if I get the chance, I want to explain what, how that election comes. See, it's going to deceive them, because it's almost like the same thing. See, just two fathers, that's all; same mother, same church, same movement, same thing. The bedding ground is the same, where the Word falls; but one of them, like here, is perverted. You understand? Say "amen" if you did see. See, one of them is a perversion, because it's the wrong father. Which, I will prove someday, if God will let me, that **denomination is the mark of the beast.** See, it's a wrong father. He's steering people to an organization instead of to the Word. See? It's the wrong father. It's a Cain move. When I go home this time, I'm preaching on the subject, "The Trail of the Serpent": the beast at the beginning, and the beast at the end, and trail him right through the Bible, and show how he heads up. See? And you all get that on the telephone (You see?), if the Lord permits us to do it. And now, just watch how cunning that fellow is, how he's just exactly in his... Why, they're just like Judas and Jesus there, both brothers in the tribe, just like Esau and Jacob. And--and like the--the crow and the dove setting on the same roost. And everything is a twin and--in this great warfare that we're in.

POWER OF TRANSFORMATION PRESCOTT AZ 10-31-65 Morning

22 It's God telling you the Truth. That's the Truth. See? **Now, and when I speak of denominations, I'm not meaning for you to be so cruel and... No, I don't mean for you not to go to your church. Go to your church, what you're supposed to do. But just don't join up with them organizations, because one day I'll be telling you and prove it by the Scripture; it is the mark of the beast. And you just remember, it's the mark. I'm preaching... I wouldn't preach it in Brother Jack's church, he'd tell me, "Go ahead and do it"; but I'm going to the Tabernacle, it'll be about four hours long. And my subject is: The Beast at the Beginning and the Beast at the End, Through the Trail of a Serpent. See? Takes about four hours. I got my Scriptures all laying out. The beast from the beginning, he was the beast at the garden of Eden; he's the beast at the end, and show that he's a religious person and a denomination (that made the denomination); and come right through the trail of it, and prove it to you by the Scriptures that it is. I didn't know that till the Holy Spirit give it to me the**

other day up there. Now, in this, I was watching this one day, standing, and something said to me... looking at it, and I thought... Brother Hickerson, one of my trustees--or deacons at the church at Jeffersonville... If I don't believe in going to church, why do I have churches?

TRYING TO DO GOD A SERVICE WITHOUT HIS WILL SHREVEPORT LA 11-27-65 Breakfast

79 Let's all try to be there, friends. God bless you. It's been spoken; it has to come to pass. It will come to pass. And little people, no one wants to die; no one wants to--to be lost. Let me tell you; whatever you do, I don't care how well you go to church and how loyal you are to church... **That's fine; nothing against that; you should go to church. You do that; keep on going to church. But whatever it is, throw away your traditions and move right on up into Christ; 'cause it's going to sound one of these days, and you're going to be caught with the mark of the beast on you and not know what it is until it's too late. That's exactly right.** God bless you. I'm sorry to have kept you. And remember, I've kept them too long here; that's right. And the offering that you taken for me, which I do not ask you to do that, brother... That's my... That's courtesy. Take that and pay this motel the--the overtime, 'cause I kept it. I just had a few things here. I got about eight or ten more pages on that rapture there, but I--I just didn't have time to give it. God bless you. Do you love the Lord Jesus?

THE RAPTURE YUMA AZ 12-04-65

19 **Find out the hour that we're living in. And these modern events is slipping by us too swiftly, and one day we're going to find out we'll be left behind without nothing, and be caught, sealed into the mark of the beast before we know it. Now, and with patience we have to wait for this, for the prophecies that's promised, every one of them must be fulfilled in its age.** For It foretells us, the Author has before done this, and we wait to see Him do it again. What a time it is that we're living in, something like a--a calendar; you look at the calendar to find out what day of the year you're living in, and you look at God's Bible to see what age we're living in. We're not living in the Methodist age, the Baptist age. We're living in the Bride age, the calling, bringing back to God through a channel that He promised to bring it back in. He promised to do it. But as it's been in every age, people let men put their own interpretation to It by theology, and will not believe God's Divine vindication of It. That's God's interpretation; not what I say, what somebody else says. But what God has promised and what God does, proves that it's God doing His own interpreting of His Word. They told you Pentecostals of forty-five, fifty years ago...

MODERN EVENTS ARE MADE CLEAR BY PROPHECY BERNARDINO CA 12-06-65

52 Who are you anyhow? You're a dead mortal, dead in sin and trespasses. Religious as you want to be; as faithful as you want to be to the church; preacher, if you want to be in the pulpit; but to turn down, you die. He was a great success. He was a great success here in this life. Certainly. We find him where we notice... Then we find this fellow, that he went... We follow him a little bit, and we see he got a great successful. And we follow him through the Bible. We notice that he--he... We

find him a rich man. He's got such great big places; he was entertaining the judge and the mayor of the city, or whatmore. He's up on top of his roof, and he has great banquets; and plenty of waitresses, and women, girls, and everything else, around him. And there's a beggar laying at the gate named Lazarus. He sweeps the crumbs off to him. We know the story. The next thing, he goes on successful, just like the churches today are getting. **A businessman setting here, telling me right here in California, that the church has to tell the labor union what to do. See, it's coming church and state again. It's right on you.**

53 You see, you're right in there, and you take the mark of the beast not knowing it. If you ever bought one of my tapes, get this when I get it, when I get home, "The Trail Of The Serpent," and you'll see where it's at, see where this ends up at. Going home now to speak, if the Lord willing. It's about four hours, so I couldn't keep it at one of the meeting like this. I have to go up there where the church suffers with me so long, patiently. Notice, but now... You can listen at the tape sometime in your home. Notice this, now we find out that he was a great success. Then we find him later till he was a greater success, until he said, "I have got so much." Boy, he'd have made a real genuine guy of this day. Wouldn't he? "Even my barns has swelled out; they're bursting. And I've got so much till I said, 'Oh, soul, take your rest.'" But what he done at the beginning, he rejected the leadership of Jesus Christ. His church, his intelligence, his education, and all, had lead him to a success. All the Jews loved him. He give to them; he helped them; he might have done this, that, or the other. But, you see, he rejected the--the--the leadership of Jesus Christ, the Eternal Life. And that...

LEADERSHIP COVINA CA 12-07-65